



Media Advisory

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Residential Fire Claims the Life of a Plano Resident

Plano, Texas, February 19, 2019

Just after 10:20pm Monday evening Plano Public Safety Communications received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a house on fire in the 3900-block of Gettysburg Circle. Plano Fire-Rescue crews were dispatched in less than a minute and the first crews arrived onscene within five minutes of the first 9-1-1 call being placed.

Upon arrival crews found heavy smoke and fire conditions and were advised by neighbors of a potential need for rescue of the resident. The first arriving crew went into rescue mode and began to conduct an interior search. Due to the fire conditions and crews committing to a search of the structure the Battalion Chief upgraded the response to a second alarm. Unfortunatley during the search a deceased victim was found just outside the rear of the residence.

The fire was declared under control within 25 minutes of crews arriving on the scene. A total of 49 firefighters responded to the scene. The victim has not yet been identified and the cause of the fire is under investigation. No further details are available at this time.

Several requests for the 9-1-1 tapes have been received. To request these tapes please contact Susan Rodriguez, Public Safety Communications Public Information Specialist at 972-941-7943 / susanro@plano.gov.

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About Plano Fire-Rescue

Plano Fire-Rescue is a progressive and recognized fire department providing both emergency services (fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials response, and wildland fire fighting) and non-emergency services (fire and life safety education, building fire protection systems engineering and review, fire code enforcement and community event support) from 13 strategically placed fire stations with a roster of 386 sworn personnel and 11 civilian employees. Plano Fire-Rescue holds a Class 1 ISO Rating, and accreditation from both the Center for Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). With the goal of providing the best service to the citizens and visitors of Plano, the department mission/purpose statement includes the core values each employee strives to reflect, *Plano Fire-Rescue, Professional service with heart – integrity always*. Please visit planofire.org.