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About the Honorees:



Susan Carr, City of Plano. She graduated from Plano East Senior High School, after moving from Waukesha, Wisconsin, as a teenager. She worked at the Plano Police Department while attending Collin County Community College, and later earned a BS in Management and Ethics online at Mid-America Christian University. She started as a Police Dispatcher in Plano in 1987, and served in many roles in the Public Safety Communications (PSC) Department, where she has been director since January 2014. She was City of Plano Employee of the Year in 2005. She and her husband Kevin have two children, Allison, a freshman at Stephen F. Austin State University, and Brian, a sophomore at McMillen High School. In addition to volunteer activities with Girl Scouts, booster clubs and church, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and their two dogs.



Leslie Girdner, City of Frisco. She was born in Garland and grew up in Carrollton. She earned a degree in Health Promotion from the University of North Texas and immediately started working for the American Cancer Society managing programs for Dallas and Collin counties. She stayed home while her three daughters were young, and then worked part-time as a classroom director for the Prestonwood Baptist Church preschool. While visiting Frisco Fire Safety Town with her daughters, she knew that she wanted to work in a facility like that. In 2010, she began work as a Safety Educator at the Frisco Fire Department and in 2014 was promoted to Community Education Coordinator. She is responsible for all youth and adult education for the Fire Department, including the Citizen's Fire Academy and the Frisco Fire Safety Town. She and her husband of 18 years have three daughters.



Marty Nevil, Town of Prosper. Born in Dallas and reared in Leonard, Texas, she has a B.A. from Southern Methodist University and is currently completing a Masters Certificate in Public Communications from Texas Christian University. She has worked for the Dallas Police Department and Highland Park Department of Public Safety. She is a certified Firefighter, Police Officer, and Paramedic, and has also owned and operated a café/coffee shop. She has been employed as a Firefighter with the Town of Prosper for four years. Her interests are running, spending time with family, going to church and volunteering.



Ursula Watson, City of McKinney. She was born and reared in Irving, graduated from Nimitz High School, and attended several community colleges while working full-time. At 19, she became a police dispatcher at the Irving Police Department, and two years later was hired as a police officer with the Richardson Police Department. She graduated from the police academy and worked as a patrol officer for six years. In 2006 she was hired by the McKinney Police Department, where she has worked in Patrol, Traffic, and currently in Criminal Investigations Division as a detective investigating homicides and major cases. She has been an officer for 16 years. She and her firefighter husband have one-year-old twins and a 12-year-old daughter.



Christa Weisinger, City of Allen. She was born and reared in Denver, Colorado. After raising her children, she applied to work for the Allen Police Department in 2008. She spent three years in patrol before transferring to the School Resource Officer unit in 2011 where she builds rapport with and educates the youth of Allen. She and her husband Danny have been married since 1996 and have a 20-year-old daughter Haley, who is currently enlisted in the Marine Corps, and an 18-year-old son Logan, who is a senior in high school, and intends to enlist in the Air Force after graduation.



Katy Willoughby, City of Wylie. Born in Hartford Connecticut and reared in Texas, she lived in Garland until graduating from high school. She started working for Wylie Fire Rescue in 1997 as the only full-time female in the department, has served as a Captain for eight years and currently runs the water rescue team. She is a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Master Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, Incident Safety Officer, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer IV, Wildland Firefighter, Hazardous Material Technician, Swift Water Technician, and EMS Instructor. She has recently completed a Bachelor's Degree. She and her husband Bucky have two children, daughter Breelyn (8) who enjoys dance and son Brayden (12) who plays select baseball. The family also enjoys water skiing and camping.