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Rowlett Fire Rescue Hosts National Honor Guard Academy - Class Honors the "Dallas Five"

ROWLETT, TX – For the second consecutive year, the Rowlett Fire Department is hosting the National Honor Guard Academy (NHGA), which runs November 6-November 1. The NHGA specializes in providing honor guard training to firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel. 57 students from all over the DFW metroplex, Texas, and the United States, including Florida, Louisiana and Arizona, are in attendance. This is one of only a handful of National Honor Guard Academies held annually nationwide, and is the only one in Texas.

Each class develops their own name. "The Dallas Five" was chosen this year, to honor the five officers who made the ultimate sacrifice last July in downtown Dallas.

The NHGA was founded by fire service honor guard members who appreciated the need to elevate the professionalism and presentation of Emergency Service Honor Guards. The training focuses on how to care for the family of an emergency service provider on their greatest day of need – the day they bury their loved one. The NHGA is dedicated to enhancing the ceremonial knowledge and skill level of public safety honor guard units while reinforcing a sense of pride and compassion by upholding honor guard traditions with precise attention to detail. The academy allows those in attendance to take what they learn and incorporate their expertise into their respective departments' Honor Guard. The attendees are dedicated to providing Honor, Dignity, and Respect to those who make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Highlights this week include:

Thursday – Mock "Line of Duty Death," includes training exercises at a funeral home and cemetery, with color guard, casket guard, parade march, etc.

Friday – all 57 students and those training them (approx. 70 public safety officers) will participate in the City of Rowlett's Veterans Day Ceremony at 11am, Rowlett Community Centre.



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