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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **EPFD TO HOST CEREMONY WELCOMING TWO NEW UNITS INTO DEPARTMENT FLEET**

**WHO:** The El Paso Fire Department

**WHAT:** Quint 28 and Rescue 28 Wet-Down Ceremony

**WHEN:** January 25, 2020 - 10:00AM

**WHERE:** EPFD Station 28 – 10800 McCombs Dr., El Paso, Texas 79924

**EL PASO, TEXAS** - The El Paso Fire Department is proud to announce that the department's newest units, Quint 28 and Rescue 28, are ready to join the City's existing fleet. A "Wetdown" ceremony will be held to welcome both units, and the community is invited to participate by helping spray it down.

This type of ceremony is a fire department tradition across the country in which new units are sprayed down, hand dried, and then pushed into the station. The tradition dates back to the late 1800's when departments used horses to pull fire trucks to fires. After fighting the fire, the crews would then wash and ready the horses and the apparatus in preparation for the next call.

During the ceremony, the EPFD's Fire Prevention Division will be on-site to share fire prevention tips with citizens and signing up households for the free smoke alarm program. Additionally, El Paso Animal Services will provide free adoption coupons and the first 20 attendees will receive a "Firefighters & Their Furry Friends" calendar at no cost.

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