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Fire Chief uses service project to assist club opening

SACHSE (May 10, 2018) While being in charge of a major city's Fire Department is enough work for most people, Sachse Fire Chief Martin "Marty" Wade somehow finds time to serve as a Kiwanis Club advisor to a newly-formed Builders Club at Hudson Middle School.

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. Hudson Middle School is in the Garland Independent School District, but is located in Sachse, and the vast majority of its students are residents of Sachse.

A member of the Sachse, Murphy, Wylie Kiwanis Club, Wade has been Chief in Sachse since January 2016, following a distinguished career with the Plano Fire Department. He comes from a family steeped in the fire service, and his commitment to serving the community can easily be traced back to that firefighting lineage.

The Hudson Builders Club held its inaugural meeting at Sachse's Central Fire Station recently, and shortly after inducting its officers, the club dove into its first service project. In line with the first responder nature of its advisor, the club assembled 200 emergency backpacks, suitable for distribution to residents affected by a natural disaster. Funded by the Kiwanis Club organization, club members filled 100 backpacks with items specifically intended for adult males, and 100 backpacks with items specifically chosen for adult females.

These backpacks, available during emergencies like hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other catastrophes that require evacuation, contain enough toiletries and incidentals that men and women can sustain themselves for several days. No food or food products are included, however.

Soaps, towels, paper, pens, hand sanitizers, tissue packets, lip moisturizers, along with many other necessary personal items are included in the backpacks.

The club's members also packed 50 toddler and infant bags, designed to be distributed to families with small children. In addition to diapers, the kiddie bags include wipes, powder and other similar items.

The completed backpacks are stored in a central location, available for immediate distribution when needed. The backpacks are part of the assistance provided by emergency response agencies such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The service project was overseen by officials of the Kiwanis District that includes clubs in Texas and Oklahoma.

For Chief Wade, the backpack project presented a way for him to assist young people dedicate some time to their community, provided a ready source of critically needed supplies to disaster victims, and reinforced his own commitment to the community.

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NOTE TO EDITORS – Photos accompany this release.

ABOUT THE CITY OF SACHSE – Sachse is an emerging city in Collin and Dallas Counties with a population of 20,329 according to the 2010 census. Located about a mile north of the President George Bush Turnpike off State Hwy 78, the City is chartered as a Council-Manager municipality. Founded in 1845 by William Sachse, the City enjoys an eclectic mix of older, established neighborhoods and new residential and commercial developments. Proud of its history, the City is home to a strong historical restoration movement which includes an extensive history museum.

PHOTO CUTLINES

#1 – Sachse Mayor Mike Felix (right) addresses the members of the Hudson Builders Club at their inaugural meeting as Fire Chief Martin “Marty” Wade listens.

#2 – Members of the newly chartered Hudson Middle School Builders Club start the process of filling backpacks with emergency supplies for victims of natural disasters.

#3 – Members of the Hudson Middle School Builders Club assembled 100 men’s and 100 women’s backpacks for distribution during emergencies.

#4 – Sachse Fire Chief Marin “Marty” Wade holds a pair of backpacks that will be filled with emergency items by members of the Hudson Middle School Builders Club. The blue backpacks are for males, and the green are for females.



Photos at: <https://tinyurl.com/yahk9wzp>