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## **WFFD Conducting Prescribed Burn**

Wichita Falls, Texas–The Wichita Falls Fire Department and Wichita Falls Fire Department Strike Team, in conjunction with other area departments, will be conducting a prescribed burn at the old Hawk Ridge Golf Course at Loop 11 and Highway 287. The prescribed burn will take place on Saturday, January 4th, 2020, and continue through Sunday, January 5th, 2020 if necessary. The burns will begin each day between 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

In total, this will be a 112 acre burn that will provide realistic, first hand training for our firefighters. Along with the training opportunities, a prescribed burn is the best way to protect the surrounding area from conflagration by eradicating the fuel load that has accumulated. To ensure all residents safety, firefighters will remain on-site each day conducting post burn work.

Please be mindful of the firefighters working in the area. Traffic may have to be diverted in some areas for short periods of time. We appreciate your continued support of the Wichita Falls Fire Department and the Wichita Falls Fire Department Strike Team.

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