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**Press Release**

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### **HPDPS to Honor Kewan Gibson in Special Swearing-In Ceremony**

**Highland Park, TX (September 17, 2024)** - The Highland Park Department of Public Safety (HPDPS) is thrilled to announce that Kewan Gibson, an inspiring 8-year-old, will be formally sworn in as an Honorary Public Safety Officer this Saturday at Highland Park Town Hall.

Earlier this year, Kewan bravely took the stage as a pediatric cancer patient model for the 2024 Children's Cancer Fund Annual "A Knight to Remember" Gala. Having previously shared his heartfelt dream of becoming a firefighter, Kewan's wish was conveyed to HPDPS by the dedicated staff of the Children's Cancer Fund. To make Kewan's special moment even more memorable, three HPDPS officers donned their full firefighting gear and joined him along his walk on the runway. Bursting with pride, Kewan's infectious smile lit up the room, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance.

During the swearing in ceremony, Kewan will be presented with his very own HPDPS badge, helmet, and certificate, symbolizing his official welcome into the HPDPS family. Following the ceremony, Kewan will join the C-Shift personnel for a day filled with exciting activities, including a station tour and lunch with the staff. His first assignment will be on Engine 331, the "first out" fire engine in Highland Park.

"We are deeply honored to have Kewan join our ranks," said HPDPS Director of Public Safety, Chief Chuck McGinnis. "Kewan's courage, determination, and sense of purpose are truly inspiring, and we know these qualities will serve him well as a firefighter."

The swearing-in ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 21, at 4700 Drexel Drive, starting at 10:30 a.m. Members of the media are invited to attend and cover this special event. For additional information, you may reach out to Lt. Lance Koppa.

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