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Wylie to Hold Housing Ceremony for New Fire Trucks *Community “Push In” to Highlight the Event*

Wylie, TX, January 6, 2013—The City of Wylie will hold a traditional housing ceremony for Wylie Fire Rescue’s two new fire trucks on January 14, 2014, 4:30pm, at Station #1, 1401 South Ballard Avenue. The public is invited to take part in the “push in” for Quints 141 and 143 as they are ceremonially placed in the fire house ready for service. A badge pinning ceremony welcoming a new firefighter will precede the housing ceremony at 3:00pm.

“The City of Wylie’s fire protection and emergency services are elite...second to none,” says Mayor Eric Hogue. “The new fire trucks are part of the commitment the City Council made to maintain our Class 1 ISO rating, placing us in top .54% of all Texas fire departments.”

The “push in” ceremony is a fire tradition dating back to the 19th century when equipment was horse drawn. Upon returning from fighting a fire and releasing the horses from the apparatus, firefighters and others present would push the equipment into the firehouse. The “push in” symbolically joins the past to the present.

A Quint, also known as a quintuple combination pumper, is a combination ladder and engine truck providing five functions: aerial device, water tank, pump, fire hoses and ground ladders. Quints enable Wylie Fire Rescue to serve its 44,000 residents in a more cost effective, efficient manner operating from three fire houses in Wylie.

“These modern Quints will allow WFR to continue our legacy of quality life and property protection services to Wylie and provide a higher level of safety to our responding firefighter/paramedics,” says Fire Chief Randy Corbin. “I can speak for all members of WFR as I express our gratitude for providing us these great tools to use in fulfilling our commitment to you.”

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The City took delivery of the new Quints December 1, and crews quickly went to work outfitting the new trucks for service. They will will replace a 1996 model that was completely removed from service due to an onboard fire, and 1999 and 2006 models that will now serve as reserves. The average life of a Quint serving on the front line is 7-10 years.

For more information contact Fire Chief Randy Corbin, at 972-442-8110 or email randy.corbin@wylitexas.gov.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.