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Wylie Firefighter and Paramedic Recognized as Top in State

Wylie, TX, January 22, 2014 – The American Legion, Department of Texas, has named Wylie Firefighters Brian Moriarty as Texas Firefighter of the Year and Andrew Johnson as Texas Emergency Medical Technician of the Year. This is the first time in the history of these awards that two members from the same department have been selected in the same year. Moriarty and Johnson will be presented their awards January 24 at the Mid-Winter Conference of the American Legion in Austin, Texas.

“I am proud of these two men and their outstanding leadership and service to the community of Wylie...Brian and Andrew are top notch,” says Fire Chief Randy Corbin. “They embody the spirit of Wylie Fire Rescue and represent the hard work and dedication of the men and women, not only in Wylie but throughout the State, that are committed to providing outstanding fire and emergency services.”

The Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician of the year awards are given to individuals who have exceeded the requirements expected of his or her position and have shown a distinct pattern of community service and professional achievement.

Johnson’s award application, submitted by Captain Casey Nash, focused on his “mastery of paramedic skills and knowledge of protocols” in response to a motorcycle accident. Johnson performed the department’s first onsite rapid sequence intubation protocol. Nash recognized Moriarty as an invaluable team member of Wylie Fire Rescue. He is a member of the swift-water team and works tirelessly with the elementary school fire safety prevention program.

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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.