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Wylie Fire Rescue Awards Top Public Servants

Wylie, TX, March 6, 2014—Wylie Fire Rescue held their annual awards banquet and celebration Saturday, March 1. The highlight of the evening was the recognition of outstanding employees that demonstrate the mission and values of Wylie Fire Rescue.

“The men and women of Wylie’s fire protection and emergency services are elite...second to none,” says Mayor Eric Hogue. “We recognized a few by name, but they are all deserving of our gratitude and recognition.”

Officer of the Year - Captain James Brown

As a senior Captain, Brown is a mentor and leader in the department. He was instrumental in the city’s recent acquisition of two new fire trucks. He continues to further his education with advanced certifications.

Firefighter of the Year - Brad Campbell

Brad Campbell is recognized by his peers and the officer group as a hard worker; consistently demonstrating a great attitude no matter the task. Brad is a skilled paramedic and firefighter that takes his career very seriously; including his personal health. He embodies the “Wylie Way”.

Paramedic Crew of the Year - A Shift, Station #1

Captain Ray Jackson, Brandon Monroe, Richard Hollien, William Sullivan

This crew was successful in two CPR saves this year including an infant male who made a full recovery. This paramedic award usually goes to an individual, however, this crew is receiving the award as a result of their proven ability to work cohesively as a team to provide top-notch medical care to the community.

EMS Provider of the Year - Jim Bloom

Although he technically works for ETMC (East Texas Medical Center), throughout the department, Bloom is considered a valuable member of the Wylie Fire Rescue team. He never hesitates to help around the station and is a very confident and trusted paramedic.

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Administrative Employee of the Year - Allyson Frederick

Frederick has excelled in the position of communications supervisor dealing with a shorthanded staff for much of the year and filling in as dispatcher when needed.

Dispatcher of the Year - Barbie Morrow

Morrow is a calm and collective dispatcher who was involved in multiple, strenuous, EMS and fire calls. She played a leading role in a CPR save and stepped up taking on extra work when communications was shorthanded.

Wylie Way Award - A Shift, Station #2

Captain Casey Nash, Brian Moriarty, Jeff Pynes, Andrew Johnson

All three firefighters are members of the Fire Prevention Team that educates elementary school students on fire safety. This crew consistently exhibited the desire to go above and beyond the call of duty. After providing care for a patient that had fallen off a ladder while hanging Christmas lights, this crew stayed behind to complete the job of hanging the Christmas lights. Nash, Moriarty, Pynes and Johnson demonstrate the culture of Wylie Fire Rescue focused on giving back to the community.

Crew of the Year - Wylie Honor Guard

It was a tough year for Texas firefighters in the face of tragic events like the West, Texas, disaster. The Honor Guard (led by Captain Matt McCormick) answered the call at several of these tragic events by providing their services and comforting those involved. They are extremely professional and well trained; representing Wylie Fire Rescue with dignity and class.

Explorer of the Year - Mathew Murdoch

As the training coordinator of the explorers, Murdoch takes the lead on preparing for the annual Explorer Games (a state wide event held at the Dallas training field). He is a go to individual that is there when you need him.

Community Recognition - Performax Trailers - Ronny Young

Performax works hand in hand with the fire department building custom cabinetry and storage for the fire trucks. They are ready to help at a moment's notice providing top-notch work. Performax truly represents why Wylie is such a unique and great community to live and work in.

**Citizen Recognition Award - Matt Geller
In Recognition of His Life Save on January 11, 2014**

Geller, an off duty Dallas firefighter, responded to a serious medical emergency from his home. He initiated CPR until Wylie Fire Rescue units arrived to take over. His efforts proved to be the difference maker as the emergency had a successful outcome.

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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.