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Wylie Fire Chief Retiring, Continuing Work with Unaccompanied Alien Children

Wylie, TX, July 9, 2014 – Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin will retire from Wylie Fire Rescue July 15 after almost eight years of service to the city.

He will continue in his role as an Incident Management Team reservist for Baptist Child and Family Services, working as an advocate for unaccompanied immigrant children.

Corbin embodies the concept of servant leadership. In addition to his duties as chief of the ISO-1-rated WFR, he has assisted in numerous disaster-recovery efforts, including the aftermath of hurricanes Alex, Gustav and Ike, the Bastrop fires and Haiti earthquakes, and, as part of the elite Texas Task Force 1, he was at Ground Zero on 9/11. Having already served for three weeks in two separate deployments in the Unaccompanied Alien Children surge, he will report to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio following his last official WFR act, the presentation of the budget to Wylie City Council July 15.

As a volunteer with the Coppell Fire Department in 1967, Corbin began a career that would span 48 years and include five fire departments: DeSoto, Addison, Lewisville (where he was fire chief) and finally Wylie. Among his many honors through the years, he was named as honorary lifetime member of Dallas County Fire Instructors' Association; was president of both the Denton County Fire Chiefs' Association and the North Central Texas Fire Chiefs' Association; was president of the Texas Fire Chiefs' Association during a legislative session; and was Texas Fire Chief of the year, named by members of the Texas Fire Chiefs'

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Association;. He was part of the Incident Management Team for the Galveston Island Unified Shelter, charged with getting residents repatriated in 10 days after hurricanes Gustav and Ike; and has delivered “Servant Leadership” addresses at multiple conferences and symposiums.

“I’m proud of what we have been able to accomplish here together,” Corbin said of his time in Wylie. “I have lifetime ties to Wylie Fire Rescue and the City of Wylie. I want to be more available for my work as a reservist with my Incident Management Team and to chase my grandchildren when I am at home! I report for duty on July 16 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.”

All photos by Craig Kelly except Ground Zero and head shot (courtesy photos)

Corbin with mayors

From left, former Wylie Mayor *pro tem* Rick white, Fire Chief Randy Corbin and Mayor Eric Hogue pose for a shot at a recent push-in ceremony for Wylie Fire Rescue’s new fire truck.

Corbin Fire Station 3

Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin speaks at the dedication ceremony for Fire Station 3.

Corbin at lake

Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin is interviewed on camera by local media regarding Wylie Fire Rescue’s hovercraft, which is used to assist several departments in lake rescues.

Corbin at 911

Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin was part of Texas Task Force 1, deployed to Ground Zero following the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001.