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Parker Selected New Wylie Fire Chief

Wylie, TX, July 23, 2014 – City of Wylie officials have named Administrative Battalion Chief Brent Parker as Wylie Fire Rescue’s new fire chief, replacing retiring Fire Chief Randy Corbin. Parker assumes the position Aug. 1 and will serve as acting chief in the interim.

“We have outstanding employees in the Fire Department, and that gave me the great opportunity to promote from within,” said City Manager Mindy Manson. “Chief Parker grew up in Wylie and has worked for Wylie Fire Rescue for 13 years. This is his home, and he is passionate about serving this community and his department. His leadership style and personality will be a great fit for the department and the City’s management team.”

Parker has been with WFR 13 years. He was promoted to operations battalion chief in 2010 and became administrative battalion chief in 2012. Prior to coming to Wylie, he was a volunteer firefighter in Aubrey from 1998-2001.

He holds a BSBA with a minor in human resource management from Columbia Southern University and an MS in fire and emergency management administration from Oklahoma State University. His certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection include Master Firefighter, Fire Officer III and IV, Fire Service Instructor III Master, and Hazmat Technician. He is also a graduate of the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy and has continued his education by taking coursework from the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md.

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“I am honored and humbled to be named the fire chief of Wylie Fire Rescue,” Parker said. “This opportunity to serve is less about me and more about the individuals who have poured themselves into my life and Wylie Fire Rescue over the years.

“I am humbled by the support and confidence of the mayor, council and city manager. The trust they have placed in me will not be taken lightly. I am proud of the men and women who go above and beyond every day to make us the best we can be. I have big shoes to fill but look forward to taking the fire department to the next level.”

He said he could not have achieved this goal without the support of his family; he and his wife Leslie have four children, Caleb, 8, Hallie, 6, and twin girls, Lily and Rachel, who are 18 months.

Wylie Fire Rescue holds a Class ISO-1 rating, placing it among an elite group of agencies. Wylie is one of only 56 municipalities out of 48,960 departments nationwide to receive the rating, making it in the top .116 percent (1/10 of a percent) of all agencies in the country. Out of 2,555 fire departments in the state of Texas, only 13 departments received the Class 1 rating, placing WFR in the top .54% (1/2 of a percent) of all Texas fire departments.

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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 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.