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Wylie Fire Rescue to Raise Money for Families of Fallen Firefighters
5th Annual North Texas Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament Oct. 17

Wylie, TX, Sept. 9, 2014 – Wylie Fire Rescue’s 5th Annual North Texas Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament will begin with a shotgun start at noon Friday, Oct. 17, at Woodbridge Golf Club, 7400 Country Club Dr., Wylie. The public is invited to participate.

The event is held in honor of all fallen firefighters and in support of families whose loved ones have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. All proceeds go to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to assist these families and promote line-of-duty death prevention; benefits include emotional support through peer support groups and eligibility for scholarship assistance for education and job training.

“We cordially invite you to share in this golfing experience and support a great and meaningful cause,” said Wylie Fire Rescue Capt. Matt McCormick, tournament chair. “A great day is planned for all participants and golfers.”

Again this year, area departments are challenged to compete for the “The Plug,” the tournament trophy presented to the fire department team with the lowest score. Mesquite’s department currently holds the trophy. “Wylie Fire Rescue challenges all competing teams to step up and compete for the trophy and support NFFF,” said Wylie Fire Chief Brent Parker.

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The four-person, best-ball scramble is open to the public. The \$75 entry fee includes 18 holes of championship golf, a cart, unlimited range balls, use of the practice putting and chipping areas, event contests, and an awards dinner. Event contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to the pin.

Following the golf, dinner will be served, and the awards will be presented. Sponsorships are available at various levels; sponsors will have the opportunity to add items to the goody bag given to each golfer, and they will be recognized during the closing ceremony.

In 2004, the first NFFF Memorial Golf Tournament was held. Now in its tenth year, the NFFF tournament has grown to include over 30 regional golf tournaments across the country. Wylie Fire Rescue's tournament is the only one in Texas. In 2013, WFR raised \$8,124 in support of the NFFF programs; nationwide, the 21 tournaments held garnered \$306,805.

For more information about the tournament, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, go to www.firehero.org/event/2014 or contact McCormick at matt.mccormick@wylietexas.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 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.