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New Wylie Fire Chief Pinned

Wylie, TX, Sept. 25, 2014 – At the Sept. 23 Wylie City Council meeting, members of new Fire Chief Brent Parker’s family participated in the traditional pinning of the five-bugle chief pin on his lapel and chief’s badge on his jacket. Parker officially stepped into the role Aug. 1.

Brent Parker, Wylie Fire Rescue’s new fire chief, officially stepped into the role Aug. 1; at the Sept. 23 Wylie City Council meeting, members of his family pinned the five-bugle chief’s pin on his lapel and new badge on his jacket.

Mayor Eric Hogue said Parker had grown up in the city of Wylie and is “one of our own.” He has been with Wylie Fire Rescue for 13 years, rising in the ranks to operations battalion chief in 2010 and administrative battalion chief in 2012. He noted that Parker was instrumental in beginning the fire education outreach program still in place in Wylie ISD schools and was the “natural choice” when Randy Corbin, former chief, retired.

“We are excited for him and his family and feel that we are all part of the same big old family,” Hogue said. “We are thrilled he accepted the position.”

City Manager Mindy Manson said city officials are presenting the badge to Parker with “full support and full faith in your ability to lead this department.”

“We know that you will wear it proudly, and we hope you will wear it safely,” she said, adding, “... and please wear it for a really, really long time.”

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On hand to observe and/or participate in the traditional pinning were his wife, Leslie, their children Caleb, 8, Hallie, 6, and twin girls, Lily and Rachel, 19 months. His parents, James and Sharon Parker were also there as well as his mother-in-law, Connie Friesen.

WFR holds a class ISO-1 rating, a distinction held by only 13 departments in the state and 56 nationwide.

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Leslie Parker, wife of Wylie Fire Rescue's new Chief Brent Parker, pins on his badge at the Sept. 23 council meeting. Daughter Lily, 19 months, is more interested in other goings-on in council chambers.

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Wylie Fire Chief Brent Parker's mom, Sharon Parker, pats his cheek affectionately while his dad, James Parker, affixes the traditional five-bugle chief's pin to his lapel at the Aug. 23 Wylie City Council meeting. The new chief took the WFR reins Aug. 1.

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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.