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Wylie K-9 Officer Caro Retiring
City Council Set to Honor K-9 Team Aug. 26

WHAT: Caro, Wylie Police's K-9 officer, is retiring after five years of service with his partner, K-9 Officer Brenda Martin. The two will be honored at the Wylie City Council meeting Aug. 26.

Caro and Martin have been partners since February 2009. The German shepherd has used his keen sense of smell to track criminals, sniff out illegal materials, search buildings and do other jobs human police officers cannot do as well or that are too dangerous for a human to perform. In addition to aiding in countless drug arrests, Caro located the gun, ammunition and bloody comforter stashed in a field following the murder of a Wylie teen in 2012. He found the evidence within 15 minutes of receiving the article search order.

The partners have won many awards in competitions such as Top Dog in the United States Police Canine Association Region 20 Trials, first place for Patrol Dogs, and the Xantos Award for criminal apprehension and obedience.

"It's very sad," Martin said of Caro's retirement. "I'm used to having this great protector and friend with me; my squad car now feels so empty."

Caro is struggling with the change as well. "When he sees me in my uniform, he gets excited, thinking he's going to work."

The decision to retire Caro was made following a back injury he suffered during training. He will remain in Martin's home as a pet.

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014
6 pm

WHO: Mayor Eric Hogue, members of council, presenting certificate of appreciation for the outstanding years of service to the Wylie PD and Wylie community.

WHERE: Wylie Municipal Complex
300 Country Club Rd.
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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.