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## **Wylie Fire Rescue Participates in Commemorative Climb**

**Wylie, TX, Sept. 8, 2014** – Members of Wylie Fire Rescue strapped on protective equipment and participated in the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Renaissance Tower Sept 6. Each climber honored a first responder who lost his or her life in the attacks on the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001.

Eleven WFR firefighters and one paramedic participated in the commemorative climb, which included events timed to coincide with the time at which American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower and the moments when each tower fell. They climbed a total of 110 stories, the height of World Trade Center Twin Towers.

Firefighter Brandon Storm, speaking on behalf of his fellow climbers, said, “It was quite the honor and privilege to participate in this small act that allows us to pay respect to our brothers who selflessly gave their lives on 9/11, all the while deepening the meaning of brotherhood among us.”

In addition to Storm, firefighters climbing for Wylie included Brad Campbell, John Hunt, Jimmy Johnston, Randall Barber, Michael Ahlemeier, Brian Moriarty, Jeff Pynes, Keith Boldroff, James Hernandez and Lindsey Tolin. Paramedic Kevin Scott also climbed. WFR Firefighter Patrick Hewitt, who was unable to be in Dallas, climbed in First National Center in Oklahoma City.

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### WFR Stairs 200

Back row from left, Jeff Pynes, Kevin Scott, Lindsey Tolin, John Hunt, Jimmy Johnston, Brian Moriarty, Randall Barber, and Michael Ahlemeier, front row, James Hernandez, Brandon Storm, Keith Boldroff, and Brad Campbell pose for a group shot before tackling the 110-story commemorative climb Sept. 6 at Renaissance Tower.

### Storm Family WFR

Wylie Firefighter Brandon Storm participated in the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sept. 6, and his family was there to support him. From left, Liam, 3; mom Stephanie; Asher, 1; and Cooper, 3 months.

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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.