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City of Wylie Fire Chief Receives ‘Chief Fire Officer’ Designation

Wylie, TX, Jan. 22, 2015 – Wylie Fire Chief Brent Parker has received the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer.” The honor was conferred by the Commission on Professional Credentialing, part of the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

Chief Fire Officer designation is awarded after an individual successfully meets the organization’s criteria, which includes an assessment of the applicant’s education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession and community involvement. Applicants also submit a future professional development plan. Parker is one of only 995 CFOs worldwide.

“Chief Parker has a rich knowledge of the emergency services profession and has far surpassed critical core competencies for personnel serving in senior fire officer positions,” said Debbie Sobotka, deputy director of the CPSE.

Parker was named the City of Wylie’s fire chief in August 2014 after a 13-year tenure with Wylie Fire Rescue. He was named operations battalion chief in 2010 and administrative battalion chief in 2012. Parker was also instrumental in maintaining Wylie’s top Public Protection Classification 1 rating by the Insurance Services Office. The PPC rating is used to accurately measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community; Wylie is one of only 13 departments in the state and 56 nationwide to hold the top rating. He also was instrumental in the formation of the fire education outreach program in Wylie ISD schools.

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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.