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New Wylie Police Chief Sworn In
Henderson Takes Oath of Office, is Officially Named Chief of Police

Wylie, TX, Sept. 9, 2015 – Wylie Police Chief Anthony Henderson was officially sworn in as chief of police at the Sept. 8 Wylie City Council meeting. On hand for the ceremonial pinning were his wife Melody and their sons, Tanner, 6, and Blake, 11, along with Henderson’s mentor, former Chief John Duscio, who retired July 1.

The evening had a celebratory feel; Henderson has been with Wylie PD since he began his law enforcement career in 1999. Mayor Eric Hogue said, “We’re so proud and pleased to have a police chief who is ‘home grown’ – he grew up in this department, first as a patrolman, then sergeant, lieutenant and now chief of police. I believe this is the first time in the 128-year history of the City of Wylie that a police chief has been promoted from within the department. He is an outstanding gentleman and will be an exceptional leader for the Wylie Police Department.”

City Manager Mindy Manson also spoke of her confidence in Henderson as a leader. “Anthony Henderson is a man who ‘walks the walk’ every single day,” she said. “Not only does he bleed blue, but he also bleeds Wylie. When it was time to name a new chief, there was not a doubt in my mind who I wanted to lead this already-excellent department, left in outstanding shape by former Chief John Duscio. Chief Henderson will take this department, he’ll grow it, and he’ll keep making it better. I’m also very happy to be able to promote from within the department.”

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Assistant City Manager Jeff Butters will serve as interim chief until Sept. 18 when Henderson concludes the 10-week FBI National Academy program in Quantico, Va. The National Academy, a prestigious, invitation-only professional development course for law-enforcement leaders, offers participants intense training in techniques, education and research, and forges partnerships throughout the world.

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Wylie Police Chief Anthony Henderson's wife Melody pins his badge at the swearing-in ceremony Sept. 8, while Councilmember Diane Culver, Mayor *pro tem* Keith Stephens and Assistant City Manager Jeff Butters look on.

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Justice of the Peace Terry Douglas administers the Oath of Office to Wylie Police Chief Anthony Henderson. Henderson's wife Melody was on hand for the ceremony along with sons, Tanner, 6, and Blake, 11.

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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 44,938) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 197-percent increase since 2000. It was named the 25th Best Place to Live in America by *Money Magazine* earlier this year.