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Wylie Fire Rescue Participates in Commemorative Climb

Wylie, TX, Sept. 16, 2015 – Members of Wylie Fire Rescue participated in the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Renaissance Tower Sept 5. Each climber honored a first responder who lost his or her life in the attacks on the World Trade Center Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001.

Seven 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 said, “We climb each step to honor a brotherhood, to pay respect to all those who sacrificed everything, to stand with those who still suffer the mental and physical struggles, and for the families who lost so much on the most tragic day in American history. Our involvement in the Stair Climb is just one of the ways we refuse to let the lessons and the tragedy of that day diminish. It is part of educating future generations and reminding our nation of what is possible when we do not Stand Together. Never Forget!”

Participants all wear a picture and name, rank and assignment of the police officer or firefighter in whose honor they’re climbing. When they reach the top, the first responder’s “accountability tag” is placed on a board and a bell is rung in his or her honor.

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In addition to Storm, firefighters climbing for Wylie were Capt. Casey Nash, Firefighters Chad Lloyd, Michael Ahlemeier, Brad Campbell, Randall Barber and Lindsey Tolin, and Paramedic Kevin Scott.

Photo courtesy City of Wylie

Storm Family WFR

Wylie Firefighter Brandon Storm participated in the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sept. 5, and his family was there to support him. From left, Liam, 4; mom Stephanie; Asher, 2; and Cooper, 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. *Money Magazine* recently named Wylie the 25th Best Place to Live in America.