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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Wylie PD to Participate in National Coffee with Cops Day**

**Wylie, Texas, Sept. 29, 2016** – Wylie Police Department will take part in the first National Coffee with a Cop Day, Oct. 7. Wylie’s event will be from 8 to 10 am at Conversations Coffee Bar, 304 N. Ballard Ave.

Although Wylie’s department often has opportunities for the community to meet the officers for conversation and concerns, this is the first time the event will be observed across the country. Officer Donna Valdepena said Wylie PD is pleased to be part of national observance. “It’s so important that we have a chance to get to know our citizens and that they get to know us as people, not just police officers,” she said. “Sometimes when we encounter members of the community, it’s under less-than-pleasant circumstances; we enjoy getting together in a different, more relaxed setting.”

The Coffee with a Cop initiative began in 2011 in Hawthorne, Calif., and it has been accepted all around the country, as citizens and police officers embrace the opportunity to get together, learn about each other, form bonds, and grow important relationships that help strengthen the fabric of a better community. The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has partnered with the Hawthorne PD to conduct the first National Coffee with a Cop Day, to be held Oct. 7, at the conclusion of National Community Police Week, Oct. 3 – 7.

For more about the national campaign, visit <http://coffeewithacop.com/>.

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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, and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2016, financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City in the Nation for Families.