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Wylie Crime Rate Drops 28 Percent

Wylie, TX, Jan. 28, 2016 – The Wylie Police Department reports the city’s 2015 crime rate per 1,000 population decreased by 28-percent from 2014 figures, despite a 6-percent increase in population.

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting system, defined as the number of crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I Crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2015 there was a total of 441 Part I Crimes reported to Wylie Police, which is a 24-percent decrease from 2014. Wylie’s estimated 2015 population was 48,478, resulting in a Part I crime rate of 9.10 Part I Crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents. This is a 28-percent decrease from 2014.

In 2015, violent crimes per 1,000 population was down 6 percent from 2014, with 48 total violent crimes reported to Wylie Police in 2015. Property crime per 1,000 population saw a dramatic decrease of 30-percent over 2014 figures. There was a 7-percent increase in the All Other Crimes category, which includes any offense not listed as a Part I offense.

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The number of motor vehicle accidents increased by 7-percent over 2014 figures with no reported fatalities.

CATEGORY	2013	2014	2015
Violent Crimes			
Homicide	1	1	1
Rape	9	18	21
Robbery	5	2	11
Aggravated Assault	19	27	15
Violent Crime Subtotal	35	48	48
Increase/Decrease from previous year		37%	0%
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	0.79	1.05	0.99
Change in Violent Crime Rate		33%	-6%
Property Crimes			
Burglary	83	81	64
Larceny	461	416	314
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	36	15
Property Crime Subtotal	562	533	393
Increase/Decrease from previous year		-5%	-26%
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	13.18	11.64	8.11
Change in Property Crime Rate		-12%	-30%
Total Major crimes IBR	616	581	441
Increase/Decrease from previous year		-6%	-24%
Major Crime Rate per 1,000	13.97	12.69	9.10
Increase/Decrease from previous year		-9%	-28%
Total all other crimes	1256	1911	2036
Increase/Decrease from previous year		52%	7%
Calls for Service	29,148	29,300	31,477
Increase/Decrease from previous year		1%	7%
Average Response Time (minutes)	5:15		3:22
Traffic			
Fatality Crashes	1	1	0
Major Accident	263	264	253
Minor Accident	445	478	540
Total Accidents	708	742	793
Accident % increase from previous year		5%	7%
Population	44,089	45,801	48,478
Population Increase from previous year		4%	6%

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“Wylie showed a significant decrease in the overall crime rate: 28 percent,” said Chief Anthony Henderson. “Although everyone in the department has contributed to the overall decrease, I believe the fact that the narcotics unit is now fully staffed and working diligently has made the greatest impact.”

Crime Rate statistics are a snapshot of reported criminal activity in the community. The Wylie Police Department is well aware that these statistics are meaningless to those who are victims of crime and, though the overall outlook is positive, it cannot detract from those who have had the misfortune of becoming victims of crime.

For more information on programs or questions about this report, contact Detective Nuria Arroyo 972-442-8170 or email nuria.arroyo@wylietexas.gov . Additional UCR information and data is available at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.

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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 48,478) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000. In 2015, Money Magazine named Wylie the 25th Best Place to Live in the Country.