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Wylie Fire Rescue to Celebrate 100 Years of Service

Wylie, TX, September 26, 2009 – Wylie Fire Rescue invites the community to join in celebration of their 100th anniversary, Saturday, October 24, 6:30 pm, at the First Baptist Church of Wylie Events Center, 200 N. Ballard Avenue. Tickets for the formal banquet are \$25 a person. Please RSVP by calling 972-442-8110.

“We will remember the many generations of firefighters who have served this great community with pride and professionalism since 1909, and acknowledge and support the great women and men that continue to serve our community today and in the future,” says Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin.

Dressed in period costume as Benjamin Franklin, Ronny J. Coleman will take attendees on an emotional roller coaster as he speaks on the history of American Fire Service and WFR’s century of service. Other activities include the recognition of past volunteer firemen, the 2008 department awards for outstanding service and life-saving activities, and a slide show featuring the history of WFR. The General, WFR’s antique fire engine, will also be on display, along with a portion of the mosaic artwork commissioned for Station #3.

Keynote speaker Coleman currently serves as Senior Vice President for Emergency Services Consulting International. He has served as the President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as, the Fire Marshal for the State of California. He was named the California Fire Chiefs Association Fire Chief of the Year in 2000, and the Center for Public Safety Excellence recently announced they are naming a trophy devoted to Excellence in Leadership after Chief Coleman.

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Wylie Fire Rescue, established in 1909, services approximately sixty square miles of Southeast Collin County, including contracted service to the City of St. Paul. WFR's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) includes service to a portion of Dallas County, Rockwall County, and Lake Lavon. WFR currently staffs three full service fire stations with "Quint" fire companies and three MICU ambulances serving the Southeast Collin County E.M.S. Coalition.

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