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Overall Crime Rate Falls

2007 Combined Part One and Part Two Offenses Down 5.2%

Wylie, TX, February 29, 2008 – The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2007 combined crime rate per 100,000 population dropped by 5.2% over 2006, representing a 1.84% increase for Part One Crimes and a 7% decrease in Part Two Crimes. See page three for complete Crime Rate data.

“The City of Wylie continues to experience one of the lowest crime rates in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex”, says Wylie Police Chief John Duscio. “In 2006, Texas cities reported on average 4,599 Part One Crimes per 100,000 population compared to Wylie's 2006 figure of 1,794 and 2007 number of 1,827. Citizens can be proud of the men and women who put their lives on the line everyday making Wylie a safe place to live.”

The 1.84% increase in the Part One Crime Rate is partly attributed to an increase in Larceny, particularly construction theft. Larceny is defined as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another, including pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, thefts from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories, theft of bicycles, theft from buildings, and theft from a coin-operated device or machine.

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, defined as the number of crimes reported to the police per 100,000

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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 35,400) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 134% increase since 2000.



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of population. The Crime Rate is calculated by dividing the number of Part One Crimes reported to the police by the population. For example, in 2007 there were a total of 716 Part One Crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated population is 39,182. The result is a Part One Crime Rate of 0.01827 or 1,827 crimes per 100,000 of population.

The FBI receives data from more than 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States and the UCR reporting system ensures that data categories and information are consistent; yearly comparisons are not skewed by population swings; and city by city comparisons are accurate. The FBI only collects data on Part One Crimes and city by city crime rate comparisons are based on this data. More information on UCR can be found at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.

The crime rate is just one indicator of trends and issues that affect the quality of life for Wylie residents. Though the crime rate is low in comparison to surrounding areas, the number of reported Part One and Part Two offenses will increase as the population grows. The members of the Wylie Police Department are well aware that the figures do not comfort those that have been victims of crime.

“There are many ways to become a less attractive target for criminals”, says Chief Duscio. “I encourage citizens to educate themselves in Crime Prevention and Awareness by partnering with the Police Department through programs such as Neighborhood Crime Watch and the Citizens Police Academy that is coming this fall. When the community works together in Crime Prevention, the criminals will be less likely to stay in business.”

For more information, please contact Wylie Police Chief John Duscio, 972-442-8170 or email john.duscio@wylietexas.gov.

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Crime Rate Data

The following chart lists Part One Crimes since 2000 with the corresponding crime rate and the percentage of change from year to year.

<u>Part One Crimes</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1*
Rape	1	14	14	6	9	11	5	17
Aggravated Assault	39	19	8	19	29	25	21	36
Robbery	3	2	3	1	0	2	4	7
Burglary	66	104	121	112	109	110	121	138
Larceny	229	235	268	294	359	444	413	485
Auto Theft	25	22	12	27	26	32	27	28
Arson	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	4
Part I Total (reported offenses)	366	397	429	460	533	628	592	716
Crime Rate (per 100,000 pop.)	2,416	2,620	2,720	2,139	2,047	2,107	1,794	1,827
% Change		8%	4%	-21%	-4%	3%	-17%	1.84%

* Driver charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide. This offense is categorized as murder per UCR guidelines.

+ Crime Rate based on 2007 population estimate of 39,182 (NTCOG and Planning Department figures)

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The following chart lists Part Two Crimes since 2000 with the corresponding crime rate and percentage of change from year to year.

Part II Crimes	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Simple Assaults	128	85	162	143	211	258	304	304
Forgery & Counterfeiting	5	12	17	34	22	33	37	34
Fraud	0	5	9	26	48	97	90	77
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Stolen Property	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	113	112	103	124	175	273	307	298
Weapons	2	3	3	4	5	7	5	10
Prostitution/Vice	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	3	2	5	2	17	11	13	28
Drug Offenses	70	56	48	58	82	65	157	140
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family, Children	1	18	13	22	17	20	16	12
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	61	64	83	74	73	85	141	180
Liquor Laws	33	26	34	55	48	29	52	44
Drunkenness	28	22	33	33	34	24	57	43
Disorderly Conduct	21	10	24	41	57	63	52	47
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	338	346	320	374	611	763	1,243	1,536
Suspicion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	6	1	9	9	1	17	22	22
Runaways	39	28	35	28	64	53	66	67
Part II Total (reported offenses)	849	793	898	1,027	1,467	1,798	2,563	2,833
Crime Rate (per 100,000 pop.)	5,623	4,665	4,338	4,777	5,636	6,025	7,767	7,230
% Change		-17%	-7%	+10%	+18%	+7%	+30%	-7%

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The following chart combines Part One and Part Two Crimes since 2000 with the corresponding overall crime rate and percentage of change from year to year.

<u>Part 1 & Part II Combined</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Part 1 & Part II Combined Total (reported offenses)	1,215	1,190	1,327	1,487	2,000	2,426	3,155	3,549
Overall Crime Rate (per 100,000 pop.)	8,046	7,000	6,410	6,916	7,683	8,129	9,560	9,058
% Change		-13%	-8%	+8%	+11%	+6%	+18%	-5.2%

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