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STEP Campaign Continues to Promote Safer Streets
Wylie Police Department Reports February Results

Wylie, TX, April 22, 2008 – The City of Wylie Police Department, through a \$39,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation’s (TxDOT) STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) program, kicked off a year long targeted traffic enforcement campaign in mid October 2007. The grant provides funding for additional patrol hours focused on traffic violations including DWI, speeding in high accident areas and occupant safety (seatbelt, child safety seat) offenses.

During the month of February, the fourth full month of the STEP grant, officers logged more than 64 hours of additional patrol time. The increased enforcement resulted in one DWI arrests, 116 speeding violations, 26 safety belt violations and 10 miscellaneous traffic citations. Totals for the first four months of the grant include 529.5 hours of additional patrol time resulting in 24 DWI arrests, 615 speeding citations, 77 safety belt violations, two safety seat violations, three arrests (other) and 120 miscellaneous traffic citations.

“We are pleased with the results of the STEP Campaign,” says WPD Lieutenant Mike Atkison. “Increased enforcement efforts in February continued to build on the initial success of the program, making Wylie’s roads and streets safer for our residents.”

STEPs are grants provided by TxDOT to local law enforcement agencies enabling them to put more officers on the street to address areas that contribute to high fatality rates in vehicle

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crashes. The Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS), the law enforcement community, training agencies, associations, prosecutors, the judiciary and TxDOT work together to decrease crashes, fatalities, and injuries. To achieve this goal, the program combines a concerted local and statewide media campaign with additional law enforcement activities to reinforce the message.

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