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Wylie Commissions Arson Investigator

Wylie, TX– On Monday, July 14, Randy Slack, standing in Judge Douglas’s courtroom, raised his right hand and was sworn in as a reserve arson investigator for the City of Wylie. Slack’s commissioning makes him Wylie’s second arson investigator, joining Captain Steve Seddig, Wylie’s Fire Marshal. In addition to arson investigation, Slack will perform building inspections.

“I am very proud to be working with the Wylie Fire Department and hope to contribute in a large way,” commented Slack. “I have had the pleasure of working with WFD in the past and have always been impressed with their professionalism.”

“Landing an experienced expert like Randy (Slack) is a real plus,” said Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin. “We now have some quality bench strength to back up Fire Marshal Seddig and relieve some of his after hour duties. We welcome Randy and his years of experience to the team.”

Working like a police detective, arson investigators are responsible for determining the origin and cause of a fire through the collection of physical evidence, witness interviews and documentation of the fire scene using video and still photography. In the event the collected evidence suggests the fire was intentionally set, the investigator may file criminal charges. Investigators are often called upon to testify in court.

Slack brings more than 32 years of fire service to Wylie. He recently retired from the City of Plano Fire Department after 20 years, serving as captain, fire investigator/inspector and trainer. Prior to Plano, Slack worked for the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office and served in the United States Air Force.

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During his tenure with the PFD, Slack created and implemented a juvenile fire setters education program and filed more than 150 felony arson cases with a 99.6% conviction rate. He has served as an executive board member with the State Arson Association for 20 years; past president, vice president and member of the North Texas Fire Investigators Association for 27 years; vice president of the Collin County Fireman Association; and executive board member for the Texas Fire Marshal's Association. Slack is currently a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Instructor.

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