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Wylie Crime Rate Drops for Second Year in a Row
Violent Crime Cut by 41%

Wylie, TX, February 2, 2010 – The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2009 crime rate per 1,000 population dropped by 4% over 2008. The decrease was led by a reduction in violent crime of 41% attributed to a significant drop in reported aggravated assaults and rape.

"Chief Duscio and his officers are to be commended for their outstanding efforts in protecting our community over this past year," says Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue. "While our city has continued to grow, despite the current downturn in the economy, Part I crimes decreased in our community by 4% over 2008. Wylie faces the same types of crime that any other city faces, yet we continue to see the unwavering commitment and dedication of the Wylie Police Department for the safety and well being of our citizens and our community."

"The reduction in the crime rate not only speaks volumes for the men and women of the Wylie Police Department but also says a lot about our citizens," says Wylie Police Chief John Duscio. "More and more citizens are taking an active role in crime prevention by partnering with us through the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and our new Citizens Police Academy. When the community works together in crime prevention the criminals are less likely to stay in business."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system; defined as the number of Part I crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two

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categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; while property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

The crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2009 there were a total 723 Part I crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated 2009 population is 41,461; the result is a Part I crime rate of 17.43 Part I crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents.

CATEGORY		2008	2009
Part I Crimes	Violent Crimes		
	Homicide	0	1
	Rape	15	6
	Robbery	4	4
	Aggravated Assault	29	17
	Violent Crime Subtotal	48	28
	Violent Crime Rate per 1,000 (UCR)	1.179	0.675
	Property Crimes		
	Burglary	144	162
	Larceny	516	499
	Motor Vehicle Theft	30	33
	Property Crime Subtotal	690	694
	Property Crime Rate per 1,000 (UCR)	16.94	16.77
	Total Part One Crimes UCR	738	723
Part One Crime Rate per 1,000	18.15	17.43	
Total all other crimes	1356	1466	
Calls for Service	26,839	28,343	
Average Response Time (minutes)	4:54	5:49	
Traffic			
Fatality Accidents	2	4	
Major Accident	174	174	
Minor Accident	300	442	
Population	40,709	41,461	



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“We are aware that statistics are meaningless to victims of crime,” says Chief Duscio.

“Though the overall drop in violent crime is positive, it does not take away the impact that Jonathan Bird’s tragic murder has had on our community, or others that have had the misfortune of being victims of crime.”

For more information on programs or questions about this report, please contact Wylie Police Chief John Duscio, 972-442-8170 or email john.duscio@wylietexas.gov. Additional UCR information and data is available at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.

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