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Wylie Fire Rescue Conducts Smoke Detector Blitz

158 Homes Visited, More than 90 Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors Installed

Wylie, TX, Saturday, January 30, 2010 – Wylie Fire Rescue (WFR) teamed up with Citizen Emergency Response Team Members (CERT) and student volunteers from Wylie High School to conduct door to door smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector inspections and installations on Saturday, January 30. Safety inspection teams visited 158 homes; installed 37 smoke detectors and 58 carbon monoxide detectors; and replaced batteries in 18 detectors.

The inaugural safety blitz focused on homes located on First Street, Second Street, and Third Street built prior to codes requiring the installation of detectors. During each residential service call, a member of WFR ensures that there are at least two working smoke detectors. If detectors are not working or installed, WFR will install detectors free of charge.

“Each year nearly 3,600 Americans die and 18,600 are injured as a result of residential fires”, says Assistant Fire Chief Noe Flores. “There is time to escape most house fires with an early warning from smoke detectors. They are effective, reliable, and inexpensive.”

The safety blitz was made possible through an \$18,000 grant from FEMA’s 2008 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program. The funding enabled WFR to purchase 500 smoke detectors and 500 carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in Wylie through ongoing safety programs over the next year.

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“We consider in home inspections focused on fire prevention as one of the departments key functions so we are taking aggressive steps to ensure homes have properly working detectors”, says Chief Flores. “In fact we have responded to structure fires where detectors saved the occupants lives only months after we inspected a home and installed detectors.”

Chief Flores says that residents do not have to wait for special programs to have their detectors inspected or new ones installed. He encouraged people to call WFD at 972-429-0771 to schedule an in home safety inspection without delay.

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