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Wylie's First K-9 Laid to Rest

Wylie, TX, Monday, June 21, 2010 – City of Wylie retired Police K-9, Carlo, was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 16. Carlo was selected as Wylie's first K-9 and served from 1999 to 2008 before retiring at the home of his handler, Officer Brenda Martin.

Carlo and Officer Martin formed one of the most decorated K-9 units in the State of Texas. The pair was awarded Top Dog and Best Overall Team at the 2005 Region 20 United States Police Canine Association Certification Trials; and numerous second and third place finishes throughout the years. Carlo was instrumental in an untold number of drug detections and suspect apprehensions.

“Carlo was a tremendous asset to the Wylie Police Department,” said Jeff Butters, former Police Chief and current Assistant City Manager. “He gave us the ability to quickly deploy a search and tracking component that we didn't have before the K-9 unit. He was an important and beloved part of the Police Department family.”

During an interview prior to Carlo's retirement in 2008, Officer Martin described Carlo as loyal, obedient, sociable and strong but silent. She continued by saying, “Carlo is more than a partner on the street, He is an inseparable friend for life.”

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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 42,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 170% increase since 2000.