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## Super Heroes to Educate Students on Home Fire Safety October 9-15 Designated As Fire Prevention Week

**Wylie, TX**—Wylie Fire-Rescue will educate students and adults on the prevention of home fires during Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, and throughout the month of October. Wylie Firefighters known at the “Wylie Wild Bunch” return with a new thirty-minute program, *It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect Your Family from Fire!*

The program, performed for second and third grade students in the Wylie Independent School District, is designed to captivate elementary students and educate them about Fire Prevention. The high energy, interactive presentation, features a fun, modern, super hero theme. In addition to emphasizing the importance of working smoke detectors, students will learn other protective behaviors including the use of 911; developing a home escape plan; and stop, drop, and roll.

“Elementary kids are a key audience when it comes to teaching fire safety,” says Wylie Fire Marshal Steve Seddig. “Following the presentation, the students return home and are very persistent and persuasive with their parents to check their smoke detectors, develop an escape plan and be prepared.”

### Fire Prevention Clown Programs

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| Dodd Elementary          | October 11 |
| Birmingham Elementary    | October 12 |
| Smith Elementary         | October 13 |
| Hartman Elementary       | October 17 |
| St. Anthony’s Pre-school | October 18 |
| Akin Elementary          | October 20 |
| Groves Elementary        | October 25 |

Tibbals Elementary                      October 28  
Additional Shows to To Be Announced

### **Home Fire Quick Facts**

- Home fires kill an average of seven people in America every day. In 2009 we experienced 362,500 residential fires, which caused 12,650 injuries and 2,565 deaths.
- Nearly three quarters of families have a fire escape plan, but less than one fourth actually practice their plan. Both having a plan and practicing the plan can save valuable time, because within minutes a home fire can create conditions that you cannot survive.
- Working smoke detectors double your chance of surviving a home fire. Approximately sixty-percent of home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fire and the third leading cause of fire deaths.
- Heating equipment fires peak in December, January, and February when heaters are placed too close to combustible materials causing half of all home fire deaths during this time.
- Candle fires occur on average of 35 times a day.

### **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

- Have a smoke detector in every sleeping area and immediately outside sleeping areas.
- Check the function of your smoke detector monthly.
- Change batteries twice a year. Create a family tradition of changing your batteries during the seasonal time change.
- Replace smoke detectors that are over 10 years old.
- Do not disable a smoke detector for chirping. The sound is designed to alert you that the battery is low and needs immediate attention.
- Do not disable smoke detectors or remove non working detectors without replacing them.

Wylie Fire-Rescue, with assistance from the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other community organizations, will install combination detectors free of charge. Do not delay! Wylie residents should call 972-941-8961 to schedule a free inspection and free fire/carbon monoxide detector installation by WFR.

For more information on fire safety contact Steve Seddig, Fire Marshal, at (214) 843-0669 or email [steve.seddig@wylietexas.gov](mailto:steve.seddig@wylietexas.gov).

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