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**Wylie's Wild Bunch Teaches Fire Safety**

**Wylie, TX, Oct. 27, 2015** – Wylie Fire Rescue's Wild Bunch returned to Wylie ISD elementary schools, private schools, and day cares during the month of October with an all-new, interactive fire safety program. This year's high-energy, comedic show, "Hear the Beep While You Sleep," takes place at a sleepover and teaches the importance of having a working fire detector in each room, testing the batteries monthly and changing batteries each year at the beginning and end of daylight saving time. Kids were also urged to ask their parents to hold exit drills at home, agree upon a meeting place, and to remember to "stop, drop and roll," getting below smoke. Students and teachers were brought on stage from the audience to help demonstrate stop, drop and roll.

Photos by Craig Kelly

Fire Prevention 4 – From left, Firefighters Brandon Storm, Brian Moriarty and Jeff Pynes have too many cell phone chargers plugged into one outlet, creating a fire hazard. Firefighter Andrew Johnson, far right, playing the role of Dad, explains the danger.

Fire Prevention 5 – Assisting Firefighter Andrew Johnson, center, with a "stop, drop and roll" demonstration are, from left, Smith students Sandra Ezeoha, Emily Kelavos, first-grade teacher Amy Segrest and Chief Brian Ritter.

Fire Prevention 8 – Wylie's Wild Bunch visited Smith Elementary Oct. 22 to present "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep," a fire safety program. From left are Firefighters Richard

Hollien, Brandon Storm, Billy (the little brother puppet), Firefighters Brian Moriarty, Jeff Pynes and Andrew Johnson.

Fire Prevention 10 – Kinley Tortorich raises her hand, ready to tell Wylie firefighters how often smoke alarm batteries should be tested. With her on the front row in the Smith Elementary cafeteria are Chandler Martinez, Jazlyne Johns, Jack Speaker and Jax Klea.

Fire Prevention 13 – Smith Elementary students Stella Tano and Blythe Hamilton listen carefully to Wylie firefighters, describing the importance of smoke detectors.

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About Smith Library – Founded in 1970 by Rita and Truett Smith, the library serves the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the over 44,938 Wylie residents. In 2014, the library checked out over 500,000 items and hosted almost 190,000 visitors. More than 35,000 citizens have library cards, and the library offers 459 programs, attended last year by over 25,000 participants. Wylie was incorporated in 1887 and is home to an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, and an ISO-1 fire rating. One of the fastest-growing communities in the state, Wylie has had a 197-percent increase since 2000. Wylie was recently named the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country by Money Magazine.