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PRESS RELEASE

Wylie PD Plans Crime Victims' Vigil
Goal is to Honor, Remember, Embrace

WHAT: Wylie Police Department invites the community to the second annual Crime Victims' Vigil Tuesday, April 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. in Olde City Park. The event is held in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 7 - 13 and will include members of Wylie PD along with a candle lighting in honor of those who have been the victims of crime.

"In the media and the criminal justice system, the focus of the attention is often on the offender in a crime of violence," said Wylie PD Lt. Tommy Walters. "The offender made a choice that put them in that situation. What is often forgotten is that, for every crime, there is a victim who did not get to make a choice."

The Wylie event is part of a program to raise awareness about crime victims' rights and issues and to introduce the community to the resources and services available. According to the most recent Bureau of Justice Statistics survey, victims experience more than 5 million violent crimes and nearly 15 million property victimizations a year. This year's theme, "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future," celebrates the progress made and looks to a future of crime victim services that is even more inclusive, accessible, and trauma informed.

"I am proud to say that the Wylie Police Department now has a way of helping to take care of the needs of the victim and give them hope," Walters said.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 9, 2019
6 - 7 p.m.

WHO: Wylie PD, Wylie Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and P.O.L.I.C.E. Club members, members of the community

WHERE: Olde City Park
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