



## **Wylie Fire Rescue Providing Free Inspections, Smoke Alarms**

**Wylie, Texas, Oct. 10, 2019** – Wylie Fire Rescue is offering free smoke alarm inspections and installations during the month of October as part of annual Fire Prevention Month. To sign up for an inspection, click the link on the smoke alarm page at [WylieTexas.gov](http://WylieTexas.gov) or call 972-442-8110. Free smoke alarms are limited to one per home.

WFR, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association, is stressing the importance of creating an escape plan. “Although WFR provides inspections and smoke alarms all year, we are making a special push this month to make sure everyone has an escape plan and working smoke alarms,” said Assistant Fire Chief Brian Ritter.

A home escape plan incorporates several elements, including the placement of smoke alarms in every bedroom or near all sleeping areas. It should also include two ways out of every room, usually a door or window, with a clear path to a designated outside meeting place, such as tree, light pole, or mailbox that is a safe distance from the house.

This year’s message is extremely important because today’s homes burn so rapidly due to the increased use of synthetic materials in furnishings and the modern trends of open floor plans and unprotected lightweight construction.

“The safety of our citizens is Wylie Fire Rescue’s primary concern,” Ritter said. “We want to reduce the risk of loss of life and property by ensuring every home is equipped with smoke alarms and every family has an escape plan.”

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About Wylie Fire Rescue – 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, and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. Wylie Fire Rescue is one of only 13 departments in the state and 56 in the country with the top Public Protection Classification, ISO-1, given by the Insurance Services Office. The PPC rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community.