

WYLIE

New Chief of Police takes oath of office

SUBMITTED STORY

Wylie Police Chief Anthony Henderson was officially sworn in as chief of police at the Sept. 8 Wylie City Council meeting.

On hand for the ceremonial pinning were his wife Melody and their sons, Tanner, 6, and Blake, 11, along with Henderson's mentor, former Chief John Duscio, who retired July 1.

The evening had a celebratory feel; Henderson has been with Wylie PD since he began his law enforcement career in 1999.

"We're so proud and pleased to have a police chief who is 'homegrown,'" mayor Eric Hogue said. "He grew up in this department, first as a patrolman, then sergeant, lieutenant and now chief of police. I believe this is the first time in the 128-year history of the City of Wylie that a police chief has been promoted from within the department."



Photo by CRAIG KELLY/City of Wylie

Wylie Police Chief Anthony Henderson's wife Melody pins his badge at the swearing-in ceremony.

Assistant city manager Jeff Butters will serve as interim chief until Friday, when Henderson concludes the 10-week FBI National Academy program in Quantico, Va.

Information provided by Judy Truesdell on behalf of the City of Wylie.

MURPHY

Neighbor 2 Neighbor block parties set for Oct. 6

SUBMITTED STORY

The annual opportunity for residents in Murphy neighborhoods to get to know one another in a relaxed setting, share a burger or hot dog and meet members of the Murphy Police and Fire Departments is the evening of Oct. 6, says detective Brad Taylor.

"We want to encourage people who live in the same neighborhoods to know each other, trust each other and look out for each other," he said.

Like National Night Out, Neighbor 2 Neighbor is a chance for people to lock their doors, turn on their lights and spend an evening outdoors, enjoying each other's company and holding block parties, cook-outs and outdoor games.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor block parties are designed to build rapport between citizens and public safety personnel, improve and deepen trust, allow for social interaction within neighborhoods and strengthen confidence in the capabilities of the city's

public safety network.

"This is by far the best way to meet your neighbors and interact with police and fire personnel," said Taylor. "What we want to avoid is people having to meet neighbors and first responders during an emergency. It's much better for everyone to meet during a block party."

Individuals, neighbors or neighborhood associations host these parties and alert the police department of the time and location by registering their event. The city assists with some materials and technical assistance and schedules visits from public safety personnel. First responders will be visiting registered block parties between 5. and 8:30 p.m. that evening.

Anyone wishing to obtain assistance or to alert the police department of their event should contact either detective Taylor 972-468-4200 or Roni Brackett at 972-468-4211.

Information provided by Celso Martinez on behalf of the City of Murphy.

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