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Kyle City Council Joins with Police and Fire Personnel For a Successful National Night Out

KYLE, TX - Mayor Lucy Johnson and members of the Kyle City Council joined with the Kyle Police Department in celebrating the 29th Annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 2, 2012.

The "29th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Kyle City Council Members visited numerous "block parties" throughout the city to promote safety and crime prevention in neighborhoods. Each party had food, fun, and games for the families to enjoy in the spirit of crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

"Having such a huge response to our National Night Out program is a real testament to the commitment of our residents to having a safe and respectable community," said Johnson. "As dedicated and talented as our police department officers and staff are, the real deterrent to crime in our neighborhoods is the vigilance and perseverance of the people that live in them."

Council members David Wilson, Becky Selbera, Samantha Bellows-LeMense, and Ray Bryant joined Mayor Johnson as they rode with police officers and attended the block parties

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throughout the community. Additionally, City Council member Diane Hervol coordinated the event for her neighborhood.

Police and fire department personnel also participated by visiting the parties, displaying their emergency vehicles and handing out gift bags, sticker badges for the kids and crime prevention information.

“I was very excited and encouraged to see the turnout for this event,” said Chief of Police Jeff Barnett. “I am very thankful for the presence of our Mayor and City Council members. Their participation is a clear indication of their commitment to providing a safe, crime and drug free community for our residents and visitors,” Barnett added.

Each year, the National Night Out campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2011. The attendance for this year's event is still being tallied.

Kyle Police Officer Catlyn Bone, one of the department's Community Service Officers, added that the event was a great opportunity to meet with the citizens in a positive environment that was both fun and productive.

Chief Barnett also praised the hard work of Kyle Police Officer James Plant for planning this year's successful event.

"Coordinating a large event such as this takes a lot of effort and dedication, and we are very proud of Officer Plant for commitment to the community and this program,” said Barnett.

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Sgt. Tracy Vrana encouraged anyone seeking additional information on crime prevention to contact the Community Services Division of the Kyle Police Department.

To obtain more information on Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs offered by the Kyle Police Department, citizens and business are encouraged to contact members of the Community Services Division at (512) 268-0859 or via email at ssb@cityofkyle.com

Officer Plant offered thanks to the many community event coordinators as well as the Kyle Citizen's Police Academy Alumni for their participation in the event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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Kyle Police Department Rolls Out Mobile Command Center

The mobile facility was donated by the Texas Department of Insurance, Office of the State Fire Marshall and will be used for various situations to protect the public safety.

KYLE, TX – Christmas came early to the Kyle Police Department this month when their new mobile command center was delivered to the rapidly growing police force. The role of Santa was played by the Texas Department of Insurance, Office of the State Fire Marshal, who donated the vehicle to the City as part of their surplus equipment program.

"Mobile Command Centers of this type can cost upward of $50,000 to 100,000 when brand new," said Kyle Police Chief Jeff Barnett. "Given our long list of needs in the City and the Police Department, we would have waited a long time for something like this to be funded. We really appreciate the Department of Insurance making this vehicle available to us and I'm sure we'll be putting it to very good use."

The vehicle is a modified 1998 Chevy Step Van and has approximately 25,000 miles on the odometer. The Kyle Police Department spent approximately $1,400 to make the vehicle ready for use. It is estimated that annual support and maintenance of the vehicle is around $2,300.

The mobile command post will be used for responding to emergency situations, establishing command locations for large community events and investigating crime scenes. It also has

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accommodations for small command meetings, radio operations, and equipment storage and can serve as a rehab location during outdoors operations with inclement weather.

"This is really a great asset for our department and for the citizens of Kyle," said Barnett. "Being able to add the mobile command post to our inventory of tools and equipment to fight and prevent crime will greatly improve our department's effectiveness and efficiency. Our officers are very excited to have this vehicle to aid them in their work."

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Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Dollars
Applications are available on November 1, 2012
and must be submitted by January 4th, 2013,

Kyle, Texas – Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Grant Dollars

The Kyle city council is taking applications for allocations of $30,000 set aside in the 2012-13 fiscal year's budget for supporting service organizations in the City of Kyle. Applications will be available beginning November 1, 2012 and must be submitted by January 4th, 2013.

The City of Kyle Community Relations Committee will review the applications and submit their recommendations to the city council in February 2013.

Application forms can be downloaded at the City of Kyle web site at CityofKyle.com. The forms are also available at the Kyle City Hall, Kyle Public Library or by requesting them by calling the City of Kyle at 262-1010

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Kyle Mayor Discusses Challenges of Democratic Leadership with African Delegation Representing Five Countries

KYLE, TX – Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson hosted a delegation of young African leaders at the Kyle City Hall this month to discuss the challenges and rewards of democracy. The delegates were part of the US Department of State's International Visit Leadership Program and represented the countries of Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe.

"I'm so proud to be able to represent the City of Kyle and pass along our city's history and heritage to people of other cultures," said Mayor Johnson. "Being able to hear about how these young leaders are planning to address the challenges in their growing democracies and how they will use the information they have gathered during their visit to further that cause is very invigorating to me and I hope to pass that along to others in our community."

Topics discussed during the two-hour meeting included: the structure of Kyle's municipal government, local political processes, requirements for holding public office, what it's like being a mayor in Texas, how the city communicates with the county, state, and federal government, challenges of being a young office holder, motivating youth involvement in government, and the infrastructure needs of rapidly growing communities. The meeting occurred on Friday, November 2nd and included a tour of Kyle's City Hall. The Delegates also visited other area governments, including an Austin City Council meeting and the Travis County Elections offices.

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The International Visit Leadership Program is designed to educate young leaders from across the globe on democracy, citizen participation in government, the diversity of public perspectives in American government, and youth involvement in politics. The City of Kyle has now hosted four delegations sponsored by the US Department of State's International Visit Leadership Program, having welcomed representatives from 10 countries to the Kyle City Hall.

"It's an honor for me to help inform these young leaders on democracy in America and the benefits of youth involvement in our political processes," said Mayor Johnson. "I hope that the State Department continues to bless Kyle with the opportunity to host future delegations. I'm always excited about the prospect of another visit!"

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Kyle Parks and Recreation Crews Receive High Scores at Skills Rodeo

KYLE, TX – City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Maintenance crews participated in the 2013 Texas Recreation and Parks Society's Equipment Rodeo for the Central Texas Region and showed the counterparts in other cities that Kyle PARD can roll with the best.

Kyle crews finished second out of the 10 teams that were- competing. The City of Austin finished in first place, leaving Kyle to outpace San Antonio, Travis County, Cedar Park, New Braunfels, Georgetown, Round Rock, Temple, and Eagle Pass.

"For the city of Kyle to be competitive in this region is quite complement to our staff", said Kerry Urbanowicz, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Kyle.
The results speak for themselves, the City of Kyle's Parks, Grounds & Facilities Maintenance Staff placed 2nd overall against teams from significantly larger cities. Historically, the City of Kyle overall does well but this is the highest we have ever placed."

The Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) host these competitions around the state. Kyle's region, Region 5 & 7, includes cities and counties from south of Dallas/Forth Worth, to south of San Antonio east to Victoria and Bryan/College Station and west to Eagle Pass. This region includes the metro areas of San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Bryan/College Station and all towns and counties in between.

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The participating team members are now qualified to compete in their category -in the State Rodeo held --next March in Lubbock. There were numerous events that took place this year such as Native Texas Plant Identification, Team Irrigation building, Back-hoe skill driving, Timed Leaf blower, Nail driving, Team Trailer obstacle course and individual mower obstacle course. Representing the City of Kyle will be: David Espinoza, Amado Gomez that both qualified and placed 2nd in the Team Trailer event, as well as individually qualifying for the Leaf Blower and Nail driving events respectively. While- Ronnie Esparza qualified with a 3rd place finish in the Mower Obstacle course. Amado Esparza is a former State Champion in the Nail Driving competition.

" I'd also like to say thanks to Michael Sony, Maintenance Manager for the Parks and Recreation Department, for organizing the team and getting them ready to represent the City of Kyle," said Urbanowicz. "This was truly a team effort and our entire department is excited for these guys to be presenting us in the state competition."

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City of Kyle and Hays County Road Crews Set to Begin Improvements to Bunton/Goforth Road During the Holiday Break

KYLE – Road construction crews from the City of Kyle and Hays County will take advantage of reduced traffic during the holidays to begin much needed repairs to Bunton/Goforth Road. Construction will begin on December 20th, the first day that Hays County ISD schools are out for the Christmas holidays to minimize disruption of normal traffic on the road.

The scope of the road repairs on Bunton/Goforth Road include improving drainage, leveling, filling in pot holes, and generally improving the safety of the road from the I-35 northbound access road to Lehman Road. These repairs are only meant to serve as a temporary measure until a more permanent solution is designed and funded.

Phase 1 of this project will be from the I35 access road to Dacy Lane. Phase 2 will continue from Dacy Lane to Brandi Circle and the final phase taking the repairs all the way to Lehman Road.

This project is being done through an agreement with Hays County and the City of Kyle allowing for the County to provide labor and equipment and the City of Kyle paying for the materials.

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County Road Department crews and the City of Kyle Public Works Street Department crews will attempt to complete as much as possible before school reconvenes on January 7th. The project may extend into January and beyond depending on weather and general progress of the repairs.

Detour signs will be displayed during each phase, allowing traffic an alternate route to bypass the construction areas. Road crews from both the county and city will be working diligently to minimize the inconvenience this may cause citizens.

"We appreciate the patience of our citizens that use this road as we work to improve a deteriorated roadway that is in desperate need of repair," said Harper Wilder, City of Kyle Director of Public Works. "Please understand that we are only doing road improvements to selected areas and that allowable funds will dictate the limit of our repairs. This is not a total road reconstruction, but should improve the quality of the existing roadway until a permanent solution is available."

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