



**Wylie Police Department
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Heroic Officers Saves Man in Crisis

Wylie, TX, December 20, 2022– On December 18th at approximately 7:42 pm, Wylie Police responded to the 2000 block of Water Fall Way in reference to a resident have a mental health crisis. Upon officers' arrival, it was learned that a 19-year-old male locked himself inside of the residence and made threats to commit suicide by setting the house on fire.

While speaking with the reporting party, officers noticed a flame in an upstairs bedroom. Knowing that flame would spread, officers kicked open the door and went inside. Once inside, officers observed the male actively soaking the stairs with lighter fluid.

After refusing all commands to exit the room, officers quickly made the decision to cross through the fire to save the young man. He was subsequently taken into protective custody and transported to a regional hospital for a mental evaluation.

Wylie Fire and Rescue assisted with putting out the fire.

We would like to commend Officer McKiddy, Officer Abbott and Officer Mason for their courageous action on this call. Due to their quick and decisive decision, officers saved this young man's life and prevented a home from being destroyed.

See Attached Video

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