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Planning for annual Health and Safety Fair begins *Set for October 9, fair provides health screenings, safety briefings*

PROSPER (June 2, 2010) Celebrating 10 years this fall, the Town of Prosper is preparing to put on the town's annual Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a location to be decided, according to organizers Police Capt. Gary McHone and Amy Lightfoot, administrator of Prosper's Municipal Courts.

"The fair is important for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the opportunity for Prosper residents to come and have screenings and checks done on their overall health," said Lightfoot. "Early detection in some cases can lead to a full recovery of the more serious illnesses."

The Health and Safety Fair is open to all residents and family members and is presented at no charge to participants. Vendors, who do pay a nominal fee, include all manner of health and safety providers, many of whom provide on-site check-ups and preliminary diagnosis of the more common health problems.

Past vendors and providers have included medical offices, physicians in various disciplines, dentists, chiropractors, ear nose and throat specialists, optometrists, blood donation centers, and many others. On the safety side, fire protection and home alarm companies join the Prosper Police and Fire Departments in making presentations or providing informational material.

In addition, Town of Prosper departments such as Code Compliance, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and others also put up displays and are available for questions from residents, said McHone.

"We're very pleased with the response from the vendors, the health provider community and the safety specialists, since this is something for the benefit of the residents and their families," said McHone.

The fair collects vendor fees along with funds from some minor sales booths and uses that as the basis for donations to several worthy causes throughout the town. The annual Cops for a Claus program, which distributes gift

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cards to needy Prosper families, uses funds exclusively from the fair to operate. Last year, the Christmas program was able to distribute about \$10,000 in gift cards to participating families.

Other recipients of funds from the fair include some of the Town's parks and schools in the area. "We've donated toward the construction of basketball courts in parks, play equipment for a school devoted to special needs children and we made a donation to the construction of the soon-to-open Boyer Park downtown," said Lightfoot.

Vendors, health providers and suppliers interested in participating should contact Capt. McHone or Amy Lightfoot at 972-347-2226.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."