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## Gary McHone promoted to Assistant Police Chief

PROSPER (September 7, 2010) Police Captain Gary McHone has been promoted to Assistant Chief effective as of Sept. 4. The promotion ceremony occurred at 4 p.m. in the Prosper Municipal Chambers, 108 W. Broadway, according to Prosper Chief of Police Kirk McFarlin.

McHone started his law enforcement career in the US Air Force as a security police officer. He was stationed in various locations around the world, including deployment during Operation Desert Storm. After leaving the military he started his civilian law enforcement career with the Austin Police Department.

The new Assistant Chief relocated to the Dallas area and began work at Southern Methodist University as a patrol officer and was promoted through the ranks to lieutenant. Chief McFarlin was also working at SMU during that time.

Chief McFarlin was hired in May 2001 as Chief of Police for Prosper and was tasked with building a police force. The first person he chose was Gary McHone and hired him as Captain. Chief McFarlin recognized the drive and motivation in McHone and knew he would be an asset to the Prosper Police Department. During his tenure in Prosper, McHone has been an integral part of the growing police department. The long hours of dedicated work for the citizens of Prosper have paid off in producing a well-rounded, professional police department.

“Gary has been functioning in the capacity of an assistant chief for years and the elevation in title is well-deserved and puts the police department in position to meet the growth of Prosper in the future,” said the Chief.

“His dedication to police work and the citizens of Prosper is the benchmark for all police officers to look up to and work towards. Gary’s work ethic and drive to succeed have provided leadership for those officers assigned to him and inspires them to perform to his level of expectation,” he added.

McHone has served as Captain for the Prosper Police Department for nine years, during which he oversaw all operational aspects of the department and the dispatch center. During his tenure, he was instrumental in implementing

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the Town's first Crime Prevention program, which included the establishment of the Neighborhood Watch and McGruff Safe House programs. He also held regular safety talks and interaction with the Prosper ISD.

Additionally, he spearheaded the establishment of the annual Health and Safety Fair and Cops with a Claus program. Significantly, he served as Project Manager for implementation of the Town's own 911/Public Safety Communications Center in 2009 for which he received a Recognition Award from the Town.

In addition to his public safety duties, McHone serves as team lead for the Town of Prosper Organizational Development Team.

During his service, he has received several commendations, including Officer of the Year in 2003 and the Chief's Award in 2009.

Chief McFarlin expressed pride in promoting Captain McHone to Assistant Chief and invites all citizens to congratulate Assistant Chief McHone for attaining his new position.

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**Prosper Police Chief Kirk McFarlin (right) pins on the star denoting the promotion of Gary McHone to Assistant Chief of Police for the Town of Prosper. Chief McHone previously served as Captain on the Prosper force for nine years. His promotion became effective on Sept. 4.**

**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."