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## Change clocks and detector batteries at the same time *Fire Marshal and colleagues attest to detectors' efficiency*

PROSPER (October 27, 2015) Fall back is the popular way to remember which way to move all of the clocks at home and work during the fall season, and that happens on Nov. 1, says Fire Marshal Bryan Ausenbaugh.

"Not only are the clocks falling back, but many people fall back into bed for another hour of sleep," he said. "The secret to the success of falling back for that one hour of sleep, though, lies in the preparation."

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 a.m. but many people prepare for the time switch by resetting their clocks the night before. And, during that Saturday night preparation, Ausenbaugh and the Prosper Fire Department suggest taking time for another important activity.

"While the clocks are being reset, the batteries in the home's smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detectors should also be tended to," he said.

It's critical that these life-saving devices operate at their peak, and changing the batteries when resetting the clocks allows for them to be at their optimum efficiency.

"Unfortunately, we don't think about these things until we hear of a tragedy somewhere," he said. "Changing the clocks, whether forward or backward, should be an immediate trigger to our memories regarding these life-saving devices."

Changing the batteries on each detector when the clocks are reset can give residents peace of mind and, likely, a good night's sleep.

To add significance to the role that smoke detectors play in saving lives, the National Fire Prevention Association has adopted the theme of "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." And, while Fire Prevention Month closes on Oct. 31, the principle behind the theme resonates all year long.

"There should be a smoke detector outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms, properly positioned and in good working order, save lives," he said.

The Prosper Fire Marshal makes himself available for neighborhood or organization meetings to discuss fire prevention and answer questions from residents regarding fire safety. Contact him at the Prosper Fire Department, 1500 E. First Street, or by calling (972) 347-2424.

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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 15,000 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 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."