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Prosper Fire Department to host September 11 event *Ceremony to include unveiling of redesigned memorial trailer*

PROSPER (August 31, 2015) As another anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attack approaches, the Prosper Fire Department will again pay solemn homage to the victims with a ceremony steeped in reverence and remembrance, says Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker.

“There is simply nothing more honorable, more courageous, or more heroic than someone giving their life so others can live,” he said. “And our annual ceremony is a small way for us in Prosper to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9-11.”

The ceremony, condensed to 30 minutes, is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11 starting at 9 a.m. in the pavilion at Frontier Park, on the north end of Town.

Bagpipes, a traditional part of solemn firefighter events, will be played, flags will be lowered, a speaker will offer some appropriate reflections, bells will ring to signal “last alarm” for the fallen first responders, and the newly refurbished 9-11 Memorial Trailer will be on display.

The Fire Department Honor Guard has taken charge of conducting the remembrance ceremony, under the direction of Firefighter/Paramedics Micky Blain and B.J. Wendling. Assisting will be the Prosper Police Department Honor Guard.

The 9-11 Memorial Trailer has recently undergone a makeover. Containing steel from the World Trade Center, the trailer’s redesign was the result of a coordinated effort by the Town of Prosper, the Prosper Firefighters Association Local 4193, Gas Monkey Garage, 360 Wraps of Dallas, and the EMS medical group of Baylor Medical Center in McKinney.

Wendling says the historic piece of steel carries a special fascination. “Seeing this piece of history and being able to touch it is moving to many people who remember that morning, even outside of the Fire and Police Departments,” he said.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the memorial event.

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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.”