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Prosper Community Invited to a Special Wetdown and Push-In Ceremony January 4 at Fire Station 2

PROSPER, TX - January 2, 2024 – Keeping a time-honored tradition alive, Prosper Fire Rescue's newest addition to its fleet will be honored during a traditional fire service wetdown and push-in ceremony on what will be Quint 2's first day serving the Town and its residents. The ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4 at Prosper's Fire Station 2, located at [1140 S. Teel Parkway](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1140+S+Teel+Parkway,+Prosper,+TX+75078,+USA/@33.01118,-96.44118,17z). The members of [Prosper Fire Rescue](#) cordially invite the public and media to attend this special ceremony.

The celebration of a new piece of fire apparatus has been a source of pride in the fire service dating back to the 1800s. Firefighters would hold social events to mark the occasion of acquiring and placing into service a new piece of equipment. Since the equipment was either hand or horse-drawn, firefighters regularly pushed it into the station. The wetdown tradition came from rival fire companies attempting to "wash" the new apparatus before the firefighters who would soon operate it. The public is invited to assist with the wetdown before the firefighters push the truck into the station. Prosper's Fire Chaplain, Mike Martin will deliver a blessing on Quint 2 and the firefighters who will ride it.

Quint 2 is a 107' rear-mount aerial ladder truck manufactured by Pierce Mfg. It has a 1500-gallon-per-minute fire pump and a 500-gallon on-board water tank with a 25-gallon foam tank. It will be Prosper's 2nd aerial truck and the first quint in the Town's fleet of apparatus. As its name implies, a quint fire truck includes five main tools for firefighting functions: a fire pump, water tank, fire and supply hose, aerial device with a permanently attached waterway and ground ladders. Quint 2 combines the capabilities of a ladder truck and the water-pumping ability of a fire engine. This allows the crew a range of benefits, including flexibility to adapt to various emergency situations including firefighting, aerial suppression and can be used for rescue operations. Crew members will be cross-trained in both engine and ladder company functions.

For questions or more details, please contact Stuart Blasingame, Fire Chief, at sblasingame@prosperx.gov



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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to approximately 38,000 residents with a projected build-out population of 72,000. Prosper is located where the northern edge of Dallas' Golden Corridor meets the U.S. 380 Corridor. Recognized as a Tree City USA and certified as a Scenic City silver-level community, Prosper's parks and playgrounds encompass 634 acres of open space, recreational venues, and facilities for sports, fitness and 52 linear miles of hike-and-bike trails. The Town offers community engagement programs such as the Prosper Citizens Academy, New Resident Mixer, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens Fire Academy and Community Safety Initiative. Prosper's motto is "a place where everyone matters." Learn more about Prosper and upcoming events by visiting prospertx.gov.