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Prosper Fire Rescue adds aerial ladder to vehicle fleet *Traditional wet-down and push-in set for Feb. 29*

PROSPER (February 19, 2020) Growth in Prosper takes many forms, residential rooftops, retail businesses, street improvements, and, just as importantly, public safety capabilities. On Saturday, Feb. 29, another milestone in that increasing level of critical capability will be inaugurated.

Prosper Fire Department personnel invite the public to a ceremonial wet-down and push-in of Prosper's new aerial ladder truck. The ceremony, during which the public can assist with the wet-down and observe as fire personnel conduct the push-in, is set for the Central Fire Station, 1500 E. First Street at 11 a.m.

The new addition to the fleet is the Town's first firefighting apparatus with an onboard 100-foot mid-mount platform ladder. It is capable of pumping 2,000 gallons of water per minute when connected to a continuous water supply such as fire hydrants. The truck also carries a 300-gallon water tank and 20-gallon foam tank.

Prosper firefighters have been trained to use the new truck in performing specialized activities such as structure ventilation, forcible entry, aerial master water streams, and elevated rescue.

In addition to fires, the new truck will also respond to all commercial fire alarms as well as major accidents requiring extrication and when accidents occur on major thoroughfares and advanced traffic blocking is necessary.

"We are understandably excited about the addition of the aerial ladder to our firefighting inventory," says Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame. "Our community is better served by the higher level of capabilities that the truck provides, but also by the advanced training that our personnel have undergone. Our force is ready to respond with the latest in equipment and the highest level of capability."

Prosper residents most recently took part in a wet-down, and firefighting personnel took part in a push-in, during the dedication of Fire Station No. 2 in December 2016. Fighting chilled and windy conditions, the building's dedication and ribbon-cutting were followed by the traditional ceremonies. The wet-down and push-in traditions date back to the 1800s when firefighting equipment arrived at fire stations by horse-drawn conveyance.

Light refreshments will be served.

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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 25,000 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."