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Unwanted drugs and medications accepted April 29

PROSPER (April 7, 2017) The highly popular Drug Take Back Day, when residents may safely and securely drop off unwanted or outdated medications, is set for Saturday, April 29 at the Central Fire Station.

“Residents have come to expect this service,” says Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker. “People find expired drugs in their cabinets and just leave them there because they may not know what to do with them. This service gives them a way to deal with them.”

Drug Take Back Day is set for Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 1500 E. First Street. Collection boxes will be set up at the entry lobby of the fire station. However, drugs will not be accepted either before or after the official hours of the event.

“Another important reason for the program is to keep drugs from being illegally distributed,” he said. “Also, the service can prevent these potentially harmful drugs from being poured into the water supply.”

Drug Take Back Day is a free, cooperative effort between the Prosper Police and Fire Departments and is sponsored nationally by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

“As we have done previously, neither police nor fire officials will ask questions about the drugs,” he said.

In addition to prescription and over-the-counter drugs and medications, new or used needles and syringes will be accepted. Persons with needles and sharp objects are requested to alert the on-duty officials of their presence.

The popularity of the program is evident in that during previous Drug Take Back Day events, residents have turned in enough old and expired drugs to fill up to six large containers.

“Prescription drugs that are flushed down toilets or poured into sinks may place the community at risk,” warned the Chief. “Drugs contaminate the wastewater which may eventually find its way back into the water supply.”

For more information on the program, residents may contact Firefighter Marty Nevil at (972) 347-2424 or send an e-mail to Nevil at marty.nevil@prosperfire.com.

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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 17,800 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.”