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Prosper Police advise caution as hunting season opens Sept. 1 *Town regulations set specific distances from parks, facilities*

PROSPER (August 14, 2015) Dove hunting season in the state's North Zone, which includes the Town of Prosper, officially opens on Tuesday, Sept. 1 and ends on Sunday, Oct. 25, says Public Information Officer Sgt. Bryan Golden. It reopens on Friday, Dec. 18 and closes on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. To address any questions or misconceptions regarding the discharge of firearms within the Town limits of Prosper, the Police Department reminds hunters that hunting of any sort is permissible only under the following conditions in accordance with state law:

1. Firearms and other weapons which can be used **on a tract of land 10 acres to 50 acres** include shotgun, air rifle or pistol, BB gun or bow and arrow. However, the user should also be more than **1,000** feet from the property line of a public tract of land, generally accessible by the public, that is routinely used for organized sporting or recreational activities or that has permanent recreational facilities or equipment; the property line of a school, hospital, or commercial day-care facility; and more than **600** feet from the property line of a residential subdivision ; the property line of a multifamily residential complex; and more than **150** feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract.
2. Firearms and other weapons which can be used **on a tract of land 50 acres or more** include center fire or rim fire rifle or pistol of any caliber. Once again, the user should also be more than **1,000** feet from the property line of a public tract of land, generally accessible by the public, that is routinely used for organized sporting or recreational activities or that has permanent recreational facilities or equipment; the property line of a school, hospital, or commercial day-care facility; and more than **600** feet from the property line of a residential subdivision; the property line of a multifamily residential complex; and more than **300** feet from a residence or occupied building located on another property; and in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract.

The Town of Prosper has an ordinance that addresses the discharge of a firearm within Town limits. However, in accordance with state law, hunting is permissible within the above guidelines. The Police Department, in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, provides this information in the hope that it helps residents and hunters have a safe hunting season.

For more information, please visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us or call (972) 347-9002.

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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."