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Prosper's public safety personnel prepping for Oct. 6 *Underground rumors suggest merriment in the offing*

PROSPER (September 10, 2015) Unrestrained commotion, wide-ranging hubbub and uninhibited frivolity in several Prosper neighborhoods have been planned by a number of groups for the evening of Oct. 6, according to the Prosper Police Department.

But, instead of launching a counteroffensive, Police Chief Doug Kowalski is in full support of the stealthy campaigns. "On October 6, Police and Fire personnel will be joining residents in celebrating National Night Out," he said. "That evening, neighborhoods throughout Prosper will be joining forces with thousands of communities across the country for the event."

The 32nd annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event will be celebrated with street parties, cookouts, meet-your-neighbor rallies, and face-to-face conversations with police officers and firefighting personnel. The event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the Prosper Police Department.

Beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. on Oct. 6, neighborhood residents in Prosper and across Texas will be locking their doors, turning on outside lights and spending the evening outside with neighbors and public safety personnel.

Traditionally, many neighborhoods in town have hosted a variety of special events including block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police and fire fighters/paramedics, and youth activities. And this year, the number of neighborhood events promises to be even higher.

"National Night Out was created as an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts," said the Chief. "In Prosper, the event has been widely celebrated for the last decade, and indications are that the event is still gaining strength locally."

During NNO, communities are encouraged to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, fire safety awareness, and neighborhood camaraderie. The evening's energy and spirit represent the kind of determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year.

Residents, neighborhoods, HOAs and communities wishing to participate in National Night Out 2015, should contact the Prosper Police Department at 972-347-9002 or send an e-mail message to either Officer Chris Peacock at chris_peacock@prospertx.gov or Public Safety Dispatcher Delanna Copeland at delanna_copeland@prospertx.gov to register their block party.

There is no charge to register the party, but registration allows the Police Department to make appropriate allowances for traffic diversion, if necessary. Registration also alerts Police and Fire personnel on which neighborhoods to visit during the three-hour window.

Information is also available on Facebook (search for Prosper Police Department) and Twitter (search for @ProsperPD).

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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."