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National Night Out in Prosper set for Tuesday, Oct. 4 *Variety of events limited only by residents' imagination*

PROSPER (September 9, 2016) Fighting crime and drugs in Prosper neighborhoods is the whole purpose behind the Police Department's annual National Night Out event, set this year for the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 4, says Prosper Police Officer Erin Hubbard.

"All of our neighborhoods and HOAs are familiar with National Night Out," she said. "Each year the event gets wider participation in Town, either because neighborhoods hold their own event or because they partner with a nearby neighborhood."

National Night Out, co-sponsored by the Prosper PD and the National Association of Town Watch, is an annual event giving neighbors the opportunity to meet each other, exchange contact information, enjoy each other's company, commit to looking out for one another and welcome public safety personnel to their vicinity.

"Police officers and firefighters will attend as many neighborhood block parties as we can on October 4," said Hubbard. "If a neighborhood, community or HOA is holding an event and would like Police and Fire personnel to attend, they need to contact their HOA office or Prosper Police. We'll make as many of these neighborhood events as we can, but only those that register with us."

Police and Fire personnel will set aside the hours from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to make their visits.

To add a block party to the list that public safety personnel will visit, organizers can call (972) 347-9002 or send an e-mail to Officer Hubbard at erin_hubbard@prospertx.gov. Also, registration can be completed online at <http://www.prospertx.gov/residents/police/national-night-block-party-registration/>.

"We're always promoting police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie, and the National Night Out events help us do that very effectively," she added. "These events create the kind of spirit, energy and determination that are helping make our neighborhoods even safer."

National Night Out events in Prosper have become significantly more creative in the last few years. In addition to cookouts, some neighborhoods put on patriotic parades, mini-street festivals and play host to all sorts of games, inflatables and DJs.

"The enthusiasm is very gratifying. We know that residents are taking our crime-fighting message to heart because of these fun and entertaining events," said Hubbard. "We certainly encourage it."

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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."