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## Prosper picks Frisco Fire officer as Assistant Fire Chief

PROSPER (September 26, 2017) After an extensive search process that attracted interest from some 60 candidates representing departments throughout Texas, the Prosper Fire Department has named Shaw Eft as Assistant Fire Chief, the department's second in command. Chief Eft begins his assignment in Prosper on Monday, Oct. 2.

Chief Eft is the current Deputy Chief of Operations for the Frisco Fire Department, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department. In his role, Chief Shaw oversees almost 200 personnel, most of whom are involved in some aspect of delivering direct services in firefighting and medical emergency response.

"Chief Eft comes to us with a wide breadth of experience," says Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame. "His 20-year career has been marked by steady progress, which demonstrates a commitment to the advancement of the fire service. We're very pleased and fortunate to have Chief Eft on board."

The Assistant Fire Chief position became vacant with the promotion of Blasingame to the position of Fire Chief upon the retirement of long-time Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker.

Eft began his career with the Frisco Fire Department as a volunteer in 1996. A year later, he was hired by the department full-time. After two years, he was promoted to Lieutenant, remaining in that position for five years. He was then promoted to Captain. After two years in that position, he was named Battalion Chief Shift Commander. This was followed by a promotion to Battalion Chief of Training/EMS/Special Operations, and in 2015, he was named Deputy Chief of Operations.

Eft has been recognized as Frisco Officer of the Year twice, in 2006 and 2012. His experience as a reservist with the US Marine Corps motivated him to serve as department manager for the Frisco Color and Honor Guard. His experience includes radio communications, budgeting, developing task books for each of the firefighter/paramedic ranks and has assisted in the development of departmental policies and procedures.

He completed a number of certification programs in the fire service through the appropriate state and local colleges and agencies, including Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Fire Instructor, Hazardous Materials Technician, Driver/Operator Pump, Advanced Firefighter, several levels of Fire Officer and Pro Board Fire Officer. He also completed the Fire Service Chief Executive Officer course at the Texas A&M Mays School of Business.

Eft is married and the father of two teenage daughters.

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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 20,000 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."