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Check alarm batteries as home's clocks spring forward *Fire Marshal encourages dual duty as clocks are reset*

PROSPER (March 8, 2017) Reminders to “spring forward” to accommodate the annual change to daylight saving time are virtually everywhere, but clocks are not the only things that require our attention, says Prosper Fire Marshal Bryan Ausenbaugh.

“While daylight saving time officially begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, many families reset their clocks the night before,” he said. “While that’s taking place, we encourage families to check the batteries in the home’s smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detectors as well.”

Checking smoke, fire, and carbon monoxide detectors and alarms and changing the batteries where necessary are among the most effective and least expensive things that can protect family members. It’s critical that these life-saving devices operate at their peak, and checking or changing the batteries when resetting the clocks keeps them at their optimum efficiency.

“Unfortunately, we don’t think about these things until we hear of a tragedy somewhere,” he said. “Changing the clocks, whether forward or backward, should be an immediate trigger to our memories regarding these life-saving devices. We know that a fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. The alarm just might give you and your family the time you need to get out safely.”

Checking and, if necessary, changing the batteries on each alarm or detection device at the same time clocks are reset can give residents peace of mind and, likely, a good night’s sleep.

“There should be a smoke detector outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms, properly positioned and in good working order, have proven time and time again that they save lives,” he said.

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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.”