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Community Safety Initiative to present new officers *Annual CSI bring cops and residents together*

PROSPER (May 2, 2016) Another opportunity presents itself in May for Prosper residents to either renew old acquaintances with police officers or meet them for the first time at the annual Community Safety Initiative, says Assistant Police Chief Gary McHone.

“We get such a great response when we hold the CSI events,” he said. “Not just because of the great information residents can get from the exhibitors, but also because of the opportunity for personal interaction between residents and police officers. And, this year, we have several new faces on the force.”

The Prosper Police Department’s Community Safety Initiative is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at Frontier Park from 8 a.m. to noon. Prosper Police officers, several of whom will be attending their first CSI, will be on hand to meet and greet residents, exchange contact information, and provide advice on crime prevention.

Officers Juan Flores and Erin Hubbard are co-organizers of the event.

The Saturday program is a prelude to Prosper’s recognition of National Police Week, this year celebrated from May 15 to 21. The first day of National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. On May 15, law enforcement agencies throughout the country pause to remember these fallen peace officers.

The Prosper CSI event has become the traditional occasion that allows residents the opportunity to meet police officers in a relaxed and convivial environment, says Police Chief Doug Kowalski.

“Making an initial acquaintance with a resident as they deal with an emergency or because of some sort of hardship is not the best way to develop a relationship,” said the Chief. “And, with the growth of the Police Department over the last 12 months, there are probably many residents who have not met our new officers. The CSI gives them a chance to meet us, and us a chance to meet them.”

The event is free and will include exhibits from a variety of safety related businesses and organizations. Police equipment, vehicles and apparatus will be on display and music, games and give-aways are part of the event.

“This is a great opportunity for us to welcome new residents, reconnect with old friends, and introduce our new officers,” added McHone.

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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 cross roads 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.”