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Prosper promotes Assistant Fire Chief to top position

PROSPER (August 28, 2017) Prosper Assistant Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame has been selected to lead the department as Fire Chief effective Sept. 1, according to Town Manager Harlan Jefferson.

“The continuity of leadership that Chief Blasingame brings to the department is invaluable,” said Jefferson. “I expect the department to continue to operate at the same high level that Chief Tucker established. I’m certain that the department will continue to maintain those standards under Chief Blasingame.”

Earlier this year, Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker announced his retirement from the department. Chief Tucker was the department’s first compensated Fire Chief after having served among the various volunteer chiefs in the department’s history. He closes out a 42-year career in the fire service, 25 of which were spent with the Prosper Fire Department.

Chief Blasingame has been a member of the Prosper Fire Department for 15 years, having served as Assistant Fire Chief for the last five years. Prior to his appointment as second in command, he served as Battalion Chief for a year, and Captain for six years. He joined the department in September of 2002 as a firefighter/paramedic.

Before joining the Prosper Fire Department, he was a member of the Frisco Fire Department, having served as firefighter/paramedic for a year before attaining the rank of Lieutenant, where he served for two years.

The new Fire Chief earned an associate of applied science degree in Fire Administration from Weatherford College, and completed the requirement for Certified Public Manager from a program administered by Texas State University.

He is a Certified Fire Executive, a designation conferred by the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy, and is fully licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. He has attained four levels in the Certified Fire Officer program of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The Commission has also certified the Chief as a Master Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor at all three levels, Hazardous Material Technician, Wildland Firefighter, Incident Safety Officer, Fire Service Driver/Operator, and Department Training Officer/Coordinator.

He has also attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland where he completed courses in Command and Control of Incident Operations, Command and Control of Decision Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents, Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Target Hazards, along with Fire Protection Systems for Emergency Operations, and Incident Command Systems for High-rise Operations.

The Prosper resident is married and the father of two sons, active in school and sports.

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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.”