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Bring old drugs and medications on Saturday, Sept. 26 *Drug Take Back Day set for Fire Station drop-off*

PROSPER (September 10, 2015) Residents with old, outdated or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter drugs and medications should plan on visiting the Fire Station on Saturday, Sept. 26, says Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker.

“We’ll take them,” he said. “People are often surprised when they check their medicine cabinets and see how these drugs can pile up. We seldom look in there, and when we do, we make a mental note to do something with them. Well, now’s the time.”

Drug Take Back Day, set for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is designed to provide a place where unwanted or expired drugs can be safely and securely taken to remove them from circulation. Boxes will be set up at the entry lobby of the Prosper Fire Station, 1500 East First St. No drugs will be accepted either before or after the hours of the event.

“The campaign helps keep prescription drugs from being illegally distributed,” he said. “It also helps prevent these potentially harmful drugs from being introduced into the water supply.”

Drug Take Back Day is a free, cooperative effort between the Prosper Police and Fire Departments and is sponsored nationally by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

“Like before, there will be several fully-attended collection boxes available to accept the drugs for proper disposal,” he said. “And, like before, neither police nor fire officials will ask questions about the drugs.”

New or used needles, new or used syringes and full or empty pressurized inhalers will not be accepted.

During the event last year, Prosper residents turned in enough old and expired drugs that six large containers were filled, almost to capacity. Some of the drugs had been in home cabinets for up to 19 years.

Drug Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of these drugs and medicines. At the same time, the public learns more about the potential for abuse of these medications.

“Moreover, people who flush prescription drugs down their toilets may inadvertently place the larger community at risk,” said the Chief. “Many of these prescription drugs contaminate the wastewater which may eventually find its way back into the water supply.”

For more information on the program, residents may contact Firefighter Marty Nevil at (972) 347-2424 or send an e-mail to Nevil at marty.nevil@prosperfire.com.

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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 15,000 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.”