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Prosper Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame Announces Departure

PROSPER (September 9, 2021) Prosper Town Manager Harlan Jefferson announced today that Prosper Fire Chief Stuart Blasingame has submitted his resignation from the Town of Prosper effective January 21, 2022. "Chief Blasingame has served the Town of Prosper for over 19 years and helped develop one of the finest Fire Rescue Departments in the state," said Jefferson. Blasingame began his service with Prosper Fire Rescue in 2002 as a Firefighter/Paramedic before promoting to Captain, Battalion Chief and Assistant Chief prior to his appointment as Chief in 2017.

During Chief Blasingame's tenure, Prosper Fire Rescue has experienced significant growth, adding a Division Chief, three Battalion Chiefs, and multiple Firefighter/Paramedics to the staff of Prosper Fire Rescue, as well as a new ladder truck, replacement engine and ambulance. Prosper Fire Station 2 opened in 2016, and Fire Station 3 is currently under design. In 2018, voters approved the establishment of a Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services Special District that allocates a dedicated ¼-cent sales tax for fire & EMS services. In 2019, Prosper Fire Rescue achieved an ISO-1 rating, the highest rating possible.

The Town Council has continued its commitment to provide critical public safety resources by accelerating the design, construction, staffing and equipment purchases for Fire Stations 3 and 4 over the next two years, and Prosper Fire Rescue is expected to add approximately 38 staff positions over the next three years. Other recent Departmental achievements include the American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline Gold Plus Award, the Texas EMS for Children Gold Level Award, and the Texas Fire Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition.

The Town will begin searching for a new Fire Chief to continue the legacy of excellent leadership for Prosper Fire Rescue. "Chief Blasingame has been a beloved and well-respected member of the Town staff and the community," said Jefferson. "I am grateful for his leadership, friendship, and service over the years, and I certainly wish him the very best in his future endeavors."

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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 31,000 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."