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## **Prosper Police Department Receives “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program**

PROSPER (October 27, 2021) On October 26, 2021, the Prosper Police Department received the award of “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Begun in 2006, the Recognition Program evaluates a Police Department’s compliance with over 168 Best Business Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual’s rights. These Best Practices cover all aspects of law enforcement management and operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations.

The Prosper Police Department was originally recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program on August 27, 2017. Police agencies recognized by the TPCA must undergo an onsite inspection every 4th year and this makes the second successful onsite inspection by the Prosper Police Department.

This voluntary process required the Prosper Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities, management and operations. Beginning in 2015, the department began the lengthy process to become a “Recognized” Law Enforcement Agency” by preparing proofs of compliance for each of the Texas Law Enforcement Best Business Practices. Upon completion of the internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. This final on-site review took place on August 18 and 19, 2021. The on-site review is conducted by trained Police Chiefs from other areas of our state. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Police Chiefs Association’s Recognition Committee for final analysis and decision to award “Recognized” status.

On September 2, 2021, the department was notified that it had been awarded the coveted “Recognized Law Enforcement Agency” award. Prosper becomes the 128th agency in the state to be so recognized. The Prosper Police Department has always considered itself to be one of the best in the state. This process provided for an independent review of the department’s operations and should assure the residents of Prosper that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

More information a description of the program may be viewed on the Texas Police Chiefs Association website at <http://www.texaspolicechiefs.org>.

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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.”