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Outstanding warrants grace period coming to a close *Prosper to participate in upcoming warrant roundup*

PROSPER (February 19, 2015) The traditional grace period to clear up outstanding traffic fines for violations committed in Prosper or warrants issued in Prosper is quickly coming to a close, clearing the way for the start of this year's Great Texas Warrant Roundup, says Sgt. Bryan Golden, Prosper Police public information officer.

"The actual dates of the Great Texas Warrant Roundup have not been released, but right now would be a perfect time to get any issues cleaned up," he said.

The Prosper Police Department and Municipal Court participate in the annual roundup every year, and anyone with an unpaid fine or outstanding warrant should contact the court to make arrangements for payment or resolution.

"Calling in and getting on the Municipal Court docket to speak to the judge is far preferable to being caught in the roundup," he added.

About 300 agencies across Texas will participate in the 2015 version of the annual Great Texas Warrant Round-Up, joining together in an effort to serve outstanding arrest warrants. While warrants are regularly served by each jurisdiction, this large, combined effort provides much greater opportunities for warrant service.

Persons with unpaid and overdue fines who do not resolve their debt will likely be caught up in the roundup and may pay far more than the original fine. An arrest on a person's record can have extremely negative consequences, and the costs associated with time away from work, the possible expense of an attorney and other penalties can elevate the costs to several times the amount of the original fine.

"It's much easier and cheaper to take care of these issues before an officer knocks on your door at home or at work," said Golden.

Individuals with outstanding warrants may settle their accounts in several ways. Payments are accepted online by visiting www.prospertx.gov and clicking on the Municipal Court page under the Departments tab. Also, payment can be made in person at Prosper Municipal Court, 110 W. Broadway in the downtown area. The court is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payments made in person must be paid with cash, cashier's check or money order.

Details on payment option eligibility may be obtained by calling (972) 347-3020.

The roundup is sponsored by the Texas Department of Public Safety and Prosper has participated in each of the roundup's seven years.

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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."