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Little Elm Fire Dept. enters into new service agreement *Uninterrupted coverage for residents is goal*

LITTLE ELM (February 26, 2016) Meeting the objective of providing uninterrupted and continuous fire and emergency medical service to Little Elm residents is the principal reason for a cooperative agreement between the Towns of Little Elm and Prosper, says Little Elm Fire Chief Brian Roach.

“This is an agreement that helps us meet our public safety commitment to the Town’s residents,” he said. “It allows us to provide the highest level of service as the Town continues to grow.”

The Town Councils of both communities have agreed to share the new fire station being built on Prosper’s west side, splitting the responsibilities of fire coverage and EMS service for the service area that straddles the two municipalities.

In addition to covering neighborhoods in west Prosper, the Prosper Town Council has agreed to provide fire service to those neighborhoods in Little Elm closest to Prosper. And, conversely, The Little Elm Town Council has agreed to provide a fully-staffed and equipped emergency medical service unit to provide EMS service to the same areas in both communities.

The Prosper fire truck and Little Elm EMS unit will use Prosper Fire Station No. 2 as their base of operation. Sometimes referred to as the Windsong Ranch station, it is scheduled to go into service in late summer.

Chief Roach says the arrangement is a perfect fit for his department. “We are in the initial stages of building our own fire station to service the Hwy 380 corridor area,” he said. “This agreement gives us the time to we need without any lapses in service.”

Prosper’s Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker says the agreement meets both communities’ most important requirement – continuous, uninterrupted service to residents in both communities.

“We have the confidence in our Little Elm colleagues, and they have a similar level of confidence in us,” said Chief Tucker. “That puts our relationship on solid ground.” Tucker has led the Prosper Fire Department for almost 20 years, while Roach was named Chief in Little Elm this year.

The two-year agreement is designed to overlap the completion of Little Elm’s Fire Station No. 3, set for late-2017 or early-2018. Once that occurs, Little Elm will add a fire truck to its inventory and Prosper will replace the visiting crew with its own EMS unit.

The agreement spells out the particulars on costs, reimbursements and responsibilities.

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Photo and cutline accompany this release.

ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.

PHOTO AND CUTLINE



FIRE CHIEFS CONSTRUCT NEW AGREEMENT – Prosper Fire Chief Ronnie Tucker (right) and Little Elm Fire Chief Brian Roach visit the construction site of Prosper Fire Station No. 2 in west Prosper. The two municipalities signed a mutual agreement to share the new station for a two-year period, each providing a crew and covering residents in the vicinity of the station in both communities. Prosper will provide the fire truck and Little Elm will place an EMS unit in the new station, set for a late summer opening.

A photo file accompanies this release.