

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 22, 2018
TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee
SUBJECT **School Security and Emergency Preparedness**

On Monday, February 22, 2018, you will be briefed on School Security and Emergency Preparedness by representatives from the Dallas Police Department. There will also be representatives attending the committee meeting from the Dallas Independent School District Police Department and Richardson Independent School District. The briefing will address the types of training conducted by the Dallas Police Department to prepare officers to deal with emergencies in a school. The material also contains information on the cooperative training among agencies for a unified and coordinated response and describes future training that includes a School Violence Joint Functional Exercise.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Lary Casto, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary (Interim)
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
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Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services
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School Security and Emergency Preparedness

- DPD Training History
- The Dallas Police Department has been participating in active shooter training since the school shooting at Columbine High School in 1999.
- Active shooter training instructs officers to immediately respond to the threat.
- There is not time to wait for specialized units such as SWAT to arrive.

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- The training takes place for both recruits in the academy and officers currently in-service.
- Officers receive active shooter training through:
 - Reality Based Training
 - Simulator Training
 - Specialized Training from SWAT



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Collaboration with Agencies

- Training from SWAT officers:
 - All patrol Crime Response Teams
 - D.I.S.D. Police Department
 - Mesquite Police Department
- Collaborative training with DFR personnel
 - Reality based training – team entry into warm zones



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- The officers not only received specialized training but also have special protective equipment.
 - Specially equipped Tahoe's
 - Ballistic Helmets
 - Ballistic Vests
 - Ballistic Shields
 - Medical kits



School Security and Emergency Preparedness

- Continued Preparation and Training
 - March 2, 2018 DPD and OEM is hosting a School Violence Joint Functional Exercise
- The purpose of this joint exercise:
 - Evaluate current plans, policies, and procedures for responding to a school emergency utilizing multiple resources.
 - Coordination between Dallas First Responders and the Independent School Districts of Dallas, Plano, and Richardson.

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- Keeping students safe is a top priority for DPD in 2018
- Continued Preparation and Training
- Following the joint exercise the department will coordinate further cooperative and practical training with:
 - Independent School Districts
 - Dallas County Community College
 - Universities and Colleges



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