

Memorandum



DATE June 21, 2018
TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee
SUBJECT **Juvenile Curfew Update**

The attached presentation is an overview of the daytime and nighttime juvenile curfew for the city of Dallas. The ordinance was originally adopted by the Dallas City Council on June 12, 1991. The current ordinance expires on January 18, 2019. The curfew can be enforced against juveniles, their parents, and the owner or employee of an establishment who allows a minor to remain on the premises after curfew. The department conducted an analysis to determine the effectiveness of the Dallas curfew ordinance. The analysis also shows enforcement totals and victimization rates of juveniles. The department believes that enforcement of curfew violations is just another effort by the police department and the City of Dallas to protect minors and prevent criminal activity. The department will recommend that the Dallas City Council approved the ordinance for another three-year term.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

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



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Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Update

Public Safety and Criminal Justice

June 25, 2018

**Reneé Hall, Chief of Police
Dallas Police Department
City of Dallas**



Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Purpose
- Issues/ Operational or Business Concerns
- Proposed Action
- Next Steps

Background/History of Juvenile Curfew

- This ordinance was originally adopted by the Dallas City Council on June 12, 1991.
- The City of Dallas amended the ordinance on May 18, 2009, to include daytime curfew hours as a violation.
- The current Dallas Juvenile Curfew Ordinance was renewed and under effect on January 18, 2016.
- The current ordinance expires on January 18, 2019.

Background/History

- Dallas Juvenile Curfew Ordinance specifies the hours of curfew for daytime during school sessions and nighttime curfew year round.
- Daytime curfew hours are 9:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. during weekdays.
- Nighttime curfew hours are 11:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M. from Sunday night through Thursday night.
- Weekend night hours are 12:00 A.M. until 6:00 A.M.

Purpose

- Provide an overview of the impact of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in the City of Dallas.
- Provide statistical information relating to enforcement of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance
- Determine if the ordinance is having a positive impact.

Enforcement and Accountability

- The Dallas Police Department conducts curfew initiatives and takes enforcement on violations of both the daytime and nighttime curfew ordinance.
- Both the juvenile and their parent or guardian can be issued citations for curfew violations.
- The owner or employee of an establishment also commits an offense if they allow a minor to remain on premises during curfew hours.
- Enforcement action is designed to hold juveniles, parents and businesses accountable.

Research on Curfew Enforcement

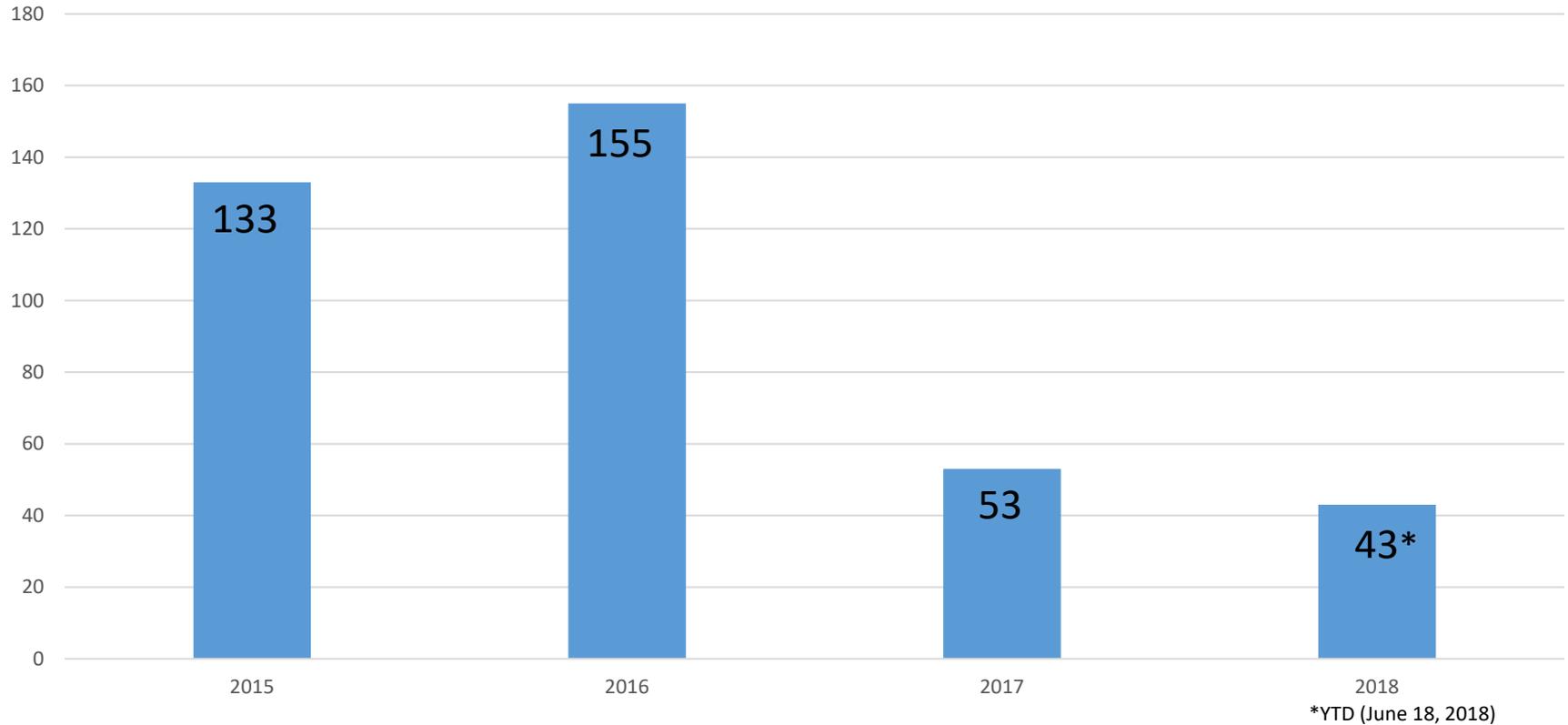
- The following major Texas cities also have a curfew ordinance which has to be updated and approved every three years.

- Houston
- San Antonio
- Corpus Christi
- Fort Worth
- El Paso

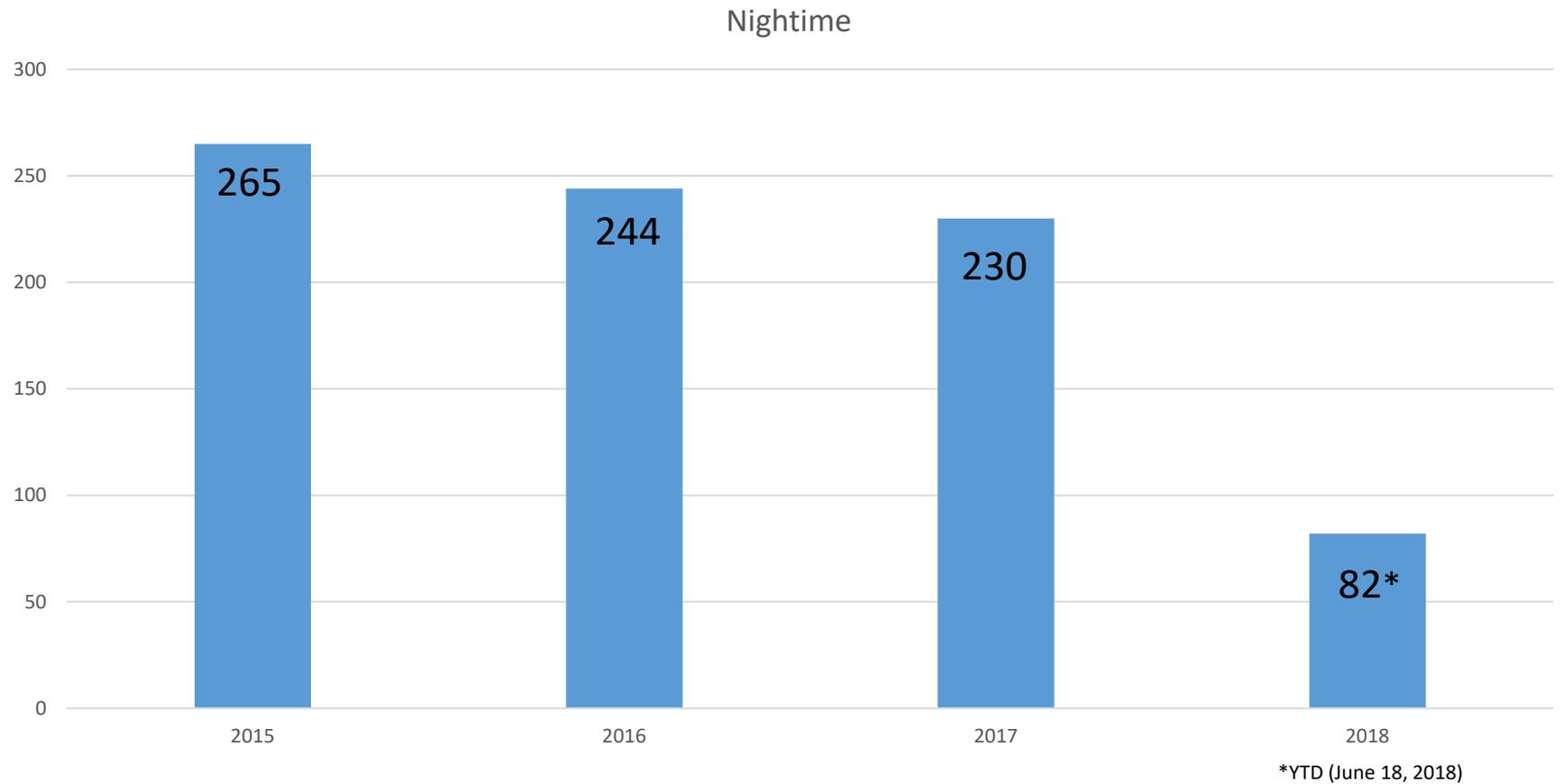


Enforcement Totals Daytime Curfew

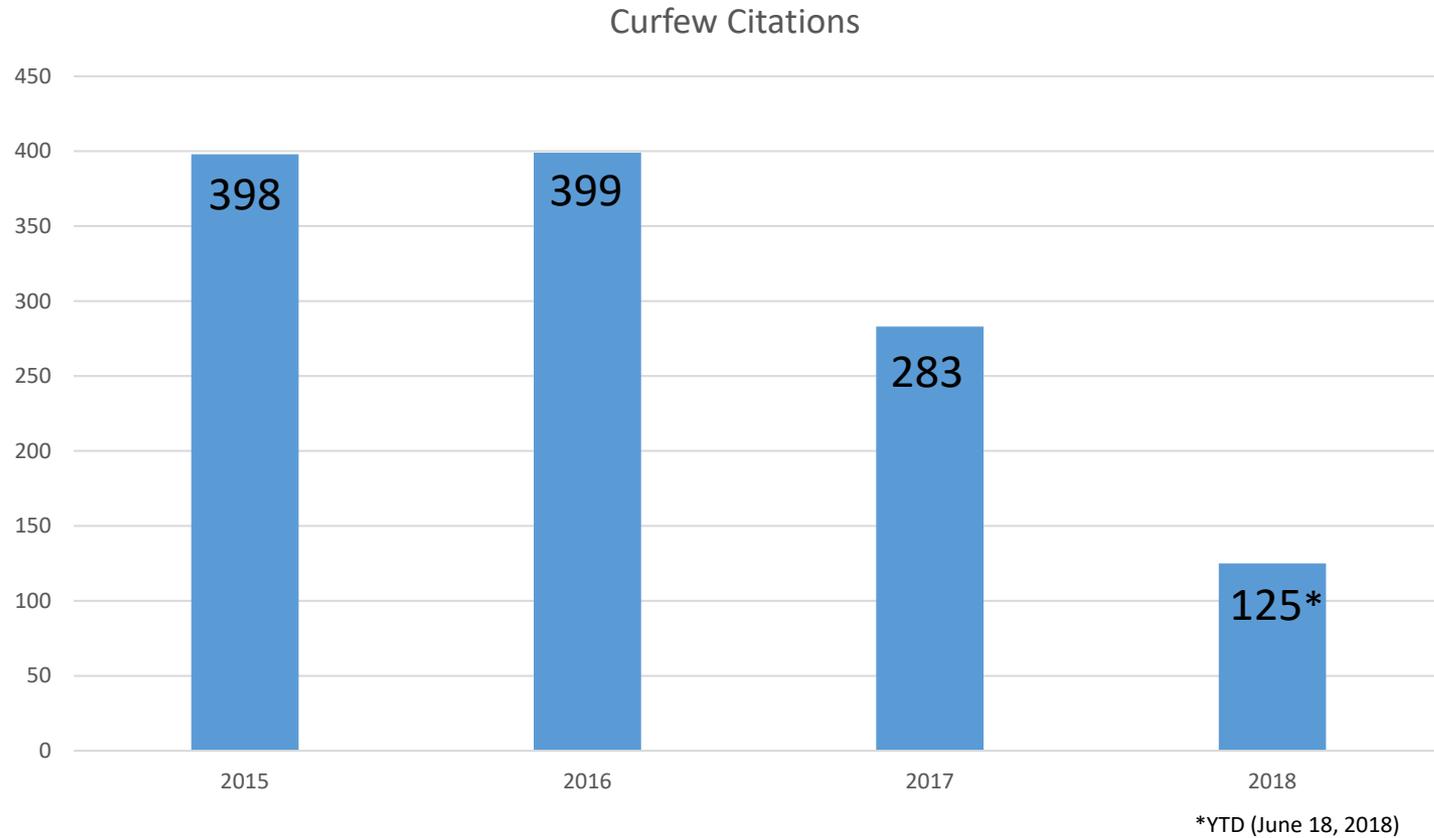
Daytime Curfew Citations



Enforcement Totals Nighttime Curfew



Enforcement Totals Curfew Violations



Victimization During Curfew



- There is an increased opportunity of the victimization of minors under the age of 17 when they are outside in a public place during curfew hours.
 - In 2017 there were **451 juveniles** that were the victim of a crime between the hours of 11:00 P.M and 6:00 A.M.
 - **413** of these juveniles were the victim of a **violent crime**.

2017 Arrests During Curfew Hours

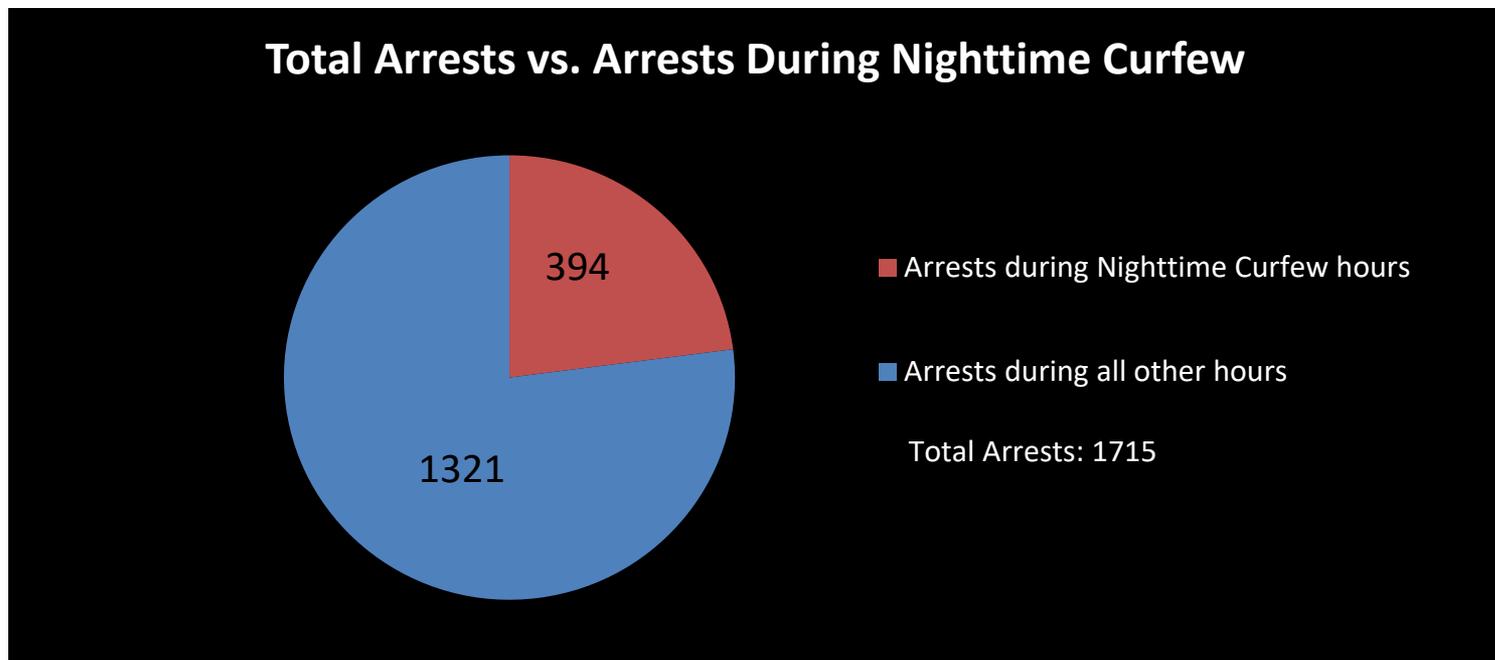
- There is an increased opportunity for minors under the age of 17 to become involved in illegal activity when they remain outside and unsupervised during curfew hours.
 - In 2017 there were **485 juveniles** that were arrested for the commission of a crime between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.



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2017 Arrests During Curfew Hours

In 2017 23% of all juvenile arrests occurred during nighttime curfew hours.

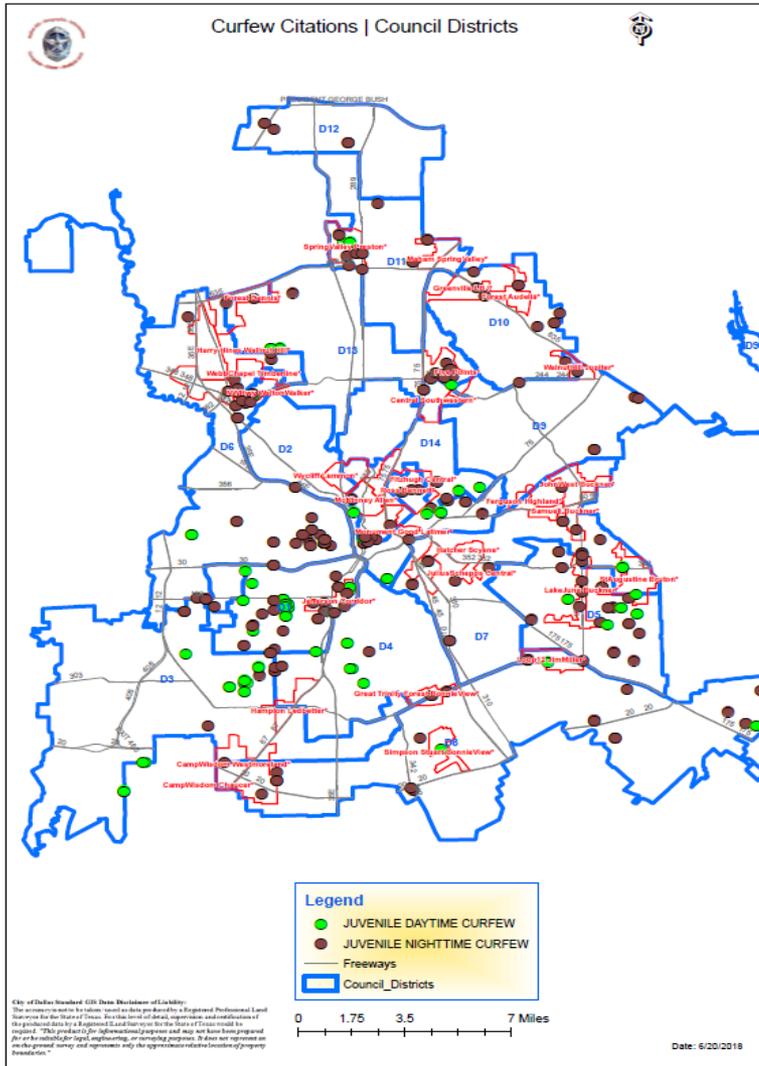


2018 YTD Arrests During Curfew Hours

- The department enforces curfew violations in an effort to protect minors and decrease the chances of juveniles entering the criminal justice system.
- In 2018 during the hours of daytime curfew
 - (9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
 - **248** Juveniles have been arrested
- In 2018 during the hours of nighttime curfew
 - (11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)
 - **193** Juveniles have been arrested

YTD as of June 18, 2018

Curfew Citations - Council District



COUNCIL DISTRICT	DAY TIME	NIGHT TIME	TOTAL
1	31	35	66
2	8	11	19
3	20	10	30
4	5	11	16
5	10	22	32
6	3	91	94
7	3	27	30
8	4	26	30
9	0	8	8
10	0	12	12
11	4	16	20
12	0	6	6
13	5	16	21
14	3	21	24
TOTAL	96	312	408

January 2017 – YTD 2018

Curfew Enforcement Demographics

TYPE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	% OF TYPE	ASIAN	% OF TYPE	HISPANIC	% OF TYPE	UNK	% OF TYPE	WHITE	% OF TYPE	Grand Total
JUVENILE DAYTIME CURFEW	14	14.58%	0	0.00%	75	78.13%	1	1.04%	6	6.25%	96
JUVENILE NIGHTTIME CURFEW	61	19.55%	2	0.64%	214	68.59%	0	0.00%	35	11.22%	312
Grand Total	75	18.38%	2	0.49%	289	70.83%	1	0.25%	41	10.05%	408

January 2017 – YTD 2018



Goals of Curfew Ordinance

- Although some studies suggest that juvenile curfews do not reduce crime or victimization, the Dallas Police Department believes the curfew ordinance is just another way to try and protect juveniles in Dallas.
- It is another tool for the department to prevent criminal activity.

Next Steps

- The Curfew is another tool for the Dallas Police Department to ensure safety for vulnerable juveniles in our community.
- The department recommends that the Dallas City Council approve the ordinance for another three year term upon the expiration of this current ordinance.

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