

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 21, 2019

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's New Ambulance Location**

The Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Department is constantly assessing our service approach and capabilities in order to provide optimum service to our customers. At the same time, we strive to minimize the impact of increasing run volume on our paramedics. We are pleased that the City Council approved funding in the FY18-19 budget granting us the opportunity to purchase an additional ambulance.

In efforts to select the most efficient location for the new ambulance unit, we utilized extensive research from multiple sources of information, as well as member input. The data used included response times, population models, apparatus run statistics, transport times, hospital locations, emergency transport rates, and map overlays, just to name a few. The analysis from this information was presented to DFR's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Council, which is comprised of the Assistant Chief of EMS, Dallas Fire-Rescue's Medical Director, and several DFR paramedics of various ranks. The EMS Council supplemented the data with other considerations such as station size, personnel requirements, and staffing concerns. A final list of possible locations compiled by the EMS Council was submitted to the Command Staff for deliberation. Department Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, and station officers in the areas of consideration were asked for input before a decision was made.

This collaborative effort and careful analysis have identified Station 18 as the location for the new ambulance unit, scheduled to go in service on May 1, 2019. The new ambulance will have the moniker of Rescue 218 (RE218), with the position label of M218. Placing this new ambulance at Station 18 will require two ambulances to operate out of the same station. Incidentally, Peak Rescue 70, which is currently housed at Station 18, will be relocated to Station 25.

We appreciate the hard work and diligence put forth by everyone involved in this process in order to best serve both our internal and external customers. We look forward to this new addition as we continue to provide exceptional service to the citizens. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Dominique Artis, Fire Chief  
Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

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