

# Memorandum

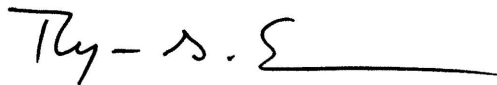


DATE: September 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Freeway Incident Management**

On Monday, September 22, 2014, you will be briefed on Freeway Incident Management. The briefing materials are attached for your review.



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First Assistant City Manager

## Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager  
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary  
Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Daniel E. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager  
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager

Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
Charles M. Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager  
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer  
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer  
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council

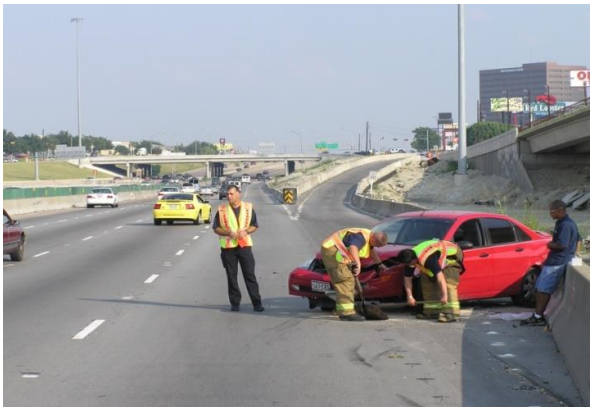


# Freeway Incident Management Public Safety Committee September 22, 2014



# Purpose

- Discuss goals of Freeway Management
- Show partners in Freeway Incident Management
- Present summary



# Goals

- Protection of life
- Protection of crime scene
- Clearing the roadway and restoring traffic flow

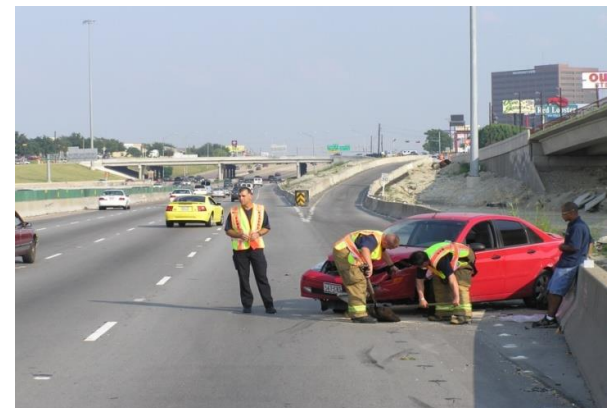


# Protection of Life

- Freeway Major Crash (7XF) is a priority one call
  - Code 3 response
  - Two elements and a supervisor minimum
  - 8 minute response time goal
- Police cars, fire trucks, and arrow board trucks are used to protect citizens and employees while out of the car investigating the crash

# Protection of Life

- Freeway Minor Crash (7F) is a priority two call
  - Code 1 response (no red lights or siren)
  - Two elements and a supervisor minimum
  - 15 minute response time goal



# Protection of Crime Scene

- Determine if crash will result in possible criminal charges
  - Intoxicated Manslaughter
  - Intoxicated Assault
  - Criminally Negligent Homicide
  - Failure to Stop and Render Aide
  - Failure to Leave ID at Scene of Crash
  - Driving While Intoxicated

# Protection of Crime Scene

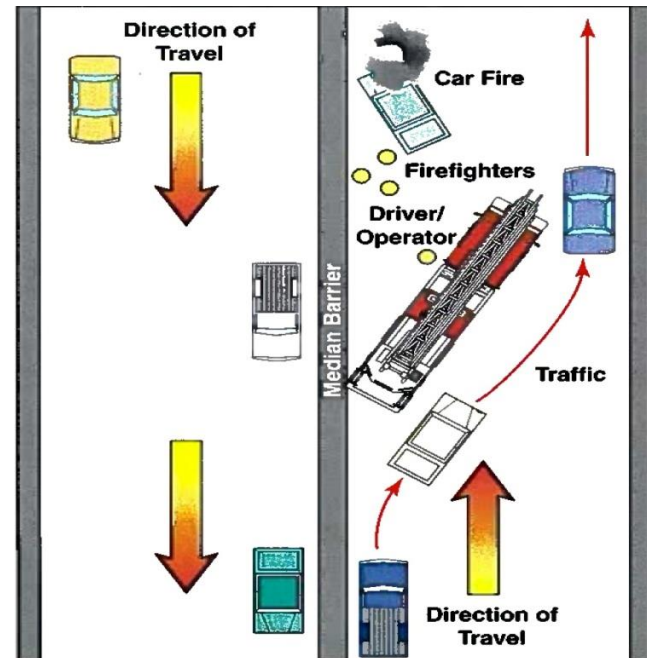
- If there are potential criminal charges, then scene is held for an Advanced Investigator
- Scene held to make proper measurements to help in reconstruction
- Take appropriate photos of crash scene
- Prepare criminal case





# Clearing the Roadway

- Establishing queue formation
  - Safety of first responders
  - Prevent secondary crashes
- Social Media notifications
  - @DPDAlerts
  - @DallasPD



# Clearing the Roadway

- Wreckers assigned to freeway calls have a goal of 15 minutes to respond
- Non freeway calls have a goal of 30 minutes to respond
- Clear all debris and ensure all slick oil and fluids are removed
- Large quantities of oil, gas or other Hazardous Materials may result in response from DFR Hazmat for cleanup

# NTX COG Grant

- Grant application submitted for equipment to assist in clearing freeways faster
  - 2 Solar Tech message boards
  - Traffic cones and barrels
  - Sokia Forensic Mapping station to speed documenting accident scenes



# Partners

- First Responders (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Haz-Mat)
- Transportation agencies (TXDOT, NTTA, DART, LBJ Express)
- Towing industry, Public Works, Transportation Department, Medical Examiner, Media

# DPD Freeway Crashes

## YTD Comparison

2013 – 2,962

2014 – 2,578



384 Fewer freeway crashes through 8/31/14

Total freeway crashes in 2013 – 4,419

# Summary

DPD Goal is to clear the roadway and open traffic lanes as quickly as possible, while protecting life and gathering evidence needed to properly investigate crashes

Questions?