

Memorandum



DATE October 22, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Committee Action Matrix**

Attached is the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix.

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



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[Attachment]

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Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Action Matrix					
	Requestor	Request	Request Date	Staff/Dept Responsible	Status
1	Kingston	Provide sample of body camera footage of a juvenile citation to committee	6/25/2018	Chief Stokes	Pending
2	Kingston	Requested to have clearance rates added to the DPD Dashboard.	9/24/2018	Chief Hall	Will be added on the October 22nd Dashboard
3	Greyson	Requested to have animal cruelty numbers added to the DPD Dashboard	9/24/2018	Chief Hall	Will be added on the October 22nd Dashboard
4	Kingston	Would like to see committee briefed further on implicit bias as we have significant disparate results of arrests and we can show that with data as a next step	9/24/2018	Chief Hall	To be scheduled
5	Kingston/Felder	Request DPD Command Staff brief committee on Vice Unit	10/8/2018	Chief Hall	DPD staff will provide Vice briefing at future meeting
6	ACM Fortune	Please provide an update of substation security enhancements	10/5/2018	Bond Office	Attached
7	McGough	Please provide a report on options to address DFR fire watches	10/19/2018	Chief Coatney	Attached

Council Matrix Item #6

Police Security Substation Enhancements			
Location	Fence and gates	HySecurity gate operators and Card Reader Pedestals	Police Security Substations
South Central PD	Complete	Proposed installation by 10/26/18	Proposed completion by 11/30/18.
North East PD	Complete	Proposed installation by 10/26/18	Proposed completion by 11/30/18.
Central PD	90% fence and gates installation. Expected Completion by 10/31/18*	Proposed installation by 10/31/18	Proposed completion by 12/31/18.
South East PD	95% fence and gates installed. Expected Completion by 10/19/18	Proposed installation by 10/31/18	Proposed completion by 12/15/18.
North Central PD	95% fence and gates installed. Expected Completion by 10/19/18	Proposed installation by 10/31/18	Proposed completion by 11/30/18.
South West PD	90% fence and gates installation. Expected Completion by 10/31/18*	Proposed installation by 10/31/18	Proposed completion by 12/31/18.
North West PD	Fence and gates (Contractor was non-responsive and pending funding approval for new Contractor). Expected Completion by 11/30/18.	Proposed installation by 10/31/18	Proposed completion by 12/31/18.
Jack Evans HQ	Substantially Complete		

* Installation of gates will be completed upon delivery of gate operators.

** Integration of the card reader system into the existing DPOD security system.

Council Matrix Item #7 Memorandum



DATE October 19, 2018

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Watch Options**

City Code currently requires property ownership and/or management to provide fire watches when a life safety system, fire-alarm or fire sprinkler system, is in an inoperable condition and the structure is occupied. The Department currently charges \$150 per hour to conduct fire watches. The Chair of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee recently requested information on alternative ways in which fire watches could be conducted. The information below provides two options for future consideration.

Options

- 1) Rate Changes with DFR staffed fire watches
 - Reduce the fire watch fee rate for multifamily structures due to overnight lodging (24 hours).
 - Set a defined fee for the first segment of a fire watch. Several responses from comparative cities state a defined fee for the first four-hour block of a fire department staffed watch with an hourly rate to follow. Fees range from \$120 to \$325 for the first four-hour block with subsequent hourly fee ranges of \$50 to \$82.40 per hour.
- 2) Alternative fire watch personnel (non DFR personnel)
 - Dallas Fire-Rescue will provide fire service personnel for the initial shift for a fire watch to assess the building for hazards and the functionality of all life safety systems in place. Subsequent fire watch shifts staffed by alternative fire watch personnel at multifamily locations shall be staffed by a minimum of two fire watch personnel during evening and overnight hours. The fire official may require additional personnel on site due to the size of the structure or number of buildings involved.
 - Dallas Fire-Rescue will define the parameters of the fire watch, specifically which areas must be walked, the frequency of rounds (determined by size of the facility) and determine the utilization of functioning life safety equipment to facilitate evacuation (for example, with an inoperable sprinkler system, manually activating the fire alarm system with a pull station).

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- Alternative fire watch personnel provided by the facility must be from bonded, licensed companies with proper documentation of such.
- Alternative fire watch personnel shall have the sole duty of providing a fire watch. In addition, the personnel provided by the facility must be capable of performing fire watch duties to include; constant monitoring of the facility, capable of compartmentalizing or utilizing equipment for extinguishing purposes and equipped with two-way communication for notification of 911 for reporting of a fire condition. DFR personnel shall provide training for alternative personnel onsite and shall verify all necessary requirements in place prior to transfer of fire watch responsibilities.
- A schedule of alternative fire watch personnel shifts with contact information shall be documented and provided to the fire official 24 hours in advance each day to ensure that Dallas Fire-Rescue can always communicate with onsite personnel.
- Any change in the status of the life safety systems must be immediately communicated to Dallas Fire-Rescue via telephone for determination of necessary actions.
- Dallas Fire-Rescue must give final approval onsite of the functionality of life safety systems repaired or replaced before a fire watch can be ceased.
- Fire watch time frames by alternative personnel shall be determined on a case by case basis to ensure that life safety systems are repaired or replaced within a timely manner. Reasonable time frames for repair shall be agreed upon by building management and Dallas Fire-Rescue. The time frames shall be determined with the available data provided by the service repair entity. Repairs or replacement of life safety equipment exceeding agreed upon timeframe could be grounds for termination of alternative personnel conducted fire watch; fire watch duties would then be conducted by Dallas Fire-Rescue until life safety systems are restored to necessary functionality.

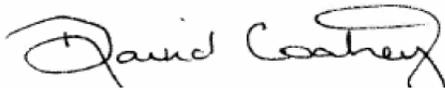
Option 1 offers the most consistent approach with the least liability to the City. International Fire Code section 907.2.9 Group R-2 states that “Fire alarm systems and smoke alarms shall be installed in Group R-2 occupancies as required in Sections 907.2.9.1 and 907.2.9.3.” Section 901.5.1 Occupancy states “It shall be unlawful to occupy any portion of a building or structure until the required fire detection, alarm and suppression systems have been tested and approved. This section is precisely why

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occupancy of a new structure is strictly prohibited by the City of Dallas prior to final approval of all life safety systems.

Both options could result in lost revenue and have a possible budgetary impact. Revenue estimates and legal review are forthcoming, and this item will be briefed at a subsequent Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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