



City of Dallas

Dallas Police Regional Training Academy Update

Updated

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Overview



- Purpose
- Background
- Project Plan
- DPD & UNTD Collaboration
- Next Steps and Funding Plan
- Questions



Purpose



- Provide an update on the Dallas Police Regional Training Academy (DPRTA)
- Next Steps



DPD input on the programming phase of the DPRTA



Background



Existing Dallas Police Department Facilities

- 63 Acres Across Two Locations
- Classrooms
- Limited Reality Based Training
- Limited Health & Fitness
- Limited Administrative
- Outdoor Firearms Training
- Emergency Vehicle Obstacle Course (EVOC)
- **No Ceremonial Spaces**

2021 Proposed DPD Regional Training Academy at UNTD

\$140M

- 20 Acres Contemplated
- Classrooms
- Health & Fitness Areas
- Administrative
- Indoor Firearms Training
- Dedicated Parking for 150
- Ceremonial spaces
- **No EVOC**
- **No Outdoor Firearms Training**



2024 Bond Project Programming Phase



Programming Input Provided By:

- Basic Academy Staff
- Inservice Academy Staff
- Reality Based Training Staff
- Defensive Tactics Team and
- Less Lethal Team

External Stakeholder Collaboration:

- UNTD Leadership and Criminal Justice Faculty

Stakeholders Briefed For Feedback:

- The Dallas Police Association
- Black Police Association
- National Black Police Association
- National Latino Law Enforcement Organization
- Asian Peace Officer Association
- Dallas Police Women's Association



DPD Training System



Dallas Public Safety Training System \$150M

Phase 1

DPD Regional Training Academy and Criminal Justice Center at UNTD

- Recruit officers post-BPOC to attend 3 courses taught by UNTD professors at UNTD Criminal Justice Center
- Larger classroom space to accommodate 50+ students vs current capacity of 35
- State-of-the-art RBT training experience to incorporate police vehicle scenarios

Phase 2

City of Dallas Public Safety Complex

- EVOC Course
- Outdoor RBT training experience/simulated village
- Outdoor and Indoor Pistol Range
- Additional shower and locker facilities to accommodate growing recruit classes
- Cross-training of first responders



Phase 1 – UNTD Site Plan



DPD Regional
Training Academy
and Criminal
Justice Center



Phase 1 Project Plan



DPD Regional Training Academy and Criminal Justice Center at UNTD

\$80M

- 14+ Acres
- Larger Classrooms
- Reality Based Training
- Health & Fitness Areas
- Ceremonial and Community Space
- 300 Dedicated DPD Parking Spaces
- 40% More Square Footage
- Criminal Justice Center
- Projected Groundbreaking Summer 2026

Benefits: The updated plan for DPD Regional Training Academy and Criminal Justice Center (CJC) at UNTD provides 40% more square footage and state-of-the-art amenities not available in the current facility.

This complex will be used to provide classroom instruction to DPDs new recruits and will also be used to meet continuing education requirements for existing and future DPD officers. The planned facility can also accommodate training and continuing education needs of other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

DPD's training is recognized as the gold standard in the North Texas region. This facility allows us to extend these best practices to local agencies, enhancing training and operational excellence across the region.



DPD and UNTD Collaboration



Collaboration Objective: To enhance police training through academic and practical approaches.

Partnership with a Tier One University: UNTD's criminal justice faculty will collaborate with the Dallas Police Department to provide high-quality, comprehensive law enforcement training, including three core classes to new recruits.

Curriculum: The partnership between DPD and UNTD will focus on critical areas promoting 21st century policing strategies.

Real-World Impact: Ensures a well-educated police workforce where officers are positioned to effectively address the challenges of contemporary policing.



DPD and UNTD Collaboration



Improved Policing Techniques: New recruits and officers gain access to cutting-edge research and best practices.

Community Relations: Engaging with UNTD students, faculty and various community groups will enhance relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Professional Development: New recruits and officers receive continuous education and may earn college credit to support their career advancement through UNTD's degree pathways.

Outcomes: Law enforcement pipeline with job opportunities for UNT students including sworn and non-sworn positions and a more efficient, ethical, and community-focused police force prepared for the challenges of modern-day law enforcement.



Next Steps Phase 1



March 2025 complete programming phase

March 2025 begin site survey, proceed with design phase and finalize plan for construction

Communication cadence to keep stakeholders engaged and informed throughout the design and construction phases

Summer 2026 groundbreaking for the new DPD Regional Training Facility and Criminal Justice Center at UNTD



Next Steps Phase 2



City of Dallas Public Safety Complex

\$70M+

- Additional 60+ Acres
- Larger Classrooms
- Reality Based Training
- Health & Fitness
- Administrative
- Classrooms for DPD and DFR
- **Indoor & Outdoor Firearms Training**
- **Simulated Tactical Village**
- **Emergency Vehicle Obstacle Course (EVOC)**

Concurrently, begin a feasibility study for a City of Dallas Public Safety Complex that will include the remaining components of the DPD Training and the Dallas Fire Rescue training.

- The study will evaluate and identify the best location for DPD training components like the Emergency Vehicle Obstacle Course, relocating the outdoor gun range and building a Simulated Tactical Village.
- The study will investigate opportunities for collaboration with Dallas Fire Rescue training to further strengthen cooperation and communication within public safety departments.
- The study will provide a strategic, phased approach to meeting these public safety training needs



Funding Plan



Funding Source	Committed Funding
Dallas 2024 Bond Program	\$50M
State Grant	\$20M
Carruth Fund at Communities Foundation of Texas	\$10M
Additional Private Fundraising Commitments	\$11.5M
Total committed (Phase 1 Fully Funded)	\$91.5M

\$58.5M – Funding variance to be raised to meet \$150M Budget



Questions



- Questions and answers





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