

Memorandum



DATE October 31, 2025

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Joint Meeting of the Public Safety and Government Efficiency Committees

SUBJECT **Commitment to Public Safety**

In preparation for the November 6th joint meeting of the Public Safety and Government Efficiency Committees, I am submitting this memorandum to provide an overview of the focus of the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and my recent decisions regarding the Immigration and National Act Section 287 (g) Program. In keeping with the goal of becoming the safest large city in the United States, DPD is committed to serving Dallas by responding to 9-1-1 calls and proactively targeting violent criminals. As communicated in our public statement, and as we have always done, we will continue to work with and provide assistance to our federal, state and local law enforcement partners and will not prevent any law enforcement agency from conducting lawful activity in Dallas.

As Police Chief, I am proud of the following accomplishments over the last six months working alongside the U.S. Marshal Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI):

- DPD conducted Operation Justice Trail and Mission Survivor Justice, targeting violent fugitives with felony warrants and those who committed sex crimes. Combined 467 fugitives were arrested, whose arrest histories total over 2,300 prior arrests
- Year-to-date, DPD officers assigned to federal task forces seized
 - More than 1,600 kilograms of methamphetamine
 - Roughly 100 kilograms of cocaine
 - 18 kilograms of heroin
 - Nearly 20 kilograms of fentanyl.
- These dangerous narcotics have a combined approximate street value of \$4,972,865.
- Year-to-date, 3,529 seized guns have been test fired, which resulted in 1,888 investigative leads being generated and sent to the ATF – that means detectives in Dallas and across the country have new leads to close cases and bring justice to victims of gun crimes.
- Compared to 2024, violent crime has decreased by 14% including a nearly 32% reduction in homicides.

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During my time as Dallas Police Chief, I have made it a priority to meet with community members, business leaders, and other external stakeholders who have clearly expressed their expectations for Dallas to remain committed to reducing crime, improving response times, and strengthening community policing efforts to build and sustain public trust.

Taking this into consideration, I made the decision not to become a part of the 287 (g) program. Implementing this program would reassign officers under federal oversight, which could negatively impact response times and erode the public trust that our department has worked diligently to build. Our priorities remain clear: ensuring the safety of Dallas residents, improving response times, enhancing departmental efficiency, and strengthening our recruitment and hiring efforts.

I take full responsibility for our commitment to public safety, and we continue to evaluate all opportunities for its enhancement but committing to the 287(g) Program would require an operation change away from the aforementioned goals making our city less safe. Our Department remains confident in the strong relationships we have built with our community and all law enforcement partners. I look forward to responding to any questions or concerns you may have related to DPD's participation in the 287(g) Program at the upcoming meeting.



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