

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 18, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Request for Racing Speeding Signal Change**

On December 2, 2020, during the Dallas Police Department's City Council briefing on street racing enforcement, a request was made by City Council to evaluate the possibility of elevating street racing responses from a Priority 2 to a Priority 1.

After evaluating this request, the Dallas Police Department **does not** recommend changing the street racing response to a Priority 1. On May 1, 2020, a proactive change was made to have Racing/Speeding (Signal 39) moved from a Priority 4, with a 1-hour response time, to a Priority 2, with a 12-minute response time.

Year to date (YTD) since May 1, 2020, the progress made in moving the Signal 39 complaints to a Priority 2 has had a positive impact by reducing response times of Signal 39 calls from 41 minutes (2,160 incidents) to 18 minutes (5,939 incidents). Lastly, it is believed that changing Signal 39 to a higher Priority could negatively impact the progress made to Priority one response times (currently at a 63.47% success rate YTD).

Priority 1 responses require an 8-minute response and high-risk driving (Code 3- lights and sirens). Code 3 responses are utilized during an emergency where a major life or death incident has already occurred, and the response necessitates putting the officer and public in danger of the inherent risks associated with driving Code 3.

The Dallas Police Department remains committed to continual improvement. As part of our improvement efforts and following the KPMG study recommendations, the Department is evaluating all call types to ensure the prioritization of the incidents is in line with response time expectations. The Department's call type evaluation results will be reported to the Public Safety Committee in April of 2021.

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