

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 8, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – January 7, 2021**

New Updates

City Manager's Corner

As a new section in the TCB, the City Manager will be recognizing an employee of the week or a good news story going forward. We want to recognize our hard-working employees and show them appreciation for going above and beyond their job description. If you have an outstanding employee or have heard a good news story, please let us know! You can send information over to the Assistant to the City Manager and Chief of Staff, Victoria Moe at victoria.moe@dallascityhall.com.

Late Council Meetings

As a reminder, the adopted calendar reflects the Rules of Procedure time of 3:00 p.m. for City Council Agenda Meetings held the second Wednesday of each month. During the current and ongoing emergency ordinance, all City Council meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m., including those meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The City Council requested that the meeting times be revisited after the declaration of disaster terminates or expires. Should you have questions please contact, Carrie Prysock, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office.

Mayor and City Council Office Staff Annual Ethics Training – Jan. 15, 2021

The Mayor and City Council Office staff will participate in their annual ethics training with the City Attorney's Office on Friday, January 15, 2021. The training will cover several topics, including but not limited to, the City's Code of Ethics, gift policy, state law regarding political activity, and proper use of City property and resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office, at 214.670.5682 or carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine update

City of Dallas has effectively administered all 2,000 vaccines allocated by the State, bringing a close to the first-round administration efforts at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Once more vaccines become available, the Office of Emergency Management will use a parking garage at KBHCCD for limited drive-thru COVID-19 vaccinations.

Given the limited availability of COVID-19 vaccines and uncertainty about when or how many more doses may be available, at this time, **the City's vaccine distribution is not open to the public** and members of **the public should not visit KBHCCD to receive a vaccine**. Please share with your constituents the attached social media graphics and sample text below in English and Spanish.

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Sample text:

- #COVID19 vaccines in Texas are limited; continue to wear a mask, avoid crowds and #StayOnGuard. Dallas residents can visit dallascityhall.com/covid19 to find vaccine registration information & updates when more vaccines become available.
- Las vacunas contra #COVID19 en Texas son limitadas. Usa mascarilla, evita masas y sigue #EnGuardiaDallas. Si resides en Dallas visita dallascityhall.com/covid19 para más información sobre la inscripción para recibir la vacuna y disponibilidad.

Should you have any Questions, please contact Rocky Vaz, Director for the Office of Emergency Management.

[MLK Week 2021](#)

The 39th annual City of Dallas Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration kicks off Friday, January 15. The theme for the week is “The Fierce Urgency of Now” and the week will feature the MLK Job Fair, hosted by OCC and Office of Economic Development in partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, the MLK Youth Summit, hosted by the City’s Youth Commission, the MLK Equity Summit, hosted by the Office of Equity and Inclusion, and culminate with the annual MLK Scholarships and Awards Gala, which will this year will be virtual. Attached is the MLK Week events schedule and sharable social media graphics. You can also visit the MLK Center website for more information on MLK Week and events - <https://dallasmlkcenter.com/mlk-celebration-week/>. Should you have any questions, please contact Jessica Galleshaw Director for Office of Community Care.

[DAS Celebrates Fiscal Year 2020 with a Year End Video](#)

Despite the many challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, DAS took a few moments to celebrate all that has been accomplished this past Fiscal Year with the Dallas90 community. With the help of supporters, DAS was able to save the lives of 21,275 dogs and cats and exceeded a 90% live release rate for the first time in history. [Click here to watch the DAS Year End Celebration Video.](#)

[Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability Director Recruitment Update](#)

The City’s national search for the Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability director position is underway. Initial interviews for candidates will be on January 14, 2021, with internal interviewers as well as community panels comprised of various stakeholders and members of the ENVIS Task Force. Final candidate interviews with the City Manager and Executive Leadership Team are targeted for January 28, 2021. The selected candidate will have a targeted start date of February 19, 2021. Should you require additional information, please reach out to Chief of Equity and Inclusion Liz Cedillo-Pereira

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[City Awarded \\$4M Transportation Grant](#)

The City of Dallas Transportation Department has been awarded \$4 million for an Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant. The grant, written and submitted by the Office of Government Affairs (OGA) in conjunction with the Transportation department and our partners, will be used to optimize the SM Wright corridor for connected vehicles and more efficient freight delivery by funding traffic signal improvements and connectivity, smart transit shelters, air quality sensors, broadband communications, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The City of Dallas will work directly with key partners including the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), industry partners such as Kapsch USA and Ericsson, and the Texas A&M University Transportation Institute (TTI) to reach the goals and objectives of the grant. For more information contact Ghassan Khankarli at 214-671-8451 or ghassan.khankarli@dallascityhall.com.

[Building Permit Process/ProjectDox Trainings – January 2021](#)

The Sustainable Development and Construction (SDC) Department will host three virtual training sessions (English) for contractors and interested parties in January. The virtual trainings will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on January 13, January 21 and January 27. Individuals can register online [here](#). As per their practice, SDC will work with the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association on an additional bilingual training session, which they will help promote through their channels as well. We will also have a bilingual BI representative monitoring to help if any Spanish-language questions are presented in the chat channel. Should you have any questions, please contact Kris Sweckard, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development and Construction.

[Equity Indicators Symposium](#)

The Office of Equity and Inclusion in partnership with Communities Foundation of Texas will host the 2nd Annual Equity Indicators Symposium - *Building an Equitable and Inclusive Bounce Back*. The virtual symposium will be centered around the Equity Indicators report and consist of three panels: Business Strategies that Promote Equity, Moving Racial Equity Forward in Dallas, and A Blueprint for an Equitable Bounce Back. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, January 22, 2021, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week. Should you have any questions, please contact Chief of Equity and Inclusion, Liz Cedillo-Pereira.

[Translation Service Request 311 Salesforce Tool](#)

COM's virtual language access center partnered with the 311 Configuration Team to develop and implement a Salesforce tool that was launched in December 2020 to create a Service Request (SR) ticketing system for written translation requests. Service Requests (SRs) created through the new 311 Salesforce tool will allow all departments City-wide to request written translation of documents and messages. The system will then route, track, and monitor all SRs. COM will also be able to generate translation usage reports. COM will be the first trained and tested to create SRs for each department's translation needs. Please reach out to your PIO liaison to request a translation allowing at least one business day per page of text in Microsoft Word. Other departmental

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representatives wishing to be trained and tested to use the translation SR tool should contact COM director Catherine Cuellar.

[DAS Receives \\$50,000 Grant from American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#)

DAS is thrilled to have received its first grant from American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) since 2014. This funding opportunity was created in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has strained the resources of animal shelters across the country. The \$50,000 in funding will be used to feed animals in DAS' care, including pets with special dietary needs such as neonatal kittens and senior pets. This item will be included on the January 13th City Council agenda. Should you have questions, please contact Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services.

[New Procurement Opportunities](#)

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City's [electronic bid portal](#):

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
CIZ1959	Dallas Airport System Pre-Qualified Architectural and Engineering Consulting Services, by Department of Aviation
CIZ1960	TRN Signal Construction – Group 7, by Department of Transportation
CIZ1961	TRN Signal Construction – Group 8, by Department of Transportation
CIZ1962	TRN Signal Reconstruction – Walnut Hill and White Rock Trail, by Department of Transportation
BS21-00014927	Fair Park Multimedia Center
BR21-00015363	Emergency Solution Grant– Homelessness Prevention, Short Term Rental Assistance Program

For citywide opportunities for the current quarter, we invite you to review the [Procurement Quarterly](#), published on the OPS [website](#).

Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

January 20, 2021

- TBD

February 3, 2021

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

[Media Inquiries](#)

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As of December 15, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Rental assistance provided by stimulus bill
- CARES Act funding
- Code citations
- DFR Begins First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- WFAA Inquires About Video of Woman After Alleged Assault by DFR Member
- DFR Engine Struck While on Scene of Major Accident
- Overnight Storms Cause Spike in Major Accident Responses
- Fox 4 Inquiries About Whether DFR Will Administer Tier 1B Group Vaccinations
- Day 1 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- A DFR Engine Struck for the Second Consecutive Day While on the Scene of Major Accident
- DFR and DPD Rescue Woman from SUV After Crashing into Creek
- Day 2 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- DFR Monitoring Locations for Capacity Compliance on NYE
- Fire at Northeast Dallas Condominium Complex Yields 4-Alarm Response
- Day 3 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- Day 4 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- DFR Responds to Fire at Dallas Motel
- Day 5 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- Day 6 Update on First Responder Vaccination Efforts
- DFR Accepting Applications for Trainee Fire and Rescue Officer

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from December 8 – 15, 2020, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
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Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
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M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER
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CELEBRATION WEEK 2021**

January 15 - 23

The Fierce Urgency of Now

Candle Lighting Ceremony (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.)

Friday, January 15 | 4 p.m.

A candle-lighting ceremony to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Youth Summit

Monday, January 18 | 6 p.m.

Join the Dallas Youth Commission in bringing together a diverse group of young people to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Discuss thoughts and ideas on making a difference in Texas through leadership and civic engagement.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Tuesday, January 19 | 10 a.m.

The City of Dallas and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center invites the community to watch its Wreath Laying Ceremony online, celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, January 20 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Virtual Job fair featuring live hiring as well as a showcase of workforce skills and credentialing programs to support jobseekers in preparing for new opportunities. The event will be hosted in partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas.

2nd Annual Equity Indicators Symposium

Friday, January 22 | 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join the City of Dallas and Communities Foundation of Texas in a critical conversation on building an equitable and inclusive economic bounce back.

MLK Scholarship & Award Gala

Saturday, January 23

Networking Reception | 5:15 p.m.

Gala | 6:30 p.m.

Annual MLK Scholarship & Award recipients with host, keynote speaker and presentation.

All events will be virtual. For more information, visit bit.ly/DallasMLKcenter.

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Building an Equitable and Inclusive Bounce Back

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
8:30 A.M. TO NOON**

Join the City of Dallas and Communities Foundation of Texas in a critical conversation on building an equitable and inclusive economic bounce back.



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CELEBRATION WEEK

SUPPLY OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE IN TEXAS IS LIMITED

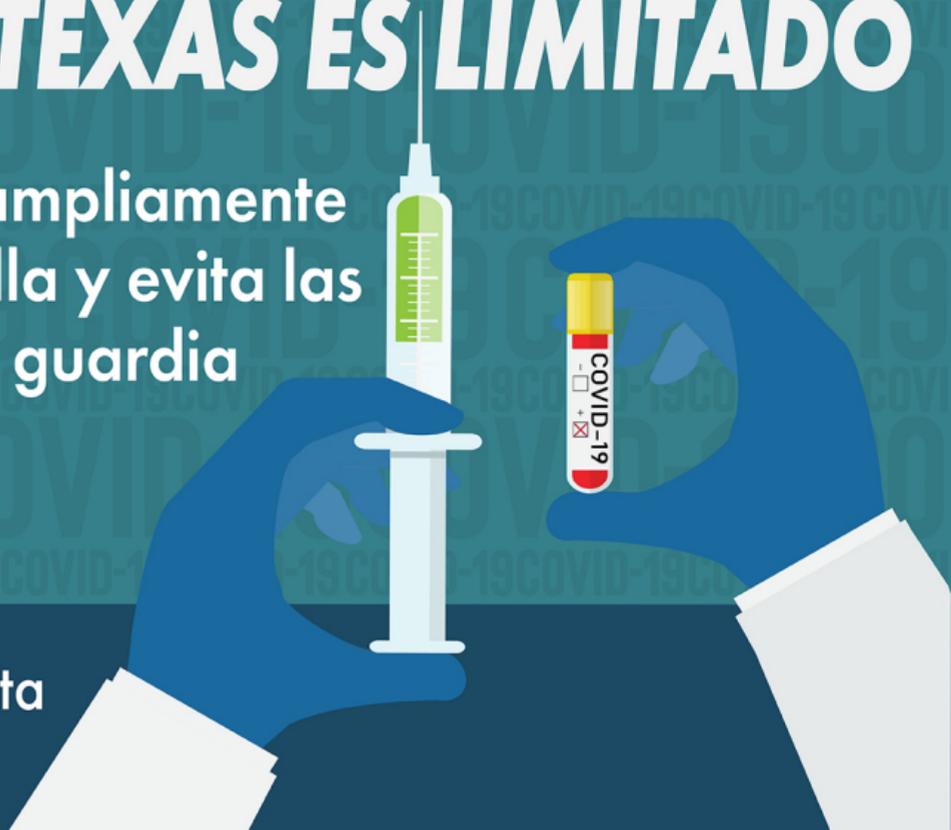
Until vaccines are widely available,
wear a mask and avoid crowds to
stay on guard against COVID-19.



For more information, visit
dshs.texas.gov

EL SUMINISTRO DE VACUNAS PARA LA COVID-19 EN TEXAS ES LIMITADO

Mientras la vacuna no esté ampliamente disponible, usa una mascarilla y evita las multitudes para mantener la guardia contra la COVID-19.



Para más información, visita
dshs.texas.gov

Communications, Outreach & Marketing
Media Requests
Dec. 28 – Jan. 4

Date Submitted: 12/28/2020

Topic: DMN - rental assistance

Inquiry: Dom DiFurio with DMN asked about new rental assistance provided by the stimulus bill and details on Dallas' share. The City responded that we are not yet aware of the amount or details of the program and information will be provided to City Council once it's available.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (Office of Budget)

Media Entity: Dom DiFurio (Dallas Morning News)

Date Submitted: 12/29/20

Topic: Cares Act Funding

Inquiry: Lori Brown, Reporter with Fox 4 inquired: "Can you please tell me where Dallas stands with spending all of the CARES Act funding by 12/30? I know Ms. Reich has said in the past that her goal was to get every dollar out the door by the 12/30 deadline so none of the money would need to be sent back. Can you please tell me how much of the money still needs to be distributed?" the City's response: Our commitment has been to incur all expenses by December 30, 2020 which was the original deadline. Since Congress/President approved an extension, we are allowing a few expenses to occur after today while we are waiting on delivery or installation of equipment in a few instances. There are only a few exceptions, and we do not want to call those out at this time.

Submitted By: Tenisha Bogan (Office of Community Care)

Media Entity: Lori Brown, Reporter, Fox 4

Date Submitted: 12/29/20

Topic: Citations Issued

Inquiry: William Joy, Reporter with WFAA inquired: "We're working on a story about codes throughout the pandemic as well as NYE plans. I saw you've issued 1 citation since the July. Is there a reason the number is so low despite the high number of complaints? I also wanted to check to see if the city has any plans to increase the number of code officers out on NYE." the City's response:

I saw you've issued 1 citation since the July. Is there a reason the number is so low despite the high number of complaints?

- Some things viewed as a violation are either fully understood by those reporting, some things viewed as a violation may not be an actual violation.
 - Examples are:
 - People who are not wearing a mask while seated and eating in a restaurant. This is not a violation.
 - Folks who are gathered in a business not practicing social distancing.
 - In some cases this may be a violation however, in some cases the group may all be together. This could be a couple with a child or children over the age of 2 in a business.

- The reason for the low number of citations is due to either, no violation found at the time of inspection or businesses who are cooperative and address the issues identified immediately.
 - Codes numbers for citations are only reflective of Code and not other departments within the city who may have the authority to cite a violation.

I also wanted to check to see if the city has any plans to increase the number of code officers out on NYE.

- Code will work closely with our internal partners to develop an operational staffing and inspection plan for locations during NYE. The final plan has not been completed at this point.

Submitted By: Tenisha Bogan (Code Compliance)

Media Entity: William Joy, Reporter, WFAA

Date Submitted: 12/30/20

Topic: City Abbreviations: CARES Act

Inquiry: Everton Bailey with The Dallas Morning News inquired: "I recently received a spreadsheet from the city on CARES Act spending and there are some abbreviations on there that I was hoping I could have some help understanding. Does anyone know what the following terms mean: BUDCURR, ENCBFY, EXPBFY?" the City's response: From CFO: Current budget, Encumbrance, Expense

Submitted By: Tenisha Bogan (Office of Community Care)

Media Entity: Everton Bailey, Reporter, Dallas Morning News



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: December 29, 2020 – January 4, 2021.

Tuesday, December 29th: Sent the following information to all the local news desks –

Dallas City Newsroom | Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec. 29, 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Communications, Outreach and Marketing
media@dallascityhall.com

City of Dallas begins first responder vaccinations

DALLAS - The City of Dallas has started COVID-19 vaccinations of first responders from Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR), the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and the Dallas City Marshals. These efforts were made possible through the Texas Department of State Health Services' allocation of 2,000 Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

The process consists of a check-in, vaccination stations, made up of strike teams (two paramedics and one documentation officer) specially trained to administer the vaccine, and an evaluation area where members can be monitored for potential side-effects before leaving.

The City expects 250 first responders to be vaccinated per day and expects this first Moderna allocation to be followed in the coming months by additional vaccines to inoculate remaining City of Dallas first responders.

In the weeks leading up to the vaccine allocation, DFR, DPD and the Office of Emergency Management put together a plan for a drive-thru style vaccination process using a parking garage at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center.

In addition to those that will be vaccinated with this allotment, there have been over 100 DFR members to receive their first round of the vaccine through Parkland Hospital and Dallas County Health and Human Services.

Tracking is being done electronically; first responders will be automatically scheduled for their second round of the vaccine in 28 days.

Note for media: To ensure the privacy of those receiving the vaccination, the vaccination process is closed to the media. Broll, interviews and photos can be downloaded here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15mPlxVbJLfPypkur3KrybaCZ2raTulw>. Please courtesy the City of Dallas. Interviews shared include:
Dr. Alex Eastman, Chief Medical Officer for Dallas Police Department
Chief Dominique Artis, Dallas Fire-Rescue
Dr. Marshal Isaacs, Medical Director for Dallas Fire-Rescue

Tuesday, December 29th: WFAA 8 (Matt Howerton) - Don't know if anyone's reached out to you about this.

But has the department been made aware of this video involving Jorge Alberto Puente?

His girlfriend showed herself punched in the face and then he can be heard on video saying he doesn't care if he goes to jail.

City Response - The department has been made aware of this video by way of email and Facebook Messenger. All of the information has been sent to our Internal Affairs Division and they have begun an internal investigation.

Wednesday, December 30th: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) - I reached out to DPD about this but since it involved a Dallas Fire dept. engine I thought I'd reach out to you as well. There was an incident last night around 10pm on E R L Thornton just before Grand Avenue exit in east Dallas, can you provide me with info on it please? I was told at least one person was injured. Was the driver of the truck involved intoxicated? Is the cause of the accident known at the moment? Did the occupants of the DFR truck sustain any injuries?

City Response - The accident took place just before 10 o'clock last night. It involved a vehicle colliding with the back of a fire engine that was on the scene of a major accident at 4800 S. RLT Freeway.

There was one person transported from the location, but it unclear if it was someone from the original accident or the vehicle that collided with the back of the engine.

There were no injuries to any firefighters. Law enforcement (Dallas Sheriff's Office) will have to fill in the gaps if they have answers to the remaining questions.

Wednesday, December 30th: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) and WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) - Is there a good number available for the amount of traffic accidents that were worked since midnight?

City Response – Since midnight DFR has responded to a total of 75 motor vehicle accidents.

Wednesday, December 30th: Fox 4 (Lori Brown) - Good Morning, can you please tell me if Dallas has plans to administer the vaccine to Phase 1 B (members of the public who are over 65 or high risk)? If not, can you explain why? The state is urging all providers to make it available to Phase 1B so vaccines are not sitting on the shelf. Can you tell me how many of Dallas allotment have been administered and how many are left at this time? Thank you.

City Response - At this point we have not been asked by the City to be the provider for anyone outside of Tier 1A group. Additionally, when the application for the State allotment of Modern vaccines was submitted, it was specifically for the vaccination of first responders.

We began administering the vaccines on Tuesday, December 29th, at 8:00 a.m., with a soft launch, in order to assess the plan and determine where adjustments might need to be made. At the conclusion of the first operational period (5:00 p.m.) 250 of the vaccines had been administered to first responders, but we expect to vaccinate significantly more per day going forward. As of today, 1,300 first responders from DFR, DPD and the City Marshal have volunteered to receive the vaccine by this Friday; and with the overall operation expected to last approximately two weeks, we don't anticipate there being any left.

Wednesday, December 30th: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

On Tuesday, December 29th, at 8:00 a.m., the City of Dallas began the wide-spread COVID19 vaccinations of its first responders from Dallas Fire-Rescue, the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas City Marshals.

In the weeks leading up to the effort, DFR, DPD and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) put together a plan, deemed Operation Medicine Wheel, for a drive-thru style inoculation process using a parking garage at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center.

The process consists of a check-in, vaccination stations made up of strike teams (two paramedics and one documentation officer) specially trained to administer the vaccine and an evaluation area where members can be monitored for potential side-effects before leaving.

The first day of operations concluded at 5:00 p.m. and resulted in the vaccination of 250 first responders from all three agencies. It was considered to be a soft launch, and was planned with the intent of testing the process to identify where any adjustments may need to be made. The operation is estimated to run approximately two weeks with the number of daily vaccinations expected to increase significantly going forward.

The process ran mostly smooth from start to finish, with no significant issues or challenges to report of.

Thursday, December 31st: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban) and CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy) - I hope you are doing well. I heard that once again a car read ended a DFR Engine? This time around 2am at Red Bird / S Polk St? Let me know what details you can provide me with about this please.

City Response - At approximately 2:37 a.m., while on the scene of a major accident, a DFR engine was stuck by a vehicle. Thankfully, there were no injuries to any of the firefighters at the scene.

I have no detail on the original accident they were responding to, but it does appear that two rescue units transported from the location. Law enforcement should be able to fill in the gaps.

Thursday, December 31st: Dallas Morning News (Jesus Jimenez) - I'm reaching out to see whether you had any information about a water rescue that happened just after midnight at 6400 block of Spring Valley Rd (White Rock Creek).

City Response - You'll have to reach out to law enforcement for accident details, but according to DFR personnel who were on scene, a woman in an SUV somehow ended up in the creek. When they arrived a DPD police officer was already on scene making his way toward the vehicle.

The police officer was able to reach the driver and guide her through the water to safety, while DFR waited at the shore to ensure the safety of the officer and the citizen.

Medics checked her out and she did not have to be taken to the hospital.

Thursday, December 31st: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

The second day (12/30/20) of operations continued to run smoothly as vaccination administrations ramped up significantly.

On Wednesday, December 30th, strike teams doubled their efforts, while administering vaccines to 501 first responders from DFR, DPD and the Dallas City Marshals. Only a handful of individuals experiencing mild side-effects have been reported, but nothing that has impacted the flow of the operation as a whole.

Though weather conditions have worsened since yesterday, we anticipate the numbers to stay consistent for day three and through the New Year weekend.

Thursday, December 31st: Telemundo (Emilio Ramos DeJesus) - Do you happen to know (or can point me to the right person) if there is any heightened or special enforcement efforts happening tonight at businesses who may be participating in NYE celebrations? I know I've seen a lot of restaurants selling tickets or tables, to give residents a place to celebrate ringing in the new year. Will enforcement be any different to other holidays such as the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas? Also, what happens if there's a violation?

City Response - DFR's Fire Inspection Bureau will have teams checking for violations, of the Emergency Order regulations, proactively as well as from complaints received through 911. There will be teams specifically assigned to those areas with expected high activity, as well as teams patrolling throughout the City.

The severity of the violation is taken into consideration by the inspector onsite. If it is evident that the intent of the regulation is being followed, a minor infraction will be addressed by the inspector as an education opportunity. More severe violations are dealt with by issuance of a notice of hazard and a municipal citation.

Friday, January 1st: Sent the following information to all local media outlets -

On Friday, January 1st, 2021, at 12:54 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at a condominium complex, located at 9819 Walnut Street, in northeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the three-story building, they observed smoke and flames coming through its roof. Handlines were immediately deployed and an offensive fire attack initiated. Due to a combination of the structure size, time of morning and weather conditions, second, third and fourth alarms were dispatched to the scene for manpower. Approximately 100 DFR personnel responded to the scene and worked to quickly extinguish the fire by around 2:30 a.m.

Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature, and most probably the result of combustible materials being left too close to a heat source in a third-floor condominium. The resident in the unit of origin, while using an open electric oven for heat, was awakened by an orange glow inside of his kitchen and called 911. Though he made it out safely, he did sustain non-life-threatening burn injuries in the process. He was taken to a local hospital for evaluation and later released. The fire spread into the breezeways and the attic space before breaking through the roof line; leaving behind significant damage.

There were at least 16 privately-owned condos in the building; and though not as many sustained fire damage, power to all of them had to be shut off. Thankfully, only three residents came forward seeking assistance, for which the American Red Cross was called on to provide. There were no injuries to any firefighters during the course of this incident.

Friday, January 1st: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

On Thursday, December 31st, at 08:00, vaccination efforts resumed at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Though operations continued to run smoothly, inclement weather played a role in a dip of the number of first responders vaccinated.

Yesterday, strike teams administered vaccines to 342 first responders from DFR, DPD and the Dallas City Marshals. There have been no significant operational challenges to date, but we continue to assess the situation on a day-to-day basis to ensure the operation continues to run as efficiently as possible.

Saturday, January 2nd: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

On Friday, January 1st, at 08:00, vaccination efforts resumed at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Strike teams administered vaccines to an additional 278 first responders from DFR, DPD and the Dallas City Marshals. Including the nearly 150 first responders who've received vaccinations through Parkland and Dallas County, there have been a total of 1,571 members vaccinated from all three agencies.

There have been no significant operational challenges to date, but we continue to assess the situation on a day-to-day basis to ensure the operation continues to run as efficiently as possible.

Saturday, January 2nd: WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez), CBS 11 (Mark Willis) and NBC 5 (Claire Cardona) - I was reaching out see if you had more details about the fire on N. Central Expressway near Fitzhugh?

City Response - DFR units were dispatched to the Quality Inn, located at 4150 N. Central Expressway, at 09:47. First arriving companies reported out with smoke showing from the two-story motel.

Firefighters initiated an offensive fire attack and extinguished a fire they found in a non-residential utility room in just under an hour. Though investigators have not determined exactly what caused the fire, it is not believed to be suspicious in nature.

The fire spread, by way of the building's exterior, to the attic, but did not damage any of the residential spaces. All tenants self-evacuated prior to DFR arrival, and there were no injuries reported as a result of the incident.

Sunday, January 3rd: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

On Saturday, January 2nd, at 08:00, vaccination efforts resumed at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Strike teams administered vaccines to an additional 107 first responders from DFR, DPD and the Dallas City Marshals. To date, there have been a total of 1,678 members from all three agencies who've received their first dose of the vaccine; including the nearly 150 DFR members who were vaccinated through Parkland and Dallas County,

There have been no challenges of significance; however, we continue to assess the situation on a day-to-day basis to ensure the operation continues to run as efficiently as possible.

Monday, January 4th: Sent the following update, on first responder vaccination efforts, to local media –

On Sunday, January 3rd, at 08:00, vaccination efforts resumed at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Strike teams administered vaccines to an additional 83 first responders from DFR, DPD and the Dallas City Marshals. Including the nearly 150 DFR members who were vaccinated through Parkland and Dallas County, there have been 1,761 members from all three agencies who've received their first dose of the vaccine.

Operations are tentatively expected to run through Tuesday, January 5th, at which the entirety of the initial State allotment will have been administered. Efforts have run smoothly, and without incidence, up to this point; however, we continue to assess

the situation on a day-to-day basis to ensure the operation continues to run as efficiently as possible.

Monday, January 4th: Posted information, regarding DFR's acceptance of applications, on out social media platforms –

https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q/status/1346159421303496705

<https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/3761410287215466/>

