

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 16, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Status of Dallas Fire-Rescue Truck Fleet**

Please accept this message as an update to the current status of Dallas Fire-Rescue's (DFR) fleet of fire trucks (apparatus with aerial ladders). DFR maintains a fleet of 23 frontline fire trucks strategically placed across the city to provide effective and efficient emergency response. Currently, 9 of those frontline trucks are out of service due to mechanical issues. All 7 reserve trucks are in service in place of frontline apparatus, leaving DFR 2 trucks short of our full response capabilities.

We expect two additional frontline trucks to return to service within two weeks, which will bring us even on responding apparatus. The remaining 7 frontline apparatus have more extended repair times.

We are currently finalizing an emergency rental agreement for two trucks to cover this shortage. These trucks are expected to be in service as early as next week, bringing us back to our full response capability.

It is important to note that our Dispatch center utilizes software to manage gaps in coverage in real time by shifting resources to areas of need. While normally this system is used in reaction to periods of high call volume, it also aids in mitigating response delays due to apparatus shortages.

While a shortage of available apparatus can represent a significant challenge to DFR, this is a temporary situation that we can and will manage. DFR normally enjoys a robust fleet of 23 frontline and 7 reserve trucks with the ability to deliver excellent service to the citizens of Dallas.

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Fire Chief, Dallas Fire-Rescue

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