

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 8, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Dallas Police Incident Data on City's Open Data Portal**

I would like to bring to your attention that over the past few weeks, we have received multiple inquiries from citizens and community watch groups regarding police incident data that is published on the Open Data Portal. The current challenges include missing incident records and the latency in the data refresh cycle on the portal.

Dallas Police Department (DPD) and Communication Information Services (CIS) have been investigating the root cause for these issues and have narrowed it down to two variables that impacted the publication of the incident data. They are as follows:

- The NIBRS upgrade in February 2018 had an impact on data fields being filtered (filters are based on established state data privacy rules)
- The Open Data Portal solution upgrade impacted the data refresh cycle

It is our goal to restore this service back to established levels as soon as possible. Both departments have been working in conjunction with the vendor to ensure all permissible police incident records are available on the City's Open Data Portal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Fortune".

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Assistant City Manager

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