



City of Dallas
Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
June 17 – 24, 2019

June 17, 2019

Topic: Red light cameras

Summary of Statement: Provided link to Safelight Phaseout memo dated June 14, and directed historical data inquiries to open records

Department: Transportation

Media Entity: Christopher Connelly, Reporter, KERA

June 19, 2019

Topic: Car Wash Hearing

Summary of Statement: Provided compliance date (July 19, 2019) set by Board of Adjustment in regard to 2702 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Department: Sustainable Development & Construction

Media Entity: NBC 5, FOX 4

June 19, 2019

Topic: HUD OIG Audit of Dallas CHDO Program Audit

Summary of Statement: Provided the reporter with a copy of the Memorandum distributed in response to the program audit.

Department: Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Media Entity: Lori Brown, Reporter, FOX 4

June 20, 2019

Topic: HUD Audit

Summary of Statement: Provided statement from the City Manager

Department: Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization; City Manager's Office

Media Entity: Shawn Shinneman, Editor, D Magazine; Ken Kalthoff, Reporter, NBC 5

June 20, 2019

Topic: Number of employees

Summary of Statement: Provided total number of employees for the City of Dallas as of June 18 (13,208)

Department: Human Resources

Media Entity: Kevin Clark, KXAN

June 20, 2019

Topic: Car Wash Hearing

Summary of Statement: Provided compliance date (July 19, 2019) set by Board of Adjustment in regard to 2702 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Confirmed the decision can be appealed.

Department: Sustainable Development & Construction

Media Entity: Lori Brown, FOX 4

June 20, 2019

Topic: Fire Station 19 roof damage



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Summary of Statement: Informed reporter that the damage is repairable, the station was not in use at the time, and that the entire station is already undergoing renovations.

Department: Dallas Fire-Rescue; Building Services

Media Entity: Lori Brown, Reporter, FOX 4

June 20, 2019

Topic: Vendor for removal of Pioneer Park monuments

Summary of response: The contracting for a vendor is still in process, we will not identify a vendor until the contract has been executed.

Department: Office of Cultural Affairs

Media Entity: Lori Brown FOX 4, Clayton Neville WBAP

June 21, 2019

Topic: E. coli levels in White Rock Lake, Lake Ray Hubbard and the Trinity River

Summary of Statement: Provided historical data for the last 24 months of E. coli testing in Lake Ray Hubbard and advised reporter that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality handles testing in White Rock Lake. Directed the reporter to the Trinity River Authority for inquiries concerning the River.

Department: Dallas Water Utilities

Media Entity: David Schechter, Reporter, WFAA

June 21, 2019

Topic: City of Dallas spending \$100,000 on legal services for local residents facing deportation

Summary of response: Dallas City Council approved the creation of a Civil Legal Immigration Services initiative in the amount of \$100,000 to selected nonprofit legal service agencies to provide civil legal services to immigrants facing immigration proceedings. In addition to these funds, the City of Dallas Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA) received matching funds of \$100,000 from the Vera Institute of Justice, making the total Legal Services Defense fund \$200,000.

Department: Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs

Media Entity: Nelissa Cardalda, Univision



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: June 17th – 23rd, 2019.

Wednesday, June 19th: Fire Engineering On-Line Magazine – Assistant Chief, Randall B. Stidham, along with Fire Chiefs from Irving, Lewisville and the The Colony, participated in a live webcast, titled Humpday Hangout, to talk about the Blocker Program, which was most recently discussed in the April 22, 2019 PSC Briefing. The webcast can be viewed at this link: <https://www.fireengineering.com/humpday-hangouts.html>

Wednesday, June 19th: All Local Media Outlets – Can you tell us about a USAR call DFR is responding to at the Bank of America building Downtown?

City Response - DFR's USAR Team is currently responding to an incident at the Bank of America Building, in Downtown Dallas, involving three individuals trapped in a basket outside of the building at the 64th floor. However, the incident was determined to be a false alarm, due to a miscommunication between a window washer and someone who contacted him earlier in the day, but was unable to make contact as the day went on.

Wednesday, June 19th: WFAA 8 (Teresa Woodard) - I don't know if you can help me out with this, but I wanted to reach out. I'm working on a story about an East Dallas family who suffered damage in a fire on Monday June 10. Is there any chance you could send me any information you guys might have from that incident? I don't know if anything exists...but if there is a written report from that incident, can you share it with me? It was on Monday, June 10 at approximately 7:45 p.m. at 2316 Hillsboro Avenue, 75228.

City Response - On Monday, June 10th, at 21:22, Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at a home, located at 2316 Hillsboro Avenue, in East Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed fire coming from the roof line, and a bedroom window, in the rear of the home. They quickly advanced hand-lines into the home to conduct an offensive fire attack, and put the fire out in about an hour. Unfortunately, the house sustained significant damage in the rear of the structure, the attic space and the kitchen before the flames could be extinguished.

There were three people at the home when the fire was discovered. They all escaped from the house unharmed, but the American Red Cross was called to the scene to provide assistance.



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Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature, and was most probably the result of an unspecified electrical short in the fixed wiring of the home.

Thursday, June 20th: Fox 4 (Lori Brown) - I understand that Fire Station 19 sustained storm damage, with a caved in roof. Can you please tell me what the city's plans are for the station? Will it be demolished and rebuilt now? I understand that the station was built in the early 1970s. Thank you.

City Response – After collaboration between EBS and DFR, the City's PAO sent out the following:

Staff from the Department of Building Services and Dallas Fire-Rescue is meeting with structural engineers and contractors to determine the best next step. The portion of the roof that collapsed is over the apparatus bay, and can be repaired. The entire Station 19 is not currently in service due to ongoing renovations, and at this time is no estimated date that it will reopen.

Friday, June 21st: WFAA 8 (Joe Sherwood) - Any details on the structure fire reported at 1100 Ledbetter, Incident # 2019146355?

City Response - At 14:02 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at an apartment complex, located at 1130 East Ledbetter Drive, in South Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the two-story apartment complex they found smoke coming from a first floor apartment. They conducted a quick offensive attack, found a fire in the kitchen of the apartment, and extinguished it in about 20 minutes.

According to investigators, the fire was accidental in nature and began after one of the occupants, an adult female, left fish frying unattended on her stove. While everyone made it out of the apartment, the woman suffered non-life-threatening burn injuries, and had to be taken to a local hospital for evaluation. A neighbor, also an adult female, suffered cuts to her hands while attempting to help matters, and was also taken to the hospital.

Thanks to the quick actions of firefighters, the damage was isolated to the kitchen of the apartment.

Sunday, June 23rd: All Local Media Outlets – Can we have more information on a possible arson DFR is responding to on John West Road?



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City Response - At 17:05 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a Reported Structure Fire, at an apartment complex, located at 2605 John West Road, in East

Dallas. When firefighters arrived at the scene, they observed smoke coming from an apartment on the first floor.

When they made it inside the unit, they found a small fire on the floor, and used a water can to quickly extinguish the flames. There was no one inside the unit, and no injuries were reported.

Investigators determined the fire to be incendiary in nature, and began after someone set a pile of clothes on fire in the apartment. The fire never reached it advanced stages and the damage was isolated to the small area on the floor where it was ignited. Investigators are working with apartment management for help in identifying any potential suspects.

Sunday, June 23rd: Fox 4 (Steven Young) and NBC 5 (Karen Ballesteros) – Could we please have more information on a water rescue DFR is conducting at Lake Ray Hubbard?

City Response – Reportedly, someone called 911 stating that they saw a man was in a raft on Lake Ray Hubbard. After storms rolled through, they saw the raft, but not the man.

Water rescue technicians were eventually able to find the man in a water break near the dock. He was successfully rescued, evaluated at the dock and was not taken to the hospital.



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