

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 20, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Addition of Medical Evaluation and Monitoring at the City Detention Center**

Following a review of procedures and processes at the City Detention Center (CDC), I want to inform you of some recent changes that have been implemented by the Marshal's Office, the Dallas Police Department (DPD), and Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR).

A notable change is an increase in staffing to improve the level of service to those in custody. A DFR paramedic is now onsite 24/7 at the CDC to evaluate individuals as they are brought in for booking as well as to be available for medical emergencies while they are in custody. In addition, DFR has enhanced their field evaluation protocols to better determine those patients who should be transported directly to a hospital emergency facility rather than being taken to the CDC. All DFR paramedics have been trained on the new guidelines.

After the initial medical evaluation by a paramedic at the CDC, should an arrested individual brought in by DPD require ambulance transport, a DPD supervisor will be immediately contacted, following the transport, to review the circumstances and take appropriate action.

This new medical program is under the direction and authority of DFR's Medical Director, Dr. Marshal Isaacs, along with DFR's EMS leadership. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Court & Detention Services Director Gloria Lopez Carter at 214-670-3311.

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