

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 4, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Conclusion of DFR / DART Multi-Disciplinary Response Team Pilot**

In November 2023, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) partnered to launch a community-oriented response pilot program, or Public Transit Multi-Disciplinary Response Team (PTMDRT), for individuals experiencing homelessness and/or behavioral health conditions on and around DART's system. The pilot program deployed a DART Police Officer, Parkland Behavioral Health Clinician, and DFR Paramedic to connect individuals in need with resources designed to aid the unhoused and those experiencing behavior health concerns. Over the course of the last year, the PTMDRT proactively engaged potential clients in the field and provided aid and assistance.

Despite the hard work and collaborative efforts of all involved, the program did not achieve the anticipated level of success that would justify its financial impact and demand on available resources. Therefore, the decision was made by DART to discontinue the program. As of Friday, September 27th, the program ceased.

Thank you for your continued support to Dallas Fire-Rescue and our collaborative partners to provide the best response and community service for all residents and visitors to the City of Dallas.

Service First, Now!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Artis'.

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