

Memorandum



DATE: January 9, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates,
Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Dallas Fire-Rescue Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special Events**

On Monday, January 12, 2015, you will be briefed on the Dallas Fire-Rescue Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special Events. The briefing materials are attached for your review.



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Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager

Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Special Events

Public Safety Committee
January 12, 2015



Special Events



Dallas Fire-Rescue provides professional medical services for various events around the city.

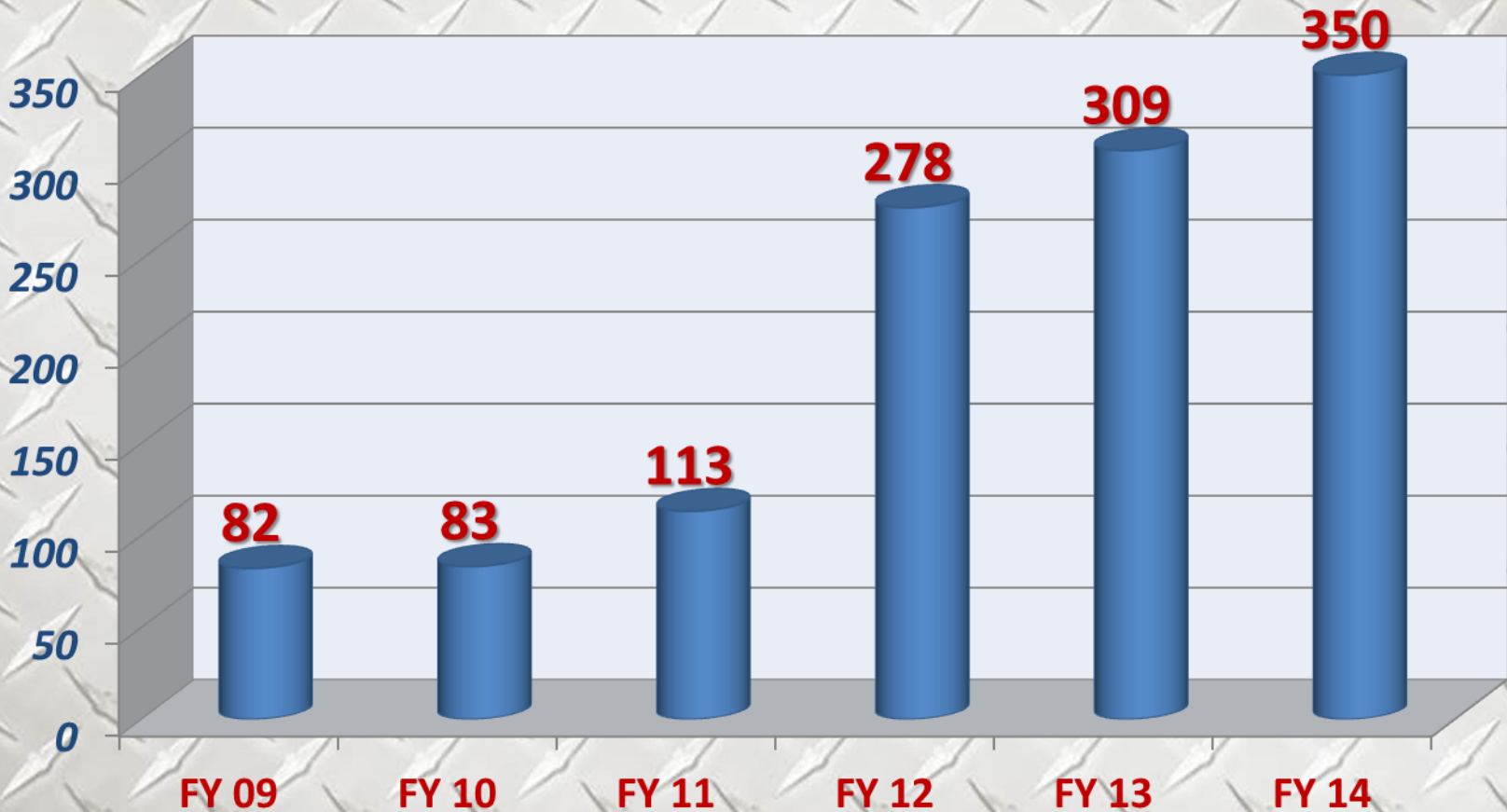
Special Events Division coordinates all DFR staffing and equipment needs for small and large scale events that require life safety protective services.

City Ordinance 28126

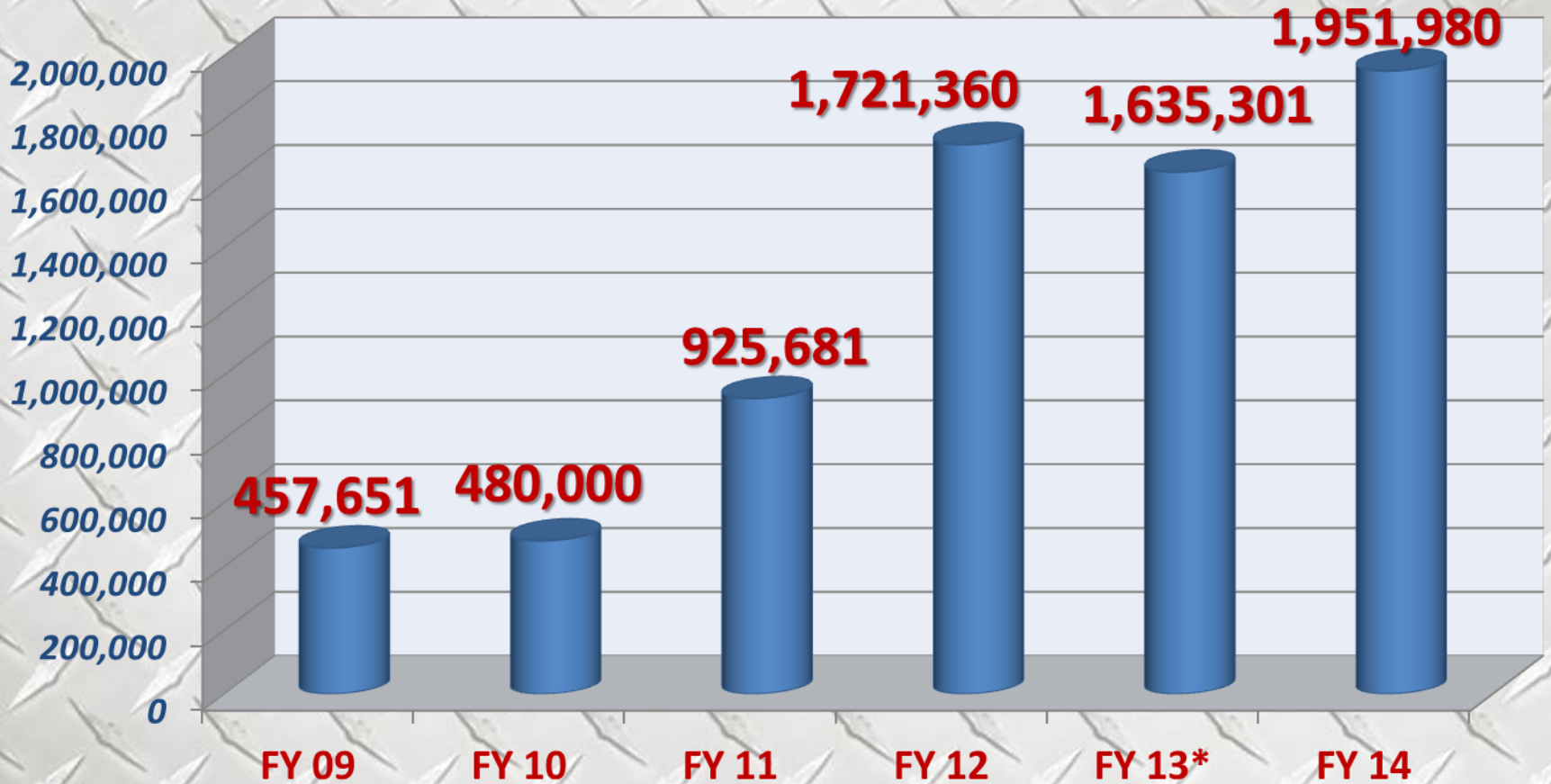


Certain events held in the City of Dallas are required under Ordinance 28126 to utilize Dallas Fire-Rescue personnel for medical coverage of their event.

Events



Attendance



**FY 13 Dallas Marathon (125,000) and Children's Parade (350,000) were canceled due to inclement weather*

Benefits of Special Events Program



Special Event services are important to ensure that an event remains safe for all participants without impacting routine service delivery to the city.

Promotes a positive public image for Dallas Fire-Rescue, the City of Dallas, and over 1.6 million residents and visitors.



Events

Annual Events

- *Christmas Parade*
- *Dallas Marathon*
- *Big D NYE*
- *St. Patrick's Parade*

On-going events

- *Rio Rodeo*
- *Dallas Mavericks*
- *Dallas Stars*

Neighborhood events

- *Deep Ellum Arts Festival*

Dignitary Details



Utilization of Special Events



The Special Events Program is required by ordinance for the following attendance:

- **2,501-10,000 = 4 medics and 1 supervisor**
- **10,001-25,000 = 8 medics and 2 supervisors**
- **25,001-50,000 = 8 medics and 3 supervisors**
- **> 50,000 = 10 medics and 3 supervisors**

Event Types



2,501-10k

Color Run 5K Race

10,001-25k

Bishop Arts Festival

25,001-50k

Dallas Marathon

>50k

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Utilization of Special Events



Special Events Manager may increase EMS personnel and vehicles due to:

- **Past History**
- **Alcohol is sold or served**
- **Topography concerns**
- **Weather Conditions**
- **Time of Day**
- **Nature of the Event**

Medical Coverage



- **Some event planners voluntarily utilize the Special Events Program**
- **The vendor is required to pay all associated costs**

Event Staffing



On-going and annual events staffed by DFR include sporting events like the Dallas Mavericks and the Dallas Stars.



Large Scale Event Staffing



- Larger events over 20,000 (Dallas Marathon) require a comprehensive medical team consisting of 44 DFR paramedics and University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) physicians.
- These events require a full-scale Incident Command Post contingent:
 - 1 Chief Officer/Incident Commander
 - 2 Dispatchers
 - Logistics Officer
 - Supervisory positions
 - Paramedics

Other Agencies



Special Events activities often require coordination with other agencies and groups:

Internal:

- *Special Events office*
- *Medical Direction*
- *Dallas Police*
- *BioTel*

External:

- *Client requirements*
- *Private security firms*
- *Private EMS agencies*
- *Event medical staff*
- *Local hospitals*

Special Events Equipment



Six Rescues

Special Events Equipment



Two Polaris ATV's

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Two Medical Carts

Special Events Equipment



Twelve Bikes

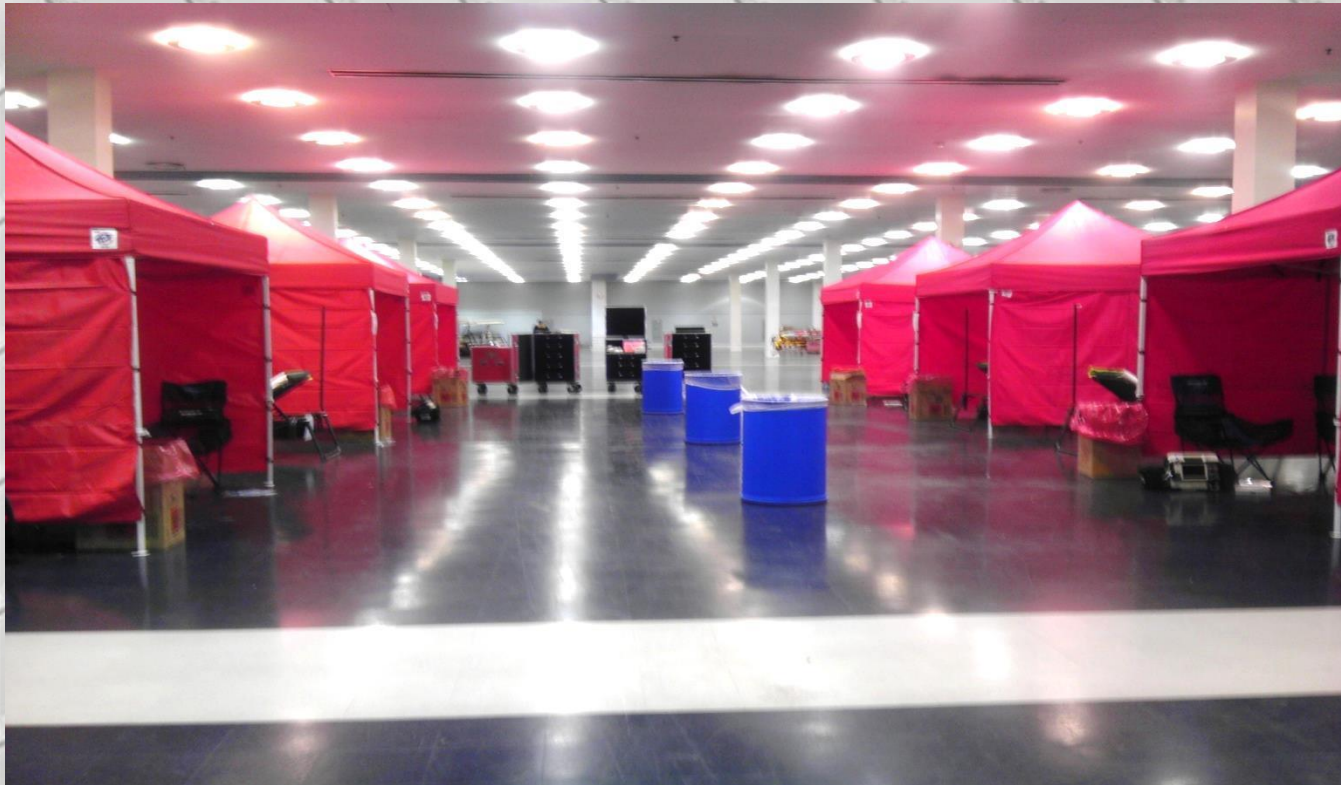
Medically equipped to provide rapid response for events such as marathons

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Customized cases to store medical supplies

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Six EZ-Up Tents

Special Events



JFK Ceremony Event



Command Post

- Incident Commander
- 2 Dispatchers
- 18 Medics
- 3 Rescues
- 2 Polaris
- 2 Physicians
- 1 MCI Vehicle



Lights All Night Event



December 27-28, 2013

- >20,000 attendance each night
- 36 paramedics
- 2 physicians
- 30 patient contacts
- 14 transports, all by Special Event Rescue



Questions?

