

Memorandum



DATE: August 5, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Firefighter Physical Rehab at Emergencies "Box 4"**

On Monday, August 8, 2016, you will be briefed on Firefighter Physical Rehab at Emergencies "Box 4" by Assistant Chief Daniel Salazar of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



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[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
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DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL REHAB AT EMERGENCIES “BOX 4”

Public Safety Committee

August 8, 2016



Purpose

To brief the Public Safety Committee regarding rehab of firefighters at fire scenes and other emergencies via Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.



Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.

- The name Box 4 comes from the original fire box located at Ervay and Kelly Streets, the location of the original Fire Station 4.
- This was the lowest box number ever issued by the Dallas Fire-Rescue.
- It also was the box located across the street from Honorary Fire Chief Julius Schepps' home and business. He is the one who actually named Box 4.

Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.

- Box 4 responded to its first fire and furnished refreshments on a three-alarm fire in March 1963 at 3900 Cole Avenue.
- The first time Box 4 responded with the Salvation Army Canteen was on December 9, 1963, a three-alarm fire at 1815 Browder.

Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.

- Box 4 is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization.
- Made up entirely of fully vetted volunteers.
- Existing membership group votes on new members who must complete a 1-year probationary period before becoming eligible for membership.

Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.

- The members are individuals in the community who have a passion for service.
- Some of the members include: retired firefighters, retired police officers, business executives, a doctor and an area police chief.
- Several members are family relatives and/or spouses of active and retired firefighters.
- Each member is subject to being on call 24/7/365.

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- Box 4 vehicle is stored at Fire Station 28 located at 8701 Greenville Avenue.



Box 4 Fire Buff Association, Inc.

- Responds to all 2nd Alarm Fires or greater.
- Responds to varied incidents, (i.e., DPD barricade and hostage incidents, etc.), large demonstrations and dignitary visits to name a few.



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- Box 4 has also supported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Citizens' Fire Academy, Fire Ops 101 and funerals of fallen firefighters and police.



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- Box 4 also responds to surrounding cities when called upon to provide physical rehab as needed.
- In fifty three (53) years of existence, Box 4 has never missed responding to a call. Its members are very serious about their call to duty.

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- Once on scene of an incident, Box 4 will set up 10 x 20 awnings and chairs as needed to provide shelter/shade while firefighters are resting up in the rehab area.
- Box 4 stages adjacent to EMS personnel who provide medical monitoring.



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- Hot summer months, Box 4 deploys misting fans to cool firefighters and which reduces the potential for heat exhaustion and heat related injuries.
- Winter months, Box 4 uses propane heaters to warm firefighters and protect them from cold temperature physical injuries.



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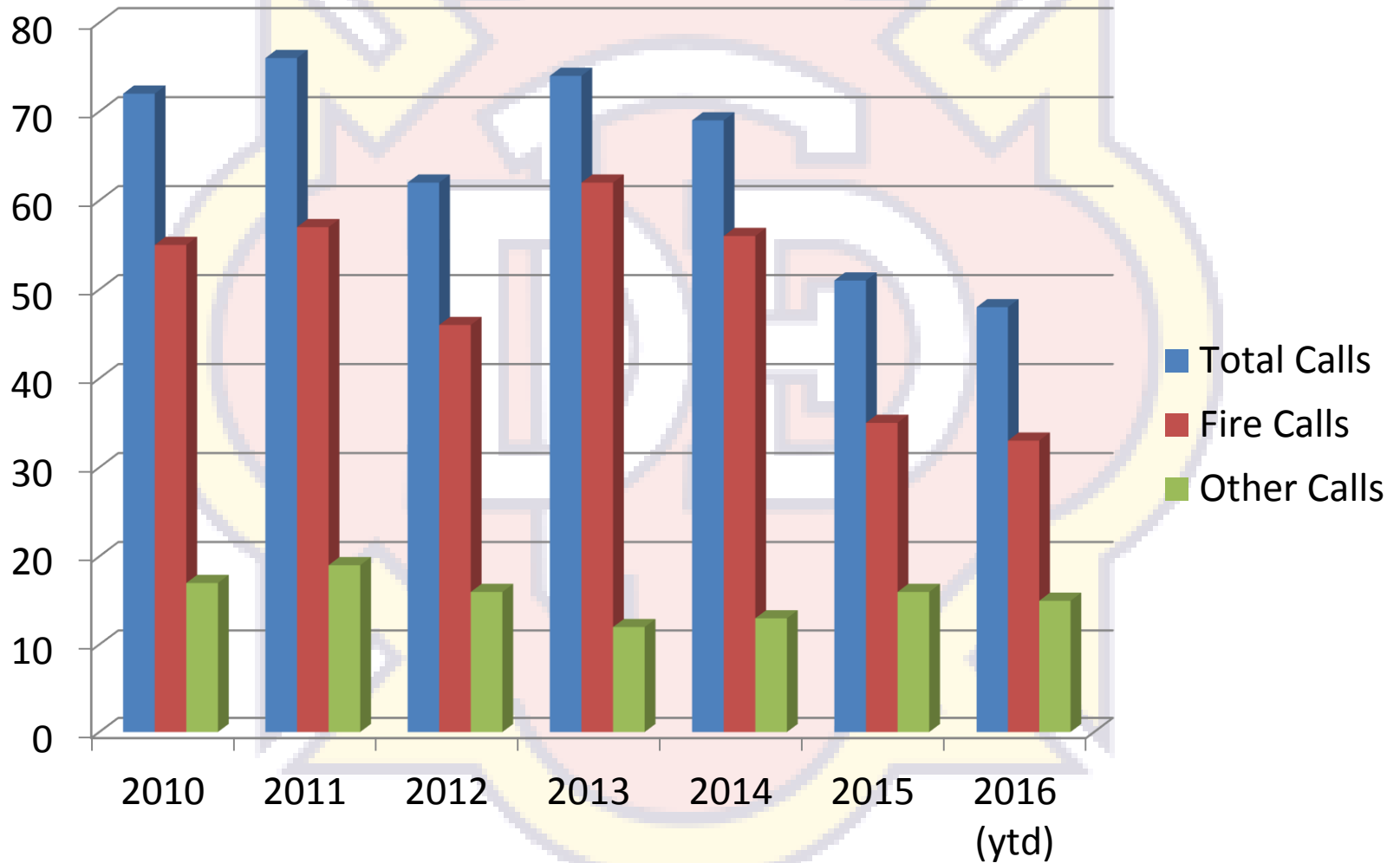
- Box 4 is solely financially supported by monetary donations.
- Annually, Dallas Fire-Rescue's personnel are solicited for needed monetary contributions. Recognizing Box 4's value, DFR members have helped to support its mission over the years.
- Donations are used to purchase water, sports drinks, snacks, coffee and hot chocolate.
- Box 4 also provides meals to firefighters who are out on extended incidents during meal times.

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- Recent activity:
- June 1, 2016 - July 18, 2016 - Box 4 responded to 19 incidents/events.
 - (5) multiple alarm fires
 - (1) grass fire
 - (3) police responses
 - SWAT stand off
 - Trump visit
 - July 7, 2016 police incident
 - (7) tactical responses while searching for the missing SMU police officer
 - (2) police officer funerals
 - (1) rookie graduation night burn

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Annual Calls



QUESTIONS?

