#### Memorandum



DATE October 16, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Taking Care of Business - October 15, 2020

#### **Encampment Resolution Schedule October 12th – October 16th, 2020**

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution the week of October 12th through October 16th.

The OHS Street Outreach teams have continued to engage with individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization will meet with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates.

The OHS Service Request dashboard can be utilized to track the progress of encampment resolution efforts. If you have any questions about the encampment resolution process or the dashboard please contact Kevin Oden, Interim Director, Office of Homeless Solutions. Councilmembers, Staff and Residents can access the dashboard using the link below:

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#### **New Updates**

#### Headshots at Fair Park Multimedia Center

Council members, Chiefs and Directors in need of a new headshot may make an appointment to have their photo taken at the Fair Park Multimedia Center this month. Sessions are available from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday Oct. 26 or 1 to 4 p.m. Friday Oct. 30. Sessions will be scheduled with intervals to ensure subjects are able to maintain physical distance from photographers and adhere to Phase 2 capacity limits. Please email COM Assistant Director Janella Newsome at <a href="mailto:paoavrequest@dallascityhall.com">paoavrequest@dallascityhall.com</a> to schedule.

#### Dallas Public Library celebrates voting with the help of a special grant award

Dallas Public Library received 360 books about women's suffrage from the American Library Association and the <u>Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission</u> to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment and highlight the importance of libraries as hubs of civic education and engagement. The Commission was created by Congress to mark the centennial of women's suffrage, and it selected the books for the project. Each set consists of three books corresponding to different reading levels: "<u>Around America to Win the Vote</u>" by Mara Rockliff for elementary readers; "<u>The Woman's Hour: Our Fight for the Right to Vote</u>" by Elaine Weiss for middle schoolers; and the

"National Park Service Women's Suffrage Reader," an anthology of essays for high school readers.

The Library will host a virtual book discussion of <u>The Woman's Hour beginning October 22</u> and a virtual read-aloud of <u>Around American to Win the Vote on October 30</u>. Participants will receive a free copy of the book.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Jo Giudice, Director for Library.

#### **New Procurement Opportunities**

The Office of Procurement Services (OPS) is excited to announce the following new contract opportunities. More information can be found on the City's <u>electronic bid portal</u>:

Opportunity No.	Opportunity Name
BD21-00013573	Public Safety Uniforms and Alterations Services

For citywide opportunities for the current quarter, we invite you to review the <u>Procurement Quarterly</u>, published on the OPS <u>website</u>.

Please be advised that once an opportunity is advertised, it is considered an open procurement until the City Council awards the contract. The Code of Ethics prohibits communication between councilmembers and vendors/ suppliers on open procurements. Should you have any questions, please contact Chhunny Chhean, Director of Procurement Services.

### Convention and Event Services and Park and Recreation – Candy Caravan – Dallas Heritage Village – October 31st – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Convention and Event Services and Park and Recreation are co-sponsoring a Candy Caravan at Dallas Heritage Village with the support of Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano. The Candy Caravan is designed to be a fun, safe, alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. A free event, the general public is invited to put on costumes, pull up in their vehicles, enjoy the decorations and end with a treat bag filled by City of Dallas employees. Participants must come in a vehicle (no walk-ups will be permitted), wear masks, and are encouraged to dress up and decorate their vehicles. No one will be allowed to leave their vehicles and no restrooms will be available to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. A map and directions will be provided prior to the event. For more information please contact Rosa Fleming, Director - Convention and Event Services, or Crystal Ross, Assistant Director - Park & Recreation.

#### Home Improvement Preservation Program (HIPP)

The HIPP program launched its 2020 application process by distributing applications for the last two weeks via download at <a href="http://www.dallascityhall.com/HIPP">http://www.dallascityhall.com/HIPP</a> or curb-side pick-up at Polk-Wisdom, Pleasant Grove, MLK and Audelia Road Library branches.

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Applications are due to be submitted at any of these four branches on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact David Noguera, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization.

#### October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week!

United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, is celebrating its 15th Annual *Friends of Libraries Week* October 14-20, 2020. In Dallas, Atmos Energy is taking the lead in lauding the Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Inc. (FoDPL)and their partnership in support of the Dallas Public Library system. Atmos Energy funds many early childhood literacy programs as well as adult learning initiatives in multiple library locations. Mary Wilonsky, FoDPL executive director, says "Community partners are key to help our efforts to assist the library as they tackle illiteracy, help English Language Learners acclimate to their new surroundings, improve employability skills through GED classes and transform educational opportunities for our Dallas neighborhoods." Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Jo Giudice, Director for Library.

#### TOPS Commander Incident Response Training Class

The Dallas Police Department - Tactical Operations Planning Unit will host the Commanders Operational Response Class on Thursday, October 15, 2020 - Friday, October 16, 2020 at 9:00am-3:00pm at Dallas City Hall - Office of Emergency Management (Council District 14). There will be three training exercises consisting of Scenario based Citywide threats will be presented. Commanders will be put in teams to discuss strategies and solutions with their counterparts for the best possible conclusions. Community partners including Dallas Fire Rescue, Dallas Marshals, FBI and DHS will be on hand to offer commanders joint support.

Scenario #1 Active Shooter at City Hall Protest with several open carry groups.

Scenario #2 Severe Weather in Downtown with high winds, plate glass injuring multiple civilians.

Scenario #3 Civil-Unrest at Election Site Polling Places resulting in riots, property damage and injuries.

Commanders will systematically work through all considerations, policies, procedures and communications to resolve each event. For questions regarding training, please contact Chief Reneè Hall.

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#### Look Ahead

#### City Council Briefings

October 21, 2020

- Community Transformation Action Roadmap
- Fair Park Master Plan

#### November 4, 2020

- Phase I efforts of the City of Dallas ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan
- Bond Program Update
- Infrastructure Management Plan

#### November 17, 2020

Marketing Strategy

#### Media Inquiries

As of October 12, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Noise Complaints
- DWU ONCOR Old Fish Hatchery
- Hurricane Laura
- Undesign the Redline
- Cadillac Heights Project Phase II
- Dockless Vehicles
- DFR Kicks Off Fire Prevention Week 2020
- DFR Chief Investigated for Offensive Social Media Posts No Longer with Department
- DFR Medics Recognized for Life-Saving Actions
- DFR Confirms 145 Total Members Having Tested Positive for COVID-19
- Wildland Firefighter Featured on KRLD Difference Maker Segment
- Firefighters Featured on ABC's Hearts of Heroes Episode
- DFR and Carter BloodCare Partner for Blood Donation Event
- Man Sets Fire at Southeast Dallas Recovery Center

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for October 05, 2020 – October 12, 2020 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

T.C. Broadnax City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion Directors and Assistant Directors

#### Encampment Resolution Schedule October 12<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

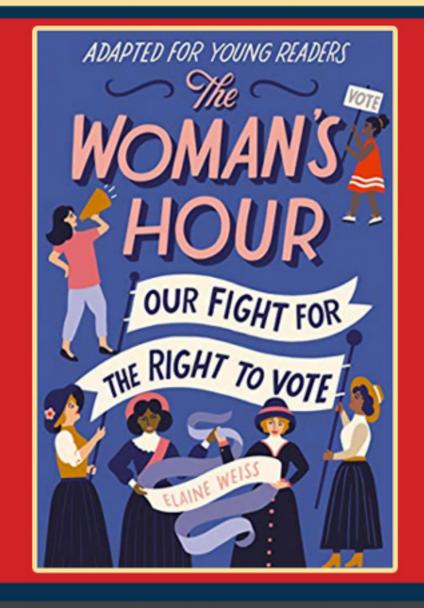
LOCATION	DIVISION				
Monday, October 12, 2020					
7401 Samuel Blvd	South				
1700 Chestnut Street	South				
612 South 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	South				
7203 Lovett Avenue	South				
2600 Hickory St	South				
5600 South Lamar Street	South				
1800 South Blvd	South				
635/ LYNDON B JOHNSON AND COIT	North				
75/ N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AND FOREST LANE	North				
75/ N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AND 635/ LYNDON B	North				
JOHNSON (Under Bridge and wooded area)					
8550 MIDPARK	North				
Tuesday, October 13, 2020					
ERLThornton@Munger	South				
ERLThornton@Peak	South				
2500 Elm	South				
2600 Canton	South				
2700 Taylor	South				
300 Continental	South				
South Akard @ Cadiz	South				
ROYAL LANE AT MANDERVILLE DRIVE	North				
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT ROYAL LANE	North				
E NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND SHILOH RD	North				
635/ LYNDON B JOHNSON AND TI BOULEVARD	North				
Wednesday, October 14, 2020					
5600 S Lamar St7	South				
2300 COOMBS Street	South				
1800 South Blvd	South				
I-30 @ Cesar Chavez Blvd. (East Bound)	South				
2600 Hickory	South				
2600 Dawson Avenue	South				
2600 Louise Avenue	South				
35/STEMMONS AT ROYAL LANE	North				
35/STEMMONS AT WALNUT HILL LANE	North				
WEST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND DENTON DRIVE	North				
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT JOSEY LANE	North				
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT WEBB CHAPEL ROAD	North				
Thursday, October 15, 2020					
ERL Thornton & Peak	South				

ERL Thornton & Munger	South			
Riverfront @ Cadiz	South			
I-30 @ Riverfront	South			
500 South Houston	South			
1500 South Lamar	South			
35/ STEMMONS AT OAK LAWN	North			
35/STEMMONS AT MEDICAL DISTRICT DRIVE	North			
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT REGAL ROW	North			
183/ JOHN WEST CARPENTER AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North			
Friday, October 16, 2020				
45/CENTRAL AT PACIFIC AVENUE	North			
WOODALL RODGERS AT FIELD STREET	North			
WOODALL RODGERS SERVICE ROAD-SOUTHBOUND AT	North			
45/CENTRAL				
45/ CENTRAL AT ROSS AVENUE	North			
45/ CENTRAL AT LIVE OAK	North			

# GIRLS ROCK THE VOTE! BOOK CLUB

4 ONLINE SESSIONS @ 4:30 PM

 $10/22 \star 11/05 \star 11/19 \star 12/03$ 





REGISTER: bit.ly/DPLevents



# A QUEST FOR THE VOTE: TWO LADIES, A CAR, AND A KITTEN

OCTOBER 30TH **4-5** PM Register at: bit.ly/30qf05g



# Communications, Outreach & Marketing Media Requests Oct 05 – Oct 12

**Date Submitted:** 10/06/20 **Topic:** Noise Complaint

**Inquiry:** NBC 5 inquired about a Mexican restaurant called Las Flamas that has transformed into a nightclub on the weekends. The restaurant borders alongside Richardson but is in Dallas, and there have been a ton of noise complaints for the last few months that can be heard up to two+ miles away. Neighbors say this started around the end of the summer, and the music is going well past 2 am. Is place considered a club or a restaurant, and are they breaking some rules? The City responded with the following information, "Code has not issued any notices related to any violations. The department will conduct an investigation, which will take at minimum one week."

**Submitted By:** Tenisha Bogan (Code Compliance)

**Media Entity:** Eva Parks, Investigative/Consumer Producer (NBC 5)

Date Submitted: 10/06/20

**Topic:** DWU ONCOR Old Fish Hatchery

**Inquiry:** D Magazine asked multiple questions about alleged clear cutting of Oncor-owned property near the Old Fish Hatchery. The City answered the questions that were relevant to the city which confirmed the city's White Rock Lake Dam Maintence Project will not impact the Old Fish Hatchery Nature area and confirming the city's project does not require clear-cutting to accommodate maintenance construction and the construction addresses maintenance items along the spillway, dam and walking trail, as well as vegetation management along the toe of the dam and dikes to meet TCEQ dam safety requirements. Please note the White Rock Lake dam is not a federally protected wildlife area.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Dallas Water Utilities) **Media Entity:** Matt Goodman, Reporter (D Magazine)

**Date Submitted:** 10/07/20 **Topic:** Hurricane Laura

**Inquiry:** NBC 5 and Telemundo 39 inquired about the latest on the accommodations, the number of people that remain in Dallas and is the City prepping to receive additional evacuees. The City responded with the following information, "There are no evacuation orders for the Gulf Coast for Hurricane Delta at this time and the City will continue to monitor the storm for the potential of additional evacuees that may be headed to the DFW area. We currently are coordinating with the State on three shelters in the City for Hurricane Laura evacuees.

Currently, all three hotels are housing 1,822 guests in 853 rooms." **Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management) **Media Entity:** Lizabeth Licon, Managing Editor (NBC 5 & Telemundo 39)

**Date Submitted:** 10/08/20 **Topic:** Undesign the Redline

Inquiry: Scheduled an interview with NBC 5, Councilmen Thomas, Equity Officer Dr. Lindsey

Wilson and Undesign the Redlin e Founder Braden Crooks to discuss the event.

**Submitted By:** Catherine Cuellar (Office of Equity)

Media Entity: Stephanie Smith, Planning Editor and Alanna Quillen, Reporter (NBC 5)

**Date Submitted:** 10/08/20 **Topic:** Hurricane Laura evacuees

**Inquiry:** FOX 4 inquired about an updated number on how many Hurricane Laura evacuees are currently staying at the few designated hotels in the city of Dallas. The City responded with the following information, "As of yesterday there were 1,822 guests housed in 853 rooms, across

three hotels. I will let you know if there's more recent numbers for today." **Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** Blake Hanson, Reporter and Anchor (FOX 4)

**Date Submitted:** 10/09/20 **Topic:** Hurricane Laura

**Inquiry:** CBS 11 inquired about an interview with Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Director Rocky Vaz about any evacuees the city is helping and the status of those who've been here since Hurricane Laura. OEM Senior Emergency Management Specialist Travis Houston

contacted CBS 11 to do the virtual interview on Rocky's behalf. **Submitted By:** Travis Houston (Office of Emergency Management)

Media Entity: J.D. Miles, Senior Reporter (CBS 11)

Date Submitted: 10/12/20

Topic: Cadillac Heights Project Phase II

Inquiry: NBC 5 inquired about the Cadillac Heights Project Phase II mentioned in the City Council Agenda (item 14). The reporter wanted to know if it was a levee project or something else and the purpose for all the land the city has now acquired in Cadillac Heights. The reporter also wanted to know which 2006 Bond Funds Category is Item 14. The City responded with the following information, "The Cadillac Heights Phase II project is not a levee project, it is a project approved in the 2006 Bond Program- Proposition (Cadillac Heights Land Acquisition) for land acquisition in the area known as "Cadillac Heights" for the future location of police academy related facilities and/or City service and maintenance facilities. The City will continue to acquire the remaining parcels while additional due diligence is undertaken to establish facilities costs for a future bond program. The Cadillac Heights Levee Project, a separate project, is underway with the US Army Corps of Engineers which will provide needed flood risk reduction for the area."

**Submitted By:** Anastasia Reed (Bond Office) **Media Entity:** Ken Kalthoff, Reporter (NBC 5)

**Date Submitted:** 10/12/20 **Topic:** Dockless Vehicles

**Inquiry:** Spectrum News asked when Transportation would present to Council regarding Dockeless Vehicle. The City responded with the following information, "In addition to last week's <u>City Council Briefing</u>, the Department of Transportation is holding a Public Hearing from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020, in accordance with <u>Section 43-159</u> of the Dallas City Code, to receive input regarding the implementation of new rules for the Dockless Vehicle Program. City Code does not require that the City Council take additional steps to implement new rules to the program, but staff will consult with the newly appointed Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on the next steps."

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Transportation)

Media Entity: Michael Pool, Assignment Desk (Spectrum News)



#### Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Media Requests: October 6 - 12, 2020.

#### Tuesday, October 6th: Sent the following information to all the local news desks -

#### **Fire Prevention Week 2020**

<u>Dallas</u>: Annually, the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> is recognized as Fire Prevention Week; and while firefighters assume the forefront for the other 51 weeks or the year, this is the time in which the men and women of <u>Fire Prevention</u> take center stage to show how preventing fires is just as, if not more, important than putting them out.

October 4-10, 2020, Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) Fire Inspectors, in accordance with this year's National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme, will be out in the communities, physically and virtually, emphasizing ways to "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen", and reinforce the importance of safety and attentiveness while cooking. Officers will be using a variety of departmental resources to reiterate everything from keeping your counters clear of clutter, to creating kid-free zones, to setting cooking timers, while still emphasizing the importance of having and practicing fire drills, and ensuring you have properly working and properly installed smoke alarms in your home.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website, at <a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About">https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About</a>.

For more information on the educational programs utilized by DFR's Fire Educators, in addition to other useful fire safety tips, please visit <a href="https://dallascityhall.com/departments/fire-rescue/Pages/educational-programs.aspx">https://dallascityhall.com/departments/fire-rescue/Pages/educational-programs.aspx</a>. And remember, if you are a homeowner, live in the City of Dallas and are in need of a smoke alarm(s), you can call 311 to make that request and someone will come out and install them at no charge.

<u>Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup></u>: Dallas Morning News (Charlie Scudder) - I saw on a city council memo that <u>battalion chief Allan Springer</u> is no longer employed by DFR. Wanted to confirm if that's the case. Do you have any more details about his departure?

<u>City Response</u> - As of Monday, September 28, 2020, Battalion Chief, Allan Springer, is no longer a member of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department. Per department policy, DFR does not discuss personnel matters; therefore, if you are looking for more detail, please submit your request to the City's Open Records Department.

## <u>Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup></u>: Sent the following information, and social media postings, to the local media in regard to recognition being given to two DFR paramedics –

On Monday, September 14, DFR's Rescue 10 was dispatched to a medical call at an apartment complex in far North Dallas. Upon assessing the patient, the medics identified a STEMI and immediately enacted protocols, to include activation of the cardiac catheterization lab, which led to an impressive "First Medical Contact to Balloon (catheter)" time of less than 90 minutes, and saved the life of the patient.

https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\_q/status/1314250306830639104?s=19

https://www.instagram.com/p/CGFw9W3hW0n/?igshid=1dps0h7bblku9

https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/3523636687659495/

### <u>Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup></u>: Sent the following Tweet, regarding DFR's COVID-19 figures, to the local media –

https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\_g/status/1314675863082987521?s=19

As of October 9th, @DallasFireRes\_q is reporting that a total of 145 #firefighters and civilian employees have tested positive for #COVID19. 135 have fully recovered and returned to work, and 20 are in #quarantine for on and off-duty exposures. @CityOfDallas #FlattenTheCurve

<u>Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup></u>: Posted the following interview link on all the department's social media platforms. The interview was the result of an interview request, covering the efforts of DFR firefighters in California, made on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, by KRLD Radio: <a href="https://www.radio.com/krld/news/local/texas-firefighters-help-with-largest-fire-california-history">https://www.radio.com/krld/news/local/texas-firefighters-help-with-largest-fire-california-history</a>

<u>Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup></u>: Crafted the following social media posts previewing a Hearts of Heroes episode, featuring personnel from DFR responding to the October 2019 tornadoes, scheduled to air on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Noon –

https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\_q/status/1314674572743110656?s=19 https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/3527268990629598/

Friday, October 9th: Sent the following information to all the local news desks –

#### **DFR and Carter BloodCare Partner for Donation Event**

What: Dallas Fire-Rescue/Carter BloodCare Blood and COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Donation Drive

When: October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, from 08:00 – Noon

Where: Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Academy (5000 Dolphin Road, Dallas, TX 75223)

<u>Details</u>: Dallas Fire-Rescue is proud to announce that it will be partnering with Carter BloodCare in hosting a Blood and COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma donation drive, for DFR members and their families. Carter BloodCare provides 90% of the blood used by hospitals in our area, and their reserves are critically low due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, plasma donations from those who have contracted, and recovered from, the virus can be a vital part of its treatment; and with there currently being approximately 130 such members, the department is proud to step up and allow them the opportunity to help during these trying times.

The event is currently scheduled to occur Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate all three shifts, at the department's Training Academy, from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. To more efficiently facilitate the donation, Carter will be bringing buses, and ample staff, to collect the donations. Our goal is to fill those buses each day, so we respectfully encourage each member to consider the impact they could be making on someone else's life; whether it's been impacted by COVID-19 or some other ailment which requires blood.

<u>Media</u>: If you are interested in covering this event, you can send your photographers to get b-roll on Tuesday, October  $13^{th}$ , from 9:00-11:00 a.m. A representative from DFR (TBD) and Carter Bloodcare's Vice President of Organizational Relations, Veronica Moore, will be available to give sound on the same day, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: All Local News Desks - Can you provide information on a fire at a recovery center yesterday on Al Lipscomb Way? The recovery center sent us a press release indicating that this occurred, on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:30am, an arsonist began breaking in the windows and setting fire to the 60-bed housing unit for the Men of Nehemiah residential recovery center on Al Lipscomb Way in South Dallas.

<u>City Response</u> - On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:31 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Men of Nehemiah Recovery Center, located at 1825 Park Row Avenue, in Southeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the two-story apartment building, they observed thick black smoke coming from a second floor window. Firefighters were able to access the unit and declare the fire extinguished in about an hour, but not before fire made its way into the attic and through the roof; leaving behind significant damage.

Fire Investigators believe the fire was started by an individual who was inside the unit when the began. Though that person was able to make it out safely, he was APOWWed at the scene before being taken, by DFR, to a local hospital for evaluation.

The amount of damage left behind inhibited investigators' ability to find an exact point of origin, and the source of ignition is currently unknown. However, investigators are talking with witnesses for information to help answer more questions and determine what charges could be applied going forward.