

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 11, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – December 10, 2020**

## **New Updates**

### [Economic Development Small Business Continuity Fund Update](#)

The Small Business Continuity Fund (SBCF) has awarded funding to more than 300 Dallas small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Since July of this year, the SBCF program has funded 316 grants, totaling more than \$2.7M in grant funding. An additional 18 loans have been approved, totaling \$450,900, bringing the overall amount of approved funding under the SBCF program to \$3.2 million. We will continue processing the first round of applications and expect to reopen applications again early in 2021. Businesses that would like to be added to the notification list can email [SBCF@dallascityhall.com](mailto:SBCF@dallascityhall.com). Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Robin Bentley, Interim Director for the Office of Economic Development.

### [2019-2020 Air North Texas Partner Award](#)

The Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability (OEQS) is pleased to report that the City has been awarded the 2019-2020 Air North Texas Partner Award for Outstanding Outreach by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). This award reflects the work of the Air Quality/Climate Policy Team in OEQS who re-vamped the North Texas Climate Symposium, the Clean Air Action Day, and other outreach and engagement efforts to a virtual platform, to amplify the NCTCOG Air North Texas messages, through outreach and education on local air quality. As part of this work, staff analyzed air quality data over time compared with the air quality during the initial COVID19 shutdown, to investigate and better understand air quality improvements achieved with reduced vehicle emissions.

Staff will be honored at the December 10, 2020 meeting of the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Committee. This award is well-deserved, and reflects the hard work, dedication, innovation and programmatic creativity by these staff members. Their efforts continue to reflect positively on both our program and our City. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

### [DAS Offers New Online Tool to Help Residents in Need of Rehoming Pets](#)

DAS recently launched a partnership with [Home to Home](#)<sup>™</sup>, an online platform that allows residents to proactively rehome their pets when keeping them is no longer an option. This free tool offers an adoption process very similar to the one at DAS and helps the owner have quality conversations with potential adopters to find the right match. Home to Home<sup>™</sup> also allows pets to go directly from their old home to a new one, preventing shelter overcrowding and saving shelter resources for pets with no other options. Within

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the first week of launch, 26 residents utilize the tool to rehome their pets. Those looking to surrender a pet or to adopt through Home to Home™ can both access the DAS [site here](#). Additionally, DAS launched a [Dallas Community Rehome and Pet Support Facebook page](#) which will automatically post adoptable pets from Home to Home™ and will also include additional pet support resources for residents of Dallas. Media coverage of the Home to Home™ launch included [NBC DFW](#), [Dallas Weekly](#), and [Fox 4](#). For more information about the program, please contact Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services.

### [Impact of Fines and Fees Community Survey](#)

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### [Youth Commission Nominations](#)

A reminder to please nominate students to fill the Youth Commission. Nominations are still needed from districts 2,3,5,10,14. Without a full commission, students are not able to engage in the full experience this program offers. Please send nominations to [Councilintern@dallascityhall.com](mailto:Councilintern@dallascityhall.com) or [taylor.moody@dallascityhall.com](mailto:taylor.moody@dallascityhall.com). Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of the Mayor and City Council Office at 214.670.5682 or [carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com](mailto:carrie.prysock@dallascityhall.com).

### [Request your hotspot now!](#)

In advance of the December 15 rollout of the additional 2100 hotspots, for a total of 3000, the Dallas Public Library is encouraging residents to place a request for a hotspot now. It's easy to log on to [www.dallaslibrary.org](http://www.dallaslibrary.org), search hotspot in the catalog and mark your place in the queue. Requests will be available for pick up at any library location, except Bookmarks in NorthPark Center. For additional information contact Jo Giudice, Director of Libraries, 214-670-7803.

### [Office of Community Care - WIC Reimagine How Families Access Social Benefits](#)

The work of the Office of Community Care's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency 07 (LA07) in partnership with Child Poverty Action Lab (CPAL) was featured in a recent newsletter for global nonprofit design firm, IDEO.org. [The feature](#) highlighted a design thinking project implemented by WIC LA07 and CPAL to better understand the needs and barriers to service for WIC clients and target populations, showcasing

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incredible work on the front line transforming a program to better support families across Dallas.

WIC Local Agency 7 and CPAL prototyped different ways to implement seamless trips to the grocery store and created warmer, community-centered clinic visits. Using the WIC playbook developed with CPAL and IDEO, the City of Dallas accessed national Americorps VISTA grant funding. New VISTAs corps members will be onboarded in the coming months to focus on prototyping and implementing additional concepts from the playbook to clarify and improve families' access to social benefits.

For more information, please contact Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw.

### [Arts & Culture Holiday Events & Programs](#)

The Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) has put together a list of highlights of 2020 holiday events and programs for the month of December. Whether you are staying inside and enjoying virtual events by the fire or looking for in-person, socially distanced events, there are so many ways to feel the holiday cheer this season. The list of highlights pulls from OAC Cultural Centers as well as partners from all over Dallas such as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, and more! For more information, visit <https://dallasculture.org/2020/12/holidayprogramming/>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director for the Office of Arts and Culture.

### [Pick Up Reminder for COVID-19 Yard Signs](#)

To close the digital divide, Communications, Outreach & Marketing produced yard signs with information for Dallas residents to raise awareness of the COVID-19 hotline and website. There's still available inventory, so Council staffers are invited to pick up a batch from the City Store at 3131 Irving Blvd. #605 Dallas, Texas 75247. The City Store is open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please contact John Ingram, City Store Manager to schedule a pickup: [john.ingram@dallascityhall.com](mailto:john.ingram@dallascityhall.com).

### [Email Signature for Stay on Guard Dallas \(SOGD\)](#)

In an effort to create awareness about the Stay On Guard Dallas campaign to slow the spread of the COVID-19, the Department of Communications, Outreach & Marketing created a graphic for City employees to add to their email signatures. The SOGD graphic will be linked to the SOGD website: [dallascityhall.com/stayonguard](http://dallascityhall.com/stayonguard). To change your email signature via Microsoft Outlook, please click on [this](#) link for instructions or follow these steps: 1) Open a new email 2) Access signature from the Message menu 3) select Signatures 4) Under Select signature to edit, choose New 5) Type a name for the signature in the New Signature dialog box 6) Paste the below signature template into the box and replace with your information. Should you have any questions, please contact Catherine Cuellar, Director, Communications, Outreach and Marketing.

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### [Holiday Safety graphics](#)

With the Office of Emergency Management, Communications, Outreach & Marketing has created a [holiday safety blog post](#) and bilingual graphics (attached) for social sharing. Suggested messages are:

#### **English**

Holiday gatherings are not recommended this year. If you decide to celebrate with close friends and family, practice these safety tips to prevent the spread of COVID-19. #StayOnGuardDallas

#### **Spanish**

Este año no se recomiendan las reuniones para el Felices Fiestas. Si decide celebrarlo con amigos cercanos y familiares, practique estos consejos de seguridad para prevenir la propagación de COVID-19. #EnGuardiaDallas

### [Mandatory Biennial Ethics Training](#)

It is that time of year again! This week we will be launching our mandatory biennial ethics training. The City of Dallas Office of Ethics and Compliance is committed to promoting a strong culture of ethics within the City. The City's Code of Ethics, found in the City Code, is a roadmap of how employees uphold the City's commitment to the highest standards of professionalism, customer service and integrity. We must not only uphold this commitment to ourselves, but also to the citizens of Dallas. As a City of Dallas employee, it is your personal responsibility to maintain the highest ethical standards in all that you do.

To continually uphold this commitment, all employees are required to take the training which will be available December 9th – 18th in LearningZen. I am confident that we can reach our participation goal of 99.7%. Your participation in completing the training confirms your commitment in building a service first culture. Let us continue to build and preserve public trust in city government. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Elaine Chandler, Interim Ethics Officer/Employee Relations Manager.

#### **Look Ahead**

##### [City Council Briefings](#)

January 6, 2020

- Redistricting

January 20, 2020

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

##### [Media Inquiries](#)

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As of December 7, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Library Mobile Hotspots
- Code Compliance Violations
- Change of Occupancy Rates
- Margaret McDermott Bridge
- Blue Star Recycling
- Rollbacks
- Cancelled Events at KBHCCD
- Business Restriction Enforcement
- Citizenship Class
- Citations Issued since March
- Mitigating Community Spread
- Code Enforcement
- Firefighters Knock Down Storage Shed Fire Behind Southeast Dallas Home
- DFR and Code Compliance Work Together to Ensure Capacity Compliance in Dallas Businesses
- Univision Inquires About the Financial and Personnel Impact of COVID-19 on EMS Providers
- Major Accident Near Downtown Sends Two to Hospital
- Dallas Morning News Inquires About City's Ration of COVID-19 Vaccines
- Firefighters Quickly Stamp Out Fire in Three-Story Apartment Building
- DFR Reports Total of 255 Members To Date Testing Positive for COVID-19
- DFR Holds Annual Awards Show on Virtual Platform
- DFR Response to Police In-Custody Death Questioned
- DFR and DPD Speak on Vaccine Prioritization and First Responders

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to media outlets, during the period from December 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



T.C. Broadnax  
City Manager

c: Chris Caso, City Attorney  
Mark Swann, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary  
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge  
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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

# Happy Holidays

**TIPS TO PREVENT  
THE SPREAD OF  
COVID-19**

**KEEP IT SMALL**  
Celebrate with 10 people  
or fewer.

**WEAR YOUR MASK** and  
make sure it covers your  
nose AND mouth.

**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
frequently with either  
alcohol hand gel or soap  
and water.

**WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**  
and remain at least 6 feet  
away from others.



# Felices Fiestas

CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD  
PARA LA  
PREVENCIÓN DE COVID-19

**MANTÉNGALA PEQUEÑA**  
Celebre con 10 personas o  
menos.

**USA TU MASCARILLA** y  
asegúrate de que te cubra  
la nariz y la boca.

**LAVA TUS MANOS**  
frecuentemente con gel de  
alcohol para manos, o con  
agua y jabón.

**VIGILA TU DISTANCIA** y  
mantente al menos a 6 pies  
de distancia de los demás.



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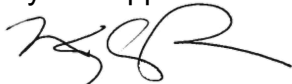
As we have previously communicated, Dallas joins municipal leaders in the [Cities and Counties for Fine and Fee Justice Cohort](#) across the country that recognize the urgent need to address the problem of fines and fees as a means of raising revenue and are committed to advancing bold reforms to ensure fines, fees, and other financial penalties do not place a disproportionate burden on low-income residents and people of color.

Part of the work of the Dallas team is to engage with the community to better understand the impact of fines, imposed fees, and financial penalties on their lives and which are causing harm. We are distributing an online survey to gather initial information about the impact of fines and imposed fees. The survey is now available and open to the public through December 18, 2020. Once the survey closes, the team will analyze the responses and engage respondents who have chosen to provide their contact information in small focus groups that will delve deeper into their responses.

By way of this email, we are asking for your support to ensure we reach the most residents and provide an opportunity for all to provide input by utilizing your distribution lists, social media platforms, and networks to share the survey. For your convenience, I am providing the following:

1. English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DallasFinesandFees>
2. Spanish Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EncuestaCCFFJ>
3. Social Media Graphics and Verbiage (English and Spanish) - attached
4. Flyer (English and Spanish) – attached

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer at [officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com](mailto:officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com). Thank you and we appreciate your support.



Liz Cedillo-Pereira  
Chief of Equity and Inclusion

## [Attachments]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
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# **Impact of Fines and Fees Community Survey**

## **Social Media Template Verbiage**

### **ENGLISH:**

Facebook:

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[INSERT GRAPHIC]

Twitter:

Dallas needs your participation to gather initial information about the impact of fines and imposed fees on low-income residents and people of color. Participate in the survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees)) and help us better understand the impacts of fines and fees on our residents.

[INSERT GRAPHIC]

### **SPANISH:**

Facebook:

Dallas se une a los líderes municipales de la Cohorte de Justicia de Ciudades y Condados de Multas y Tarifas en todo el país que reconocen la urgente necesidad de abordar el problema de las multas y tarifas como un medio de aumentar los ingresos. Se comprometen a promover reformas audaces para garantizar que las multas, las tasas y otras sanciones financieras no pongan una carga desproporcionada para los residentes de bajos ingresos y las personas de color. Estamos distribuyendo una encuesta en línea ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees)) para recopilar información inicial sobre el impacto de las multas y las tasas impuestas. Las respuestas de la encuesta se utilizarán para informar las prioridades de política del equipo. La encuesta está abierta hasta el 18 de diciembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en ponerse en contacto con Genesis D. Gavino, Oficial de Resiliencia en [officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com](mailto:officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com).

[INSERTAR GRAFICO]

Twitter:

Dallas necesita su participación para recopilar información inicial sobre el impacto de las multas y las tarifas impuestas a los residentes de bajos ingresos y a las personas de color. Participe en la encuesta ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallasfinesandfees)) y ayúdenos a entender mejor los impactos de las multas y tarifas en nuestros residentes.

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# CITIES AND COUNTIES

## FINE AND FEE JUSTICE COHORT

The City of Dallas joins municipal leaders across the country that recognize the urgent need to address the problem of fines and fees and their disproportionate burden on low-income residents and people of color.

**[SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/  
DALLASFINESANDFEES](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DALLASFINESANDFEES)**

Participate in our short survey about your experiences with fines, imposed fees, and tickets, to better understand the impact of these on the lives of Dallas residents.

**#FINEANDFEEJUSTICE**

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?



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# CIUDADES Y CONDADOS

## COHORTE DE JUSTICIA DE MULTAS Y TARIFAS

La Ciudad de Dallas se une a los líderes municipales de todo el país que reconocen la necesidad urgente de abordar el problema de las multas y tarifas y su carga desproporcionada sobre los residentes de bajos ingresos y las personas de color.

**[SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/  
ENCUESTACCFJ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ENCUESTACCFJ)**

Participe en nuestra breve encuesta sobre sus experiencias con multas, tarifas impuestas y multas, para comprender mejor el impacto de estas en las vidas de los residentes de Dallas.

**#JUSTICIADEMULTASYTARIFAS**

¿PREGUNTAS O PREOCUPACIONES?



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**Take our survey and share your  
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**Responda a nuestra encuesta y  
comparta sus experiencias con  
nosotros!**

**#JUSTICIDEMULTASYTARIFAS**



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**STAY ON GUARD DALLAS**  
**STOP COVID-19** [\*\*LEARN MORE\*\*](#)

**Communications, Outreach and Marketing (COM)**  
**Media Requests**  
**Dec.01 – Dec.07**

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2020

**Topic:** Library Mobile Hotspots

**Inquiry:** CBS 11 wanted to know if the mobile hotspots were delivered today and the time. COM responded with the following information, "No changes have been made from the memo. Hotspots will be available beginning December 15."

**Submitted By:** Tenisha Bogan (Dallas Public Library)

**Media Entity:** Aparna Zalini, Reporter (CBS 11)

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2020

**Topic:** Code compliance violations

**Inquiry:** Fox 4 wanted to interview someone about the number of capacity complaints that have been filed in the last month or a couple of weeks in reference to bars/restaurants not complying with capacity requirements. COM coordinated an interview with DFR Lieutenant, Gilbert Padilla and Code Director Carl Simpson.

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

**Media Entity:** Steven Dial, Reporter (Fox 4)

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2020

**Topic:** Change of Occupancy Rates

**Inquiry:** Dallas Morning News inquired about what happens if hospital COVID rates don't drop by Thursday, triggering tighter restrictions on businesses and occupancy rates. COM responded with the following information, "Department of Code will continue to offer an educational approach with local businesses to help them be in compliance."

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

**Media Entity:** Nic Garcia, Senior Writer (Dallas Morning News)

**Date Submitted:** 12/02/2020

**Topic:** Margaret McDermott Bridge

**Inquiry:** D Magazine sent a series of questions regarding the Margaret McDermott Bridge. The city replied as such, "We would recommend you refer your questions to TxDOT, as this project remains under the jurisdiction of TxDOT's contractor and not the City of Dallas."

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Dallas Water Utilities)

**Media Entity:** Matt Goodman, Reporter (D Magazine)

**Date Submitted:** 12/02/2020

**Topic:** Blue Star Recycling

**Inquiry:** Spectrum News asked for an update the property at the former Blue Star Recycling location. The city responded as such: Please note the 30-day period ends on December 7, 2020. We expect to submit the judgment to the court as soon as possible following the expiration of the comment period. The removal can begin.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Mayor & City Council. City Attorney's Office)

**Media Entity:** Mike Pool, Reporter (Spectrum News)

**Date Submitted:** 12/03/2020

**Topic:** Rollbacks

**Inquiry:** Telemundo 39 requested an interview with a Spanish speaker regarding any possible plans to address rollbacks that are happening due to hospitalization numbers. COM coordinated an interview with Code Compliance Manager Jose Ruiz.

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

**Media Entity:** Zully Salgado, Reporter (Telemundo 39)

**Date Submitted:** 12/4/2020

**Topic:** Canceled events at KBHCCD

**Inquiry:** The City issued the following statement regarding canceled events: Following continued discussions with Dallas County, the City made the decision to cancel two events scheduled for KBHCCD this coming weekend to help protect the public's health. Given the rapidly changing nature of the current pandemic, the City maintains regular communication with Dallas County, Dallas' health authority, to adapt and change plans with as much lead time as possible.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio

**Media Entity:** Dallas Morning News, WFAA 8

**Date Submitted:** 12/04/2020

**Topic:** Business restriction enforcement

**Inquiry:** CBS 11 wanted to know how the City will enforce the new capacity restrictions for bars and restaurants. COM coordinated an interview with Jose Ruiz, Code Compliance Supervisor II, Central Code Community.

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

**Media Entity:** Caroline Vandergriff, Reporter (CBS 11)

**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2020

**Topic:** Citizenship class

**Inquiry:** WFAA 8 asked to interview someone from the #MyDallas Citizenship workshop class to document them going through the process. COM coordinated an interview with a workshop volunteer who successfully received their citizenship last year and decided to help others this year.

**Submitted By:** Demeshia Jackson (Office of Equity & Inclusion, Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs division)

**Media Entity:** Lourdes Vazquez, Content Editor (WFAA 8)

**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2020

**Topic:** Citations issued since March

**Inquiry:** Texas Tribune and ProPublica wanted to verify the dashboard information on the City's website regarding the total number of citations issued since mid-March, when the pandemic began. The reporter also wanted breakdown of how many citations were issued per department. COM confirmed that 37 citations were issued since March. DFR and DPD is gathering the data for the breakdown of citations.

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

**Media Entity:** Vianna Davila, Reporter (Texas Tribune and ProPublica)



**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2020

**Topic:** Mitigating Community Spread

**Inquiry:** CBS 11 wanted to interview with Dr. Kelvin Baggett regarding his concern last week about potential hospitalization increase, due to COVID-19 infections. The reporter wanted to know Dr. Baggett's message to Dallas citizens regarding their role in mitigating community spread. COM responded with the following information, "Dr. Baggett resigned his volunteer Mayoral appointment as COVID-19 and Health Equity Access Czar to accept a new job with McKesson as their Chief Impact Officer. If you wish to speak with someone else in emergency management or code enforcement, please advise." Code declined interview and requested questions be sent for response.

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

**Media Entity:** Steve Pickett, Senior Reporter (CBS 11)

**Date Submitted:** 12/07/2020

**Topic:** Code enforcement

**Inquiry:** Telemundo 39 inquired about a video they received from a viewer saying there was no masks or social distancing happening at Rodeo West in Dallas. The video captured people dancing on the dance floor. The reporter wants to know if code enforcement has received any complaints from the establishment located at 704 S Walton Blvd Dallas, Texas 75211.

**The City's response:** Code is currently verifying the address.

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

**Media Entity:** Zully Salgado, Reporter (Telemundo 39)

**Date Submitted:** 12/7/2020

**Topic:** AER - Code compliance

**Inquiry:** Univision 23 requested an on-camera interview to speak about Code's efforts enforcing AER over the weekend. <https://www.univision.com/local/dallas-kuvn/las-sanciones-a-negocios-en-dallas-que-no-estan-cumpliendo-con-restricciones-por-el-coronavirus-video>

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Code Compliance)

**Media Entity:** Andrea Rega (Univision 23)



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department  
Media Requests: December 1 – 7, 2020.

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban)** - Can you please provide me with info on a fire at 4200 Cinnabar Drive? The incident number is: 2020270195

**City Response** - DFR units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire on the 4200 block of Cinnabar Drive.

When they arrived they found a small detached storage shed, behind a home, on fire. The fire was declared extinguished within 3 minutes after emergency units arrived on the scene.

There were no injuries reported, and no word on the cause.

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fox 4 (Steven Dial)** - Checking to see how many capacity complaints have been filed in the last month or a couple of weeks in reference to bars/restaurants not complying with capacity requirements.

Also - Is someone available in code compliance or from the city that can speak to capacity violations

Steven Dial

**City Response** – Set up a Zoom interview with Fire Prevention Lieutenant, Gilbert Padilla and Code Compliance Director, Carl Simpson, which aired the same day and can be seen at the following link: <https://fox4news.com/news/north-texas-prepares-for-reopening-rollback-as-covid-hospitalizations-stay-above-15>

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Univision 23 (Marysol Gonzalez)** - In several cities across the country EMS agencies are struggling because they have been impacted by covid-19 as they are attending to more calls that are related to the virus and still

attending to other calls not related to covid-19. As well as their expenses going up and not having enough revenue.

We wanted to know what is the current situation with DFR EMS, especially dealing with coronavirus? How has your EMS been impacted? Do you currently have enough revenue to cover all costs? Do you have enough personal to cover all shifts?

**City Response** - DFR has not seen a negative impact relative to any of the questions you ask. The call volume has not changed, funding for equipment is not running out and we have more than enough members to staff all emergency apparatus on a daily basis.

You may consider reaching out to some of the smaller rural, or even volunteer, fire departments. Perhaps some of the private EMS agencies can speak to these questions in a way more consistent with what you've heard.

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Univision 23 (Erika Torres Caraban)** - Can you please provide me with info on an MVA call your department responded to at N Stemmons Frw/ Hi Line Dr? The incident number is: 2020270869

**City Response** - DFR units were assigned to a major accident, with people pinned, on North Stemmons Freeway near the Hi Line Drive, at 2:39 a.m.

According to reports, the accident involved at least 2 vehicles with bystanders attempting to help motorists get out of them. Its unclear what kind of extrication measures DFR personnel had to conduct; but once everyone was out, at least two people were taken to local hospitals for evaluation of undisclosed injuries.

The incident report indicates that the Dallas Sherriff's Office responded to this incident, so they should be able to provide you more detailed information about the call.

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: Dallas Morning News (Everton Bailey)** - I have a quick question following up from yesterday's COVID-19 committee meeting. Dr. Isaacs said the city would be receiving more information today from the state regarding coronavirus vaccines. Do you know if the city has gotten that information yet? Any new memos received?

**City Response** – Set up a virtual interview between Mr. Everton and DFR Medical Director, Dr. Marshal Isaacs, which ran online at the following link:

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2020/12/04/dallas-plans-for-medics-firefighters-and-cops-to-be-first-in-line-for-covid-19-vaccine/>

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: All local media outlets** - We would like to request information in regards to a possible arson investigation at 1720 John West Rd.

**City Response** - At 14:20 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at an apartment complex, located at 1720 John West Road, in Northeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrive at the three-story apartment building, they observed smoke and fire coming from a first-floor apartment. Within a short period of time, firefighters off of Engine 53 deployed handlines and made their way into the apartment where they found and quickly extinguished a fire in a bedroom.

The quick work of firefighters not only limited the fire damage to the apartment of origin, it also isolated it to the room of origin. As a result, there were no displaced residents and no injuries reported.

Unfortunately, there were no witnesses to what started the fire, nor is it clear whether anyone was in the apartment when the fire began. Due to these circumstances, the fire is currently undetermined.

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: Sent the following COVID-related Tweet to all local media –**

As of December 4th, @DallasFireRes\_q is reporting a total of 255 #firefighters and civilian employees who've tested positive for #COVID19. 229 have fully recovered and returned to work, and 64 are under #quarantine for on and off-duty exposures.

@CityOfDallas #FlattenTheCurve

[https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\\_q/status/1335014318623105026?s=19](https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q/status/1335014318623105026?s=19)

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, DFR's annual awards had to be held virtually. Pictures and information on the event were posted onto our social media platforms and can be viewed at the following Twitter and FB links:**

[https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\\_q?s=09](https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q?s=09)

<https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/3687342011288961/>

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Univision 23 (Daniel Tuccio)** - Good morning, hope you are doing well. We would like to know if you have any information to share on an incident that DPD released over the weekend. It has to do with the death of a man in police custody. The incident happened on December 1<sup>st</sup> on the 2000 block of Prichard Lane. From what police said and from the footage of police cameras, DFR was called to the scene but "medically cleared" the victim. Why didn't you take the victim to the hospital? What is the protocol in these cases?

**City Response** - The department is conducting a thorough review of all the circumstances surrounding our response to this incident. Pending investigation results, and to comply with HIPAA restrictions, we will not be discussing specific details; however, to find out general information about response protocols, relative to such incidents, they can be found in our current clinical practice guidelines, at <https://www.biotel.ws/>.

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: NBC 5 (Jack Highberger)** - We are doing a story for this evening's 10pm show about the importance of first responders receiving early distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Wondering the chief might be free to do a quick zoom interview on this between 3-5pm this evening? It would be a roughly ten minute zoom interview.

**City Response** – Set up a virtual interview with DFR Medical Director, Dr. Marshal Isaacs, which aired during the 10 o'clock news cast and can be seen at the following link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/coronavirus/after-health-care-workers-dallas-hopes-to-prioritize-vaccine-for-first-responders/2499058/>

