# Memorandum



DATE August 9, 2019

<sup>TO</sup> Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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# Updated Items

## Encampment Resolution Schedule – August 6, 2019 & August 13, 2019

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution on August 6, 2019 and August 13, 2019:

August 6, 2019	August 13, 2019
<ul> <li>Bonnie View at Interstate 20 (District 4)</li> <li>392 ERL Thornton Freeway Ramp North Bound (District 2)</li> <li>4800 ERL Thornton Freeway (District 2)</li> <li>1912 Fort Worth Avenue/Fort Worth Avenue at Interstate I-30 (District 6)</li> <li>1600 North Hampton Road/North Hampton Road at Interstate I-30 (District 6)</li> <li>1603 South Malcolm X Blvd (District 7)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4404 Dallas Fort Worth Turnpike/North Cockrell Hill Road at Dallas Fort Worth Turnpike (District 6)</li> <li>5182 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway /Inwood Road at Interstate 635 Service Road (District 13)</li> <li>8400 North Stemmons Freeway /North Stemmons Freeway at Empire Central (District 6)</li> <li>11898 Josey Lane /Josey Lane at Interstate 635 Service Road (District 6)</li> <li>1100 West Mockingbird Lane /John West Carpenter Freeway at West Mockingbird Lane (District 6)</li> <li>2627 Medical District /Medical District at North</li> <li>Stemmons Freeway (District 6)</li> </ul>

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, and Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

## City Hall Drain Line Replacement-Limited Restroom Outages after Business Hours

On July 30, 2019, Building Services began the final phase of replacing cast iron drain lines in City Hall. From August 5-August 16, 2019, restrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> floors, E and F bays only, will be out of service from 6:00 pm-5:00 am. Other restrooms in the building will not be affected and will be open during this timeframe. This is the final phase of work that has been underway since May. Signs will be posted for additional reminders. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Errick Thompson, Director of Building Services.

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## August 14th Off-site City Council Meeting

The next off-site City Council meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at Lake Highlands North Recreation Center, 9940 White Rock Trail in District 10. Portions of the gym floor did not dry to acceptable standards following emergency water extraction after the June 9<sup>th</sup> storms. A contractor completed the flooring and first coat of varnish on July 31, 2019 to allow dry time and fume dissipation before the City Council Meeting. The contractor will resume work on August 19, 2019. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager.

# Storm Debris Collection Update

As mentioned on August 2, storm debris collection update, Sanitation Services has resumed normal bulk/brush collection. Crews are currently collecting for August Week 1 areas and utilizing private contract crews to re-sweep some of the Week 2 areas that contained considerable storm debris. Week 2 areas received post-storm collection immediately after the storm, however many residents weren't able to cut and set-out debris before our initial collection. Additionally, as normal August collecting storm debris that remain on the medians and right-of-ways. These efforts will continue through August as needed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly High, Director of Sanitation Services.

## **New Items**

## August Committee Meetings

Until further notice by Mayor Johnson, there will be no committee meetings. Attached are social media infographics for public use if you would like to post on your social media sites. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

# 2019 City Calendar Amendments

During the August 28, 2019 City Council Meeting, Council Members will consider an amendment to the 2019 City Calendar. If passed, the amendment will revise the start time of all City Council Agenda meetings from 2:00 pm to 9:00 am beginning with the September 11, 2019 meeting. This will also change the location of the November off-site City Council Agenda meeting from Campbell Green Recreation Center to Dallas City Hall. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

# 2019-21 Mayor and City Council Group Photo

On Tuesday, August 13, 2019, the Mayor and City Council will re-take their 2019 Inauguration group photo. The session is scheduled in the Flag Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor at 8:30 am prior to the start of the FY19-20 budget workshop. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Mayor and City Council Office.

# Elan City Lights Update

Over the next few weeks, Greystar Development & Construction will be mobilizing several pieces of heavy equipment, including two mobile cranes, to remove the collapsed crane at Elan City Lights. This process is anticipated to take a minimum of 8 weeks to complete, however, given the complicated nature of this removal project, the schedule is subject to change. Of the 300 units currently accessible to move, 206 have been packed by contractors and of those

units, 164 have been moved to the warehouse and made available to be picked up by the property owners. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rocky Vaz, Director of Emergency Management.

## Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House

The Office of Cultural Affairs will be hosting four community meetings regarding planning for the renovations and improvements at the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House, 2618 Warren Ave., Dallas, TX 75215. The historic Dallas home, where Dallas icon and civil rights leader Juanita Craft lived and worked for more than 30 years, experienced a catastrophic flood in 2018. Work this past year involved mold abatement, asbestos removal and proper archival storage of the home's historic features and contents. For the first time ever, a Historic Structures Report was completed and briefed in June 2019 to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission. The vision for the Craft House is to restore it as a historic house museum and to include programming onsite and via outreach that inspire visitors and audiences to continue the work for civil rights and community uplift. The meeting schedule is listed below. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager.

Saturday, August 17	3:00-4:30 pm	South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh
Saturday, September 7	3:00-4:30 pm	African-American Museum 3536 Grand Ave.
Tuesday, September 10	6:30-8:00 pm	Craft Recreation Center 4500 Spring Ave.
Saturday, September 14	3:00-4:30 pm	South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S. Fitzhugh

# Community Clean! Initiative

On August 8, 2019, Code Compliance Services (CCS) will be hosting a community engagement meeting at the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center, 12225 Willowdell Dr, Dallas, TX 75243, from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm to inform residents about the Community Clean! Initiative. The Community Clean! Initiative is a proactive approach by CCS dedicated to educating residents on common code violations and methods of abatement. Through this initiative, CCS is working to reduce the impact of illegal dumping, litter, and high weeds in targeted areas while establishing community partnerships through mobilization and educational activities.

The Community Clean! Initiative was successfully launched in Census Tracts 87.01, 87.04 and 38 (District 4 & 7) and is scheduled for implementation in Census Tracts 78.04 and 78.05 (District 10) beginning August 19, 2019. Staff are currently evaluating other high impact census tracts through the City that will receive this service. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, or Carl Simpson, Director, Department of Code Compliance Services.

## **Electronic Plan Review System**

The Electronic Plan Review System for Sustainable Development and Construction was fully implemented in January 2019. This system allows developers to submit their engineering and building plans electronically. Staff has focused on facilitating adoption with the development community through training sessions to submit building plans and to date, 774 projects have been submitted online and reviewed using the new system. Feedback has been very positive,

and Phase 2 is underway to implement "Plansanywhere", a function to allow inspectors the ability to access electronic plans while in the field. Phase 2 implementation is scheduled for early 2020. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Majed Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager.

#### Dallas Selected as 2019 United Nations Global Leadership Award

On August 5, 2019, the City of Dallas Office of Resilience received notification that the City of Dallas, specifically the Office of Resilience and Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability. was selected by the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) as a 2019 United Nations Day Global Leadership Award recipient, in the category of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). This prestigious award reflects the bold, transformational work that the City has done through its Resilient Dallas strategy to advance the United Nations (UN) goals for sustainable development, shifting the world onto a more resilient path. UNA-USA is the largest grassroots organization in the nation dedicated to educating, inspiring, and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the UN. In celebration of UN Day each year, a network of 200 chapters across the country host events to highlight the important role played by the UN in today's world - even in the most challenging of situations. In 2015, leaders from the United Nations created a plan called the Sustainable Development Goals comprised of 17 goals to imagine a future that would be rid of poverty and hunger, and safe from the worst effects of climate change. Staff will attend the awards reception on October 24, 2019 at the Irving Arts Center to accept the award on behalf of the City. Tickets for the ceremony are on sale now and can be purchased online here. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer.

## Media Inquiries

As of August 6, 2019, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- DFR Making Changes to Improve Response Times
- Fire Destroys South Dallas Church
- Body Camera Footage from 2016 In-Custody Death Raises More Questions
- Man's Body Discovered Behind Amazon Fulfillment Center
- Accidental Fire Burns South Dallas Apartment
- DFR Extinguishes Truck Fire Following North Dallas Accident
- DFR Rescues Woman After Falling Into Creek
- DFR Rescues Two Boaters from Trinity as Their Boat Sinks
- Apparent Cooking Fire Sends Man to Local Hospital
- DFR Blocker Engine Gets Struck
- Nowitzki Way Renaming
- End Panhandling Now update
- Paid Sick Leave in Effect/PSL Lawsuit

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Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the July 29 – August 6, 2019 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff.

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Chris Caso, City Attorney (Interim) Mark Swann, City Auditor Bilierae Johnson, City Secretary Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer Michael Mendoza, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer Laila Alequresh, Chief Innovation Officer M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion Directors and Assistant Directors

# Public Affairs & Outreach Media Requests July 29 – August 5

July 30, 2019

**Topic:** Lawsuit filed against CoD related to Paid Sick Leave Ordinance **Summary of Statement:** The City Attorney's Office is reviewing the lawsuit at this time and will not provide any comments. **Department:** City Attorney's Office, Fair Housing and Human Rights **Media Entity:** NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11

#### July 30-August 2, 2019

Topic: Paid Sick Leave Ordinance Summary of Statement: PSL goes into effect Aug. 1 for employers with six or more employees. With the exception for the anti-retaliation provision, the ordinance will not be enforced until April 1, 2020. Department: Fair Housing and Human Rights Media Entity: NBC 5, WFAA, CBS 11, KRLD, Texas Tribune

July 30, 2019

**Topic:** Fire hydrant access **Summary of Statement:** Informed news producer that the public is able to access hydrants for special events and construction, provided they pay an deposit and usage fees. **Department:** Dallas Water Utilities **Media Entity:** WFAA

## August 1, 2019

**Topic:** Special-Called Council Meeting **Summary of Statement:** Confirmed Special-Called Council Meeting was being held offsite to cultivate a less formal environmental to discuss Council District priorities and shared goals for the City of Dallas. **Department:** Mayor and City Council Office **Media Entity:** Teresa Gubbins, Reporter, Culture Map

August 1, 2019 Topic: "Nowitzki Way" Update Summary of Statement: Confirmed to media the City Plan Commission approved the Nowitzki way item unanimously. The City Council is expected to consider the item on Sept. 25 for final approval. Department: Sustainable Development & Construction Media Entity: WFAA, NBC 5

August 2, 2019 Topic: Public Works Public Meeting Summary of Statement: Provided summary and talking points of the meeting from PBW staff Department: Public Works

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Media Entity: Lakewood Advocate Magazine

#### August 2, 2019

**Topic:** End Panhandling Now **Summary of Statement:** Provided reporter with updated information regarding EPN campaign and told her in the fall council will choose to continue program or reallocate funds. **Department:** Office of Community Care **Media Entity:** Dallas Morning News

#### August 2, 2019

**Topic:** Downed tree near White Rock Lake **Summary of Statement:** At this time, it is unknown why the tree fell. However, the runner this happened to can file a claim with the Office of Risk Management. **Department:** Park and Recreation **Media Entity:** FOX 4, Univision August 9, 2019
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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Media Requests: July 29, 2019 – August 5, 2019.

<u>Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup></u>: Dallas Morning News (Hayat Norimine) - Called about, and sent the following email in reference to, an inquiry about the response times to EMS calls requiring BLS capability within 5 minutes, 90% of the time:

Thanks for the help. Here is the report I'm talking about, the percentage of EMS response times within five minutes is on page

25: <u>https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY18-19%20Memos/Council-Memos\_072619.pdf</u>

I'm hoping to know a little more about why the numbers are much lower than the target rate of 90% this year. I was also hoping to find out the percentage for 2017-2018, since that part was omitted in the report. Would love to hear back as soon as possible. Thank you.

# Hayat

<u>**City Response</u>** – Sent her the following statement, in addition to responses to follow-up questions to the statement:</u>

Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) proudly serves the EMS needs of its citizens from 58 strategically located fire stations across the City of Dallas. As part of our efforts, the department uses the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1710 to set its response standards for emergency calls, providing a uniform standard by which we deploy our equipment to the various categories of emergency response; to include Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Currently, the NFPA 1710 standard response to EMS calls, with a Basic Life Support capabilities, to arrive at the emergency location within 5 minutes 90% of the time. However, as a fire-based EMS system, constantly-increasing EMS service demand, combined with finite resources, hampers the department's ability to meet that standard. Additionally, response times are sometimes expanded in our high call volume areas, as units often have to be dispatched from more distant fire stations to account for the increased call volume.

To meet the growing service demand, as well as the NFPA standard, DFR has commenced programs to improve its 5 minute emergency response percentage:

- Implementation of a tiered EMS dispatch software in August
- Adding one additional full-time ambulance
- Rapid Integrated Group Healthcare Team (Right) care targeted mental health patients

• Adding one additional full-time fire station at Jim Miller and Great Trinity Forrest (Fire Station 59 opening 2021)

- Staffing of 6 peak ambulance units
- Implementation of the Mobile Community Health Program (MCHP) targeted to reduce calls by frequent EMS users

DFR will continue monitoring its response times, and making the necessary changes, to move closer to meeting those standards while ensuring the highest level of service to the citizens of Dallas.

## Follow-up Questions and Response -

1. Could you explain the tiered EMS dispatch software and how that changes things? And is there a specific date on the implementation?

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It is an emergency call-taking software system which allows call-takers, using a series of scripted questioning protocols, to send the most appropriate response resources based on the emergency type rather than simply sending an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance, which would ordinarily run with emergency lights and sirens, to every EMS call. In the DFR emergency fleet, fire engines with a paramedic on board would be dispatched to low priority medical calls. This dispatch strategy is used across the county because it helps keep limited ALS ambulance resources in service, so they can be made more readily available for life-threatening emergencies. During these types of calls, timely response is of the essence. While the department has been using the software since November of 2017, DFR aims to leverage the software's triaging capabilities by dispatching engines, as the sole response unit, to low acuity calls by late summer or early fall of 2019. This will entail a pilot period of two or three months, during which data will be used to help DFR leadership plan for EMS system capacity improvements as the city continues to grow.

2. Adding another full-time ambulance, does that mean a full crew? If so, how many people is that?

A new full-time ambulance was added to the fleet in May 2019 (Fire Station 18). It added a total of 6 newly funded paramedic positions (2 per shift) to the fire station at which it was placed in service. For added context: up to 5 paramedics are assigned to an ambulance per shift (A, B or C). However, only two paramedics staff an ambulance; and when it is not their assigned shift to ride, these cross-trained members spend their 24-hour shift on an engine.

3. Is the full-time ambulance separate from the six peak ambulance units? How many employees is that total? Yes, but members are not assigned to peak demands on a permanent basis. Members sign up on a list for the opportunity to ride a peak demand ambulance, and are compensated with overtime; therefore, they have no impact on daily minimum staffing levels. The peak demand ambulance hours are: Monday – Friday, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, from 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. They are assigned to stations identified as having an exceptionally high call volume during peak hours.

4. When is MCHP expected to be implemented, and could you explain how that reduces calls? The Mobile Community Healthcare Program (MCHP) has been in place since March 2014. The program is designed to reduce the number of 911 calls, from high-volume callers (i.e. chronically ill patients, and those recently discharged from hospitals but vulnerable and susceptible to unnecessary readmission). DFR paramedics who are part of the MCHP evaluate medical needs, and educate individuals on better management of their chronic conditions. This enables them to decrease their reliance on the 911 system to address education and case management gaps that would otherwise exist.

5. What cost total will all these changes be?

All of these items are ones that have been funded in previous budget years.

6. How many calls has Fire-Rescue fielded this year, and has it increased since 2017-2018? Unfortunately, the figures for this year are unavailable, but I can tell you that during FY 2017-2018 DFR responded to 221, 789 calls for medical assistance. According to a PSC briefing on Priority Dispatch in April 2018, 911 EMS call volume has increased over 20% since FY 2009-2010.

7. I'm still hoping to get the 2017-2018 percentage for context. I don't want to just compare the 50% rate to the goal of 90%, when I think 2017- The percentage for FY 2018 was 53.63%

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<u>Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup></u>: All local media outlets – Can we have more detail about a church fire DFR is responding to?

<u>**City Response</u>** - At 15:23 Dallas Fire-Rescue was assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at a church, located at 2217 56th Street, in South Dallas.</u>

When first responders arrived at the one-story building, they observed smoke coming from the roof. They made their way inside and were able to put the flames out in just over an hour. There were at least two workers in the church when the fire occurred, but both of them were able to make it out safely.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature, and began as the result of a plumber doing some work, involving the use of a torch, in the kitchen area in the back of the church. The flame ignited combustible materials within the wall and made its way up into the attic before first responders arrived and put it out.

<u>Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup></u>: Dallas Morning News (David Boucher) – Sent the following questions, in relation to the 2016 in custody death of one Tony Timpa, after the police body-camera footage was publicly released:

Here are my questions:

1. Did officers Burnley and Flores follow appropriate department protocol in response to the Timpa event?

2. During a police in custody call, at what point should rescue officers ascertain if a suspect is breathing?

3. When should officers administer sedatives to a suspect? Should they administer sedatives after a subject is no longer moving?

4. Are officers Burnley and Flores still employed with Dallas Fire-Rescue? If not, were they fired?

5. If they are still employed with the department, were they ever punished for their role in the Timpa event? If so, what was the punishment, and if not, why not?

<u>**City Response</u>** - The City of Dallas, and DFR, is currently involved in litigation related to the incident. That being the case, we are unable to comment on matters related to it.</u>

<u>Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup></u>: All local media outlets – Can you provide us more details on the water rescue that DFR is conducting at 33333 LBJ Freeway?

**<u>City Response</u>** - According to on-scene personnel, a body was found behind the Amazon Fulfillment Center. DFR units were dispatched to the incident, near 33333 LBJ Freeway, at 10:56. Though it was dispatched as a "Water Rescue with Boat", the body was not actually in enough water to justify a boat; so it was disregarded.

Dallas Police is investigating, so you'll have to reach out to them for any additional details you're looking for.

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: WFAA 8 (Joe Sherwood) – Do you have any information about the call "99 - Structure Fire Working," at 3000 E Ledbetter Dr, incident # 2019181423?

**<u>City Response</u>** - At 12:27 Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at The Francisco Apartments, located at 3035 East Ledbetter Drive, in South Dallas. Firefighters arrived at the two-story apartment building to find smoke coming from a vacant apartment on the second floor. They were able to make it inside and extinguish the fire in about 20 minutes; limiting the damage to the unit of origin.

Investigators determined the fire was accidental in nature, and began as the result of unspecified work being done with an open flame. The flame ignited combustibles and the fire spread into the walls of the unit before firefighters arrived and extinguished it. There were no injuries reported.

<u>Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup></u>: All local media outlets – We're hearing a truck caught fire near Coit and the PGBT. What can you tell us? It sounds like some trees may have caught on fire as well. <u>City Response</u> - Our units were assigned to the call at 14:48, after an accident was reported that involved a box truck that hit a pole and caught on fire. I don't have information on how the accident took place, as DPS is investigating that piece; and I don't have any information on the driver of the truck or anyone else that may have been involved. Reports indicate that Plano FD may have transported someone, so you may try reaching out to them for confirmation.

<u>Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup></u>: All local media outlets - Do you have any information about a technical rescue? Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Technical Rescue| 6000 E Northwest Hwy| FD O/S with an injured person in a creek. Stokes basket requested for extrication| 12:05

<u>**City Response</u>** - At 11:44 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a water rescue after someone witnessed a homeless woman fall into a creek behind the Cross Creek Apartments, located at 6033 East Northwest Highway, in Northwest Dallas.</u>

Though the water was only about one foot deep, once firefighters made it down the steep embankment to access the creek, they discovered that the woman had sustained an injury to one of her lower legs.

After properly packaging the woman, as well as her injury, first responders got her out of the water, back up the hill and into the back of a DFR rescue unit where she was taken to a local hospital for evaluation of her injury.

<u>Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></u>: NBC 5 (Catherine Park) - Is there any information about this water rescue on Simpson Stuart Road and Locust Drive? Anyone hurt?

Thank you and please respond to all.

<u>**City Response</u>** - At 07:39 Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a water rescue, near Simpson Stuart Road and Locust Drive, in the Trinity River.</u>

Reportedly, two men were heading down the river when their boat began taking on water around Highway 175 and Cambridge. Thankfully, they were able to bank their boat, and anchor it by holding on to a rope, just south of the Great Trinity Parkway bridge while first responders located them.

DFR located the men and rescued them from the boat around 08:00. Both men were evaluated, and checked out okay.

<u>Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></u>: Fox 4 (Steven Young) - I think this was dispatched before I came on duty. What do you have on this? Thanks.

99- Structure Fire working

14500 Dallas Pkwy

Units: 684, 685, BC02, BC07, EN07, EN20, EN56, NOARS1, NOARS2, RE20, TR20, TR41 Box: 200079

<u>**City Response</u>** - At 12:47 Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Davenport Apartments, located at 14500 Dallas Parkway, in far North Dallas.</u>

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When firefighters arrived at the location they observed smoke coming from an apartment. They made their way inside to find the seat of the fire, located inside the kitchen, and quickly extinguished it.

Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and began as the result of a pan/skillet of cooking oil being knocked over inadvertently. The man who was cooking sustained non-life-threatening burn injuries to his upper body, and had to be taken to a local hospital for evaluation.

There were no other injuries reported during the course of this fire, and firefighters were able to contain the damage to the apartment and room of origin.

<u>Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup></u>: CBS 11 (Giles Hudson) - A Dallas fire truck just got hit (think it was a blocker truck) on I-30 at Dolphin. Any official details certainly appreciated if you can and thanks. Giles

<u>**City Response</u>** - Around 07:30, DFR Blocker (engine) 2 was struck by a vehicle, at Interstate 30 and Dolphin Road, while blocking traffic for a major accident which had previously taken place at the location.</u>

There were no injuries reported.