

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 28, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – February 27, 2020**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – February 25, 2020 and March 3, 2020](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution **on February 25, 2020 and March 3rd, 2020**

February 25, 2020	March 3 rd , 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5915 Skillman Street (District 13)• 8684 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway - Eastbound (District 11)• 4480 Skillman Street (District 14)• 10700 Walnut Hill Lane (District 10)• 8326 Forest Lane (District 10)• 8210 Forest Lane (District 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1800 South Boulevard (District 7)• 7598 Marvin D Love Freeway North Bound (District 8)• 600 3rd Avenue (District 7)• 1702 E R L Thornton Service Road East Bound (District 2)• 2929 Hickory Street (District 7)• 2600 Hickory Street (District 7)

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.

New Updates

[Dallas Municipal Court Pop-Up Update](#)

This past weekend, the Dallas Municipal Court (DMC) completed its first round of pop-up courts and the response from the community was remarkable. Judiciary, City Prosecution and Court Clerk staff assisted over 770 individuals and addressed over 1,800 outstanding cases. DMC staff is looking forward to assisting more individuals at pop-up courts scheduled for Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 from 10am to 1pm at White Rock Hills Library and Martin Weiss Recreation Center. Should you have any questions

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or concerns, please contact Daisy Torres Fast, Interim Director of the Department of Court & Detention Services.

WCIA Needs Your Input

The Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA) invites you to participate in a brief survey regarding the recent soft launch of the Welcoming Hub. This information will help WCIA improve the new Welcoming Hub platform before we do a hard launch to the public. The Welcoming Hub is a website that will serve as a resource to Dallas immigrants attempting to identify various service providers in the area. To view the Welcoming Hub, visit <https://communityresources.dallascityhall.com/>. After you enter your zip code and click search, the Welcoming Hub webpage will generate different organizations that offer programs in healthcare, education, housing, legal services, and much more! **The survey deadline is this Friday, Feb. 28.** To complete the survey, visit http://tiny.cc/COD_CM_Survey. If you have questions or concerns, please email WCIA staff members, [Vanna Slaughter](#) or [Carlos Campos](#).

Dallas Area Partnership Meeting

The Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness, Chaired by Councilmember Casey Thomas II, will meet on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Interfaith Family Services, 1651 Matilda Street, Dallas. For additional information, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager.

Dallas Hires – Hiring Event

Earlier this month, the City of Dallas kicked off its workforce campaign entitled *Dallas Hires*. In partnership with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas and Community Council of Greater Dallas, the City hosted six workshop sessions called *Think-Ahead Thursday* in southern Dallas to address barriers to workforce and provide advance support to participants. There were approximately 140 participants that attended the workshops.

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, the Hiring Event will take place at Redbird Mall. Along with external employer participating, the City will showcase and recruit for internal vacancies for its various departments. Some employers, including the City of Dallas, will conduct on-site interviews and extend conditional offers of employment. Employment opportunities range from entry-level to mid-level positions. Employment seekers are encouraged to register in advance at bit.ly/dallashires and bring current resumes. Attached is an informational flyer that can be distributed. Information will also be posted through the City's various digital media outlets. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager.

DPD Community Engagements

The Dallas Police Department hosted several Community Engagements this week, please see the attached flyers for additional details. You can contact Chief Hall, Dallas Police Department by phone at 214-671-3905 or by [email](#), for further information.

- **Multiple days throughout the Week** – Explorer Post Meetings

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- **Tuesday, February 25th** – DPD Listening Session with Chief Hall and Councilmember Blackmon

[CHNA \(Community Health Needs Assessment\)](#)

The joint Parkland Hospital / Dallas County Health and Human Services Community Health Needs Assessment identifies and analyzes equity issues around health. The study includes areas in Dallas County where social determinants of health and lack of access are contributing to mortality rates, disease, etc. The City of Dallas, as an entity is already implementing programming that addresses some of these social determinants of health in the geographic areas identified.

External Relations is leading the external collaborative effort and has convened a working group with Parkland and DCHHS to explore opportunities for collaborating in the CHNA implementation in these areas via existing City of Dallas programming or via supplemental programming. External Relations is also engaging educational anchor institutions in the collaboration. An external partnership collaboration plan (utilizing current City of Dallas programming) is being developed with a draft expected to be delivered by [March 31](#).

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

March 4, 2020

- 2020 Census Update
- Dockless Vehicle Ordinance Proposed Amendments
- Council Retreat Update

April 1, 2020

- Community Survey Results
- Transit Oriented Development Land Use Strategy
- Approval of DFW Airport Bond Ordinance
- Zoning Authorized Hearings

[Media Inquiries](#)

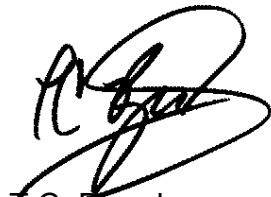
As of February 24, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Code enforcing violations in impacted areas
- Short-term rentals
- Tree removals near White Rock Lake
- Dallas Firefighters Recognized for Saving the Life of One of Their Own
- Dallas Fire Station Destroyed by Tornado Finally Demolished
- Woman Escapes Safely from Southwest Dallas House Fire

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- DFR Home Fire Safety Survey Program
- Major Accident and HazMat Spill Causes Major Back Up on Interstate 45
- Man, Uninjured After Becoming Trapped Under Cab of 18-Wheeler

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the February 18th, 2020 – February 24th, 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 (Interim)
Mark Swann, City Auditor
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
Kimberly Bizer 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
Michael Mendoza, Chief of Economic Development and Neighborhood Services
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
Laila Aleqresh, Chief Innovation Officer
M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
Directors and Assistant Directors

HIRING EVENT



**DALLAS
HIRES**
— DISCOVERING DALLAS' WORKFORCE —

MARCH 5 | 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

CHECK IN BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

REDBIRD MALL | 3662 W. CAMP WISDOM RD.

PROFESSIONAL DRESS AND CURRENT RESUME RECOMMENDED

CALLING ALL JOB SEEKERS!

THE CITY OF DALLAS INVITES YOU TO A HIRING EVENT FOR DALLAS RESIDENTS WHO ARE ACTIVELY IN THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET.

MORE THAN

**30 EMPLOYERS
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE**

REGISTER: BIT.LY/DALLASHIRES

EVENTO DE EMPLEO

**DALLAS
HIRES**
— DISCOVERING DALLAS' WORKFORCE —



5 DE MARZO | 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

REGISTRACIÓN COMIENZA A LAS 9:30 A.M.

REDBIRD MALL | 3662 W. CAMP WISDOM RD.

SE RECOMIENDA VESTUARIO PROFESIONAL Y TENER SU CURRÍCULUM DISPONIBLE

**SE HACE UN LLAMADO A LOS
SOLICITANTES DE TRABAJO!**

LA CIUDAD DE DALLAS LO INVITA A UN EVENTO DE EMPLEO PARA LOS
RESIDENTES DE DALLAS ACTIVOS EN EL MERCADO LABORAL.

MÁS DE
30 EMPLEADORES
ESTARÁN PRESENTES

REGÍTRASE AQUÍ: [BIT.LY/DALLASHIRES](https://bit.ly/dallashires)

WHAT IS LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING?

Law Enforcement Exploring is a part of the Boy Scouts of America. It is designed to acquaint young people with the nature and complexity of law enforcement. The purpose is to:

- Build Individual Character
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Gain Appreciation of Community Service
- Develop Good Citizenship



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Dallas Law Enforcement Explorer Program are to:

- Further the Explorer's Education
- Encourage their participation in a wide variety of service activities
- Enhance the Explorer's preparation for future roles as citizens, leaders and future law enforcement officers

Free and Year Round



HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

Both male and female young adults are encouraged to join. To join you must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 14 and 21
- Have a sincere interest in Law Enforcement
- Be enrolled in school and maintain a "C" average
- Have parental permission if under the age of 18
- Have no serious police record
- Be in good health
- Maintain a neat appearance and manner in compliance with the policies of the program
- Pass a thorough Criminal background check and a structured review board
- Complete the Basic Explorer Training Program



RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

The ride along program allows the Explorers to ride along and observe officers as they work in the field during a tour of duty. Explorers can experience and learn law enforcement first hand. To be eligible for this program an Explorer must be:

- At least 16 years of age
- Be in good standing in the program
- Have parental and advisor approval
- Have satisfactorily completed the Basic Explorer Training Program




PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Explorers participate in many projects and activities. Some of these are:

- Explorer Post Activities
 - Scenario Training
 - Competitions against other posts
- Department Activities
 - Graffiti "Paint Out"
 - Crime Prevention/Crime Watch
 - Parades
- Community Activities
 - Golden Gloves Boxing Tournaments
 - Safety Fairs
- Social Activities
 - Picnics
 - Campouts
 - Bowling/Volleyball

www.dallaspoliceexplorers.com

 [explorersdallas](https://twitter.com/explorersdallas)

 [DallasPDExplorers](https://www.facebook.com/DallasPDExplorers)

DALLAS AREA POSTS

- ◆ **CENTRAL (POST 7980)**
1400 S. Lamar St.
Dallas, Texas 75215
Meetings: Wednesday 630pm-830pm
Post Advisor Officer Rachel Rice
rachel.rice@dallascityhall.com
214 422 2644
- ◆ **NORTHEAST (Post 3305)**
9915 E. Northwest Hwy.
Dallas, Texas 75238
Meetings: Thursday 630p-9p
Post Advisor Sr. Cpl. Raul Hernandez
214 287-8835
raul.hernandez@dallascityhall.com
- ◆ **SOUTHEAST (Post 4264)**
725 S. Jim Miller
Dallas, Texas 75217
Meetings: Mondays 6:15pm-8pm
Post Advisor Officer F. Phelps
farie.phelps@dallascityhall.com



SOUTHWEST (Post 848)

4230 W. Illinois Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75211
Meetings: Thursday 6p-9p
Post Advisor Sr. Cpl. James Farmer
james.farmer@dallascityhall.com

NORTHWEST (Post 3194)

9801 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75220
(214) 287-8835
Meetings: Monday 6:30p-9p
Post Advisor Sr. Cpl. Raul Hernandez
raul.hernandez@dallascityhall.com

NORTH CENTRAL (Post 5580)

6969 McCallum
Dallas, Texas 75252
(214) 470-8080
Meetings: Mondays & Thursdays 6pm-8pm
Post Advisor Officer Nathan Martinez
nathan.martinez@dallascityhall.com

SOUTH CENTRAL (Post 6613)

1999 E. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75232
(214) 724-3750
Meetings: Mondays 5p- 9p
Post Advisor Sr. Cpl. James Farmer
james.farmer@dallascityhall.com



DALLAS POLICE



LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM

¿Que es la Exploración Policiaca?

El programa Exploración Policiaca parte de Boys Scouts of America está diseñado para el entendimiento de la complejidad que es la ley. Con el propósito del:

- Crecimiento de Carácter Individual
- Calidades de Liderazgo
- Entender la Importancia del Servicio Comunitario
- Crear Educación Cívica



Metas y Objetivos

Las metas y objetivos del Programa de Exploración Policiaca son:

- Promover el crecimiento educativo del explorador
- Fomentar la participación en actividades de servicio a la comunidad
- Mejorar la preparación del Explorador para ser buenos miembros y líderes de la comunidad y el futuro del departamento de policía

El Programa es Gratis



¿Cómo Puede Calificar?

Jóvenes, hombres y mujeres, pueden participar. Requisitos para ingresar:

- Entre 14 y 21 años de edad
- Tener interés de agencia policiaca
- Atender la escuela y mantener un promedio escolar de "C"
- Permiso de guardián si eres menor de 18 años
- Estar en buena salud
- Mantener una apariencia y modo conforme a las pólizas del programa
- Someterse a una revisión de antecedentes penales y comisión evaluadora
- Completar el entrenamiento básico del programa Exploración Policiaca



Programa "Ride Along"

El programa "Ride Along" permite que los Exploradores trabajen junto con un policía para observar las operaciones diarias de un oficial. Para participar, el Explorador tiene:

- Ser mayor de 16 años de edad
- Estar en buen estado con el programa
- Aprobación de comité y guardianes
- Completar satisfactoriamente el entrenamiento básico del programa Exploración Policiaca



Proyectos y Actividades

Los Exploradores participan en varios proyectos y actividades:

- Actividades por Puesto
 - Entrenamiento de Situaciones
 - Seminarios
 - Competencias
 - Recaudación de Fondos
- Actividades del Programa
 - Operation H.E.A.T
 - Grafiti "Paint Out"
 - Prevención de Crimen
 - Desfiles
- Actividades Comunitarias
 - Torneo de Box Golden Gloves
 - Ferias de Aprendizaje
- Actividades Sociales
 - Picnics
 - Acampar
 - Boliche/Volibol
 - Programas Navideños

¡Estas son algunas de las muchas actividades!

Puestos en la área de Dallas

- ◆ **CENTRAL (Puesto 7980)**
1400 S. Lamar
Dallas, Texas 75215
214422-2644
rachel.rice@dallascityhall.com
Juntas: Lunes 6p-8pm

- ◆ **Noreste (Puesto 3305)**
9915 E. Northwest Hwy.
Dallas, Texas 75238
raul.hernandez@dallascityhall.com
214 287-8835
Juntas: Jueves 630p to 9p

- ◆ **Sureste (Puesto 4264)**
725 S. Jim Miller
Dallas, Texas 75217
214 724-9283
farie.phelps@dallascityhall.com
Juntas: Lunes 6p to 9p



- ◆ **Suroeste (Puesto 505)**
4230 W. Illinois Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75211
214 724-3750
james.farmer@dallascityhall.com
Juntas: Lunes 6p to 9p

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9801 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75220
214 287-8835
raul.hernandez@dallascityhall.com
Juntas: Lunes 6:30p to 9p

- ◆ **Norte Central (Puesto 115)**
6969 McCallum
Dallas, Texas 75252
214 470-8080
nathan.martinez@dallascityhall.com
Juntas: Lunes: 6p to 9p
Jueves: 6p to 9p

- ◆ **Sur Central (Puesto 1999)**
1999 E. Camp Wisdom Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75232
214 724-3750
Juntas: Lunes 5p to 7p
james.farmer@dallascityhall.com

Policía de Dallas



Programa de Exploración Policíaca



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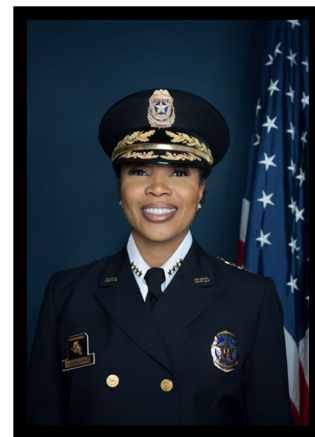
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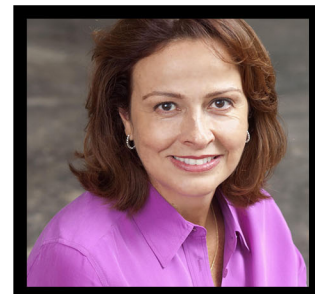
Listening Session

**Tuesday
February 25, 2020
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Harry Stone
Recreation Center
2403 Millmar Dr.
Dallas TX, 75228**



**Chief of Police
Reneé Hall**



**Council Member
Paula Blackmon
District 9**

The Dallas Police Department is developing a 5-year strategic plan. Join Chief Hall and Council Member Blackmon for a discussion, as well as feedback and recommendations on the community's top priorities that can be incorporated within the department.

There will be light refreshments and an opportunity to get information from other City of Dallas Departments

@DallasPD @DPDCA @DPDUNIDOS

For more information contact the Office of Community Affairs : (214) 671-4045



El Departamento de Policía de Dallas Presenta:

Sesión de Escucha

Martes

25 de Febrero, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Harry Stone

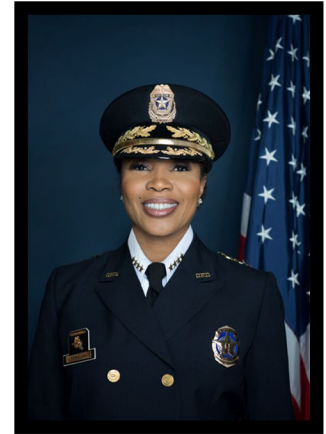
Recreation Center

2403 Millmar Dr.

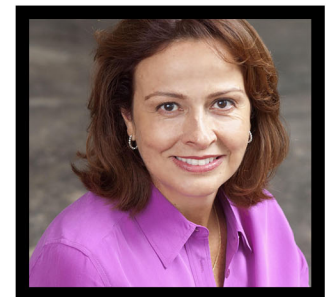
Dallas TX, 75228

El Departamento de Policía de Dallas está desarrollando un plan estratégico de 5 años. Acompaña Chief Hall y Concejal Blackmon para una discusión, con comentarios y recomendaciones sobre las prioridades de la comunidad que se pueden incorporar dentro del departamento.

Se ofrecerán refrescos, y habrá la oportunidad de obtener información de otros departamentos de la ciudad de Dallas



**Chief of Police
Reneé Hall**



**Concejal
Paula Blackmon
Distrito 9**

@DallasPD @DPDCA @DPDUNIDOS

Para más información llame a la Oficina de Asuntos Comunitarios : (214) 671-4045

**Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
February 18 – February 24**

Date Submitted: 2/18/2020

Topic: Tree removal operations near White Rock Lake

Inquiry: Jack from NBC inquired about tree removal operations near White Rock Lake. He wanted to know if the City was removing healthy trees in addition to the trees damaged by the Oct. 20 tornado. Park & Rec Marketing/Media Relations Manager Andrea Hawkins responded via text the following information: "In the aftermath of the October 2019 tornado and subsequent storms that heavily damaged city parks and trails including Cottonwood Trail, Dallas Park and Recreation Department authorized a contractor to remove severely damaged and downed trees on park-owned property. The work plan presented to the contractor stressed the removal of unhealthy, dying and storm-ravished trees. A review of the contractor's work shows that only unhealthy, damaged trees have been removed. Dallas Park and Recreation's reforestation program Branching Out is under way. Since the program's inception, Dallas Park and Recreation with the help of citizen and corporate volunteers has planted nearly 300 trees in parks throughout the city."

Submitted By: Demeshia Jackson & Andrea Hawkins (Park and Recreation)

Media Entity: Jack Highberger (NBC 5)

Date Submitted: 2/18/2020

Topic: Code enforcing violations in impacted areas

Inquiry: Various media entities requested information about Code enforcing violations in areas impacted by last year's tornado. We shared the following, Code Compliance Services will be sending out courtesy letters notifying residents of the violation(s), not citations. If the property owner does not comply to the letter only then enforcement efforts will begin. The majority of the code violations include structural damage and litter. The majority of the code violations include structural damage and litter.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (Code Compliance Services)

Media Entity: Marysol Gonzalez, Andrea Lucia, Allen Manning, Imela Garcia (Univision 23, CBS 11, WFAA, Al Dia Dallas)

Date Submitted: 2/19/2020

Topic: Dallas tornadoes in the last 50 years

Inquiry: Mike Pool with WFAA requested a list of tornadoes that touched down in Dallas the last 50 years. The Office of Emergency Management provided a spreadsheet with 93 tornadoes touching down the last 50 years including date, time, location and rating.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

Media Entity: Mike Pool (WFAA)

Date Submitted: 2/20/2020

Topic: Short-Term Rental Registration Task Force

Inquiry: Caroline from CBS 11 inquired about the City forming a task force for short-term rental (STR) regulation. PAO provided Caroline with a link to the council memo that included information about the Short-Term Rental Regulation Task Force released to the public on Feb. 21.

Submitted By: Demeshia Jackson (City Controller's Office & Sustainable Development and Construction)

Media Entity: Caroline Vandergriff (CBS 11)

Date Submitted: 2/24/2020

Topic: Short Term Rentals

Inquiry: Cailin Crowe, an associate editor with Smart Cities Dive, asked the following questions about short term rental regulations and about the task force. • Why is this task force being created/what are the challenges that Airbnb and short term rentals have created in Dallas? • How does the task force plan to tackle those challenges (one or two specific examples would be great)? • Is there a timeline for when this task force would be created? How many people and/or who would serve on the task force? The City replied as indicated: The Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee of the Dallas City Council was recently briefed on short term rental (STR) regulations in Dallas and other US cities. The Committee voted to create a new task force to study the need for changes in how Dallas regulates STRs, particularly to mitigate any impacts on neighborhood quality of life. The Committee will continue to discuss the composition, scope, and timeline for the task force in the coming weeks and at upcoming meetings.

Events like Holiday on the Plaza in December or the newly instituted New Year's Eve celebration have been funded through the Downtown Tourist Improvement District (DTPID), VisitDallas, Dallas Downtown Inc. and private sponsorship. Since these are activations of areas abutting the convention center and fit the definition for promoting local tourism, the City has used HOT. HOT was used for costs such as fencing, security, set-up, clean-up, etc.

Submitted By: Nichelle Sullivan (Sustainable Development & Construction)

Media Entity: Cailin Crowe (Smart Cities Dive)



CITY OF DALLAS

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: February 18, 2020 – February 24, 2020.

Tuesday, February 18th: Sent the following to all the local newsrooms –

DFR Members to be Recognized for Saving the Life of One of Their Own

What: Unit Citation Presentation to Members of Engine and Rescue 40

When: Wednesday, February 19th, at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Fire Station 40 (2440 Kimwood Drive, Dallas, TX 75237)

Background: On Monday, October 28th, at 7:27 p.m., Engine and Rescue 40 were dispatched to a 911 call for an “Unconscious Person” at the Oak Cliff YMCA, located at 6701 South Hampton Road, in South Dallas. Armed with pre-arrival information and state of the art equipment, personnel made their way inside to find an unconscious male who, according to bystanders, collapsed while he was working out. As adrenaline provoking as it could sound however, nothing could prepare them for the realization that the body which lied unconscious on the floor was that of retired Dallas Fire Lieutenant, Creston “Crest” Whitaker, Sr. Personnel from the engine and the rescue began applying life-saving measures, to include performing CPR, on Lt. Whitaker and transported him to Charlton Methodist Hospital where he coded multiple times before they ultimately saved his life. Though the Lieutenant survived, he continues to recover from what transpired on that October evening.

As a result of their quick and coordinated efforts, DFR will hold a brief informal ceremony recognizing the members from Engine and Rescue 40 for a job well done.

In attendance: Fire Chief, Dominique Artis (and members of the Command Staff)*

Retired, Lieutenant, Crest Whitaker, Sr.*

Lieutenant, Creston Whitaker, Jr.

Members from Engine and Rescue 40

*denotes members available for interview

Media: Please arrive early, so I can arrange interviews prior to the presentation. Though you'll be able to get sound afterwards, the Command Staff will typically move everyone inside the station for an *internal* discussion on departmental matters.

The Event Resulted in Positive Mainstream Media, and Social Media, Attention at the following links:

The Dallas Morning News -

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/2020/02/24/first-responders-always-respond-former-fire-lieutenant-thanks-firefighters-for-saving-his-life-when-he-had-a-heart-attack/>

Al Dia -

<https://www.dallasnews.com/espanol/al-dia/dallas-fort-worth/2020/02/21/dallas-bomberos-salvan-la-vida-a-un-hombre-que-resultado-ser-un-conocido-un-exjefe-de-bomberos/>

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/340809029275626/posts/2902030719820098/>

Twitter -

https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q/status/1230242266456956928?s=19

Wednesday, February 19th: Sent the following to all the local news desks –

I apologize for the late notice, but I just received a phone call with the update that the demolition of fire station 41 will take place as early as 9:00a.m., this morning.

If you have photogs out and about, I'd suggest having them head that direction, as I was also told that it won't take very long for the structure to be brought down.

Thursday, February 20th: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) - Is there any information available regarding a structure fire in the 6000 block of Chippewa Drive?

City Response - DFR units were dispatched to the call at 3:09 for "Smoke in the Area" of 6000 Chippewa Drive. They found the source of the smoke and transmitted a request for a "structure fire working" response to a residence on that street. There are no details available regarding suppression efforts, but the fire was declared extinguished within half an hour.

There were no reported injuries, but the American Red Cross was called out to assist with the needs of one adult female occupant. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Thursday, February 20th: NBC 5 (Alanna Quillen) – Can we have an interview with either Chief Artis or Berry about DFR’s Home Fire Safety Survey Program. We’d like to talk about that types of things DFR is telling Dallas residents when it comes to fire safety. We’d also like to try to get video of fire inspectors doing a survey for the story.

City Response – Set up an interview for her on Friday, February 21st, at 10:30 a.m., and after getting clearance from a Dallas resident, had them bring their photog out to get b-roll of a survey being conducted.

The story aired on Tuesday, February 25th, multiple times between 5 and 7 a.m., and can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/dallas-fire-rescue-inspects-residential-homes-for-fire-risks-through-program/2317891/>

Sunday, February 23rd: Fox 4 (Steve Young) and WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez) - There is still a huge backup along northbound I-45 in Dallas due to a hazmat materials spill related to an early afternoon major accident. Was that a diesel fuel spill or something else?

City Response - I can't speak on the continued back up because we no longer have any personnel at the scene. I can tell you that the spill was diesel from the 18-wheelers saddle tanks though, and that there were no reported injuries. Law enforcement will have all the accident details you need.

Monday, February 24th: WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez) and NBC 5 (Don Peritz) - Can you provide information on a USAR incident on 8500 S Central Expy?

City Response - Our Urban Search and Rescue team was dispatched to a 911 call, at 11:53 a.m., after a man became trapped under the cab of an 18-wheeler at HUB Group Trucking, located at 8575 South Central Expressway.

According to on-scene personnel, the man was fixing something under the truck when the cab, he had previously lifted with a screw jack, somehow trapped him under the cab. USAR stabilized the cab, then lifted it enough, using hydraulic spreaders, to slip the man out from underneath the truck. He had no injuries and refused transport to the hospital.