

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 17, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – July 16, 2020**

## Encampment Resolution Schedule July 13-17, 2020

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>:

The OHS Street Outreach teams have continued to engage with individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization will meet with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Please direct any questions to Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager or Kevin Oden, Interim Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

LOCATION	DIVISION
<b>Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
1700 Chestnut Street	South
1700 CHESTNUT STREET	South
1700 BAYLOR STREET	South
2600 FERRIS STREET	South
2600 DAWSON AVENUE	South
2600 LOUISE AVENUE	South
2600 HICKORY STREET	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AND 635/LBJ UNDERPASS (BOTH SIDES)	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT FOREST LANE	North
635/LYNDON B JHNSON AND PRESTON ROAD	North
FRANKFORD AND GIBBONS	North
<b>Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
4040 COMMERCE STREET	South
629 SOUTH 2 <sup>ND</sup> AVENUE	South
500 SOUTH HASKELL AVENUE	South
2600 TAYLOR STREET	South
1625 SOUTH MALCOLM X BOULEVARD	South
1577 SOUTH MALCOLM X BOULEVARD	South
1000 SOUTH AKARD STREET	South
560 SOUTH HILL AVENUE	South
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT PRESTON ROAD	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AND TI BOULEVARD	North
75/N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT ROYAL LANE	North

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ROYAL LANE AT MANDERVILLE DRIVE	North
<b>Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
1800 SOUTH BOULEVARD	South
2300 COOMBS	South
2300 HARRISON	South
METROPOLITAN AVENUE AND SOUTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY	South
ELSIE FAYE HEGGINS AND SOUTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY	South
2300 CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD	South
35/STEMMONS AT ROYAL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT WALNUT HILL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MEDICAL DISTRICT DRIVE	North
35/STEMMONS AT EMPIRE CENTRAL	North
WEST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND DENTON DRIVE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT JOSEY LANE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT WEBB CHAPEL ROAD	North
ROYAL LANE AT CHANNEL DRIVE	North
<b>Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
ERL THORNTON AND SOUTH MUNGER	South
704 FLETCHER STREET	South
SOUTH ERVAY AND GRIFFIN STREET	South
1500 SOUTH HARDWOOD STREET	South
WEST MOCKINGBIRD AND HARRY HINES	South
US-67 AT POLK STREET	South
35/STEMMONS AT ROYAL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT WALNUT HILL LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MOCKINGBIRD LANE	North
35/STEMMONS AT MEDICAL DISTRICT DRIVE	North
35/STEMMONS AT EMPIRE CENTRAL	North
WEST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY AND DENTON DRIVE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT JOSEY LANE	North
635/LYNDON B JOHNSON AT WEBB CHAPEL ROAD	North
ROYAL LANE AT CHANNEL DRIVE	North
<b>Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
75/NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY AT HALL STREET	North
45/CENTRAL AT ROSS AVENUE	North
45/CENTRAL AT LIVE OAK STREET	North
45/CENTRAL AT PACIFIC AVENUE	North
WOODALL RODGERS AT FIELD STREET	North

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WOODALL RODGERS SERVICE ROAD-SOUTHBOUND AT 45/CENTRAL	North
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## New Updates

### [Return to Work Phased Reopening](#)

We continue to work on the readiness of city facilities as presented during the June 3, 2020 Return to Work Briefing to the City Council. As communicated last week, we will continue in the Phase One 25% onsite staffing capacity until the number of new positive COVID-19 cases are showing a 14-day decline. Please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff, at 214.670.3302 if you have any questions.

### [COVID-19 Testing Site Update](#)

The City and County received notification that HHS had agreed to extend Federal support for the Ellis Davis Field House (EDFH) testing site through the end of July 2020. While over 90k people have been tested at the two community-based test sites since June, the turnaround time for results has been 7-10 days. This causes uncertainty for those being tested as to whether they should self-isolate, which could potentially contribute to community spread. At this time, the two-week extension does not provide a resolution to a quicker turnaround time for results.

Parkland Hospital, who is currently providing the medical staffing at EDFH, has the capability to engage with their local lab partner, ARUP, to provide testing and results in 2-3 days. Based on the uncertainty of continued Federal support beyond the end of the month and with the knowledge that test results are taking 7-10 days or longer to receive, it is believed that moving away from the Federally supported site is preferable at this time. With the change in the vendor, only City of Dallas and Dallas County residents will be eligible for the free tests at EDFH. Should you need additional information, please contact Rocky Vaz at [rocky.vaz@dallascityhall.com](mailto:rocky.vaz@dallascityhall.com).

### [Motor Vehicle Registration](#)

On Thursday, July 9, the City of Dallas officially became a bonded “WebAgent” of Dallas County. This new functional authority allows the City to process annual renewal of motor vehicle registrations for fleet **owned by the City**. The Department of Equipment and Fleet Management (EFM) will manage the new internal process. Benefits include the elimination of time intensive in-person transactions at Dallas County Tax Offices, a reduction in the number of manual payments, and more timely/efficient motor vehicle registration renewals.

Three staff from EFM were trained and “deputized” as authorized officials to act on behalf of Dallas County for processing renewals exclusively for City fleet. The timeline to implement from brainstorming to go-live included multiple years, countless contributors, and steadfast commitment from City staff. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donzell Gipson, Director of Equipment and Fleet Management at [donzell.gipson@dallascityhall.com](mailto:donzell.gipson@dallascityhall.com).

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### [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) Microgrant Awarded to the City of Dallas](#)

The City of Dallas Police Department has been awarded \$100K for a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) microgrant. The funding will be used to implement the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) program, which reduces neighborhood gun crime through a community-intensive approach that identifies high-risk offenders, provides mentoring to help them change violent behaviors, and offers avenues of support as they exit the revolving doors of the criminal justice system. The COPS microgrant opportunity will be used to hire one Project Manager who will implement and manage the GVI program within the DPD Violent Crime Response Team Unit and will provide for an evaluation conducted by a local academic institution. This initiative ties directly into the DPD 2020 Violent Crime Reduction Plan and the Mayor's Task Force report on Safe Communities. Should you have any questions, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs at 214-670-5797 or [brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com](mailto:brett.wilkinson@dallascityhall.com)

### [Convention and Event Services Upcoming Events/Bookings Update](#)

Convention and Event Services continues to monitor executive orders and updates provided by the Governor's office and the local health authority as the department works with events permitted through its Office of Special Events (OSE) or those booked at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD). Since mid-March, CES-OSE has canceled or rescheduled 107 of its 132 permits requested through the end of the fiscal year. Similarly, the KBHCCD was scheduled to host 98 bookings. Prior to the onset of COVID-19, 49 bookings were completed or rescheduled. To-date, 44 have cancelled and the remainder are pending cancellation or are attempting to reschedule.

The status of all remaining permit applications and convention center bookings are subject to change day-to-day based on any new guidance received by staff. As instructed, CES is offering no exemptions for events/bookings that do not meet the most current attendance criteria, and event planners are being instructed to reduce attendance sizes and provide written safety protocols.

If you have additional questions, please contact Assistant City Manager, Joey Zapata, or Rosa Fleming, Director of CES.

### [Dallas ISD and City of Dallas Meeting Aligning Strategy Regarding Re-Imagining Police Efforts](#)

CMO Executive Staff and Chief Hall participated in a call with DISD Executive Staff to discuss the recent call for re-imagining police services and how that affects our school system. DISD conducted budget discussions and meetings with board members that included one community meeting. DPD opened these discussions stressing that school policing is not the same as municipal policing. Officers follow a code of conduct in coordination with the school district. For example, Class B type offenses are referred to

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the school, giving the school administration the authority to make the decision about the student whether the incident will result in suspension or another type of consequence.

As this was the first discussion, next steps include having more community meetings and informing parents and students what the purpose of the School Resource Officer is.

**Demographics of School Resource Officers**

- 128 Sworn Peace Officer, 50 Security Officers
- 112 African American, 62 Hispanic, 15 Caucasian
- 126 Male, 63 Female

**Dallas Fire-Rescue’s 4th of July Initiatives**

July 4th has traditionally been a period of heavy response activity for our police and fire departments. To enhance public safety and mitigate the anticipated rise in Fire/EMS emergencies, the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFR) carefully preplanned and coordinated resources for this year’s Independence Day celebrations. On July 4, 2020, Dallas Fire-Rescue amplified enforcement efforts to discourage the illegal use of fireworks within the city limits in an effort to minimize fireworks related injuries and property damage. Statistical information for DFR July 4th emergency responses tied to potential fireworks involvement is as follows:

<b>Problem</b>	<b>July 4, 2020 Shift Count</b>	<b>July 4, 2019 Shift Count</b>	<b>FY19 Avg Count per normal day</b>	<b>FY18 Avg Count per normal day</b>
02- Dumpster Fire	27	24	1.51	1.43
01- Grass Fire	22	16	3.32	4.19
04- Trash Fire	5	13	1.87	1.88
98- Structure Fire Reported	8	6	3.45	3.88
10F- Fire Reported Out	8	5	0.91	0.81
99- Structure Fire Working	5	3	2.44	2.30
08- Vehicle Fire	6	0	4.78	5.13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18.28</b>	<b>19.62</b>

**Park employee receives national honor**

A Dallas Park and Recreation Department senior program manager has received national recognition for his advocacy efforts to reduce health disparities among senior adults in Dallas. Daryl Quarles has received the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)-NRPA

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Award for Health Equity Award given by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

### [Dallas Park and Recreation is a finalist for national Gold Medal Award](#)

Dallas Park and Recreation Department is a finalist for the 2020 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. This prestigious national honor is presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to communities that demonstrate excellence in the park and recreation field.

## **Look Ahead**

### [City Council Briefings](#)

August 5, 2020

- Dallas First Procurements
- Availability and Disparity Study Findings and Recommendations
- Dallas Housing Authority Annual Update
- Small Cell Program Updates

August 11, 2020

- Budget Workshop – City Manager’s Recommended Budget

August 19, 2020

- Community Land Trust and procedures
- Budget Workshop

### [Media Inquiries](#)

As of July 13, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

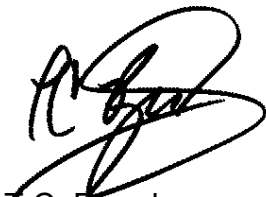
- OHS Shelter transition
- Request for Federal Medical Station update
- MRAP nonprofit funding
- Dallas county’s mask order
- WCIA grant announcement
- Carpenter Park
- DFR’s Use of Tiller Truck Gains International Attention
- DFR Confirms 46 Members to Date with Positive COVID-19 Tests
- DFR Questioned on Whether They Use Ketamine in the Sedation of Patients in Police Custody
- Despite Rising Temperatures, DFR Responses to Heat-Related Calls Remains Low
- Person Making Offensive Facebook Post Mistakenly Thought to be Member of DFR
- DFR and DPD Team Up to Monitor for Illegal Fireworks Use

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- Residents Escape South Dallas House Fire
- Firefighter Suffers Minor Burn at South Dallas House Fire
- DFR and DPD Confiscate Over 800 Pounds of Fireworks
- DFR Confirms 55 Members to Date with Positive COVID-19 Tests

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the July 7, 2020 – July 13, 2020 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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## Dallas is a Finalist for 2020 National Gold Medal Award

*Dallas Park and Recreation to compete for prestigious national honor in the park and recreation industry*

**(DALLAS), MAY 27, 2020** – Dallas Park and Recreation Department is a finalist for the 2020 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. This prestigious national honor is presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to communities that demonstrate excellence in the park and recreation field.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for the Dallas Park and Recreation Department and the city, but mostly for the citizens of Dallas. This award honors the nation’s best of the best, and Dallas has among the best parks, trails and amenities of any city in the country, said Calvert Collins-Bratton, President of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board.

Dallas Park and Recreation is one of four finalists in the Class 1 category - which is based on cities with populations of more than 400,000. The finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer and Grand Plaque recipients will be announced during the 2020 NRPA Conference to be held virtually in October.

“Dallas received the Gold Medal Award in 1985. Since then, the department has achieved many milestones in our community to help residents stay active, healthy and engaged. We are honored our programs and the work of our park and recreation professionals are being recognized nationally. We are thrilled to be recognized,” said John D. Jenkins, Director, Dallas Park and Recreation Department.

Agencies will be judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of community members, staff and elected officials through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition.

“Getting to this point took years of visionary leadership by staff and Board members, plus political willpower, and unbelievably dedicated and creative partners. It has never been more apparent than right now - Dallas residents love their parks and trails, and they have given overwhelming support for bond programs that have further enhanced the park system. So, this is a collective ‘win’, and we will continue to build on this strong foundation,” said Collins-Bratton.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit [www.nrpa.org/goldmedal](http://www.nrpa.org/goldmedal) or [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).



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The nationally accredited, **Dallas Park and Recreation Department** is among the country's largest urban park systems. Its mission is to champion lifelong recreation and serve as responsible stewards of the city's parks, trails, and open spaces. The department maintains 24,000 acres of park land and water, including 379 parks, 100 miles of trails, athletic complexes, and natural areas. It also manages recreation centers, golf courses, community pools, tennis centers and special attractions. For more information, visit [dallasparks.org](http://dallasparks.org).

**American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration** is a nonprofit organization founded to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators that would enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and, to conduct research, publish scholarly papers and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration. For more information, visit [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

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## Dallas Park and Recreation and WellMed Charitable Foundation employees recognized with national park and recreation award

[DALLAS], June 12, 2020 — A Dallas Park and Recreation Department and a WellMed Charitable Foundation employee are recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)-NRPA Award for Health Equity Award given by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Daryl Quarles, park manager for senior programs, and Carol Zernial, executive director for the WellMed Charitable Foundation's (WCF), were selected for their advocacy activities to reduce health disparities among senior adults in Dallas. Several years ago, Quarles and Zernial created a partnership between the park department and the foundation that led to the WCF providing a \$150,000 grant to the City of Dallas. The donation helped underwrite annual and monthly fees for residents 60 and older to participate in city recreation center activities. Since the first WCF grant was announced, more than 2,100 older adults have joined Dallas recreation centers.

Their collaboration led to the 2018 opening of the WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Activity Center, the department's largest recreation center to offer health, wellness and recreational programs exclusively for seniors. WellMed spent \$2.1 million on the 22,000-square-foot senior center that features exercise facilities, computer and digital technology programs, fitness classes, lounge with pool tables, and an adjacent for-profit medical clinic. The department provides staff and programming activities. Additionally, WCF provides \$150,000 in scholarships for memberships for more than 3,100 seniors.

"They both have made tremendous achievements in ensuring Dallas seniors are mentally and physically engaged with each other and remain active contributors to their communities. They know the value of collaboration and Dallas is honored to be a longtime partner with WellMed," said Crystal R. Ross, park department assistant director.

"They used their knowledge and influence within neighborhood association meetings, council committees, and corporate board rooms to make sure seniors had a place where they could connect with each other. We are excited that their outstanding leadership is being recognized nationally," added Ross.

The award will be presented in October during the 2020 NRPA Virtual Annual Conference.

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#### **About the National Recreation and Park Association**

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**Communications, Outreach and Marketing**  
**Media Requests**  
**July 6 to July 13**

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

**Topic:** FOX 4 - Testing results delay

**Inquiry:** Shaun Rabb with FOX 4 asked about test result delays at the Community Based Testing Sites. We shared the following information: The federally supported sites requires the samples be shipped to the Federally contracted Labs out of state. Due to an increase in testing nationwide the labs capacity is at its max. We continue to work with our federal partners to expedite processing of samples as quickly as possible. Anyone seeking an update on test results should email [DallasCBTSresults@dallascityhall.com](mailto:DallasCBTSresults@dallascityhall.com).

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** Shaun Rabb (FOX 4)

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

**Topic:** WFAA, Telemundo - State fair eco impact

**Inquiry:** Marie Saavedra with WFAA and Zully Salgado with Telemundo asked about the economic impact of the State Fair's cancelation and requested an interview. COM advised no one was available on 7/7 and we would reach back out once staff has time to access.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Budget)

**Media Entity:** Marie Saavedra, Zully Salgado (WFAA, Telemundo)

**Date Submitted:** 7/8/2020

**Topic:** DMN - MRAP nonprofit

**Inquiry:** Obed Manuel with the Dallas Morning News asked which nonprofits received funding during the first round of MRAP funding. COM shared a list of the nonprofits and included that the nonprofits are required to file progress reports monthly; the first ones will likely be completed at the end of July.

**Submitted By:** Nichelle Sullivan (Neighborhood Housing and Revitalization)

**Media Entity:** Obed Manuel (DMN)

**Date Submitted:** 7/9/2020

**Topic:** WFAA: Closure of aquatic programs

**Inquiry:** WFAA inquired about Dallas Parks and Recreation cancelling aquatic programs and wanted to confirm if the closure of aquatic programs means closing down of swimming pools to the public or only programs.

The City's response was:

The closure of aquatic programs means the closing down of all aquatic facilities, which includes swimming pools to the public and programs.

**Submitted By:** Deme Jackson (Park and Recreation)

**Media Entity:** WFAA

**Date Submitted:** 7/10/2020

**Topic:** WFAA, NBC 5 - KBHCCD FMS

**Inquiry:** Lourdes Vazquez with WFAA and Donald Peritz with NBC 5 asked if the OHS shelter transition had anything to do with the possible use of the Federal Medical Station. COM advised there are no plans to use KBHCCD as a federal medical station at this time.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** Lourdes Vazquez (WFAA)

**Date Submitted:** 7/10/2020

**Topic:** CBS 11 - OHS shelter transition

**Inquiry:** Aparna Zalani with CBS 11 requested more information on OHS' shelter transition. COM outlined information from the outline to explain why the transitioning is taking place and explained this is being funded by the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Homeless Solutions)

**Media Entity:** Aparna Zalani (CBS 11)

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

**Topic:** WFAA - cooling stations

**Inquiry:** Lourdes Vazquez asked if Dallas has opened cooling stations. COM advised cooling relief is available to the homeless at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. Library and park sites used as cooling centers in years past are currently closed due to COVID-19. We also included information from Salvation Army on their cooling relief offerings modified due to COVID-19.

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Emergency Management)

**Media Entity:** Lourdes Vazquez (WFAA)

**Date Submitted:** 7/13/2020

**Topic:** DMN - Face coverings

**Inquiry:** Allie Morris with DMN requested information on enforcement of the Gov.'s mask order. COM advised the City Of Dallas relies most on each and every resident's personal responsibility for compliance with statewide face covering orders. So far Dallas code enforcement has responded to conduct more than 20,000 inspections of possible violations of COVID-19 orders and there have not been any citations given related to face coverings.

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

**Media Entity:** Allie Morris (DMN)

**Date Submitted:** 7/13/2020

**Topic:** Univision - OHS shelter transition

**Inquiry:** Nathalie Palacios with Univision requested more information on OHS' shelter transition and how it's being funded. We responded to please view the memo to answer your questions, [https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY19-20\\_Memos/Transition-of-Kay-Bailey-Hutchison-Convention-Center-Shelter\\_Memo\\_071020.pdf](https://dallascityhall.com/government/citymanager/Documents/FY19-20_Memos/Transition-of-Kay-Bailey-Hutchison-Convention-Center-Shelter_Memo_071020.pdf) The shelter and hotel rooms are funded by Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF).

**Submitted By:** Roxana Rubio (Office of Homeless Solutions)

**Media Entity:** Nathalie Palacios (Univision 23)



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department  
Media Requests: July 7 – 13, 2020.

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: WFAA 8 (Alex Rozier)** - Hey Jason, Curious about the situation in Dallas....FW Medstar is telling me they've seen a 54% increase in cardiac arrest calls year over year. Any data on the Dallas side or who should I maybe reach out to for that information?

**City Response** – During the month of June, DFR's cardiac arrest calls increased by 32% from 2019 to 2020.

That percentage should be reflective of the following numbers: DFR responded to 167 cardiac arrests in June of 2019, and 221 in June of 2020.

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: All the local news desks** - What info can you share on this? Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Suspicious Device| 17300 Preston Rd| PD O/S requesting FD HazMat for a suspicious device| 15:33

**City Response** - At 15:24 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a north Dallas parking garage, located at 17304 Preston Road, after a security guard reportedly found a suspicious device inside and called 911.

DFR HazMat and the Bomb Squad examined the device, and it turned out to be a non-threat. EOD rendered it safe before personnel ultimately cleared the scene.

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez)** - Good evening Jason, Can you provide Information on an electrical fire at the Oak Cliff Municipal Center 320 E Jefferson Blvd, Dallas, TX 75203? Thank you.

**City Response** - At 12:29 Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Oak Cliff Municipal Center, located at 320 East Jefferson Boulevard.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they observed smoke coming from the building. They made their way inside where they found the source to be a transformer in the basement. Employees evacuated the building prior to DFR arrival, and firefighters declared the fire extinguished in about half an hour.

Investigators determined the fire to be accidental in nature, and most probably the result of an unspecified electrical short, or malfunction, of the transformer. There was no fire damage to the structure itself; only the equipment in the basement. Extra trucks were called out to help clear the smoke from the building before clearing the scene.

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: D Magazine (Trace Miller)** - My name is Trace Miller, I'm a freelance writer based in Dallas. I'm currently writing an article, for *D Magazine*, about the RIGHT Care program. I had a couple questions related to my piece, and the program, that I was hoping you could answer for me, or forward to the proper person.

**City Response (in red)** –

1. Could I briefly interview the assistant chief or the medical director of Dallas Fire Rescue, to learn more about the fire department's involvement in the RIGHT Care program? **Granted an over-the-phone interview, on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, with DFR Medical Director, Dr. Marshal Isaacs**

2. What is the current operating budget of the RIGHT Care program? **As RIGHT Care is currently constructed, the program costs approximately \$360K for DFR's participation; which covers personnel, equipment and other miscellaneous costs. However, the overall costs factor in costs from DPD and Dallas County (Parkland Hospital).**

3. How many emergency calls does the city receive per timeframe (month or year)? How many behavioral health or mental health emergency calls does that include? **Referred to the Dallas Police Department**

4. How will the city expand the RIGHT Care program? The city manager has promised to expand the program, to include more teams, by October 1. The assistant city manager elaborated, saying that the plan was to triple the size of the RIGHT Care program. Where will that money come from? Are there plans to shift resources from the Dallas Police Department, which would have freed up resources, to the RIGHT Care program? **Unfortunately, these questions all pertain to matters that are dependent upon budget negotiations, and we do not discuss matters related to the upcoming budget until that budget has been finalized.**

**This story's date of publication has yet to be determined.**

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>: WFAA 8 (Lance Conrad)** - Good Afternoon, Do you have any info on a shooting victim being left at Station 50?

**City Response** - At 13:11 someone walked up to Fire Station 50, located at 416 South Walton Walker Boulevard, with a gunshot wound.

It is unclear what preceded the shooting, and subsequent visit to the fire station; but the victim was taken to a local hospital for evaluation of his injury, and the police department is investigating exactly what led up to it.

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>: All local media outlets** - Can you provide information on a water rescue at LONGBRANCH LN / FAIRPORT RD?

**City Response** - On Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at [17:38](#), Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a water rescue, near the intersection of Longbranch Lane and Fairport Drive, after a man went into the Trinity River, got washed downstream and never resurfaced.

DFR launched three boats into the water and, with the assistance of DPD's Air 1, searched for any signs of the man. Unfortunately, sunlight was lost before anyone could be located and the search was terminated for safety reasons.

On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at approximately [08:00](#) the Texas Game Wardens, along with the DPD Dive Team, resumed search efforts. Personnel searched the river for the entire day with limited success; however, at [18:45](#) DFR units were dispatched to a 911 call for an "Unconscious Person" after two fishermen spotted a body in the water near LBJ and Dowdy Ferry Road. With the assistance of the Game Wardens and DPD, rescuers pulled the body from the water, before transferring it to the Dallas County Medical Examiner.

Though the body is believed to be that of the missing man from yesterday's incident, the Medical Examiner has not made a positive identification on the body.

Follow up questions should be directed to the Dallas Police Department.

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: All local media outlets** - Do you happen to have more information about an early morning grass fire in the area of Walton Walker and Singleton? And do you know what might have caused it?

**City Response** - On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:36 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units responded to a 911 call for a grass fire in a large field, near the intersection of Singleton and Walton Walker Boulevards, in West Dallas.

An approximate 4-5 acre plot of land, with homes bordering the south end, was involved in fire. Command had additional resources, to include multiple wildland firefighting units, dispatched to the scene to help mitigate the situation.



Units were positioned in multiple locations, between the fire and homes and businesses, to cut off the spread. At the southwestern-most corner of the field, the Chalk Hill Branch Easement served as a natural fire break to aid in slowing the spread of the flames as well.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control long before it could become a threat to any homes or businesses. There were no injuries reported as a result of the fire, and its cause is not known.

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: NBC 5 (Claire Cardona) and Nathalie Palacios (Univision 23) –**  
Do you have any info about another fire in the 800 block of Ross?

**City Response** - At 6:19 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Arrive West End Apartments, located at 800 Ross Avenue, in the West End area of Dallas.

First responding companies arrived at the location, and made their way inside the apartment building to find heavy smoke coming from a unit on the 4th floor. Once inside the unit, firefighters located the remnants of a small trash can fire in a pantry closet; which was mostly extinguished by a sprinkler that activated in the apartment.

The fire damage was isolated to shelving in the closet, while the rest of the apartment suffered smoke damage.

The occupant of the apartment was not present when the fire occurred, and there were no injuries reported.

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: Univision 23 (Nathalie Palacios)** - We had a viewer call in and say that at the Buckner station for the Green Line, some kids set a train on fire after dousing it with gasoline about 30 min ago. Not sure if this is something you can confirm? The viewer said that one of the kids got gasoline on themselves and when they started the fire it started on him as well.

**City Response** – This incident actually took place at the Hatcher Station location. The details are as follows:

At 11:26 a.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a "Burn Victim" after a small fire on a DART train burned a passenger while awaiting departure from the Hatcher Station, at 4003 Elsie Faye Heggins Street.

According to witnesses, an unidentified person squirted an accelerant onto a seat of the train and ignited it. As passengers scrambled to get away from the fire, the container, which was left behind, fell onto the floor and splashed onto the lower body of an adult male passenger.

The man was taken to the hospital in undisclosed condition for evaluation of his injuries. Investigators are working with DART PD to gather any clues as to who the culprit was as well as the reason behind the act.

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Sent a Tweet to the local news desks informing them of the following:**

As of Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Dallas Fire-Rescue has had a total of 73 uniformed and civilian employees test positive for COVID-19. Forty-eight of those individuals have fully recovered and returned to work. Additionally, a total of 63 are in quarantine for on and off-duty exposures.

[https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes\\_q/status/1282683542149959680?s=09](https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q/status/1282683542149959680?s=09)

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: NBC Universal (Kayla McCormick)** - Curious to know how many people are employed by Dallas Fire Dept so I can figure out what percentage of the workforce is down. We did a story with Fire Chief Peña in Houston a week and a half ago, as he had almost 25% of his men and women out due to Covid exposure and illness. Please let me know.

**City Response** – DFR has 1,994 uniformed members on the department. Of those members, there are currently 62 uniformed members (1 civilian) who are currently quarantined due to having tested positive (25), are awaiting their own test results (21) or are awaiting test results from an exposure source, resolution of symptoms or fulfillment of required quarantined period (17). That calculates to 3.1% of the department's uniformed staffing.

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: CBS 11 (Giles Hudson)** - Sounds like ya'll keep adding elements to a call at Polk and Kiest. Any word what's going on?

**City Response** - At 15:17, while responding to a medical call, DFR's Rescue 33 was involved in a Major Accident, at the intersection of West Kiest Boulevard and South Polk Street, in South Dallas.

Another rescue unit was immediately assigned to resume response to the medical call that RE33 was originally assigned to; and though both vehicles needed to be towed away from the scene, there were no injuries reported.

RE33 was removed from service, but a reserve unit was put in its place at Station 33.

More detailed information on the accident will be available through a police report.