

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 6, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – March 5, 2020**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – March 3, 2020 and March 10, 2020](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution **on March 3, 2020 and March 10, 2020**

| March 3, 2020 | March 10, 2020 |
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| <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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calypso Street and Hampton Road (District 6)• 313 Commonwealth Drive (District 6)• 10345 Overlake Drive (District 6)• North Central Expressway and Walnut Hill Lane (District 13)• 11898 Josey Lane (District 6) |

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

[Innovation Launches new Civic | Good Initiative](#)

One of the core principles for the Office of Innovation (“Innovation”) is collaboration. The new Civic | Good initiative aims to break down the walls of City Hall by inviting individuals, students, and professionals from all sectors to join our skilled volunteer program. This program will bring additional support, perspective, and resources to bear on civic challenges facing Dallas. Innovation is currently seeking partners with data chops, design expertise, and process improvement skills to partner with us on key project initiatives and to help spread these innovation skills citywide through training city staff. Feel free to share this new opportunity in your communities. Individuals can register their interest by completing a short survey [here](#). Should you have questions or concerns please contact Laila Aleqresh, Chief Innovation Officer.

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[City Staff Recognition](#)

Please join me in congratulating the Office of Economic Development, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization and City Attorney's Office for earning and receiving the Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) certification and Housing Development Finance Professional certification (HDFP) from the National Development Council (NDC). It is also important to recognize the generous sponsorship of these certification trainings by BB&T Bank. Both certifications are prestigious professional credentials bestowed upon individuals who successfully complete NDC's rigorous four-course training series and earn a passing score on each of the four final examinations.

[The Annual Senior Living Conference](#)

The University of North Texas at Dallas is hosting its annual Senior Living Conference on Friday, March 6, 2020 with a theme of "Senior Preparedness". The event will feature Congresswoman Eddie Berenice Johnson, and will also include experts on various topics related to Senior Preparedness and the impact of the 2020 Census to seniors as well as local vendors, health screenings, and raffles. The event is free to the public, but space is limited. Lunch will be provided to attendees. The conference will be held in Campus Hall on the UNT Dallas campus, located at 7300 University Hills Blvd, Dallas, Texas 75241. Individuals interested in learning more about the conference can contact Susan Zeb at susan.zeb@mail.house.gov or via phone at 214-922-8885. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of the Office of Community Care.

[American Pets Alive Conference](#)

As Dallas Animal Services (DAS) strives to continually improve, multiple members of the DAS staff recently attended the [American Pets Alive Conference](#) in Austin, TX in pursuit of further education. Ed Jamison, Director of DAS, along with Marc Peralta, Senior Director of National Mission Advancement for [Best Friends Animal Society](#), were featured speakers at the conference. Their presentation examined methods in which municipal shelters can prioritize both public safety and lifesaving. The American Pets Alive conference focused on strategies and solutions to solve the biggest issues faced by animal shelter leadership, employees, and advocates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager or Ed Jamison, Director of Dallas Animal Services.

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

The Dallas Municipal Court (DMC) has completed its pop-up court initiative where Judiciary, City Prosecution and Court Clerk Staff provided on-site assistance at various recreation center and library locations throughout the City. Over the past two weekends, staff assisted over 2,800 individuals with over 6,500 outstanding cases. Due to the positive response from the community, the Dallas Municipal Court will continue to explore the use of pop-up courts and other initiatives that will assist individuals in resolving their outstanding obligations with the Court. Should you have any questions or concerns,

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

[Dallas celebrates groundbreaking of multi-million-dollar mixed-use development](#)

City of Dallas officials, Matthews Southwest, City of Dallas Housing Finance Corporation and Volunteers of America broke ground on a new mixed-use development called The Galbraith on 2400 Bryan Street that secures 111 new affordable housing units in Dallas.

The mixed-use development will provide 217 residential units, of which 111 units will be affordable and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. The project provides greatly needed workforce housing options in the core of Downtown Dallas while allowing its residents access to employment centers, transit and other world-class amenities such as the Dallas Arts District and Klyde Warren Park. Additionally, The Galbraith will feature a commercial component that will have a childcare facility for working families in Dallas' downtown." The Galbraith is expected to be completed in Fall 2021.

[Dallas Public Library makes prom dreams reality with free formal wear](#)

Dallas Public Library's annual prom wear giveaway opens March 7 and this year high school students have five opportunities to find the perfect gown or formal wear. Hundreds of gowns in various sizes and styles will be available from the library's Fairy Tale Closet, as well as shoes, accessories and a few suits and jackets for those who forgo the traditional gown.

The Fairy Tale Closet is open to girls, boys and non-binary students. The selection of suits is limited. Reservations can be made at <http://dallaslibrary2.org/teen/fairytaletocloset.php>, Walk-ins are welcome. Giveaways will be held at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library at 1515 Yong Street, Dallas, TX 75201 on the following days below:

- 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 8 (sponsored by Neiman Marcus)
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 15 (sponsored by Women at Hyatt)
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21 (sponsored by City of Dallas LGBTQ+)
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 22 (sponsored by Dallas FBI Women's Group)

The Fairy Tale Closet began in 2014 and is restocked each year with donations from hundreds of individuals and organizations, including bridesmaids' shops, Neiman Marcus, Sam Moon, women's groups and other public libraries. The Friends of the Dallas Public Library provide the other supplies to make the event a success. For more information call 214-670-7943 or email libyouthservices@dallascityhall.com.

[CENSUS 2020](#)

The Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs has facilitated several major partnerships for amplifying Census 2020 outreach efforts. The American Airlines Center,

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Dallas Housing Authority, Dallas County Health and Human Services, and VITA Centers are all assisting with raising awareness. Each organization will also be assisting with Census online participation and activation.

On Wednesday, March 5, Alpha Business Images (the vendor hired to assist with Census 2020 outreach), presented their community engagement and activation plan.

City staff continues to send weekly emails to the Complete Count Committee, the Mayor, and members of City Council with links for downloadable social media graphics and a weekly email for you to share with your constituents. Preparations are also underway for an [April 1](#) Census 2020 kick-off. Staff will be reaching out to your offices to engage you for these efforts. A roll-out of online census participation events will follow [between April 1 and July 31](#) (the final day to self-respond). Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Brett Wilkinson, Director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs at [214-670-5797](tel:214-670-5797).

[DPD Community Engagements](#)

The Dallas Police Department will host 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** – DPD Explorer Post Meetings
- **Saturday, March 7th** – DPD Youth Leadership Council

[Vaughan Bros. sculpture at Kiest Park](#)

On Friday March 20, 2020 at 1PM, the Office of Arts and Culture will host the dedication of a new work of public art, *We are Music & Music is Us* by Basque artist Casto Solano. The dedication will be at Kiest Park, off Hampton Road on Cliff Teen Court in Council District 4. The work honors the musical contributions of Stevie Ray and Jimmie Vaughan who grew up in Oak Cliff close to Kiest Park. The artwork includes images of the Vaughan Brothers' lives and music. Jimmie Vaughan will be present for the dedication of this work.

Look Ahead

[City Council Briefings](#)

April 1, 2020

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

April 15, 2020

- VisitDallas Update

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- Dallas Housing Authority Annual Update
- Strategic Economic Development Plan
- HUD Consolidated Plan

Media Inquiries

As of March 2, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- Downtown Dallas lane closures
- Short term rentals
- DFR Home Fire Safety Survey Program
- DFR Responds to Fire at West Dallas Mortuary
- Construction Crew Causes Traffic Backup After Hitting Gas Line Near Baylor Hospital
- DFR Recognizes 45 Newly Certified Fire Recruits
- DFR Issues Statement in Relation to COVID-19

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the February 25th, 2020 – March 2nd, 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
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
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Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
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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

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

- Noroeste (Puesto 3194)**
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 Policiaca



dallaspoliceexplorers.com

@DallasPDExplorers





DPD YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

MEET AND GREET/INTRO
Jack Evans Police Headquarters
1400 S Lamar Dallas, TX
(Media Room)
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
FINANCIAL LITERACY (PART 2)
SOFT SKILLS
University of North Texas-Dallas
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

COMMUNITY SERVICE
TRINITY RIVER LEVEE RUN
Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge Dallas, TX
75207 6:30AM-11:00AM
Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

MYERS BRIGGS TYPE INDICATOR
PICTURE DAY
University of North Texas-Dallas
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, MAY 2

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION
(SPEAKERS)
FINANCIAL LITERACY (PART 3)
University of North Texas-Dallas
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, MAY 9

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Community Action Day
First Presbyterian Church 1835 Young
St. Dallas, TX 75201
8am-3pm/ Lunch Provided

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Walking to Destiny (Juneteenth)
Location: TBD
7:00am-3pm Lunch Provided

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

INTERNSHIP
The Richards Group
2801 N. Central Expressway
Dallas, TX 75204
9am-3pm Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

TEAM BUILDING
Main Event
3941 Central Expy
Plano, TX 75023
11AM-3PM Lunch Provided



DPD YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**COMMUNICATION FOR FUTURE
LEADERS
FINANCIAL LITERACY (PART 4)
LIFE SKILLS**

University of North Texas-Dallas
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

**21st CENTURY POLICING
FINANCIAL LITERACY (PART 5)
LIFE SKILLS**

University of North Texas-Dallas
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

GRADUATION LUNCHEON
Jack Evans Police Headquarters
1400 S. Lamar Dallas, TX (Media Room)
10AM-2PM / Lunch Provided

Dates located in **Black blocks** are required attendance dates. Dates located in **Red blocks** are not required attendance dates.

University of North Texas 7300 University Hills Blvd. (Building 1 Room 204) Dallas, TX 75241

**Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
February 25 – March 2**

Date Submitted: 2/26/2020

Topic: Downtown Dallas lane closures

Inquiry: Dana, with Fox 4, inquired about construction lane closures in downtown Dallas. She wanted to know how the City regulated street closures. PAO provided Dana with information regarding the approval and issuance of ROW permits for construction projects and helped coordinate an interview with Public Works Project Coordinator III Joe Smetak to discuss the process in detail.

Submitted By: Demeshia Jackson (Public Works)

Media Entity: Dana Driver (FOX 4)

Date Submitted: 2/25/2020

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.

Submitted By: Nichelle Sullivan and Joey Zapata (Sustainable Development & Construction)

Media Entity: Cailin Crowe (Smart Cities Dive)



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Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: February 25, 2020 – March 2, 2020.

Tuesday, February 25th: DFR received positive media coverage resulting from a Thursday, February 20th request, from NBC 5 (Alanna Quillen), to interview Assistant Chief, Tameji Berry, about DFR's Home Fire Safety Survey Program.

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/>

Thursday, February 27th: **WFAA 8 (Maci Smith)** - Is there any information available regarding a possible commercial fire in the 3000 block of Vilbig Road? Incident number 2020045581.

City Response - At 5:07 a.m., DFR was dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at Professional Mortuary Services, located at 3015 Vilbig Road.

Initial reports indicated smoke coming from the building. There are no available details regarding suppression operations, but the fire was declared extinguished within the hour.

There were no injuries reported as a result, and the cause is undetermined.

Friday, February 28th: **WFAA 8 (Mike Pool)** - What info can you share a reported gas leak in the 3400 block of Worth Street? Any evacuations?

City Response - DFR was dispatched to a gas leak, at 3746 Worth Street, at 11:39 a.m. Reports indicate a construction crew, doing unspecified work, hit a 4 inch gas line.

I am unable to reach HazMat, but there is no information on the incident page indicating that an evacuation was done. Additionally, the engine company who originally responded has already cleared the scene.

Atmos has been notified and HazMat is remaining on the scene until they arrive at least. Currently, DPD has Worth Street blocked off between Hall and Washington.

Friday, February 28th: Sent the following information to all local media outlets. Though one news station (CBS 11) was in attendance, most coverage provided through the department's social media platforms at the following links:

DFR Twitter - https://twitter.com/DallasFireRes_q?s=09

DFR Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/DallasFireRescue/>

DFR Recognizes 45 Newly Certified Fire Recruits

What: Dallas Fire-Rescue Recruit Classes 354 & 355 Family Day

When: Saturday, February 29th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Dodd J. Miller Training Facility (5000 Dolphin Road, Dallas, TX 75223)

Details: On Saturday, February 29th, at 10:00 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue will celebrate 45 newly certified fire recruits, by hosting a Family Day. Come out and join in the fun as we watch fire recruits from classes 354 and 355 engage in a friendly relay competition, followed by a display of some of the things they've learned at the academy; like responding to a structure fire, extinguishing a controlled propane burn and rappelling.

Order of Events:

10:00 a.m. – Academy Opens for Families

11:00 a.m. – Events Kick Off

- Firefighter Challenge Competition (running, tire carry, hose line advance, Kaiser sled, Running Up Small Tower and Bunking Out)
- Rappelling
- Burn House Response
- Controlled Propane Burn

Noon-ish – Class Move Up to “Red Firefighter Line” (symbolizing their becoming an actual firefighter)

Monday, March 2nd: **Dallas Morning News (David Tarrant), Univision 23 (Maritza Esquivel) and Fox 4 (Steven Young)** - We wanted to reach out to you in regards to what seems to be an arrest made with a person of a possible case of coronavirus yesterday morning, involving staff from Dallas Fire and Rescue as seen below in a press release

from Dallas PD, we wanted to verify if your department has also taken any precautions in regards to the health of the staff involved.

Updated Version:

On [March 1, 2020](#), at about [9:00](#) a.m., Dallas officers responded to a disturbance call at an apartment residence located in the 5900 block of Hudson Street. *When officers arrived, Dallas Fire and Rescue had transported the arrested person, 24-year-old White male, to an area hospital for injuries he sustained from an assault.* The arrested suspect was treated by medical staff and released back to Dallas officers where he was transported to jail and charged with Assault Family Violence.

At approximately [10:30](#) p.m., Detention Services officers notified Dallas police of a possible case of COVID-19 involving the arrested person. The arrested person was transported to Parkland Hospital by a private ambulance.

Per our contagious disease policy, all five officers that came in contact with the arrested person were notified of the potential exposure and was given a day off for precautionary reasons. All officers are expected to return back to work at their next tour of duty. Marked squad cars (5) were immediately removed from service for cleaning.

Members of the department are currently working with medical professionals to draft a protocol for officers to ensure their safety.

City Response - Dallas Fire-Rescue is required by federal regulations to maintain the confidentiality of all patient information, and we therefore do not comment on details related to individual patient treatment or transport. For more information on DFR's treatment guidelines, and updates relative to COVID-19, you can visit <https://www.biotel.ws/>.