

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 4, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **New Year's Eve 2018 Operation – Dallas Fire-Rescue and Dallas Police Department**

As Council is aware, Dallas Fire-Rescue ensued a strong initiative for Public Safety Announcements prior to the New Year's Eve holiday related the possession, use and dangers of illegal fireworks in the City of Dallas. Messaging and education through social media and local news outlets are effective however, the department continues to implement additional procedures and strategies to increase the impact of assessing penalties and confiscation of illegal fireworks.

On Tuesday, December 31, 2018, Dallas Fire-Rescue's Inspection & Life Safety Education Division, along with Dallas Police Department worked in a concerted effort initiating proactive investigations and addressing citizen complaints regarding the possession or discharge of fireworks within the city limits of Dallas.

A two-person team staffed by one Fire Prevention officer and one Dallas Police Department officer worked together in each police patrol division (Central, South West, South East, South Central, North West, North East, and North Central). At the end of the operation, a total of 1,035.2 pounds of fireworks was confiscated and three citations issued. At one location 973.4 pounds of fireworks were seized, this resulted in one of the three written citations. The remaining 61.8 pounds of fireworks were confiscated at multiple locations. Citations were written and issued to everyone that was positively identified as possessing or using fireworks.

Dallas Fire-Rescue will continue to educate and enforce to provide safety for all. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Tameji Berry at (214) 670-4552.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Fortune".

Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

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