Memorandum

DATE: September 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: Freeway Incident Management

On Monday, September 22, 2014, you will be briefed on Freeway Incident Management. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

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First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Daniel E. Solis, Administrative Judge
Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager
Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Charles M. Cato, Interim Assistant City Manager
Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council

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Freeway Incident Management
Public Safety Committee
September 22, 2014
Purpose

• Discuss goals of Freeway Management
• Show partners in Freeway Incident Management
• Present summary
Goals

• Protection of life
• Protection of crime scene
• Clearing the roadway and restoring traffic flow
Protection of Life

• Freeway Major Crash (7XF) is a priority one call
  – Code 3 response
  – Two elements and a supervisor minimum
  – 8 minute response time goal

• Police cars, fire trucks, and arrow board trucks are used to protect citizens and employees while out of the car investigating the crash
Protection of Life

• Freeway Minor Crash (7F) is a priority two call
  – Code 1 response (no red lights or siren)
  – Two elements and a supervisor minimum
  – 15 minute response time goal
Protection of Crime Scene

• Determine if crash will result in possible criminal charges
  – Intoxicated Manslaughter
  – Intoxicated Assault
  – Criminally Negligent Homicide
  – Failure to Stop and Render Aide
  – Failure to Leave ID at Scene of Crash
  – Driving While Intoxicated
Protection of Crime Scene

• If there are potential criminal charges, then scene is held for an Advanced Investigator
• Scene held to make proper measurements to help in reconstruction
• Take appropriate photos of crash scene
• Prepare criminal case
Clearing the Roadway

• Establishing queue formation
  – Safety of first responders
  – Prevent secondary crashes

• Social Media notifications
  – @DPDAAlerts
  – @DallasPD
Clearing the Roadway

• Wreckers assigned to freeway calls have a goal of 15 minutes to respond
• Non freeway calls have a goal of 30 minutes to respond
• Clear all debris and ensure all slick oil and fluids are removed
• Large quantities of oil, gas or other Hazardous Materials may result in response from DFR Hazmat for cleanup
NTX COG Grant

• Grant application submitted for equipment to assist in clearing freeways faster

  – 2 Solar Tech message boards

  – Traffic cones and barrels

  – Sokia Forensic Mapping station to speed documenting accident scenes
Partners

• First Responders (Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Haz-Mat)

• Transportation agencies (TXDOT, NTTA, DART, LBJ Express)

• Towing industry, Public Works, Transportation Department, Medical Examiner, Media
DPD Freeway Crashes

YTD Comparison

2013 – 2,962
2014 – 2,578

384 Fewer freeway crashes through 8/31/14

Total freeway crashes in 2013 – 4,419
Summary

DPD Goal is to clear the roadway and open traffic lanes as quickly as possible, while protecting life and gathering evidence needed to properly investigate crashes.
Questions?