Memorandum

Date: November 15, 2013

To: Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Division Overview

Attached is briefing material on the “Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Division Overview” to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, November 18, 2013.

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Attachment

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
   A. C. Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
   Rosa Rios, City Secretary
   Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney
   Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
   Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
   Ryan S. Evans, Interim First Assistant City Manager
   Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
   Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
   Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
   Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager
   Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
   Frank Librio, Public Information Officer
   Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor and Council
Mission Statement

To provide training for new and incumbent members that ensures DFR remains prepared to respond to any emergency incident and provide the best customer service possible:

New Recruits

In-Service
DFR fire recruit training greatly exceeds the Texas Commission on Fire Protection’s (TCFP) minimum training curriculum of 468 hours. TCFP curriculum topics include:

- **Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)**
- **Forcible Entry**
- **Ventilation**
- **Communications**
- **Building Construction**
New Recruit Training

TCFP curriculum topics continued:

- Search and Rescue
- Fire Science
- Flashover
- Fire Hose Use
- Incident Management
- Hazardous Materials
New Recruit Training

DFR requires additional training for a total curriculum exceeding 900 hours. Training topics include:

- DART/DART Tunnel
- High-rise Firefighting
- Diversity Training
- Love Field and Dallas Executive Airport
DFR recruit training entails various physical training exercises and timed skills:

- Timed 1.5 mile run
- Timed ventilation skill
- Timed high-rise tower climb
- Daily physical and skills training
- Ladder climb
New Recruit Training

- DFR recruit instructors provide extensive live fire training instruction.
- During the typical training day, DFR instructors stage unannounced fires in the burn building to simulate life at the fire station.
- Instructors provide feedback and coaching to ensure optimum performance.
DFR has a long standing training partnership with University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). UTSW provides training covering the following modules:

- **Emergency Medical Technician Certification**
- **Anatomy and Physiology**
- **Paramedic Certification**
In-Service Training

Graduation-learning never ends

Training Continues
In-Service Training

Training modules are developed and delivered at the Training Center 2 to 3 times per year:

- Leadership
- SCBA
- MayDay Survival Training
- National Fire Incident Response System Software
- Extrication Training
- Thermal Imager
In-Service Training

Training Topics for 2013 include:

- High Rise Fire Tactics and Strategies
- Fire Hose Use & Deployment
- Ethics
Professional Development

Fire Officer I Certification Training provides newly promoted and veteran fire officers supervisory tools that enhance their ability to supervise employees and manage emergency incidents. Topics taught include:

- Leadership/Legal Issues
- Firefighting Tactics and Strategies
- Employee Coaching and Counseling
- DFR and City of Dallas Policies
DFR Training Officers continually strive to enhance training through membership and participation in local and national training associations such as Fire Instructors Association of North Texas (FIANT).

These associations permit DFR Training Officers to keep up on the latest trends in fire and EMS service related instruction.
Questions?