DATE: September 5, 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: Wildland Urban Interface Program

On Monday, September 8, 2014, you will be briefed on the Wildland Urban Interface Program.
The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Charles M. Cato
Interim Assistant City Manager

Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
   A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
   Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
   Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney
   Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
   Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
   Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant Manager
   Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager
   Mark McDaniel, 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
   Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
   Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council
Wildland Urban Interface Program

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• Zones where structures and other human improvements meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels.
In Texas, 85% of Wildland Fires happen within 2 miles of a community.
Wildland Fire Emergency
Why Now?

- Population
- Climate Weather Cycle
- Changes in Land Use - Fuels
Program started with a $200,000 federal grant.
Coordinator selected to run the program in June 2010 and create Dallas’s first Wildland Strike Team which is part of the Special Operations division.
Partnered with the Texas Forest Service for training and technical support.
GRANT FUNDS PAID FOR:

- Wildland PPE
- Wildland Hoses and Nozzles
- Hand Tools
- Radios
- Chain Saws
- Protective Shelters
- Initial Wildland Training Course
WUI TEAM COMPOSITION

90-MEMBER TEAM

6 - BATTALION CHIEFS

24 - COMPANY OFFICERS

60 - DRIVERS & PRIVATES
Dallas Fire Module
What is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)?

- A written and agreed upon document that identifies how a community will reduce its risk from Wildland fire

- The purpose of the CWPP is to describe how Dallas Fire-Rescue and our partners will mitigate against, prepare for and respond to wildfires and disasters.
Why should DFR have a CWPP?

• As noted in the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan....
  – *In Texas 85% of Wildland Fires happen within 2 miles of a community.*

• Dallas has an extensive amount of critical WUI areas.
  – Mountain Creek Area
  – Trinity River Forest
  • 6k acres of City owned property
The DFR Vision Statement

“To be the best trained, technologically advanced, customer-focused fire service organization in the country.”

- Largest Department in the State of Texas with a CWPP
- We owe it to our customers of today and the future!
Questions?