

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 5, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City of Dallas Granted Full Accreditation by Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)**

In 2015, the City of Dallas received national accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). This accreditation meets a strict standard for Emergency Management excellence. Yesterday, August 2, 2022, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) received notification from the EMAP Commission that the City of Dallas has again been granted full accreditation for an additional five years based on their 2022 review of our Emergency Management program.

EMAP is a wide-ranging and rigorous program that evaluates Emergency Management programs on a federal, state, local, and institutional scale. OEM documented compliance with sixty-six industry-recognized standards that were peer-reviewed by an assessment team of EMAP trained assessors. Accreditation recognizes the ability of programs to bring together personnel, resources, and communications from various agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to a disaster of any type.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rocky Vaz".

Rocky Vaz, Director
Office of Emergency Management
[Attachment]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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June 29, 2022

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Mayor Johnson:

On behalf of the EMAP Commission, I am pleased to inform you that the emergency management program of the City of Dallas has been granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). Upon recommendation by the Program Review Committee, the EMAP Commission voted on the City of Dallas's accreditation at its meeting on July 29, 2022.

Emergency management accreditation represents a significant achievement. The City of Dallas is commended for the work accomplished to achieve compliance with industry standards. To achieve accreditation, your program, which includes many agencies and individuals within the program, took steps to document compliance with sixty-six industry-recognized standards and a peer-review on-site assessment by a team of EMAP-trained assessors.

Accreditation recognizes the ability of programs to bring together personnel, resources, and communications from a variety of agencies and organizations in preparation for and in response to a disaster of any type. We applaud the City of Dallas's leadership and congratulate you on your commitment to achieve accreditation. More importantly, we recognize the dedication to the safety and security of the residents that it represents.

Attached for your use is a news release regarding this noble achievement. In the coming weeks, EMAP will provide a plaque recognizing the City of Dallas's accredited status. If the EMAP personnel or I can be of assistance or provide more information, please contact us.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Crossley, CEM
Chairperson, EMAP Commission

Cc: Mr. Rocky Vaz, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management; Mr. John Patterson, Sr. Emergency Management Specialist, City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management; Mr. Travis Houston, Assistant Emergency Management, City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management