

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 6, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Wings Over Dallas Aircraft Accident Update**

The Commemorative Air Force's (CAF's) Wings Over Dallas Airshow was scheduled to run November 11-13, 2022 at Dallas Executive Airport. The event was cancelled on Saturday, November 12th after two aircraft were involved in a midair collision.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released a preliminary report on November 30, 2022, that highlights the formations of each of the two aircraft were intended to have lateral separation; however, no altitude deconflictions were briefed before the flight or while the airplanes were in the air. Procedures for altitude deconflictions are often established and briefed in case pilots end up at an improper altitude during a flight. The final NTSB report, including a probable cause, should be released within 12 to 18 months after the accident date.

In response to this incident, the Department of Aviation, has contracted the services of The Olson Group, Ltd (OGL). OGL will conduct an After-Action Review, which will involve researching and reviewing plans and data relevant to the incident response, including incident and communications logs, situation reports, hot wash sessions, and media and social media reports.

OGL's process and approach affords the Department of Aviation and its partners an opportunity to conduct a detailed, independent After-Action Review which will not only inform improvements based on the response to this event, but also provide a general review with recommendations to support the department's resilience and capability of responding to, managing, and recovering from future incidents at the Airports. We will schedule a full City Council briefing to present the final Report and Improvement Plan following the completion by April 2023.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Carreno, Interim Director of the Department of Aviation at 214-670-6149 or Patrick.Carreno@dallas.gov.

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