

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 10, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Taking Care of Business – January 9, 2020**

Updated Items

[Encampment Resolution Schedule – January 7, 2020 & January 14, 2020](#)

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) has scheduled the following sites for homeless encampment resolution:

January 7 th ,2020	January 14 th 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 887 South Munger Boulevard (Council District 2)• 366 Henry Street (Council District 2)• 700 Sports Street (Council District 2)• 691 Houston Street (Council District 2)• 6204 Samuell Boulevard (Council District 7)• 8398 E R L Thornton Service Road East Bound (Council District 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Stemmons Freeway-Southbound at Inwood Road (Council District 6)• Lyndon B Johnson Freeway-Eastbound at Webb Chapel Road (Council District 6)• Monet Place at Marsh Lane (Council District 12)• 6405 Lange Circle (Council District 9)• 4401 Greenville Avenue (Council District 14)• North Central Expressway-Southbound at Ross Avenue (Council District 14)

OHS Street Outreach team will continue to engage with homeless individuals to provide notice of clean-up and connect to resources and shelter. OHS Community Mobilization staff are meeting with stakeholders to determine long-term sustainability of encampment sites and will provide periodic updates. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager, and Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

New Updates

[Introducing the Dallas Works Campaign](#)

Dallas Works is a new campaign focused on educating, equipping, and empowering active employment seekers with the tools to be competitive and successful in the workforce. In an effort to address the zip codes called out in the Mayor’s Taskforce on Poverty, the City in partnership with Community Council of Greater Dallas and Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, are planning to host workshop sessions in various districts

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that are (1) in or near zip codes with high unemployment rates and (2) have facilities able to accommodate workshop space and needs.

Dallas residents are invited to attend and participate in a 'Dallas Works: Think Ahead Thursday' workshop session. These sessions are designed to equip candidates with critical training and tools needed to successfully compete and obtain employment. During the sessions, candidates will complete four classes on the following topics:

- Finding and Applying for a Job with the City of Dallas
- Nailing the Interview: Dress for Success and Proven Interview Tips
- Overcoming Barriers to Employment: Childcare, Transportation, and Other Social Service Needs
- The Employment Probationary Period: Successfully Surviving the First 180 Days

The sessions will take place on January 30th, February 6th, and February 20th. There will be day and evening session on all scheduled dates. The day sessions will take place from 10:00am – 1:00pm and the evening sessions will take place from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Workshop attendees are asked to register in advance at www.dallasworks.eventbrite.com.

On Thursday, March 5, 2020, Councilmember Casey Thomas, II will host the Dallas Works Hiring Event at the Southwest Center (Redbird) Mall located in District 3. Along with external employers participating, the City intends to showcase and recruit for internal vacancies for its various departments. The hiring event will be open to the public. Attendance to a Think Ahead Thursday workshop is not required, but highly encouraged, for those who are interested in attending the Dallas Works Hiring Event scheduled on March 5th. The names of Think Ahead Thursday workshop participants will be forwarded to employers on a pre-approved list before the hiring event. Attached is an informational flyer that can be distributed. Information will also be posted on the City's Website and distributed to social media sites. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nadia Chandler Hady, Assistant City Manager.

[Volunteer at Annual Point-In-Time Count](#)

The Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance's (MDHA) annual Homeless Count Night will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 7:00PM to 12:00AM. This massive effort would not be possible without the several hundred volunteers ages 18 and older who conduct the point-in-time (PIT) count in teams of four. In Dallas, volunteers will be deployed from two locations: Wilshire Baptist Church (4316 Abrams Rd). and First United Methodist Church, (1928 Ross Ave.) All volunteers must register in advance as no walk-in teams will be accepted on the night of the count. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gloria Sandoval, OHS Partnerships Manager, via email at gloria.sandoval@dallascityhall.com. The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) staff will ensure you and/or your team are registered at the deployment location you choose and provide you with additional information including access to the online training video. If you have any questions,

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please contact Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager, or Monica Hardman, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

Dallas recognized for 'Deal of the Year' award

The City of Dallas Office of Economic Development has won Business Facilities' 2019 Deal of the Year Bronze Award for Uber Technologies' U.S. Administrative Hub. Uber's new hub, based at new mixed-use development The Epic in Deep Ellum, will create 3,000 new jobs. Business Facilities magazine recognizes the country's top economic development deals each year. Dallas was the only Texas city selected honored with a top award in 2019.

Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs (WCIA)

Community Resources Welcoming Hub - WCIA's Community Resources Welcoming Hub launched and officially went live in December. The platform is accessible through the URL communityresources.dallascityhall.com. WCIA staff have been working with community partners to raise awareness about the Welcoming Hub platform and how to use it most effectively. A workshop to train Dallas community-based organizations on the features of the platform and its utility to them is scheduled for Friday, January 31st. WCIA will also seek input from Council members' staff regarding additional services that may need to be added to the welcoming platform. Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira at 214-671-5087.

Martin Luther King Jr. Event Series, Public Charge Seminar

Registration is now underway for the Take Charge: A Panel and Open Discussion on Public Charge event, cosponsored by WCIA and the Office of Community Care, as a part of the City of Dallas' Martin Luther King Jr. Event Series. The discussion will take place on Friday, January 17th from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the VolunteerNow Center.

Martin Luther King Jr. 2020 events

The 38th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Planning Committee, MLK Community Center Advisory Board, and staff would like to invite you to participate in this year's parade, gala and candle lighting ceremony. The 2020 theme is "Linking Many Cultures Together for One Dream". Information on these events is provided below. You can also view the 2020 MLK Week of Events [here](#). If you have any questions about the events, please contact Jamel.Slaughter@dallascityhall.com.

- **38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship and Awards Gala**
 - Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 @ 6:30 PM



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- Location: Hilton Anatole, 2201 N Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75207
- This is a black-tie affair with keynote speaker, Andrew Gillum, and Master of Ceremony, Demond Fernandez.
- **MLK Day March/Parade**
 - Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 from 10 AM to 1 PM
 - Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd from Holmes St to Fair Park
 - Dress according to the day's weather for this outdoor event.
- **Candle Lighting Ceremony**
 - Host: The Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc.
 - Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 @ 7 PM
 - Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Dallas, Texas 75215

[Home Improvement Preservation Program and Minor Home Repair Program Updates](#)

In 2019, the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department had 1,012 applications that were started, and 564 applications that were completed and submitted for Home Improvement Preservation Program (HIPP) and the Minor Home Repair Program. There were 313 residents in attendance at orientation meetings. Separately staff met one on one with 369 residents to assist with applications. Of the 564 completed applications, approximately 60% were for HIPP and 40% were for the new Minor Home Repair Program. After evaluating all applications and assessing available funds, staff expects to serve approximately 150 residents.

[Equity Indicators \(Ei\) Symposium](#)

Following the October launch of the City of Dallas Equity Indicators (Ei) Report, the Office of Equity is hosting the Equity Indicators Symposium, an effort to continue systematically building a network of external and internal City partners who can collaborate to advance equity. The Symposium, scheduled for 9am till 3pm January 14 at Paul Quinn College, will include panels, workshops and more that explore the five thematic areas of the Equity Indicators Report--education, economic opportunity, neighborhoods and infrastructure, justice and government, and public health. Should you have any questions, please contact Equity Officer Victor Obaseki.

[Media Inquiries](#)

As of January 5, 2020, the City has received media requests from various news outlets regarding the following topics:

- DAS adoption specials
- Locations to discard Christmas trees
- Port-a-potties removed from White Rock Lake
- Crews Extinguish Fire at Dallas Homeless Camp
- Woman Dies in Northeast Dallas Condo Fire
- DFR Transports Five from Accident Involving 18-Wheeler
- DFR Answers Questions About the Status of the Statler

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- Despite Union’s Stance, DFR Not Actively Recruiting Houston Firefighter After Mayor Re-Elected
- Broken Gas Line Causes Major Congestion in Northeast Dallas
- Deep Ellum Fire Station Gets New Mural
- Fire Destroys Garage of South Dallas Home
- Blocker Unit Saves Another Front-Line Fire Truck from Damage
- Six Escape Safely from South Dallas House Fire
- DFR Pulls Floating Body from Trinity River
- Fire Damages Popular Uptown Mexican Restaurant
- Man Hospitalized After Being Removed from Southwest Dallas Apartment Fire
- Vacant Building at Southeast Dallas Retirement Community Burns
- Roof of South Dallas Church Collapses During Remodeling Work
- Woman Runs to Fire Station to Alert Firefighters of South Dallas House Fire
- DFR Truck Sustains Minor Damage After Being Struck on Freeway
- DFR Responds to Spike in Motor Vehicle Accidents During Storm
- West Dallas Building Torn Down Following Unexplained Collapse
- DFR Talks NYE Fireworks Enforcement
- Multiple 18-wheelers Burn at Northwest Dallas Truck Yard
- Dallas Post Office Briefly Evacuated Following Small Fire
- Man Dies After Medical Emergency at Bridgestone Winter Classic Hockey Game

Please see the attached document compiling information provided to the media outlets for the December 16th, 2019 – January 5th, 2020 for your reference. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff.



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**Public Affairs & Outreach
Media Requests
December 17 – January 6**

Date Submitted: 12/26/2019 – 12/27/2019

Topic: Dallas Animal Services (DAS) Adoption specials

Inquiry: Various news outlets requested to do an interview with a DAS staff member regarding the free pet adoption promotion (New Year, New Home). During the interview staff promoted adoptions, touched on adoption accomplishments for the year and included details of the promotion.

Submitted By: Leah Backo, Demeshia Jackson (Dallas Animal Services)

Media Entity: CBS 11, KRLD Radio, FOX 4

Date Submitted: 12/27/2019

Topic: Locations to discard Christmas trees

Inquiry: Nelissa Cardalda with Univision asked where residents should discard Christmas trees. We let her know residents have the option to leave trees at the curb during normal brush/bulk collection or they may drop off at a transfer station. We also provided a link to access the brush/bulk collection schedule.

Submitted By: Roxana Rubio (Sanitation Services)

Media Entity: Nelissa Cardalda (Univision 23)

Date Submitted: 1/6/2020

Topic: Port-a-potties removed from White Rock Lake

Inquiry: Patrick Randolph with NBC 5 reported hearing from residents about port-a-potties from WRL being removed and wanted to know why that was. Parks let NBC 5 know it was due to an expiring contract and replacement port-a-potties would be available in the early morning.

Submitted By: Andrea Hawkins, Roxana Rubio (Park and Recreation)

Media Entity: Patrick Randolph (NBC 5)

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Media Requests: December 9th – December 15th, 2019.

Monday, December 16th: All local media outlets - Can you provide information on a structure fire near Walnut Hill Ln / Malibu Dr incident# 2019300907.

City Response - At 10:11 a.m., DFR units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire after multiple calls came in regarding a “fire spreading throughout homeless tents”.

There were no reports of injuries and the fire was declared extinguished in about 20 minutes.

According to investigators this fire was an accidental warming fire. Despite reports, the fire mostly damaged one tent and the belongings of some people in surrounding tents.

Tuesday, December 17th: All local media outlets - Is there any information available regarding a 2-alarm fire in the 8000 block of Meadow Road? Incident number 2019301449.

City Response - On Tuesday, December 17th, at 12:05 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at a condominium complex, located at 8075 Meadow Road, in Northeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the location, they reported out with smoke showing from a second-floor unit. They deployed handlines and initiated an offensive attack on the fire. During the process they found the body of an unresponsive, and unidentified, elderly female inside. They immediately removed her from the building and transferred her to awaiting medics, who immediately transported her to a local hospital where she was unfortunately pronounced dead.

According to investigators, the fire appears to have begun near the kitchen area, spread vertically to the ceiling and into the attic space where it then spread horizontally. Firefighters were able to isolate the fire damage mostly to the unit of origin; with some additional damage being done to the front porch of a neighboring condo. There were 4 units in the building, resulting in the displacement of at least 4 people, but the American Red Cross has been notified so they can make contact and determine their needs.

The cause of the fire will remain undetermined (per procedure) until such time that the Medical Examiner has made a final ruling on the victim's cause of death.

Tuesday, December 17th: All local media outlets - Good morning, any details on the MVA at 183 and Mockingbird at this time?

City Response - At 8:51 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a major accident on Interstate 35 at Commonwealth Drive.

DFR dispatched a number of units to the scene, to include seven rescue units. Four of those units transported a total of five people (two females and three males in their 20's and 30's) to a local hospital for evaluation of their injuries.

Reportedly, the accident involved at least six vehicles, one of which was an 18-wheeler. During the collision the 18-wheeler pinned one of the vehicles; which resulted in firefighters having to extricate the driver. At some point after the extrication, that vehicle caught fire.

You'll have to check with PD if you're in need of accident details.

Tuesday, December 17th: I am seeking information about the status of the Dallas Statler Hotel, as far as Dallas Fire Rescue is concerned. Just wondering if the earlier issues about fire safety have been addressed, resolved, etc. You mentioned I should perhaps talk with a fire marshal, who was involved in monitoring the hotel, and resolving issues.

I will possibly be scheduling an interview segment about the major re-furbishing of the Cabana Hotel, which is being done by the same developer. The entire focus of my upcoming interview would be the Cabana. I was just seeking a little background.

City Response – The following key points give the sequence of events regarding the Statler.

- The Dallas Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention new construction team performed acceptance testing of the life safety systems, fire alarm and fire sprinkler, for the Statler prior to issuance of a temporary / final Certificate of Occupancy in 2017.
- After acceptance testing, subsequent fire inspection duty was transferred from the New Construction workgroup to the High-Rise Inspection workgroup within DFR.
- On February 15th, 2018, the DFR fire inspector assigned to the Statler stopped by to follow-up with management on maintenance items noted during a walkthrough of the building after move in.
- DFR was informed that minor modification work had been conducted to give additional soundproofing to areas using a listed fire caulk product where the sprinkler pipe penetrated walls; DFR was informed that this product was listed to be compatible with the CPVC sprinkler piping; however, the product caused damage to the piping. Facilities management informed the inspector that the sprinkler system would be undergoing repairs on floors 10 and 12 and those floors specifically would need to be taken out of service during this timeframe.
- The sprinkler company, Fire and Life Safety America, did proactive work at that point, checking all floors for any issues that regarded the sprinkler piping. All floors in the residential and hotel side were checked for issues with the sprinkler system, with repairs made as needed. The floors taken out of service were minimized to only those areas needing repair. DFR staffed fire watches were

instituted during periods when the systems were inoperable during repairs. All repairs related to this issue were completed May 18th, 2018.

Tuesday, December 17th: ABC 13 (Houston) (Ted Oberg) - This afternoon the Dallas Fire Union sent a tweet inviting Houston firefighters to apply. I just wanted to check – are you hiring? Can you check if your recruiting team has done anything to reach out to Houston as well?

City Response - Dallas Fire-Rescue is currently accepting applications until the end of December. The most recent recruiting event DFR has attended in the Houston area was in the Fall of 2018, at a local job fair. That event was in no way aimed at the recruitment of Houston Firefighters. Additionally, we will be making no departmental efforts to recruit Houston Firefighters in light of what the union has put out.

Wednesday, December 18th: All local media outlets - Wanted to see if there are any evacuations - what was the cause? And how long will this take to repair? Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Hazmat| Church Rd & Skillman St| FD O/S with a large gas main rupture. HazMat response requested| 07:51

City Response - Someone called about a smell "very strong of natural gas" near the intersection of Skillman and Church Road. Reports indicate a 6" main is blowing gas, and Atmos has been notified to dispatch their technicians.

DFR units were originally assigned to the call at 07:27, and after arriving at the scene to find the leak was the result of construction work being done near the location, HazMat was notified.

There were no evacuations as a result of the leak, but firefighters did knock on the doors of nearby homes to provide situational awareness.

Currently, the intersection of Skillman Street and Church Road is shutdown. Church road is blocked off at Dunmore, and Skillman street is blocked off back to Stone Creek Drive.

Atmos is at the scene and will be able to advise on an approximate timeline of when the repairs will be complete.

Wednesday, December 18th: WFAA 8 (Ariel Plasencia) – Wanted to know if she could interview firefighters at Fire Station 3 about a mural recently painted on the side off the Deep Ellum fire station.

City Response – Granted the interview request, which resulted in positive media coverage on Friday, December 19th, at the following link:

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/deep-ellum-mural-highlights-story-of-alligator-and-dallas-fire-station-3/287-4f3dd468-c96a-4041-a8c3-91eb102d44ed>

Wednesday, December 18th: Univision 23 (Marysol Gonzalez) and NBC 5 (Partick Randolph) - I was looking for any information when it becomes available regarding the house fire at 200blk of 6th St. that came out around 11:08am.

City Response – At 11:05 a.m. Dallas Fire-Rescue units were dispatched to a 911 call for a structure fire at a home, located on the 200 block of East 6th Street, in South Dallas.

When firefighter arrived at the scene, they observed flames coming from a detached garage at the home. They mounted an offensive attack and quickly put the fire out, but not before causing significant damage to the structure; which resulted in it having to be torn down.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and began as the result of a heat source being too close to combustible materials. Reportedly, a man doing work in the garage was using a fire pit to keep warm and left it unattended while he briefly went inside of his home. While he was away the fire began. Thankfully, there were no injuries reported.

Friday, December 20th: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) – Hearing reports of a DFR truck being hit. Can you provide details?

City Response - The unit that was struck was one of our Blocker units; which are designed specifically for the purpose of protecting our front-line apparatus. There were no firefighters injured as a result.

Monday, December 23rd: NBC 5 (Karen Ballesteros) - Can you please provide information on the fire at 1400 blk of Ann Arbor Ave?

City Response - At 06:48 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at a home, located on the 1400 block of Ann Arbor Avenue, in South Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the one-story home, they observed smoke coming from the back of the home. They quickly deployed handlines and moved in for an offensive attack and quickly extinguished the flames.

There were six people (2 adults and 4 children) and an unspecified number of animals in the home when the fire began, but they were all able to make it out safely.

Investigators discovered that the fire was accidental in nature and began as the result of an unspecified electrical short of a portable space heater. The fire began in a washroom, which was located near the kitchen area, in the back of the home. The fire ignited nearby

combustibles before spreading up the walls and into the attic space; resulting in moderate damage to the home.

Monday, December 23rd: Fox 4 (Steven Young) and WFAA 8 (Lance Conrad) - Do you know what's going on at this water rescue call? 4700 Great Trinity Forest Way.

City Response - Someone spotted a body floating in the water, and our units were sent out to extricate it. You'll have to contact PD or ME for any identifying information.

The call came in at [16:45](#). On scene personnel tell me that the body was extricated around [17:15](#), and they are awaiting the arrival of the ME to take custody of it.

Tuesday, December 24th: All local media outlets – Can we have more information on three separate early morning that DFR responded to?

City Response – Sent them the following information.....

3521 Oak Grove Avenue:

At 12:34 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at Manny's Uptown Tex-Mex Restaurant, located at 3521 Oak Grove Avenue, in the Uptown area of Dallas.

Reports indicated that employees called 911 after noticing the smell of smoke while they were closing the restaurant. When firefighters arrived at the one-story commercial structure, they observed smoke coming from the roof. They made their way inside and found fire in the women's restroom and put it out in a relatively short amount of time; but not before significant damage was left behind.

Upon examination, investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature, and began as the result of a mechanical malfunction of the exhaust fan, located in the ceiling of the women's restroom. There were an unknown number of workers in the restaurant when the fire began, but everyone made it out safely and there were no injuries reported.

2508 Coombs Creek Drive:

At 12:36 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a 911 call for a structure fire at an apartment complex, located at 2508 Coombs Creek Drive, in Southwest Dallas.

When first arriving companies pulled up at the scene, they observed smoke coming from the first floor of a two-story apartment building. They immediately deployed handlines, gained access through the front door of the unit, before finding and extinguishing a fire in a back bedroom. During the course of the operation, firefighters found an unconscious man on a couch in the apartment. He was taken outside, where he regained

consciousness, but was taken to a local hospital for evaluation of his condition after being exposed to the smoke conditions for an unknown period of time.

After examination of the scene, investigators were able to determine that the fire began inside the back bedroom, but the exact cause is undetermined. The fire spread up the walls, causing significant damage throughout the bedroom, and moderate smoke damage throughout the rest of the apartment and the neighboring unit directly above, before firefighters arrived and put it out.

4800 Samuell Blvd.:

At 5:29 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at the Buckner Retirement Village Apartments, located at 4800 Samuell Boulevard, in Southeast Dallas.

When firefighters arrived at the vacant one-story apartment building, they observed smoke and fire coming through the roof of the building. The fire was declared extinguished in about half an hour, but the damage was so severe that investigators were not able to safely gain entry. Although the building was gated, witnesses reported that homeless individuals were known to gain access and occupy the building at times.

Despite this knowledge however, the cause of the fire is undetermined due to investigators' inability to conduct an internal physical examination of the building.

Tuesday, December 24th: All local media outlets - Can we have more information about a roof collapse at a church on Ann Arbor Avenue?

City Response – At 14:27 Dallas Fire-Rescue units were assigned to a 911 call at a church, located at 2546 Ann Arbor Avenue, when part of the roof collapsed.

There was no one inside when the collapse occurred, and DFR put barrier tape around the location before turning it back over to the company, which was in the process of doing renovation work, so they can determine how they'll move forward.

Wednesday, December 25th: Fox 4 (Rick Smith) and WFAA 8 (Lourdes Vazquez) - Checking to see if you can help out with information on the house fire at 2210 56th Street? Happened a little after 6am.

City Response - At 6:20 a.m., Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a structure fire, on the 2200 block of 56th Street, after the occupant of a home ran to the nearby fire station, after claiming she could not locate her phone, to notify them.

After notifying dispatch, so the appropriate resources could be assigned to the incident, firefighters responded to the location to find flames coming from the attic in the front of

the one-story residence. They deployed hand lines, initiated an offensive attack and put the flames out in approximately half an hour.

There were four people in the house when the fire began, but they were all able to make it out safely with no reported injuries. The quick actions of firefighters limited the amount of damage to the area of origin in the attic space.

Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and began as the result of an unspecified electrical short of fixed wiring in the attic space near the front of the home.

Though the fire was extinguished quickly, DFR encourages anyone in an emergency situation to call 911 instead of running to your local fire station. Though it ended up working out in this particular situation, the firefighters could have easily been out on another call; resulting in precious time lost in responding to the fire.

Saturday, December 28th: WFAA 8 (Alyssa Woulfe), NBC 5 (Claire Cardona) and CBS 11 (Robbie Hoy) - What info can you share about a reported DFD Engine being struck on the scene of an accident?

Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Traffic Alert| E RL Thornton Frwy @ 1st St| FD O/S with multiple lanes closed due to engine 3 hit by a car at scene of a crash| 06:51

City Response – Just before 7a.m., Truck 3 was struck by a vehicle while it was blocking for an accident this morning. The damage to the unit was minor, no firefighters were transported/injured but the driver of the vehicle that struck the Truck was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Damage (if any) details to the Truck are not available, but it did not have to be removed from service.

Saturday, December 28th: NBC 5 (Joanna Molinero) and WFAA 8 (Loudes Vazquez) - I am writing to ask when you have time could you please provide us with crash stats. How many DFR responded to today. Thanks in advance. Stay safe.

City Response - From Noon - 4:30 p.m., and during this time we responded to 85 motor vehicle accidents.

Saturday, December 28th: All local media outlets – Can we have more information on a USAR response to a structural collapse on John Carpenter Freeway?

City Response - DFR units were dispatched to the scene of a building collapse at 16:16. The building was reported as being vacant, and there have been no on-scene findings to indicate otherwise.

As a result of the collapse, the building was deemed unsafe and had to be torn down.

Monday, December 30th: NBC 5 (Ken Kalthoff) - Could I do a fireworks Enforcement story tomorrow with your people who do that? Should I reach out to police instead?

City Response – Set him up with an interview the following day with our Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief, Christopher Martinez and Section Chief, Cynthia Coronado (for Espanol). The story can be viewed at this link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/dallas-officials-warn-against-new-years-eve-fireworks-gunfire/2284598/>

Tuesday, December 31st: WFAA 8 (Maci Smith) and Fox 4 (Rick Smith) - Is there any information available regarding several semis that were on fire this morning at 2605 Perth Street, off of Harry Hines? Happened around 3:15am. I'm sorry, I don't have an incident number. I can't seem to get the DFR active incident page to work this morning.

City Response - Our units were assigned to the call at [2:49](#) a.m., after three 18 wheelers caught fire at ABG Transportation, located at 2605 Perth Street, in Northwest Dallas.

The cause of this fire is currently undetermined. A man who was working on a truck stated that he heard an explosion, and when he went to see where it came from he observed an 18-wheeler on fire. The other two trucks were exposures.

There were no injuries reported.

Tuesday, December 31st: Dallas Morning News (Dana Branham) - If you have a moment, I wanted to ask about a structure fire working call at 400 Dallas Ft Worth Serv Wb. I had heard from people at the scene that this is at or close to the post office, so I wanted to double-check and see what was going on.

City Response – At 11:56 DFR units were assigned to a 911 call for a structure fire at the USPS Post Office, located at 401 DFW Turnpike, in West Dallas. According to first responders, there was a small fire involving one of the buildings air handling units. Reportedly, a heating element ignited some combustible material near the unit.

The fire was isolated to the area of origin. Employees were evacuated when we arrived, and there were no injuries reported.

Thursday, January 2nd: KRLD (Chris Sommer) and NBC 5 (Jack Highberger) - Wondering if you had any details regarding the condition of the adult male who had a medical emergency yesterday at the Cotton Bowl?

City Response - According to EMS staff from yesterday's Bridgestone Winter Classic Hockey Game, DFR evaluated 14 patients at the event and transported 3 to hospitals. There were numerous others with minor requests such as needing Band-Aids or ice.

One of the transports was a man who collapsed, in the Plaza, shortly after the gates were opened to let attendees into the game. DFR medics, already staffing the event, performed CPR on the man, before transporting him to the hospital, where he was unfortunately pronounced dead.

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January 30

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cummings Recreation Center
2976 Cummings St.
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Southwest Center Mall
6332 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.

February 6

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center
3114 Clymer St.
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant Grove Workforce Center
1125 South Buckner

February 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Janie C. Turner Recreation Center
6424 Elam Rd.
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Opportunity Workforce Center
1610 S. Malcom X Blvd,
Suite 201

Hiring Event

March 5

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Southwest Center Mall (Redbird Mall)

La Ciudad de Dallas lo invita a

DALLAS WORKS

—DISCOVERING DALLAS' WORKFORCE—

Los talleres **Think Ahead Thursdays** están dirigidos a equipar y capacitar a los residentes de Dallas con las herramientas que necesitas para aplicar a trabajos con éxito y obtener empleo.

Cada taller tendrá cuatro temas en la sesión:

- Encontrar y solicitar un trabajo
- Éxito la entrevista: Vístete para el éxito y Consejos para la entrevista
- Superar las barreras al empleo: cuidado de niños, Transporte y otras necesidades de servicios sociales
- El período de prueba de empleo: con éxito Sobreviviendo los primeros 180 días

No se requiere la asistencia a un taller **Think Ahead Thursdays** pero es muy recomendado para aquellos que estén interesados en asistir **el evento de contratación, Dallas Works**, el 5 de marzo de 2020. Los nombres de los asistentes al taller **Think Ahead Thursdays** serán enviados a empleadores en una lista pre-aprobada antes de la contratación en el evento **Dallas Works**.

Regístrese en dallasworks.eventbrite.com.

Think Ahead Thursdays

30 de enero

10 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Cummings
Recreation Center
2976 Cummings St.

6 p.m. a 9 p.m.

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Evento de contratación

5 de marzo

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