

Day Resource Center
Homeless Cold Weather Operation



Neighborhood Quality of Life
Council Committee Briefing

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Overview

On December 1, 2004, the Day Resource Center began a 24 hour operation

- Maximum Occupancy is 175
- As a result of extended operational hours, the Day Resource Center became a night time emergency shelter

Population Served

- ❑ Chronically homeless
- ❑ Persons living in shelters
- ❑ Persons living on streets
- ❑ Persons living in transitional housing programs or other facilities not intended for habitation

Inclement Weather Policy

The Day Resource Center (DRC) exceeds its sleeping maximum capacity of 175 people during inclement weather when the following applies:

- ❑ Cold Weather
 - ❑ 32° Fahrenheit or below
 - ❑ Ice, sleet and snow are automatically considered adverse weather conditions
 - ❑ Dallas Police Officers transport individuals requesting shelter during this period to the DRC or nearest shelter
- ❑ Rainy Weather
 - ❑ Continuous downpour of rain totaling .50 inches or greater within 15 minutes
- ❑ Hot Weather
 - Temperature above 90° Fahrenheit
- ❑ The DRC Manager monitors the National Weather Bureau daily during ozone season, extreme hot and cold seasons

Inclement Weather Policy Continued

- In case of over-capacity, the Day Resource Center business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) will be extended to provide alternative shelter. Services shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Intake
 - Referral
 - Crisis Intervention
- Transportation to other shelters will be provided
 - Other shelters also waive capacity restrictions
- Inclement Weather Days
 - 2004 – 2005
 - Ozone Alert - 3 days
 - Hot Weather - 10 days
 - Cold Weather - 15 days