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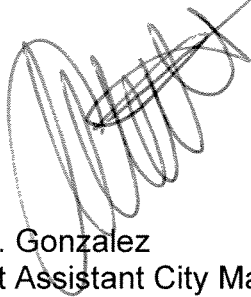


Date: September 23, 2011

To: Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Life Safety and Professional Standards Bureau

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on Life Safety and Professional Standards Bureau on Monday, September 26, 2011.



A.C. Gonzalez
First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

- c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
 - Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
 - Rosa Rios, Acting City Secretary
 - Tom Perkins, City Attorney
 - Craig Kinton, City Auditor
 - Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
 - Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
 - Ryan S. Evans, Assistant City Manager
 - Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
 - Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
 - Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council Office



Life Safety and Professional Standards Bureau

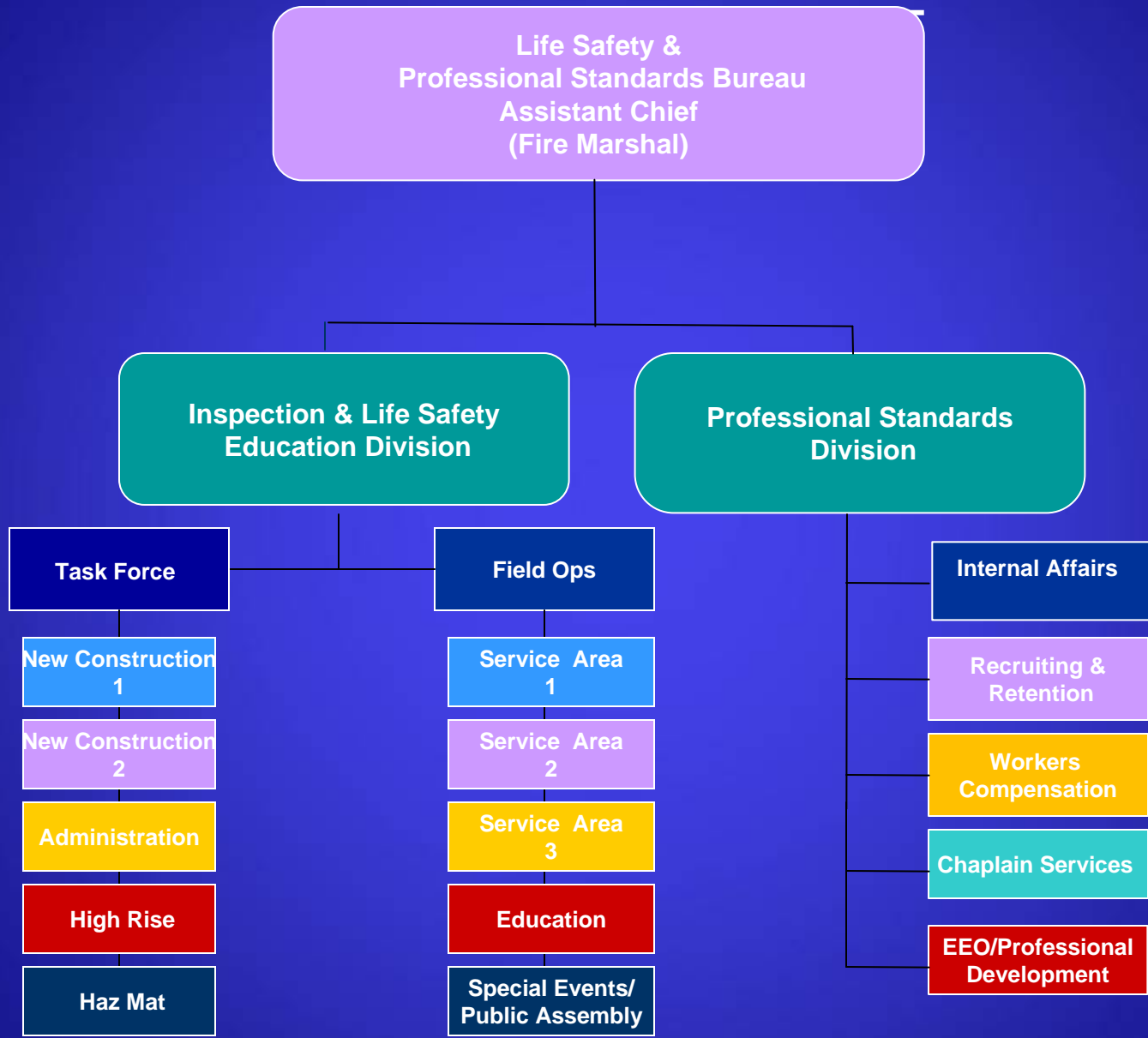


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The purpose of the briefing is to provide an overview of the Life Safety and Professional Standards Bureau to highlight:

- Organization
- Activities of each Division/Group
- Bureau Accomplishments
- Community Involvement





Functions

- Inspection and Life Safety Education Division
 - Improves public safety through the enforcement of the Dallas Fire Code in non-residential occupancies and multi-family dwellings.
 - Educates the public to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from fire and other hazards.
- Professional Standards Division
 - Provides resources and support for personnel and supervisors in areas of human resource management such as hiring, discipline, and professional development.



Inspection and Life Safety Education Division

The City Of Dallas Is The 9th Largest City In The United States



Fire Inspection Is Constantly
Striving To Meet The Demand

National and Local Fire Statistics*

National Statistics*

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,348,500 fires
(.0043 fires / 1M population)

These fires resulted in 3,010 civilian fire fatalities
(9.7 fatalities / 1M population)

\$12,531,000,000 in property loss
(an average of \$9,296 loss / fire)

Dallas Statistics^

Dallas Fire-Rescue has responded to 1312 Fires
(.0011 fires / 1M population)

These fires have resulted in 6 civilian fatalities and 1 uniform fatality
(5.8 fatalities / 1M population)

\$21,418,619 in property loss
(an average of \$16,325 loss / fire)

*National Fire Protection Association 2009
^FY 10-11 as of September 16, 2011

Top Causes of Fires

National*

- Exposure
- Intentional
- Playing with Heat

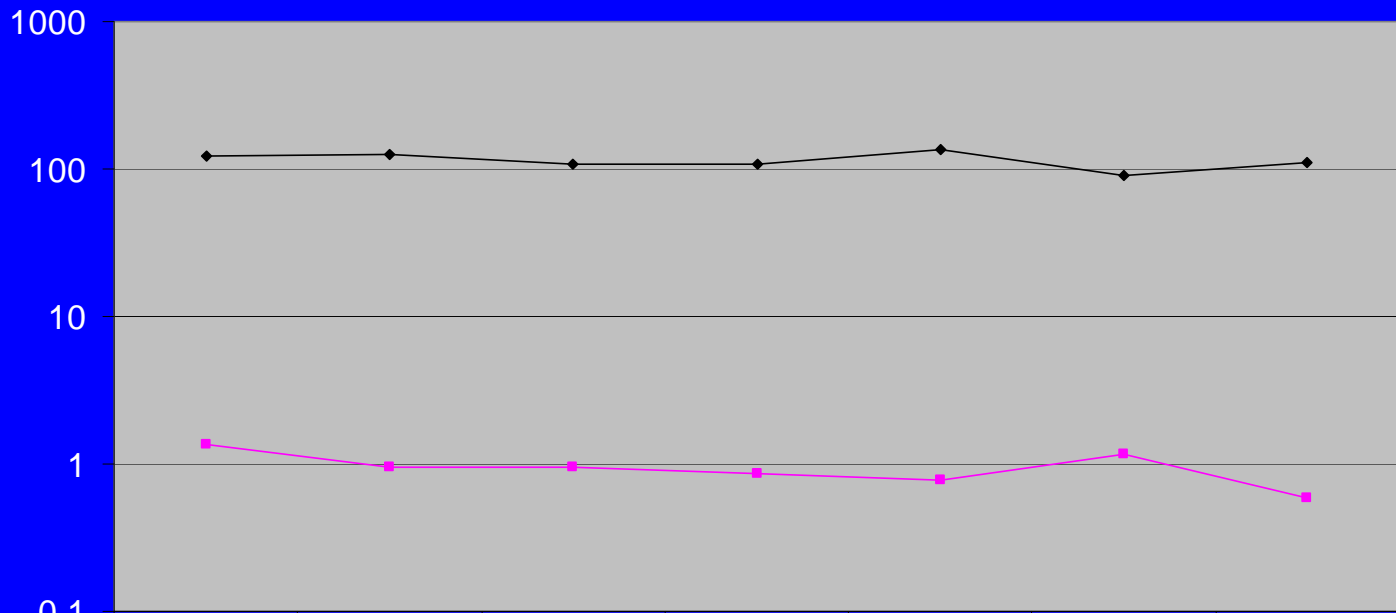
Dallas

- Electrical
- Unattended Cooking
- Combustibles Too Close to Heat Source

Dallas Fire Fatalities

- Fire deaths in Dallas have continued to decline
 - FY 04-05, 17 fire deaths
 - FY 05-06, 12 fire deaths
 - FY 06-07, 12 fire deaths
 - FY 07-08, 11 fire deaths
 - FY 08-09, 10 fire deaths
 - FY 09-10, 14 fire deaths
 - FY 10-11, 7 fire deaths (as of 9/15/11)

Dallas Fires/Fatalities per Capita (100,000)



	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11
◆ FIRES/CAPITA	123.8179	127.1499	108.262	108.7892	136.2788	89.32925	109.5327
■ DEATHS/CAPITA	1.364163	0.956015	0.947589	0.859685	0.769502	1.168794	0.584397

Field Inspections

- Inspect Life Safety Systems
- Inspect for Fire Code Violations
- Investigate Citizen Complaints
- Maintain Fire Lane Compliance
- Check for Appropriate Certificate of Occupancy
- Issue Fire Permits When Applicable



Field Inspections include:

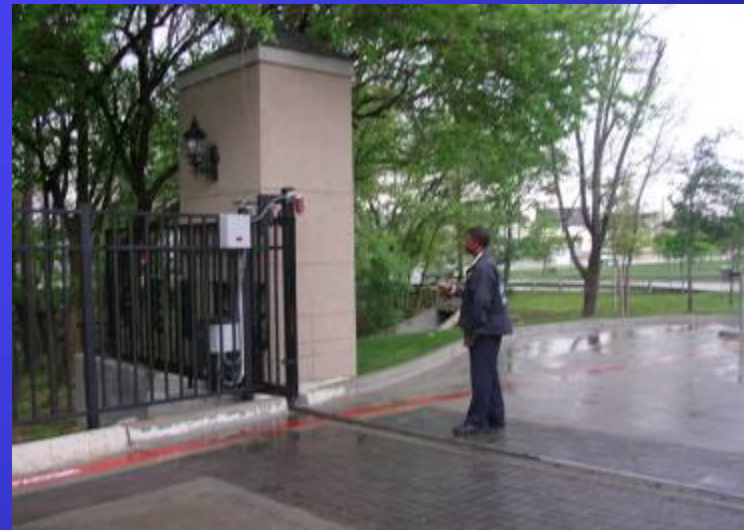
- General Business
- State Licensed Facilities
 - Daycares
 - Assisted living facilities
- Hotels and Motels
- Schools
 - Public
 - Private
- Public Assemblies
 - Night Clubs
 - Bars
 - Restaurants
 - Theatres
- Multi-family dwellings



Multi-family Dwellings



- Check fire lanes and gates
- Check Fire Department access
- Permits issued for use of limited access gates



- Test Smoke Alarms
- Investigate Complaints
- Approval of chemical storage
- Issue permits for hot work

Task Forces

- These facilities are inspected alternating years
 - Hazardous Materials locations
 - High Rise



Haz-Mat and Airports

- Inspect Hazardous Materials Facilities
- Inspect Aboveground/Underground Flammable Liquid Storage Tanks
- Inspect Spray Paint Booths
- Issue Hazardous Materials Permits



High Rise Buildings



- 490 High Rise Buildings
- Review Fire Safety Plans and Conduct Fire Drills
- Inspect and Test Life Safety Systems

Hospitals and Nursing Homes

- 103 health care facilities are inspected every year.



- Inspect Annually
- Investigate Complaints
- Check Life Safety Systems
- Issue Appropriate Permits

New Construction

- Testing Life Safety Systems:
 - Automatic Sprinkler
 - Fire Alarm
 - Elevators



- Check for Fire Department Access
- Testing of Electronic Egress Devices
- Testing of Emergency Generators

Tradeshows, Conventions and Special Events



- Check Emergency Exits
- Check for Overcrowding
- Inspect Life Safety Systems
- Monitor Pyrotechnic and LPG Displays





Public Education



Public Education Programs

- Fire Safety House
- Sparky
- Hazard House
- Risk Watch (school program)
- “Fire Rapsody”
- Fire Warden Training
- Fire Extinguisher Training



Professional Standards Division

Chaplain Services

- Member Assistance
- Citizens Assistance Program
- Grief Counseling
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- Liaison for Honor Guard and Pipe & Drums



EEO / Professional Development

- Develop and Conduct Equal Employment Opportunity awareness and training programs:
 - Delivered Phase I Training: Fireproof Practices
 - Designed Phase II Training: Harassment/Discrimination
- Posted A.D. 3-61: Revised Workplace Harassment Policy
- Reactivated EEO Hotline **(214) 939-2964**
- Conducted EEO Audits of all work locations
- Updated and posted EEO Compliance Posters in all work locations

Internal Affairs

- Primary administrative investigation unit for DFR
- Serve as representative at disciplinary appeals
- Coordinate Department's Random and Rehabilitative Drug Testing Program
- Maintains disciplinary records for Department

Recruitment Section

- Recruiting
 - Job Fairs
 - Community Events
 - Career Days
- Applicant Processing
 - Trainee Fire Rescue Officer (TFRO)
 - Trainee Fire Prevention Officer (TFRO)



Hiring Process for Trainee Fire and Rescue Officer (TFRO)

- Online Application period -- January 9-23, 2011
- Civil Service exam -- March 29, 2011
- Accuplacer exam -- April 15-16, 2011
- CPAT mentoring -- April 2 - May 21, 2011
- CPAT testing -- June 6 - July 1, 2011
- Polygraphs -- June 9 - Sept 2, 2011
- Interviews -- August 8 – September 21, 2011

Proposed Class Start dates:

- October 12, 2011 – 75 TFRO
- December 7, 2011 – 75 TFRO
- March 28, 2012 – 50 TFRO

Workers' Compensation

- Process workers' comp claims
 - 550 claims processed in FY 09-10
- Coordinate between injured employees, adjusting company, IMO network
- Coordinate City pay and workers' comp weekly income benefits for injured employees
- Prepare and submit various State-required forms
- Manage limited duty assignments for employees with on- and off-duty injuries/illnesses
 - 125 DFR employees on limited duty in FY 09-10



Records Retention

- Ensure retention periods are met to comply with State and City guidelines
- Archiving of documents
- Managing destruction of records





Bureau Accomplishments and Community Involvement

FY 10-11 Accomplishments

- Focused on High Risk areas
 - Began collection of fees for inspecting high risk buildings.
- Installed over 5,200 smoke alarms free to the citizens of Dallas
- Participated in National Night Out
- Confiscated 295 lbs of illegal fireworks during the July 4th holiday
- Created a new Home Fire Safety Survey program to be conducted by Emergency Response Bureau

FY 10-11 Accomplishments continued

- Coordinated regional and local management of Life Safety oversight of Super Bowl XLV events
- Worked with GLBT Task Force to develop training program for veteran firefighters
- Completed the processing for 2011 Fire Recruit classes
- Initiated records retention compliance program for the Department

Community Involvement

- Dallas Fire-Rescue is extremely involved in community activities through out the year:
 - Senior Education Programs - over 600 educated
 - Fire and Life Safety booths at community events - over 21,000 contacts
 - DISD and private school events - over 9,000 educated
 - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and fire extinguisher training- over 2,400 educated





Smoke Alarm Installations

- Free to single family and duplex homes in the City of Dallas
- Obtained multiple grants to purchase and install 5200 alarms in the City of Dallas.
- Installations are performed by on duty firefighters and inspectors with the assistance of community volunteers.
- Fire fatalities fell to single digits for the first time in the history of Dallas.



Fire Prevention Month 2011

- National Fire Protection Association has named “Protect Your Family From Fire” as the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week.
- While the week of October 9th – 15th is officially Fire Prevention Week, I&LSE will participate in many educational programs through the entire month of October.



Go To: FirePreventionWeek.org

Protect Your Family From Fire

October 9–15, 2011 • It's Fire Prevention Week



National Night Out- October 4th

At 6:00 p.m. on October 4, Dallas Fire-Rescue will encourage the citizens of Dallas to participate in a city wide home fire safety drill. Citizens will design an escape plan and practice with their families before joining their neighbors in their community events.



Looking Ahead

FY 11-12 Goals

- Obtain a grant to purchase smoke alarms
- Launch a pilot program for firefighters to conduct home safety surveys in high risk areas
- Conduct 79,000 inspections
- Conduct 9,300 education programs
- Roll out GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) training program for veteran uniform personnel

Questions?

