

# Memorandum



Date: November 15, 2013

To: Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: **Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Division Overview**

Attached is briefing material on the "Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Division Overview" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, November 18, 2013.



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## Attachment

- c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
  - A. C. Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
  - Rosa Rios, City Secretary
  - Warren M. S. Ernst, City Attorney
  - Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
  - Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
  - Ryan S. Evans, Interim First Assistant City Manager
  - Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
  - Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
  - Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
  - Theresa O'Donnell, Interim Assistant City Manager
  - Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer
  - Frank Libro, Public Information Officer
  - Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor and Council



**Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR)**

# Training Division Overview

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# Mission Statement

To provide training for new and incumbent members that ensures DFR remains prepared to respond to any emergency incident and provide the best customer service possible:

## New Recruits



## In-Service



# New Recruit Training

DFR fire recruit training greatly exceeds the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's (TCFP) minimum training curriculum of 468 hours. TCFP curriculum topics include:

- **Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)**
- **Forcible Entry**
- **Ventilation**
- **Communications**
- **Building Construction**



# New Recruit Training

TCFP curriculum topics continued:

- **Search and Rescue**
- **Fire Science**
- **Flashover**
- **Fire Hose Use**
- **Incident Management**
- **Hazardous Materials**



# New Recruit Training

DFR requires additional training for a total curriculum exceeding 900 hours. Training topics include:

- **DART/DART Tunnel**
- **High-rise Firefighting**
- **Diversity Training**
- **Love Field and Dallas Executive Airport**



# New Recruit Training

DFR recruit training entails various physical training exercises and timed skills:

- **Timed 1.5 mile run**
- **Timed ventilation skill**
- **Timed high-rise tower climb**
- **Daily physical and skills training**
- **Ladder climb**



# New Recruit Training

- DFR recruit instructors provide extensive live fire training instruction.
- During the typical training day, DFR instructors stage unannounced fires in the burn building to simulate life at the fire station.
- Instructors provide feedback and coaching to ensure optimum performance.





# New Recruit EMS Training

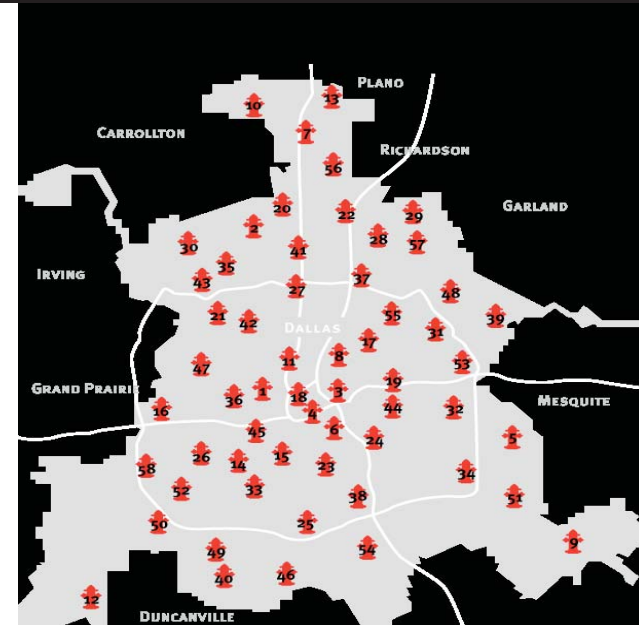
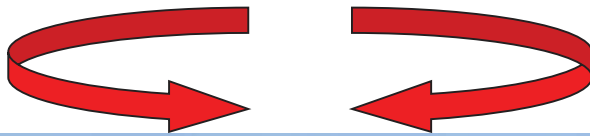
DFR has a long standing training partnership with University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). UTSW provides training covering the following modules:

- **Emergency Medical Technician Certification**
- **Anatomy and Physiology**
- **Paramedic Certification**



# In-Service Training

Graduation-learning never ends



Training Continues

# In-Service Training

Training modules are developed and delivered at the Training Center 2 to 3 times per year:

- **Leadership**
- **SCBA**
- **MayDay Survival Training**
- **National Fire Incident Response System Software**
- **Extrication Training**
- **Thermal Imager**



# In-Service Training

Training Topics for 2013 include:

- **High Rise Fire Tactics and Strategies**
- **Fire Hose Use & Deployment**
- **Ethics**



# Professional Development

Fire Officer I Certification Training provides newly promoted and veteran fire officers supervisory tools that enhance their ability to supervise employees and manage emergency incidents. Topics taught include:

- **Leadership/Legal Issues**
- **Firefighting Tactics and Strategies**
- **Employee Coaching and Counseling**
- **DFR and City of Dallas Policies**



# Summary

- DFR Training Officers continually strive to enhance training through membership and participation in local and national training associations such as Fire Instructors Association of North Texas (FIANT).
- These associations permit DFR Training Officers to keep up on the latest trends in fire and EMS service related instruction.

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Questions?