

Memorandum

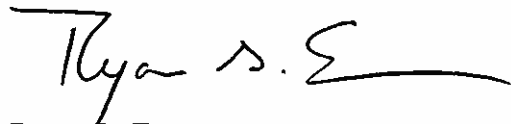


Date: January 29, 2010

To: Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway, Chair
and Members of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Citizens' Fire Academy 2010 Update

The Public Safety Committee will be briefed on the Citizens' Fire Academy 2010 Update on Monday, February 1, 2010.



Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

- c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
 - Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
 - Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
 - Tom Perkins, City Attorney
 - Craig Kinton, City Auditor
 - Victor Lander, Administrative Municipal Judge
 - Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
 - A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
 - Forest E. Turner, Assistant City Manager
 - Dave K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer
 - Helena Stevens-Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager Mayor/City Council Office

CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY 2010 UPDATE



DANIEL SALAZAR, Deputy Chief
TRAINING DIVISION



CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY

- Dallas Fire Rescue has conducted 5 Citizen Fire Academy Classes (CFA) since beginning the program in 2007.



CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY

Mission: To provide citizens an overview of the services that Dallas Fire-Rescue provides, increase fire and life safety awareness, and promotion of the customer service aspect of our department



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Objective: We seek to provide participants with knowledge of our core job functions with classroom instruction and live demonstrations.



Participants will be informed of volunteer opportunities such as smoke alarm installations, providing fire safety education, and distribution of disaster education materials.



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Benefits to our city of conducting a CFA?

In keeping with one of the city's KFAs: "Public Safety" this program improves the level of emergency preparedness by involving community members in fire education awareness. Graduates would apply and pass along disaster preparedness information to others in their communities.



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Safety, Safety, Safety:
Instructors who train citizens are state certified instructors placing emphasis on safety during classroom instruction and hands-on training.



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Customer service focused academy: The citizens' fire academy enhances our customer service focus by educating citizens on what we do and why we do it.

Participating citizens are taught valuable life safety skills offered as part of CPR training during the academy.



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Training topics include Hazmat operations, emergency dispatch operations, fire tactics and strategies, SCBA/equipment familiarization, prevention and education.



We will also provide an overview of the department organizational structure along with the hiring and training process for recruits.



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- CFA is promoted through media advisories along with www.dallasfirerescue.com and www.dallascityhall.com websites. DFR also distributed information letters to area HOAs.
- Application enrollment period will be January 29th to February 12th. Interested participants may obtain applications on-line or by calling the fire training offices at 214-670-0231.
- Selection criteria: 18 years of age or older, background check conducted, City of Dallas residents given preference, first come/first served.
- Class size limited to 20 students

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- February 25th is the start date for our first class of 2010.
- The formal graduation will be held on April 17th with participant certificate presentations, recognitions, and photos.

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- 2007 & 2008 CFA - DFR conducted 2 in each of these years
- 2009 - DFR conducted 1 Class
- 2010 - DFR will continue this very successful program

DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE

■ Class 2007-01



DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE

■ Class 2007-02



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