

First Responder Street Toppers
Update

Public Safety Committee
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Presentation Overview



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Background / History



 Dallas Police Department (DPD) and Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) plan to honor first responders at the location where the employee lost his or her life serving the citizens of Dallas in the line of duty.

 Public Safety was previously briefed on this project on May 5th, 2022, and December 11th, 2023.



Background / History



- Dallas Fire-Rescue has identified 78 firefighters who have died in the line of duty between June 1902 and September 2021
- The Dallas Police Department has identified 94 officers who have died in the line of duty between May 1892 and January 2022

Council District	Tentative DPD Locations
1	10
2	23
3	3
4	7
5	1
6	9
7	10
8	3
9	2
10	3
11	1
12	0
13	4
14	13
Grand Total	89*

Council District	Tentative DFR Locations
1	13
2	15
3	3
4	1
5	2
6	6
7	10
8	0
9	4
10	1
11	1
12	2
13	4
14	16
Grand Total	78*

^{*} Five DPD and One DFR Officers were classified as line of duty deaths as a result of COVID-19. DPD and DFR are working to determine those locations.

Street Topper Process



- Line of duty deaths will be reviewed internally by DPD / DFR for inclusion in the program. When possible, the review will include collaboration with surviving family.
- Once approved by the department, an application for a first responder street topper will be submitted by the Chief of Police or Fire Chief to the City Manager. The application must include the following:
 - A statement including information regarding the member's name, service time, and death in the line of duty.
 - A map showing the proposed location of the memorial street topper.



Street Topper Process

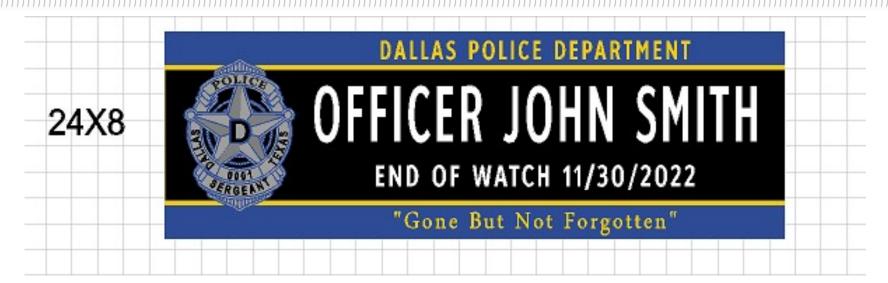


- Once approved by the City Manager:
 - Notification will be made to the Councilperson representing the district in which the topper will be placed
 - The application will be submitted to the Public Safety committee for final approval.
- Once approved by the Public Safety Committee:
 - DPD/DFR will work with the family and Transportation Department to schedule a time for installation.
- First responder street toppers will include the member's name, rank, and "End of Watch" date.



Street Topper Drafts









Implementation Plan



- DPD and DFR have partnered with the City Attorney's Office to finalize the wording of the new ordinance, which is included in this meeting's agenda.
- After approval, DPD and DFR will work with Transportation Department to create the initial batch of First Responder Toppers.
- Street Toppers are intended to be placed generally in chronological order, beginning with the oldest



Implementation Plan



- Locations have been identified in the Central Business District for an initial joint ceremony to place the first toppers in honor of members from each department.
 - The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 6th, 2024
- The remainder of the initial batch of signs will be unveiled this fall.
 - Subsequent phases will follow in 2025
- DPD and DFR will work with Transportation Department and any available surviving family for the creation and installation of remaining and future signs.





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