



City of Dallas

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



24X8



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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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