

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: August 10, 2026

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO: Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson
Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT: **Dallas Fire-Rescue's Fleet Maintenance Update**

Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR), in the effort to provide excellent delivery service to the residents of the City of Dallas, strives to maintain adequate resources to allow for efficient and effective emergency response. Please accept this memorandum as an update to the status of the DFR emergency fleet.

The status of emergency apparatus, as of July 31, 2026, is as follows:

UNIT	OPTIMAL	CURRENT	SQUAD***	RESERVE	REPAIR*	ON ORDER* *
ENGINE 58	58	0	2	22	4	
TRUCK 23	23	0	2	11	2	
RESCUE 55	55	0	3	17	6	

****Repairs are apparatus currently out of service and being repaired***

*****Orders are apparatus expected to be delivered by end of FY26.***

******Squads are only in service when Engines or Trucks are out of service***

As requested, the following table illustrates the emergency response apparatus removed from service due to catastrophic loss (i.e., accidents) since FY21:

UNIT	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	TOTAL
ENGINE	2	1	1	1	0	5
TRUCK	1	0	0	0	0	1
RESCUE	1	0	1	0	0	2
BLOCKER	0	0	1	0	0	1

DFR's fleet maintenance program has evolved to include a more aggressive and comprehensive preventative maintenance (PM) plan for all apparatus. To address staffing concerns, DFR has strengthened its mechanic technician recruitment and retention through expanded recruitment sources and partnerships, improved salary scales, improved training, and a robust succession plan.

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DFR anticipates that through improved plans and programs, any major negative operational effects from fleet shortages will be mitigated. It is our expectation that the resulting improved operational training, and staffing plans will aid in further protecting the status of our emergency fleet for years to come.

Below you will find a snapshot of the vehicle inventory currently located at the 5000 Dolphin Road or one of our repair vendors. Although the numbers are dynamic, these numbers represent an ongoing transition of apparatus through any one of the maintenance processes.

Awaiting De-fleet

10 Engines
6 Trucks
12 Rescues

Awaiting Repairs

24 Engines
11 Trucks
16 Rescues

Reserves

2 Trucks
4 Rescues

Make Ready

8 Engines

Holding for Remounts

7 Rescues

Training

5 Engines
1 Truck

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Fire Chief Justin Ball at justin.ball@dallasfire.gov.

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