

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 5, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the Public Safety Committee  
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,  
Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Texas Best Practices Recognition**

Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR) is nearing completion of the Texas Best Practices Recognition program for Texas fire departments. We have spent several years on this program, which is comprised of three phases: The first phase is a guided self-assessment, the second phase involved rectifying identified areas for improvement, and the third phase is a full review by an independent team from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association. This phase was initiated this year and the team is currently conducting their review and submitting recommended revisions of our practices.

One such revision was the adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code, which was recently accomplished. Our Texas Best Practices Team will continue to work with the Review Team to implement any additional revisions. We anticipate completion of this process by the end of FY23.

Recognition under this program signifies that a fire department is following best practices for the State of Texas. Upon completion, DFR will be the largest department that has achieved this esteemed status.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Fire Chief Dominique Artis at [Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov](mailto:Dominique.artis@dallasfire.gov).

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Jon Fortune  
Deputy City Manager

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