

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 10, 2024

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno  
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SUBJECT **Dallas Fire-Rescue Fleet Maintenance Update**

Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR), to provide excellent service delivery 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 May 30, 2024, is as follows:

UNIT	OPTIMAL	CURRENT	SQUAD***	RESERVE	REPAIR*	ON ORDER**
ENGINE	58	56	2	0	23	4
TRUCK	23	23	0	2	11	1
RESCUE	47	47	0	1	21	25

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

*\*\*Orders are apparatus expected to be delivered by end of CY24, but delivery times may change due to supply chain or fabrication issues at the factory.*

*\*\*\*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	TOTAL
ENGINE	2	1	1	0	4
TRUCK	1	0	0	0	1
RESCUE	2	0	1	0	3
BLOCKER	0	0	1	0	1

Reserve unit repairs in each of our three major categories are ongoing and DFR anticipates its reserve fleet to improve due to new fleet additions and completion of needed repairs and major preventive maintenance. To address potential apparatus shortages and minimize negative effects on departmental operations, DFR has developed and deployed various strategies, including the utilization of an emergency fleet rental agreement, the Squad Program, and the Blocker Program. In anticipation of upcoming warmer temperatures, DFR will undertake a fleetwide air conditioning systems check. Th department will also be taking delivery of 6 new

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Wildland vehicles by July. Coupled with a comprehensive preventive maintenance check of DFR's brush trucks and other wildland resources, the department is leaning forward to address the threat of urban and wildland interface fires.

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.

DFR anticipates that through the above plans and programs, any negative operational effects from fleet shortages will be avoided. 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.

Should you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Interim Fire Chief Justin Ball at [Justin.ball@dallasfire.gov](mailto:Justin.ball@dallasfire.gov).



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