

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee  
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno  
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **February 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Item 25-400A Training to aircraft-rescue firefighters at Dallas Love Field and Dallas Executive Airport**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on February 12, 2025.

## **AGENDA ITEM 25-400A**

Authorize (1) an annual payment in the amount of \$193,000.00 per year for five years to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to provide basic, live fire drills and advanced specialized aircraft/fire training to aircraft-rescue firefighters at Dallas Love Field and Dallas Executive Airport; and (2) the reimbursement from the Aviation Fund to the General Fund - Not to exceed \$965,000.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations) (see Fiscal Information)

## **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Aviation Administration/Texas Commission on Fire Protection mandates basic and annual live aircraft/fire training to maintain aircraft rescue certification level to work at the fire stations located at Dallas Love Field and Dallas Executive Airport.

Approximately 20 Firefighters are scheduled for the Basic Certification, 93 are scheduled for the "Hot Drill" training, and 30 are scheduled for advanced specialized fire training annually. Services are provided on an as needed basis, depending on classes and need for training each year. The increase in funding will provide additional training opportunities for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting personnel at Dallas Love Field to include on incident command, strategies and tactics, and hands-on training with fluoride-free foam.

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is the sole provider in this area for live fire training. All other burn pit facilities have ceased operation due to the Environmental Protection Agency's concerns.

## **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2025	FY 2026	Future Years
General Fund	\$193,000. 00	\$193,000. 00	\$579,000.00

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The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department will make initial payments to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and the Department of Aviation will reimburse the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department up to \$193,000.00 per year for five years (subject to annual appropriations).

Service First, Now!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Artis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Dominique Artis**  
**Chief of Public Safety**

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