

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 14, 2025

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

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 December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, is as follows:

UNIT	OPTIMAL	CURRENT	SQUAD***	RESERVE	REPAIR*	ON ORDER**
ENGINE	58	58	0	1	16	4
TRUCK	23	23	0	3	11	2
RESCUE	47	47	0	1	20	9

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

***\*\*Orders are apparatus expected to be delivered by end of CY24.***

***\*\*\*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	1	5
TRUCK	1	0	0	0	1
RESCUE	2	0	1	0	3
BLOCKER	0	0	1	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.

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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