



**City of Dallas**

# **Memorials for Fallen First Responders Update**

**Public Safety Committee  
May 5, 2022**

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City of Dallas

# Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Purpose
- Projects
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# Background / History



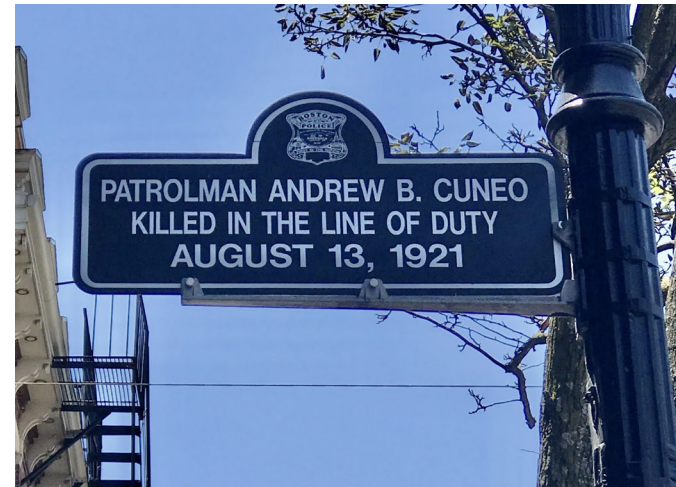
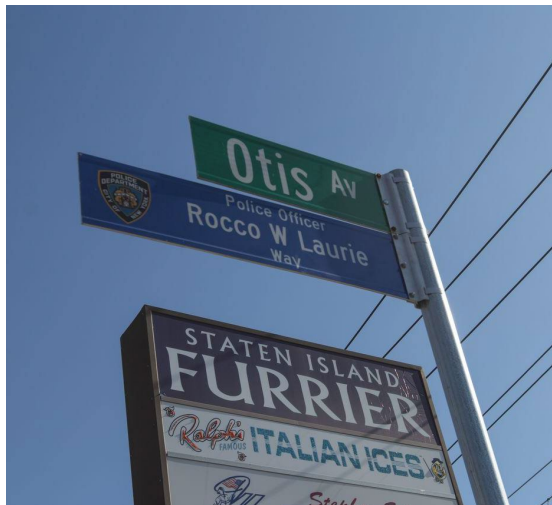
- Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire-Rescue routinely receive requests to honor first responders at the location where the employee lost his or her life serving the citizens of Dallas in the line of duty.
- Current methods for employees to be recognized.
  - Change Street Name- City Code Chapter 51A-9.300
  - Ceremonial Street Toppers- City Code Chapter 51A-9.500
  - TX DOT recognition



# Purpose



- Discuss the preferred methodology and direction from this committee on how to move forward on recognizing first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Dallas.





# Purpose – Continued



- Dallas Fire-Rescue has identified 78 firefighters who have died in the line of duty between June 1902 and September 2021
- The Dallas Police Department has identified 92 officers who have died in the line of duty between May 1892 and January 2022

Council District	Proposed DPD Locations
1	9
2	23
3	3
4	7
5	1
6	9
7	10
8	3
9	2
10	3
11	1
12	0
13	4
14	12
Grand Total	87*

Council District	Proposed DFR Locations
1	13
2	15
3	3
4	1
5	2
6	6
7	10
9	4
10	1
11	1
12	2
13	4
14	16
Grand Total	78

\* Five Officers were classified a line of duty death as the result of COVID-19. DPD is working to determine those locations.



# Completed Projects



- On November 5, 2021, a memorandum was submitted for consideration of a Ceremonial Street Topper for Sr. Cpl. A. Pargas #8001 on Goldman Street between Dennison Street and Bickers Street
- On January 26, 2022, Dallas City Council approved the Ceremonial Street Name request for Sr. Cpl. A. Pargas #8001



# Pending Requests



- On February 10, 2014, DFR Officer William “Scott” Tanksley was killed in the line of duty after being hit by a car on a bridge at Spur 408 and Interstate I-20.
  - The Krodle Memorial Foundation and the Texas Department of Transportation are working to rename the bridge in Officer Tanksley’s honor.
- Private citizens and non-profits such as The Brotherhood for the Fallen have expressed interest to help the City of Dallas with a project to recognize those first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice



# Benefits & Concerns



- Administrative challenges
- The current ordinance on street toppers states they must be removed after 10 years.
- Controversial perceptions of police





# Benefits & Concerns Continued



- Physical Memorial to honor the fallen
- Increase citizen awareness
- Reinforce the message that a first responder is never forgotten by their Department and City.



# Proposed Action



- Staff is looking for direction from the Public Safety Committee to move forward on a coordinated effort to develop a recognition process specific to fallen first responders.





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