



City of Dallas

Public Safety Items for Consideration in Legislative Program for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature

**Public Safety Committee
August 8, 2022**

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Presentation Overview



- Purpose
- Review Legislative Priorities
- Next Steps



Purpose



- Review legislative program priorities relating to public safety;
- Discuss any additional input / updated priorities from city council and staff; and
- Discuss recommendations to finalize the city's proposed legislative program for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature.



Court & Detention Services



- Local Government Code, Sec. 343.002.
 - The employment, training, equipping, and location of school crossing guards by a political subdivision is a governmental function
- Legislative request
 - Remove and/or share the responsibility from municipalities with a population over 850,000 to supply school crossing guards/equipment.
 - Create additional funding mechanisms to off-set the costs of providing crossing guards at public, parochial, and private elementary or secondary schools
 - It is a large burden for municipalities such as Dallas who provides over 400 crossing guards to Catholic, Charter and 8 Independent School Districts in the city
- Costs associated are over \$5 million annually



Dallas Fire Rescue



- State legislation for auto makers to prioritize the production of vehicles for public safety
 - Current build times are longer than 18 months up to two and a half years
 - DFR and DPD have struggled to find available chassis and vehicles for fleet replacement
 - The longer it takes to secure chassis, the build times are increasing
 - DFR is looking to partner with other fire and police departments in the State of Texas to see if legislation could be created to require vehicle manufacturers to prioritize the building of chassis specifically for public safety entities. These emergency vehicles are vital to our emergency response and condition of our reserve fleet



Dallas Police Department



- School hardening/school safety-Mandated joint active-shooter exercises between local and school police
- Expansion of Monica's Law for the statewide protective order database to include felony family violence convictions
- Statewide History of Policing Course through TCOLE
- Amend Texas Occupations Code to include Reflexology businesses as massage parlors



Dallas Police Department (Continued)



- Explore state and federal grant funding opportunities for the new police academy, body-worn cameras, and additional Flock/surveillance cameras



Integrated Public Safety Solutions



- Compel HHSC to allow persons with Criminal Justice Information System credentials access to CARE system administered by Local Mental Health Authorities
- Mandate reasonable crime prevention measures for new multi-family properties/when a multifamily property changes ownership
- Expand ability of jurisdictions to remediate vacant and dilapidated structures in high crime areas after notice is provided to the property owner
- Increase funding for Crisis Intervention Programs
- Develop, minimum 120-hour, Civilian Crisis Intervention Responder Curriculum through TCOLE



Next Steps



- Discuss current and proposed priorities collected from Councilmembers and city staff.
- Council consideration of proposed legislative program for the 88th Session of the Texas Legislature at an upcoming council meeting – TBD.





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Questions?