

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****June 21, 2022**

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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY EVENTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS**

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an overview of the Fire Department's process for providing notification of emergency events to mayor and council members.

**Background**

Prior to February 2022, the Fire Department made notifications to mayor and members of council on an informal basis. The department understood the need to provide a more formalized process for making sure that mayor and council members are aware of emergency response activities occurring within the city, and in their respective districts.

**Updated Approach**

The computer aided dispatch systems (CAD) has identified incident types that are upgraded as necessary to assure that the right response is sent to emergencies. They include:

- Working Fire – Defined as a (residential, commercial, apartment, or brush) fire that during the initial size-up of the incident the Incident Commander determines the fire requires multiple firefighters assigned to separate task to extinguish.
- Working Extrication – Defined as a vehicle accident that a person is trapped in a car or an environment that requires a fire department response to remove them from the entrapment.
- Working Incident - Defined as a situation where the incident is still developing and the conditions require additional companies to mitigate.

Mayor and Council members have been added to these notification pages along with notification pages from the Fort Worth Fire Department Emergency Operations Center (JEOC). The JEOC notifications will provide information on additional issues of importance such as activations of the JEOC, impending weather events, etc.

Everbridge is a software program that is being used by Police and Fire to make notifications available in a timely manner. It sends automatic or manual pages based upon preferences selected. The notifications are shared with mayor and council via email.

The Fort Worth Fire Alarm Office has a council district map that includes contact information for each council member and district director. In addition to receiving Everbridge notifications, mayor and council will be contacted on an "as needed" basis regarding other type of events that may be of interest for their respective districts such as multiple alarm fires, fire fatalities, etc.

Additional questions should be directed to Fire Chief Jim Davis at [Jim.Davis@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Jim.Davis@fortworthtexas.gov).

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