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SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION STATUS REPORT

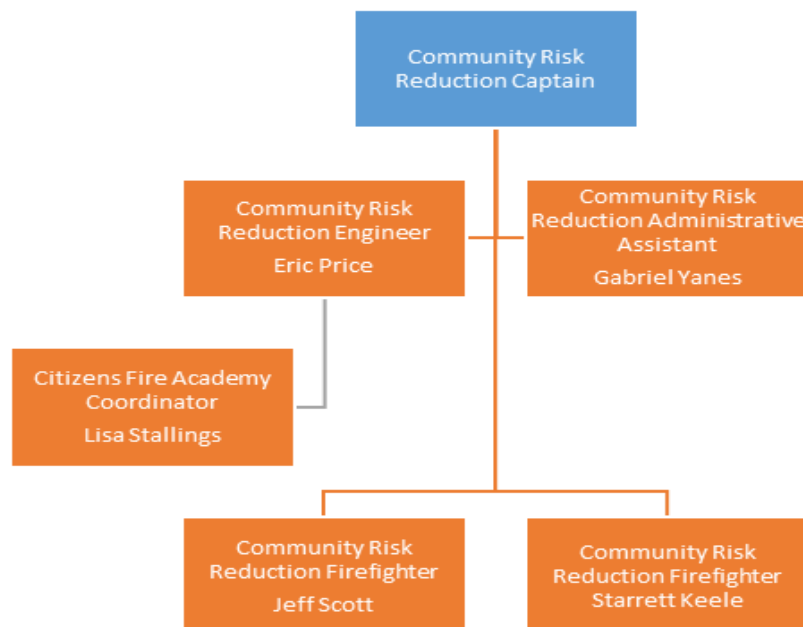
The primary mission of the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Section is to identify and prioritize risks that are inherent to the local community. Risk reduction is achieved by strategically providing resources and implementing activities that improve the effectiveness of public safety and reduce the overall number emergency responses. An essential part of CRR's mission is to engage in community service and outreach programs that improve the quality of life for Fort Worth residents.

A total of four civil service firefighters and two civilian personnel are assigned to CRR. Personnel are supervised by the CRR Captain, who is managed by the Bureau of Fire Prevention Battalion and Deputy Chiefs. Due to limited staffing, many of CRR's after-hours and weekend activities are supplemented by hiring for overtime within the section, or requesting overtime assistance from the fire department daily staffing roster.

Current Leadership Vacancy

*The vacant CRR Captain position will be filled using the normal position assignment process outlined in *Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure S 1409 R1 Section of Special Duty Assignments (10.16.2013)*. Act. Lt. Eric Price will assume the role as section supervisor until a Captain is selected. Engineer Artie Mae Dawson has been temporarily assigned to CRR to assist with program activities. Engineer Dawson is the first African American female hired by the department and plans to retire on January 31, 2021.

Community Risk Reduction Organizational Chart





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Community Risk Reduction Unit Year-to-Date Activities for 2020

- Food Bank: 82 families served in District 5 and 8
- Meals On Wheels: 462 meals delivered
- Fire and Water Safety Bags: 935 distributed in District 6 and 7
- Smoke Alarm Canvassing: 1150 residences in District 3,4, 5, and 7
- Fans: 4 delivered in District 8
- A/C Units: 11 installed
- Smoke Alarm: 21 installed in Districts 2,3,4,5,6,8,9
- School Supplies: 300 sets delivered in District 8
- Pantry Bags: 35 delivered
- Lift Chair: 8 delivered in District 2 and 3
- Blood Donor Drive: 125 units collected in District 9
- Mobile Food Pantry: 850 families served in District 2,6 and 8
- Ash Crescent Meal Distribution: 800 meals distributed in District 8
- Wheelchair: 1 delivered in District 3
- **Total Citizen Contacts to date: 4789**

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Community Risk Reduction 2019 End of Year Measures:

	TYPE OF LOCATION NUMBER OF EVENTS																NUMBER INSTALLED			NUMBER CONTACTED		
Fourth Quarter	ASSEMBLIES	OFFICE/BUSINESS	CHURCH	SCHOOLS	DAYCARE	FACTORY	HIGH RISE	NURSING HOME	APARTMENTS	RESIDENCE	COMMUNITY/ NEIGHBORHOODS	HOA	HOSPITALS	FIRE STATIONS	CITY EVENTS i.e. Mayfest, Main St.	Fourt Quarter Totals for number of events	DETECTORS	BATTERIES	Fourth Quarter Totals for number installs	CHILDREN	ADULTS	Fourth Quarter Totals for number contacted
LNTB	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	6980	231	7211
CLOWNS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUVENILE FIRE SETTERS																						
REFERRED FROM COURT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REFERRED FROM ARSON	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
REFERRED PARENT/SCHOOL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EDUCATIONAL SESSION	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
FOLLOW UP	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
REFERRED OUT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SMOKE ALARM INSTALLS																						
SMOKE ALARM																0	392	32	424	0	0	0
KA-300/FOR DEAF																0	4	0	4	0	0	0
FALL PREVENTION EVALUATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	15
WATER SAFETY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CORPORATE TRAINING																						
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	183
EVACUATION/FIRE DRILL	0	7	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	2725
CPR/COMPRESSION ONLY																						
HANDS-ONLY CPR	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	110	425
LEARN TO READ PROGRAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION																						
SAFETY HOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	1945	1912
CAREER DAY PRESENTATION	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	1875	81
HEALTH/ SAFETY FAIR	4	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	755	1580
CLASS	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	405	337
MEETING	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	25	1	18	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	1	0	1	0	63	396	32	428	12076	7495	19571

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2020 CRR Programs and Initiatives:

- **Meals on Wheels Program**—delivers meals to individuals at home who are unable to purchase or prepare their own meals. Current Status: Actively participating on Tuesday, Friday and Periodic Saturday deliveries. This program began on 04/12/2020 is currently using disaster overtime charged back to Covid-19 for off hour delivery. To date 3,311 hours of DT-1 overtime has been charged to this relief effort. The funding for this program ceases as of January 1, 2021 unless another stimulus package is signed at the federal level. The current fire department budget does not have capacity to continue this program in its current format as of January 1, 2021.
- **Tarrant County Mobile Food Pantry**-activities provide food, education and resources to residents through the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Current Status: Actively providing service to 4 pantries. Potter's House in District 5, Mobile Pantry at 6717 S. Hulen in District 6, Kingdom Manifesters Church in District 8 and Wesley Community Center in District 2.
- **COVID test site support**— Current Status: Testing sites are located at J. P. Elder Elementary, TCC South, and Dickies Arena—CRR personnel assist Fort Worth PD and Tarrant County Public Health with covid-19 testing of area residents.
- **Fire Explorer Program**- Partnership with FWISD and Boy Scouts to assist students with leadership, career development and life skills. Current Status: Program is currently suspended due to Covid-19 and will be reevaluated for sustainability in 2021.
- **Camp H.E.A.T.**-Firefighter recruitment initiative to provide day camp for girl's age 16 to 19 who are seeking careers in the fire service. Current Status: Program is currently suspended due to Covid-19. EMS BC Sherry Hauch is the program's coordinator. In 2019, the fire department hosted 15 participants at the Bob Bolen Training Complex.
- **Fire and Water Safety Bag distribution**-bags are given to local residents at mobile food pantry distribution sites. This program is in lieu of Learn Not to Burn educational activities that have been suspended due to Covid-19. Bags contain fire safety education materials for parents and children.
- **Fire Safety and Health Incident Trailer**-trailer will provide a work station for future covid testing, vaccines, hands-on CPR, Stop the Bleed, and other CRR programs. Current Status: The Trailer will be purchased using CARES Act funding, Act. Lt. Eric Price will coordinate purchasing with Fire Apparatus and Equipment Shop.



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- **Learn to Read Initiative**-Summer reading instruction program that supports measureable reading achievement among FWISD elementary students. Current Status: Fire Department will continue its participation in the city-wide reading improvement effort once it resumes in 2021. Act. Lt. Eric Price or the CRR Captain will coordinate FWFD participation.
- **Smoke alarm installation**- Multi-agency partnership that provides free smoke alarms and installation to Fort Worth residents. Current Status: Smoke detector installations are a continuing Fire Department risk reduction initiative. Over 14,000 smoke detectors have been installed in 2020 by CRR, Fire Operations, Training and local volunteers.
- **Air Conditioner Unit Installation Program**-Program provides free window unit air conditioners to older adults Fort Worth. Current Status: Several Fire Administration and Fire Operations Companies participated with installing units this past summer. Mark Rauscher and Mike Drivdahl served as the points of contact for FWFD.
- **Fired-Up Neighborhood Fire Safety Training**—Supplements traditional fire safety education by teaching risk reduction activities to residents at predesignated locations. Current Status: Program has been temporarily suspended pending review by the Fire Chief.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact Fire Chief Jim Davis, at 817-392-6801 or jim.davis@fortworthtexas.gov.

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