

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: April 8, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee:  
Adam Medrano (Chair), B. Adam McGough (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson, Tiffinni A. Young,  
Jennifer S. Gates, Philip T. Kingston

SUBJECT: **Dallas Firefighter's Museum**

On Monday, April 11, 2016, you will be briefed on the Dallas Firefighter's Museum by Battalion Chief Trixie Lohrke of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric D. Campbell".

Eric D. Campbell  
Assistant City Manager

[Attachment]

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager  
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney  
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# Dallas Firefighter's Museum

Public Safety Committee  
April 11, 2016



# Fair Park Fire Station

The mission of the Dallas Firefighter's Museum is to provide the City of Dallas a well-attended historical and educational asset. The Museum will teach fire safety, honor fallen heroes of the Department and preserve firefighting heritage.





- Fair Park Fire Station opened in 1907
- All construction materials came from the State of Texas
- Originally housed a hose wagon, 12 firefighters and 5 horses
- The first horse hospital in Dallas
- Planning for a Museum began in 1966
- Museum officially founded in 1972 with a Board of Directors and By-Laws
- Designated a Dallas Historic Landmark, 1976
- Over 2,000 artifacts and apparatus-film, photos, tools, trucks, engines

# Old Tige

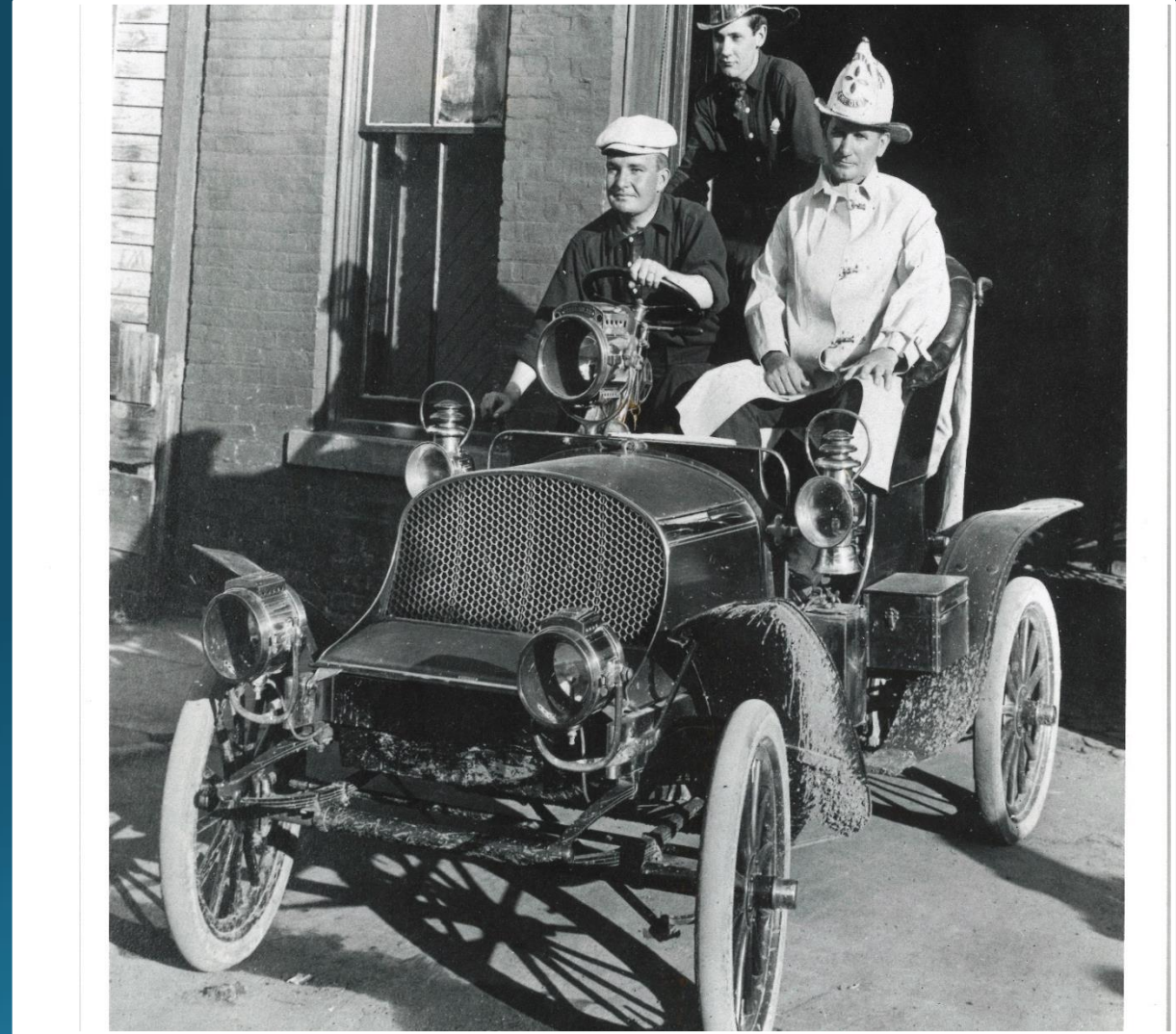
Museum's historic horse-drawn steam pumper was named Old Tige, after Dallas Mayor Cabell's nick name in the Civil War.

It is one of only three steam pumpers of its kind remaining.



# Museum History

- The Dallas Firefighter's Museum is located across from Fair Park
- Original home to #3 Hook and Ladder and Assistant Chief 3
- Joint venture of the City of Dallas, the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department and a non-profit 501(c) 3
- Museum began using the Station under a letter of agreement in 1971 from City Manager W.S. McDonald
- Operated by the Dallas Firefighter's Museum, Inc.



# Current Operations

- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Paid Curators (retired Dallas Firefighters)
- Operates Museum Gift Shop
- Retirees' Annual Luncheon
- Launched Annual FireFest Event to Showcase Museum and Bring Community Together
- Firefighter and Neighborhood Christmas Party with Mr. and Mrs. Claus



# Teaching Fire Safety

- Hosted over 3,500 guests, 1,513 Children (42%)
- Created Interactive Safety Video with Caricature of Old Tige-Teaching Children About Safety in the Home
- Partnership with UNT's Portal to Texas History-Preserves Museum's Film Archives, While Allowing Researchers Access
- Educational Joint-Venture with Dallas Fire-Rescue Educators for Special Events and Tours Expanding Outreach to Children and Families





# Looking Ahead

- Plan to Restore Façade and Renovate Interior, Create Fire and Life Safety Center
- Remodeling Back to Original 1907 Façade
- 2 Exterior Elevations - Completed
- Bid for 2 Remaining Elevations- In Discussion
- Windows, Repointing Brick, New Flagpole
- 2016 Recipient- Preservation Dallas Award



# Progress To Date

- Targeted Marketing and Social Media Brings New People to Museum
- Partnerships Established with Schools, Home Schools, Scouts, Childcare Operators and YMCAs
- Interior Renovation and Painting
- Museum Store
- Capital Campaign - \$5.6M Capital Campaign in Quiet Phase
- \$1.1 M Raised To Date





## EXTERIOR VIEW

RESTORED BUILDING EXTERIOR  
Dallas Firefighters Museum



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## FIRST FLOOR VIEW

RENOVATED EXHIBIT SPACE  
Dallas Firefighters Museum



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- 5 DIAL-A-BELT
- 6 HAZARD HOUSE
- 7 BEDROOM SAFETY
- 8 SEASONAL HAZARDS
- 9 FIREMAX THEATER



**SECOND FLOOR VIEW**

INTERACTIVE FIRE EDUCATION CENTER  
Dallas Firefighters Museum

# The Dallas Firefighter's Museum



# Questions?

