

# Memorandum



DATE October 2, 2017

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Local Cooperation - DART Rail Stations**

On Monday, October 9, 2017, Chief of Police U. Reneé Hall will brief the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee on Local Cooperation - DART Rail Stations. The Dallas Police Department has identified criminal activity in and around DART rail stations. To address these challenges, the department has leveraged collaborative partnerships with multiple agencies including but not limited to: DART, El Centro Police, and the Downtown Safety Patrol to pursue solution based strategies. The attached presentation will identify challenges faced, discuss collaborative solutions utilized, and preview strategies needed to further reduce crime in and around DART rail stations.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

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



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# Local Cooperation - DART Rail Stations

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee  
October 9, 2017

U. René Hall, Chief of Police  
Police Department  
City of Dallas



# Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- Background
- Issues/Operational Concerns
- Collaborative Partnerships
- New Action Items



# Purpose

- Discuss public safety and quality of life concerns at high density crime areas near DART rail stations
- Outline collaborative partnerships and enforcement efforts
- Provide an update on new action items



# Background

## DPD Responsibilities

- Provides assistance when requested on DART property within the City of Dallas:
  - making arrests
  - patrolling transit property
  - preparing offense reports
  - conducting follow-up criminal investigations

# Background

## DART Responsibilities

- Primary responsibility to provide police services to its patrons, employees and properties:
  - on-board vehicles
  - park and ride lots
  - transit/rail centers

# Background

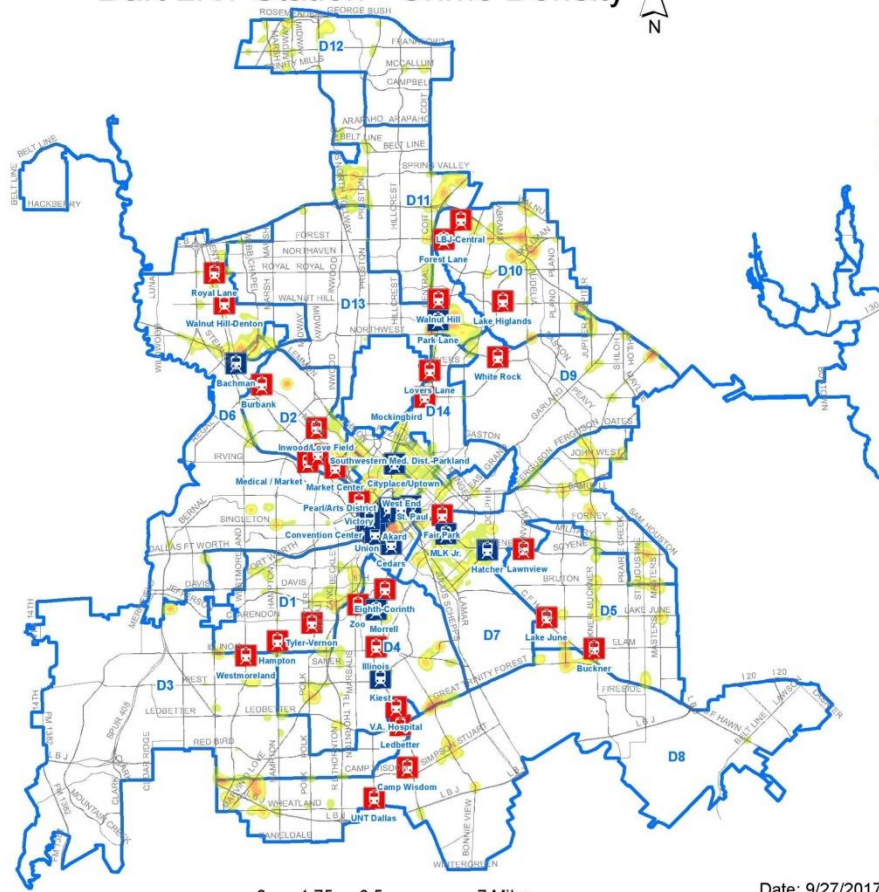
- DPD and DART Police maintain a collaborative partnership to address public safety and quality of life concerns:
  - share intelligence
  - discuss ongoing issues
  - develop crime strategies
  - implement crime initiatives

# Issues/Operational Concerns

- 46 DART rail stations in the City of Dallas
- Identified locations with highest concentrations of overall crime:
  - Central Business District - CBD (six separate platforms)
  - Deep Ellum (two separate platforms)
  - Bachman
  - Park Lane
  - Morrell
  - Kiest

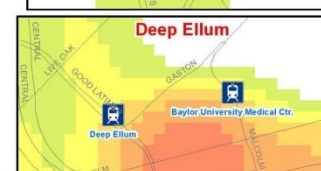
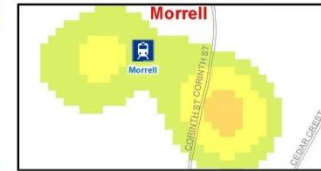


# Dart LRT Station - Crime Density



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# DART LTR Station Area Crime: 1-Mile Radius

## Year to Date

	UCR Part 1 Crime	UCR Part 2 Crime	Total Arrests
Kiest 2016	678	1,997	754
Kiest 2017	586	2,114	763
%Change	-13.57%	<b>5.86%</b>	1.19%
Morell 2016	482	1,915	668
Morrell 2017	474	1,857	850
%Change	-1.66%	-3.03%	27.25%
Park Lane 2016	1,278	3,414	1,049
Park Lane 2017	1,209	2,875	867
%Change	-5.40%	-15.79%	-17.35%
CBD 2016	689	4,905	2,778
CBD 2017	731	4,183	3,222
%Change	<b>6.10%</b>	-14.72%	15.98%
Bachman 2016	647	2,425	894
Bachman 2017	733	2,345	842
%Change	<b>13.29%</b>	-3.30%	-5.82%
Deep Ellum 2016	176	786	889
Deep Ellum 2017	240	1,026	1,474
%Change	<b>36.36%</b>	<b>30.53%</b>	65.80%

# Issues/Operational Concerns

- Complaints, calls and arrests related to narcotic and K2 sales in the vicinity of the West End and areas around DART rail stations

<b>Drug Complaints and Calls</b> January 1, 2017 - August 31, 2017				
<b>DART Station Locations</b>	<b>Drug House Complaints</b>	<b>911 Drug House Calls</b>	<b>911 Open Air Drugs Sales Calls</b>	<b>K-2 Arrests</b>
West End	21	0	75	151
8 <sup>th</sup> & Corinth	46	22	22	6
Morrell	60	29	21	6
Kiest & Lancaster	72	45	12	16

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# Collaborative Partnerships

- DPD and DART provides directed patrol around the vicinity of the DART rail stations
- DPD maintains a list of downtown impact offenders and shares it with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office Community Response Team
- El Centro Police has expanded their area of responsibility to include additional patrols in parts of the West End
- Downtown Safety Patrol provides bike and foot patrols within the CBD
- Crisis Intervention Team visits encampments to engage homeless; refer to services to help transition from the streets into adequate shelter

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# Collaborative Partnerships

## West End Task Force

- Monthly meeting for law enforcement agencies to share information and collaborate on initiatives to improve public safety in the West End
- Partners include:
  - DPD
  - DART PD
  - El Centro College Police
  - Dallas County District Attorney Community Response Team
  - Crisis Intervention Team
  - DISD Police
  - Downtown Safety Patrol
  - Downtown Dallas Inc.

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# Collaborative Partnerships

- Results from West End Patrols conducted by DPD, DART, El Centro and Downtown Safety Patrol

<b>Violations and Arrests</b> January 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017	
<b>Violations</b>	<b>Arrests</b>
Truancy	20
Sleeping/Urinating in Public	18
Public Intoxication	6
Failure to Appear	9
Open Container	5
Panhandling	44
Criminal Trespass Arrest	4
Vending without a Permit	6
Felony Warrant	2
Apprehension by Police Officer Without Warrant	1

# Collaborative Partnerships

## Community Interaction

- Monthly West End Association Resident Crime Watch meetings
- Monthly Downtown Security Directors Association meetings
- Quarterly meetings with Corporate stakeholders:
  - Downtown Dallas Inc., Dallas Office Emergency Management, DA's Office, Allied Universal Security, AT&T, Hunt Oil, Oncor, Peloton Real Estate and Hamilton Properties

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# Continued Efforts

- Patrol, Narcotics, and DART will continue to conduct operations to address: quality of life issues, K2, panhandling, and other criminal violations
- Narcotics Division will continue to conduct major undercover investigations to combat drug sales of K2 and seek federal prosecution
- Continued efforts have resulted in positive change, however further collaboration is necessary to further combat these issues therefore DPD is initiating the following new action items



# New Action Items

- Collaborate with Dallas Fire-Rescue and Crisis Intervention to conduct a K2 Education campaign for the homeless – **October 8, 2017**
- Assign a Dallas Officer or supervisor with DART PD for a 30 to 60 day period to identify better methods of collaboration
- Hold monthly Compstat meetings with DART, DPD and DCCD at DPD Headquarters
- Provide DART PD Sergeant access to DPD computer systems and reports in the Dallas Fusion Center

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# New Action Items

- Investigate narcotics activity and drug house locations within a one mile radius of DART Train Stations
- Improve real time communications by providing DART Communications with a base station to communicate directly with Dallas Officers
- Utilize camera trailers monitored by fusion and working in conjunction with Dallas CRT officers

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