

# Memorandum



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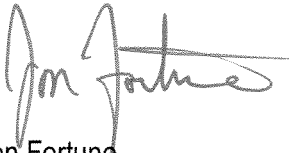
TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Juvenile Curfew Ordinance**

On Monday, January 8, 2018, you will be briefed on the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance by the Dallas Police Department. The presentation outlines the requirements of the ordinance and provides statistical information on enforcement. It also provides feedback on how the department believes that enforcement of the ordinance is a tool that can be used to reduce victimization of juveniles and prevent them from entering the criminal justice system.

The briefing materials are attached for your review.

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



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cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
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# Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

**Public Safety and Criminal Justice**

**January 8, 2018**

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



# Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Purpose
- Issues/ Operational or Business Concerns
- Proposed Action
- Next Steps

# Background/History of Juvenile Curfew

- This ordinance was originally adopted by the Dallas City Council on June 12, 1991.
- The City of Dallas amended the ordinance on May 18, 2009, to include daytime curfew hours as a violation.
- The current Dallas Juvenile Curfew Ordinance was renewed and under effect on January 18, 2016.
- The current ordinance expires on January 18, 2019.

# Background/History

- Dallas Juvenile Curfew Ordinance specifies the hours of curfew for daytime during school sessions and nighttime curfew year round.
  - Daytime curfew hours are 9:00 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. during weekdays.
  - Nighttime curfew hours are 11:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M. from Sunday night through Thursday night.
  - Weekend night hours are 12:00 A.M. until 6:00 A.M.

# Purpose

- Provide an overview of the impact of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance on the City of Dallas.
- Provide statistical information relating to enforcement of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance
- Determine if the ordinance is having a positive impact.

# Enforcement and Accountability

- Both the juvenile and their parent or guardian can be issued citations for curfew violations.
- The owner or employee of an establishment also commits an offense if they allow a minor to remain on premises during curfew hours.
- Enforcement action is designed to hold juveniles, parents and businesses accountable.

# Enforcement of Curfew Violations

- DPD Enforcement action from 2015-2017

JUVENILE CURFEW - CITATIONS		
CALENDAR YEAR	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	Count
2015	JUVENILE DAYTIME CURFEW - IN A PUBLIC PLACE	133
2015	MINOR CURFEW HOURS: AGAINST MINOR	254
2015	MINOR CURFEW HOURS; AGAINST PARENT OR GUARDIAN	1
	Total	388
	Off Desc	Count
2016	JUVENILE DAYTIME CURFEW - IN A PUBLIC PLACE	157
2016	MINOR CURFEW HOURS: AGAINST MINOR	240
	Total	397
	Off Desc	Count
YTD 2017	JUVENILE DAYTIME CURFEW - IN A PUBLIC PLACE	46
YTD 2017	MINOR CURFEW HOURS: AGAINST MINOR	221
UPDATED 12/21/2017	Total <i>AS OF 12/21/2017</i>	267



# Goals of Curfew Ordinance

- There is an increased opportunity of the victimization of minors under the age of 17 when they are outside in a public place during curfew hours.
- From 2016YTD to 2017YTD there was a -1.35% decrease in violent crime victimization of juveniles in Dallas (updated 12/21/2017).

JUVENILE VICTIMS 2015, 2016 AND 2017 YTD

	2015	2016	% CHANGE	2016YTD	2017YTD	% CHANGE
ALL CRIME /ALL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS	7935	7853	-1.03%	7681	7318	-4.73%
ASSIGNED CAPERS/ SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	2070	2061	-0.43%	2004	1977	-1.35%

# Goals of Curfew Ordinance

- So far in 2017 YTD there have been **466 juveniles** that have been the victim of a crime between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M.
- **413** of these juveniles were the victim of a **violent crime.**

\*2017 YTD (12/21/2017)

# Goals of Curfew Ordinance

- So far in 2017 YTD there have been **317 juveniles** that have been arrested for the commission of a crime between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M.

JUVENILE ARRESTS 2015, 2016, AND 2017 YTD (AS OF 12/20/2017)

MONTH	2015	2016	% CHANGE	2016ytd	2017ytd	CNT DIFF	% CHANGE
January	110	123	11.82%	121	136	15	12.40%
February	99	166	67.68%	165	114	-51	-30.91%
March	114	134	17.54%	134	125	-9	-6.72%
April	114	126	10.53%	125	142	17	13.60%
May	150	151	0.67%	151	155	4	2.65%
June	110	135	22.73%	135	118	-17	-12.59%
July	118	104	-11.86%	104	121	17	16.35%
August	85	107	25.88%	107	120	13	12.15%
September	95	113	18.95%	113	123	10	8.85%
October	134	132	-1.49%	132	140	8	6.06%
November	120	133	10.83%	133	140	7	5.26%
December	95	119	25.26%	84	103	19	22.62%
Grand Total	1344	1543	14.81%	1504	1537	33	2.19%

# Goals of Curfew Ordinance

- The Dallas Police Department believes the curfew ordinance protects juveniles.
- It is a deterrent from juveniles participating in criminal activity.
- It protects juveniles from becoming victimized during the hours of highest criminal activity.
- It is another tool for the Dallas Police Department to ensure safety for vulnerable juveniles in our community.

# Research on Curfew Enforcement

- The following major Texas cities also have a curfew ordinance which has to be updated and approved every three years.
  - Houston
  - San Antonio
  - Austin
  - Corpus Christi
  - Fort Worth
  - El Paso

# Next Steps

- Council Action

- The Dallas Police Department will continue to track the effectiveness of the ordinance by measuring victimization and arrest rates of juveniles.
- In 2019 when a renewal of the ordinance must be approved by council, the department will present a proposal for council to approve the ordinance for another three year term.

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