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Council Receives Fire Department Update

At the January 26 meeting, the City Council received a presentation on the Highland Village Fire Department. Chief Michael Thomson shared an overview of the department's accomplishments and goals, staffing level, apparatus, equipment, performance data and response times. Accomplishments include completion of the outdoor warning siren upgrade and site relocation project, certification of all Officers and Fire Equipment Operators as Blue Card Incident Commanders, establishment of HVFD as a regional Command Training Center, TIFMAS deployment to California, implementation of a new comprehensive internal Safety Program, and re-accreditation as a Heart Safe Community. The department recently converted to a new 48/96 shift schedule which improved overall morale and retention, provided an increase in overall training hours and a decrease in sick time usage and minimum staffing overtime. The department is continuing the partnership with Flower Mound and Lewisville for the joint fire training facility project. Upcoming initiatives include completion of the comprehensive Texas Department of State Health Services Provider Audit and Inspection, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Property Protection Classification Regrading, working to complete the Texas Fire Chiefs Best Practices Recognition Program. and working to provide access to a City/Department based COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

Fire Chief Mike Thomson provided an update on COVID-19 in Denton County and Highland Village. An update on the Denton County Health Department's vaccination process was also provided and residents were encouraged to sign up on the [Vaccine Interest List](#). Those wishing to receive the vaccine should regularly check the Department of State Health Services [website](#) for area vaccine providers. Updated information on the vaccine and the virus can be found at www.highlandvillage.org/COVID.

During the Mayor and Council reports, a swearing in [video](#) was presented for Highland Village Police Officer Zane Bluford.

The Foodie Friday [video](#) featuring Berries & Batter was shown during the City Manager's Report.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming live and on demand at www.highlandvillage.org/HVTV.