

Arlington Fire Department

Office of Special Events

High Profile NFL Events





About the City of Arlington

- Population – 369,646
- 99 Square Miles
- 76 Public Schools: 10 High, 11 Middle, 55 Elementary
- 3 Colleges: UTA, TCC, Arlington Baptist
- Large Entertainment District
 - 6.8 Million Visitors
 - AT&T Stadium – Dallas Cowboys
 - Globe Life Park – Texas Rangers
 - Six Flags Over Texas





Arlington Fire Department

Operations

- 17 Fire Stations
 - 17 Engines
 - 5 Ladder Trucks
 - 2 EMS Squads
 - 2 Battalion Chiefs
 - 1 Shift Commander
 - 323 Firefighters
 - 44,405 Calls
 - 54,419 Unit Responses

Fire Prevention

- 18 Personnel
 - EOD / K9 (9 dogs)

Communication Services

- 113 Personnel
 - Police, Fire, and EMS 911
 - 411,075 Calls Processed

Emergency Management

- 5 Personnel
 - EOC



AFD Services

- Fire Suppression/Rescue
- 911/Public Safety Dispatching
- Advanced Life Support
Emergency Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Technical Rescue
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)
- Natural Gas Well Response
- Life Safety Inspections
- Investigations
- Public Education
- EMS System Oversight and Administration
- Large-Scale Emergency Management
- Homeland Security Grant Management



Special Events 2016

- Dallas Cowboys – 8 Regular Season Games
- 5 Collegiate Football Games – Cotton Bowl
- Major Concerts: Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, Guns N Roses, Coldplay, Kenny Chesney
- Monster Jam
- Supercross
- Professional Bull Riders
- The American Rodeo
- HBO Boxing: Canelo vs Smith

FY16 - 328 Deployments
22,129 Staff Hours
2,337 Positions Assigned

- Texas Rangers – 81 regular season games
- Tough Mudder
- AISD Athletics
- Fireworks Standbys
- Half Marathons, 10k's, and 5k's
- Parades



Significant Events in the Past

- Superbowl 45
- NBA All-Star Game
- NCAA Final Four
- Gold Cup Soccer
- 2 MLB World Series
- WrestleMania 32
- College Football Championship
- George Strait Final Concert
- 50th Academy of Country Music Awards





Office of Special Events

Four Personnel

- Deputy Chief
- Captain
- 2 Emergency Management Planners

What We do

- Planning
- Event Action Plans
- Hiring
- Payroll
- Logistics
- Mass Gatherings Permit Approvals
- Emergency Management





Managing High Profile NFL Events

- Planning is the *key* to success
- Starts Months Before
- Relationships are Critical
- Experience with Previous Events
- Current Intelligence





Planning Cycle

- Weekly Event Logistics Meeting
- Internal Meetings as we Learn Information
- Building a Timeline
- Assigning Units
- Hiring Personnel
- Pre Event, Day of Event, and Post Event Logistics
- Event Production Meeting
- Security Meeting
- Day of Briefings
- Event After Action Report





Goals

- Safe and Successful Events
- Customer Service
- Value
 - For Venue Partners
 - For Tax Payers
- Ambassadors
- Best Practices
- No Impact on Regular City Services





Considerations

- Attendance
- SRO's
- Life Safety
 - Access
 - Exiting
 - Crowd Control
- Weather
- Logistical Support
- Season Record





Considerations

- Staffing Challenges
 - 46 Fire and Life Safety/EOD
 - 33 AMR Ambulance Personnel
 - 164 Law Enforcement
- Tailgating
 - Peripheral Events
- Security Risk
 - Bollard Line Protection
 - EOD Sweeps
 - Unattended/Suspicious Packages
 - Drones
 - Dignitaries
- 9/11 Anniversary
- Is Alcohol Sold?





Considerations

- Fire Protection

- Vehicle Fires
- Trash Fires
- Pyrotechnics
- Other Fires

- Medical Emergencies

- Response Teams
- 4 Ambulances
- 1 Physician

- Communications

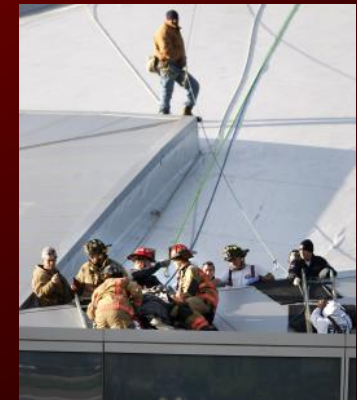
- Dedicated 911 Dispatchers
- Interoperability





Considerations

- Rescue Services
 - Rope Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
 - Radiation Sources
 - Mass Decontamination
- Traffic Management
 - Local
 - Regional
 - Multiple Agencies
- Impact on City and Community Resources
 - Public Safety
 - Hospital





Special Event Planning

- Venue Partners
- Outside Agencies
- NFL Security Representatives
- Federal Partners
- Arlington Police Department
- Arlington Traffic Management
- Arlington Fire Department
 - OSE Staff
 - Fire Prevention
 - EOD /Bomb Team
 - Operations
 - AMR Ambulance





Event Action Plans

- A Comprehensive IAP
- All Events
- ICS Format
- Homeland Security Sensitive Document
- Shared with Stakeholders
- A Legal Document

Arlington Fire Department

Cowboys vs. Giants



EVENT ACTION PLAN

Thursday, September 11th – A Shift
Kick-Off @ 15:25

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Unified Command

- Venue Management
 - Crowd Movement
 - Security
 - Parking
- Fire Commander
 - Fire
 - EMS
 - EOD
 - Hazmat /CBNRE
 - Life Safety
- Police Commander
 - Law Enforcement
 - Swat /Tactical
- Federal (High Profile Events)
 - Intelligence
 - Federal Assets





New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys September 11th, 2016

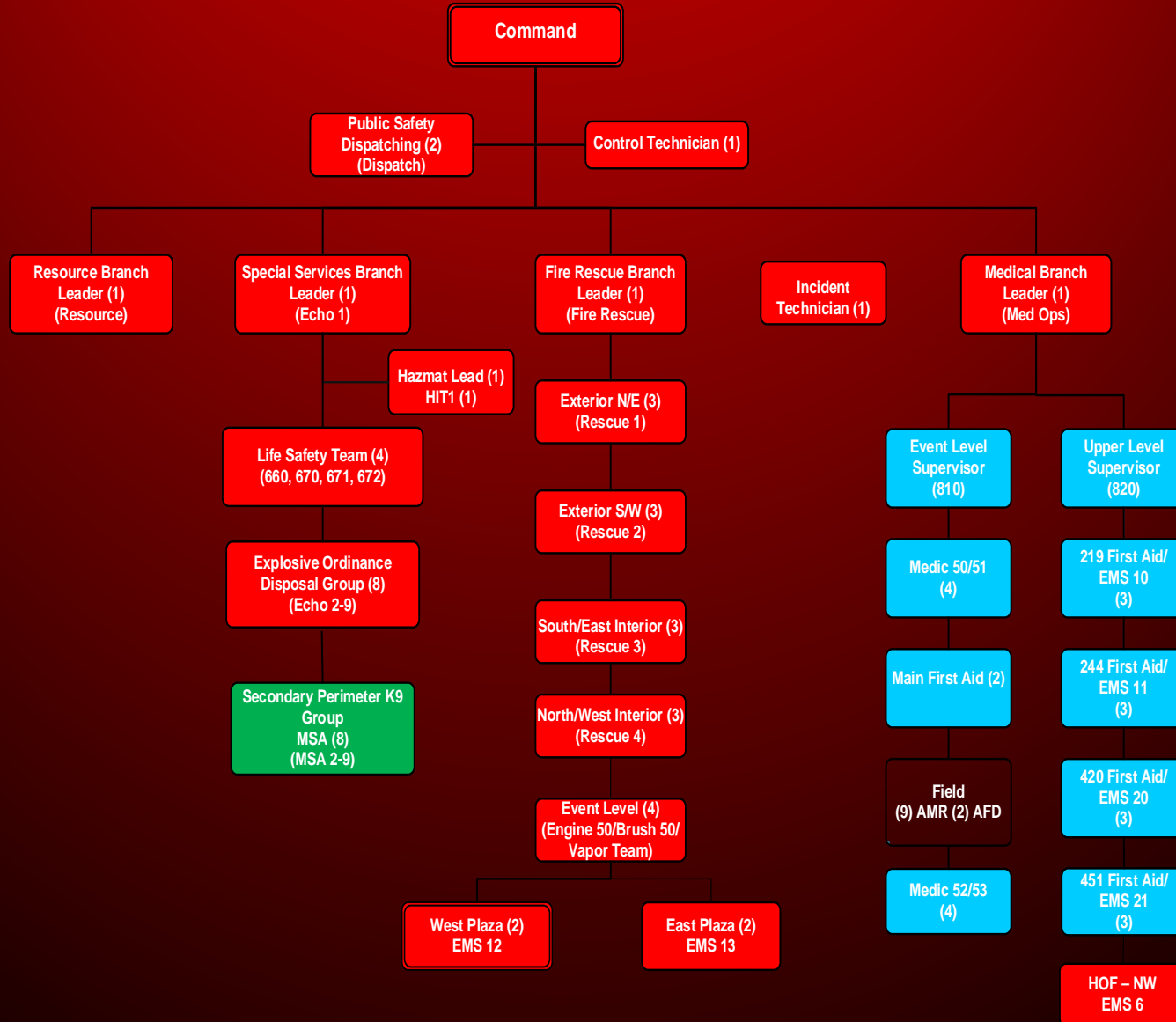
Event Data

- Turnstile – 82,737
- SRO's – 15,556
- AFD – 46
- AMR – 33
- APD – 245
- EMS Calls – 55
- First Aid Contacts – 86
- Transports – 6
- ETOH Related – 14
- Life Safety – 13
- EOD - 7





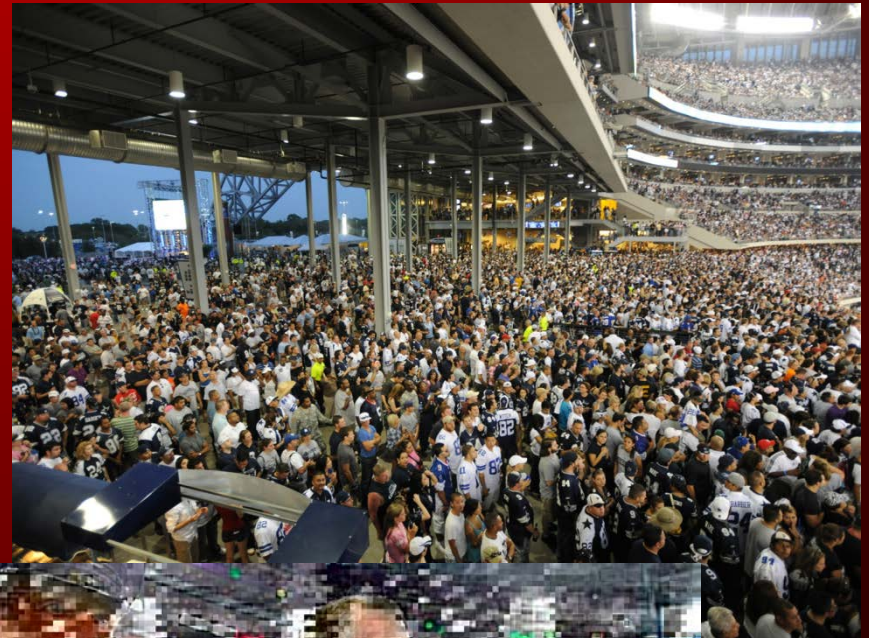
Organizational Chart - Fire





Unique Challenges

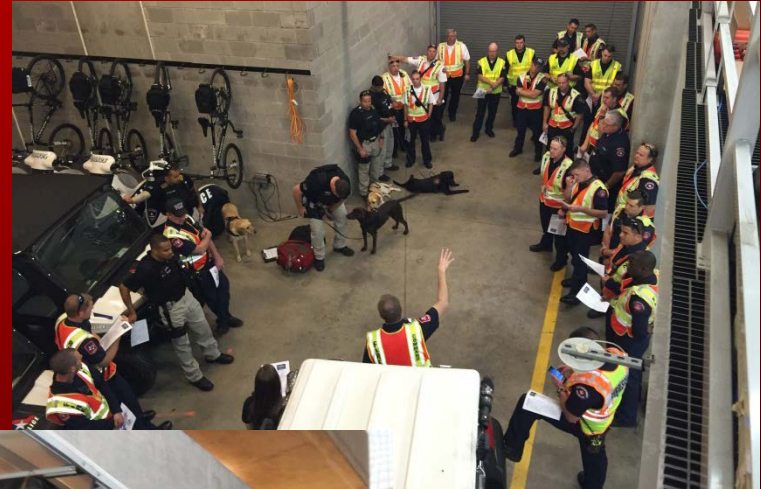
- Early Tailgating
- Capacity Crowd
- 9/11 Significance
- Air Traffic
- Dignitaries
- Pre-Event Ceremonies
- Halftime Show
- Security
- Post Event Parties
- 100ft Barrier Perimeter
- K9 Contract Security





Briefings

- All Personnel
- Timelines
- Operational Plans
- Expectations
- Weather Forecast
- Intelligence
- Radio Channel Assignments
- Discounted Employee Dining Options
- New Information





All Hazards Approach Utilized to Manage Events

- Fires
- EMS
 - Patrons
 - Players
- Hazmat
- CBRNE
- EOD
- Life Safety
- Emergency Management





Field Medics

- Held to High Standards
- NFL / AFD Joint Efforts
- Joint Training with Cowboy Doctors and Trainers
- Must work 2 NFL Event per Season
- Use Field Medics for College, Supercross, Monster Jam, Bull Riding, and VIPs





Field Medic Selection

- Rigorous
- 14 Total
- Must be Paramedic
- Previous RSI / cc Experience
- Hand Selected and Approved by Medical Director
- Must be able to work in High Stress Environments
- Annual Process
- 2 AFD / 2 AMR Medics
- Tested Advanced Skill Sets





Pitfalls of Managing Events

- Failure to PLAN
- Failure to LEARN FROM OTHERS
- Not utilizing a true “Unified Command”
- Failure to be FLEXIBLE
- Failure to plan for Failure... a, b, c... z





Expect the Unexpected



Questions?