

Life Safety Park

1st Quarter Report

October – December 2018



Executive Summary

During the First Quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, Life Safety Park (LSP) welcomed a total of 2,411 visitors, including 930 children and 1481 adults. This brings the total visitors in 2018 to 8,495, and since opening in January of 2017, a total of 17,510 visitors have attended a class or event at LSP. Visitors to the Life Safety Park continued to learn a safety lesson, whether the lesson was the focus of the visit, part of a tour, or if it was in addition to using the meeting spaces. In the background of the educational and hosting activities, the Emergency Operations Center at Life Safety Park was activated three times to monitor severe weather and once for a special event.

LSP Education and Engagements

Independent School Districts

CISD Elementary –During this quarter, Life Safety Park welcomed six CISD Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. The Kindergarten students learned about pedestrian and motor vehicle safety, when to call 9-1-1, and when to stop drop and roll. The 1st grade classes also covered pedestrian and motor vehicle safety, as well as booster seat requirements and safety. All students were able to visit with a firefighter and view and touch the firefighter’s gear. To ensure the classes were engaging and age appropriate, some classes were tested before and after the lessons. The results from the pre-lesson and post-lesson tests show that the Kindergarten and 1st grade students’ safety knowledge increased by 19 percent. These classes totaled 300 students and 108 adults.



CISD – Wilson First Grade

CISD Staff – CISD staff utilized the LSP meeting spaces 11 separate times during this quarter, totaling 206 visitors. The meetings included CISD Intervention Services, Administration meetings, Schoology trainings, Math and ELAR Professional Learning, and Digital Learning Coaches. While on-site, staff members learned a life safety lesson, which included the National Fire Protection Association’s annual campaign of looking for places fire can start, listening for smoke alarms, and learning two ways out of every room, as well as training on changing smoke alarm batteries, cooking safety, holiday lights/decoration safety, and Christmas tree knowledge and safety.



DISD – Fire Safety Class for Students with Special Needs

Dallas ISD – Six Dallas ISD special needs high school classes visited Life Safety Park during this quarter, with a total of 47 students and 28 adults. The classes included hands-on instruction specialized for students with special needs and covered smoke alarms and exit plans. During these visits, the students also met with a firefighter and police officer, explored the gear and apparatus of first responders, and learned what to expect when calling 9-1-1 or encountering a first responder. Five directors from DISD also received a tour of LSP and fire extinguisher training.

Private Schools/Homeschools

Four private schools/homeschools/groups (ages 1-9) for a total of 133 students and 49 adults visited Life Safety Park this quarter. The lessons varied for each age group and covered general fire safety, smoke alarms, exit drills, and firefighter bunker gear/tools, motor vehicle and pedestrian safety, calling 9-1-1, booster seat knowledge and safety, and stop, drop, and roll.



Private School – Kindergarten

City of Coppell

Police - The Police Department held a total of 12 classes, meetings, and trainings for both youth and adults during the fourth quarter. Usage included an Urban Management Assistants of North Texas round table meeting, Supervisor training, Explorer meetings, teen diversion classes, a National Night Out block captain meeting, and an employee picnic, for a total of 116 youth and 184 adults.



City of Coppell – Training Class

Other Departments – Other City of Coppell Departments utilized the meeting spaces at LSP a total of 17 times during this quarter. The events included a 2040 Staff Session, Public Think Tank Sessions, 2040 Focus Group Sessions, a Leadership Summit, Coppell Service Institute (CSI), Organizational Change Management training, CMO quarterly meeting, an Emergency Management winter weather preparation meeting, a Personal Leadership Development presentation, a Public Works round table luncheon, and an employee brown bag lunch for a total of 435 visitors.

Scouts/External Student Groups

Scouting - Four Scout Troops visited Life Safety Park during this quarter and the lessons included basic first aid, emergency safety, fire and emergency preparedness, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. The classes were attended by 48 students (ages 6-9) and 37 adults.



Scouts – Bike Safety Class

Winter Break Classes

Winter break classes began on December 31, and two classes were offered that day. The first class had a target audience of grade levels Kindergarten-1st grade, and the lesson included motor vehicle, pedestrian, seat belt, and bus safety. The class was able to practice their safety skills on Safety Town by driving the jeeps and practicing their pedestrian safety skills. The second class welcomed 2nd and 3rd graders and covered home and fire safety, including smoke alarms and exit drills. The students practiced their skills using the Safety House, which created engaging real-life scenarios. All students met with a firefighter and were able to try on their own bunker gear. These classes were attended by 42 students and 25 adults. More winter break classes will be offered in January 2019.

Additional Classes

Monthly CPR/AED continued to be offered to the public during this quarter, which were attended by 37 adults and seven teenagers. A CPR/AED training class was also held for 10 teenagers from the Dallas Ace Leo Club.

A local business held a private event, which was attended by approximately 100 citizens. CPR and fire extinguisher training were offered during the event. The meeting spaces were utilized by another local business where 29 employees also received CPR and fire extinguisher training. Twenty students and three adults from Coppell Teen Leadership also utilized the meeting space

Tours

Life Safety Park welcomed 13 adults and eight children for tours during this quarter. These individuals included local families and new hires. All visitors were either given a fire extinguisher lesson or were given a tour and time to explore the bunker gear and fire engine.



Private School – First Grade

Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Management

EOC

Activations - The EOC was activated three times this quarter at a Level 3 (Monitoring) status for severe weather and once for a city sponsored community event.

Enhancements – City personnel worked this quarter to enhance the capability of the EOC through testing and re-cabling of the table configuration used during a full EOC activation. The configuration was tested during an Incident Management Team (IMT) course and enhancements were made based on the findings of the testing. Additional supplies were also made available for EOC activations based on the outcome of the EOC testing during the IMT Course.

Testing - The Outdoor Warning (Siren) System was audibly tested twice this quarter with one cancellation due to weather. The Outdoor Warning System is silently tested twice each day. The full EOC configuration was tested during a week-long IMT course in October. This allowed use of the EOC space and systems by dozens of professional emergency managers from across the country during a simulated tornado event.

Emergency Management

Planning / Exercise – Meetings were held and updates made to Annex W – Severe Winter Weather and Annex G – Disaster Recovery during this quarter. Additionally, staff participated in a Request for Proposal project in collaboration with Addison, Carrollton, and Farmers Branch.

Training – Coppell Emergency Management hosted the FEMA Type 3 Incident Management Team course in October. This is a rare course for local delivery and was attended by professional emergency managers from across the county. In addition to hosting, the course was attended by Coppell’s Emergency Management Coordinator and used to test Life Safety Park EOC functions. The Coppell EMC also hosted and taught a three day All-Hazards Resource Unit Leader course at Life Safety Park in October and attended a four day All-Hazards Type 3 Finance Section Chief course in Denton during the month of December.

Contact and Additional Information

LSP - Information about Life Safety Park can be found at www.LifeSafetyPark.org. Online class registration is available and can be accessed through the “Register Here” link on the Life Safety Park website. Any questions or requests for information may be sent to LSP@coppelltx.gov or a Life Safety Park staff member may be contacted at 972-462-5373.

EOC – Information about the EOC or Coppell Emergency Management can be found at www.CoppellTX.gov/EM. Any questions or requests for additional information may be directed to bsimpkins@coppelltx.gov or 972-462-5326.

