



# City of Denton

## Emergency Management

Denton Fire Department

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### Post Event Summary

Event Name	Denton Black Film Festival
Dates of Event	January 20 <sup>th</sup> – February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Date of Report	
Peak EOC Activation Status	Not Activated

#### **Background and History of Event:**

The Denton Black Film Festival (DBFF) is an annual cultural event that celebrates and showcases the diverse and dynamic voices within the black filmmaking community. Held in Denton, Texas, the festival served as a platform for independent filmmakers, artists, and storytellers to share their narratives and perspectives on the black experience.

The festival featured a rich and varied program, including screenings of thought-provoking films, engaging panel discussions, and interactive workshops. The selected films spanned a wide range of genres, from documentaries and dramas to comedies and experimental pieces, providing a comprehensive view of the black cinematic landscape.

DBFF not only highlighted the artistic achievements of black filmmakers but also fostered conversations around social issues, cultural identity, and historical narratives. The festival often incorporated themes such as social justice, equality, and empowerment, aiming to inspire dialogue and reflection among its attendees.

In addition to film screenings, the Denton Black Film Festival often included live performances, art exhibits, and opportunities for networking and collaboration. It created a vibrant and inclusive space for filmmakers, industry professionals, and the general audience to come together, celebrate creativity, and engage in meaningful discussions.

Ultimately, the Denton Black Film Festival served as a crucial platform for promoting diversity and representation in the film industry while fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the powerful stories that emerged from the black experience. The festival contributed to the cultural tapestry of Denton and beyond, encouraging a deeper understanding and connection among its participants and attendees.

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### **Timeline of Event with Responses from each Department:**

#### **Parks:**

- The Civic Center was rented for the Festival as an exhibition venue.

#### **Police:**

- 7 officers assigned
- 44.5 hours of city overtime
- No calls for service

### **Concerns:**

#### **Police:**

- No issues. Recommend the same staffing for next year.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

**Parks:** Recommendation of communication from event organizer and volunteers on facility access times and responsibilities at the Civic Center. A lot of confusion from volunteers on times and what to do once at the Civic Center. Also, all supplies/materials must be removed at the end of the rental, several items were left and picked up several days after the reservation at the Civic Center.

**Police:** Recommend maintaining the same level of service unless the event changes significantly in the future.

### **Participating Departments:**

City of Denton Emergency Management  
Denton Police Department  
Parks and Recreation Department