



City of Denton Emergency Management

Denton Fire Department

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Post Event Summary

Event Name	Tejas Storytelling Festival 2024
Dates of Event	3/7/24-3/10/24
Date of Report	
Peak EOC Activation Status	Not Activated

Background and History of Event:

Established in 1985, the Texas Storytelling Festival, organized by the Tejas Storytelling Association, is an annual event deeply rooted in Denton, Texas. Founded as a non-profit initiative to promote storytelling and build community, the festival has grown into a significant gathering for local and statewide participants.

Providing a platform for storytellers to share their narratives and connect with audiences, the festival has become a cultural fixture, drawing storytellers, educators, and enthusiasts who appreciate the impact of spoken word.

With a focus on tradition and innovation, the festival has contributed to Denton's reputation as a center for artistic expression. As it continues to unfold annually, the Texas Storytelling Festival remains a straightforward celebration of storytelling's enduring appeal, tracing its roots back to its inception in 1985.

Timeline of Event with Responses from each Department:

No major occurrences or responses from any COD department.

Financial Expenditures:

Parks:

- Park and Facility Rentals
 - Civic Center Rental (Redbud Room) Thursday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Civic Center Rental (Rotunda) Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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- Civic Center Rental (Rotunda, Redbud, Community Room) Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Plaza) Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Plaza) Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Rotunda, Redbud, Community Room) Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Plaza) Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Rotunda) Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Civic Center Rental (Redbud Room) Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Park Personnel
 - Thursday 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 - Friday 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 - Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
 - Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Police:

- 11 officers at three locations
- 65 Hours of city overtime
- No calls for service

Concerns:

Parks:

None

Police:

None

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Parks:

The event organizers have already submitted the special event permit application for the 2025 event and have contacted the Civic Center Supervisor to reserve the event dates.

Police:

DPD officers overseeing the event confirmed that it ran smoothly without any overcrowding or space-related issues. Attendees appeared to genuinely enjoy the event, and there are no anticipated concerns for the next year. Staffing was effectively managed, ensuring a successful execution.

Participating Departments:

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 Denton Police Department
 Denton Parks and Recreation Department

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