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DALLAS POLICE ASSOCIATION SURVEY AMONG OFFICERS SHOWS DISSATISFACTION WITH DPD LEADERSHIP

80% Of Members Surveyed Rate Officer Morale As "Low" Or The "Lowest It's Ever Been"

DALLAS – July 31, 2014 – The **Dallas Police Association (DPA)** released the results today of a recent online survey that shows 54% of DPA members are not satisfied with their current job with the **Dallas Police Department (DPD)**. Equally concerning is the statistic that shows an overwhelming 80% of DPA members rate department morale as "low" or the "lowest it's ever been."

Other key survey findings include:

- 71% of DPA members believe they are not allowed to perform police duties that the citizens of Dallas expect.
- 87% feel they do not have the support of the command staff to do the job in the manner in which they were trained.
- 78% would not recommend the DPD to a potential law enforcement candidate.

"The results of this survey are alarming and should serve as an immediate wake-up call to the leadership of the Dallas Police Department," said **DPA President Ron Pinkston**, a 27-year DPD veteran and a Detective with the Southeast Investigative Division.

"We invite Chief David Brown and his leadership team to sit down with the Dallas Police Association for honest, meaningful discussions on how we can better protect our families while improving the safety and morale of the officers who patrol our neighborhoods," added Pinkston. "The Chief has wisely embraced our suggestion that we work together to unite the four separate police officer associations. Now, it's time to continue this cooperative spirit and collectively develop long-overdue reforms in the Dallas Police Department. Reforms and policies that will improve retention of our best officers and attract only the most qualified candidates to serve in the future."

The confidential online survey was completed by 1,279 DPA member officers between June 30, 2014 and July 18, 2014. The survey was conducted through Votenet Solutions, Inc., a leading provider of secure online survey services for private organizations including membership associations. A complete summary of the results is attached.

Founded in 1959, the Dallas Police Association is the oldest, largest and most diverse police employee organization in North Texas.

To arrange an interview with DPA President Ron Pinkston, please contact Brian Mayes at 214-208-5842.