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AGENDA

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
7:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee for Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:30 a.m., will be conducted via teleconference using the Zoom platform. Members of the public may participate virtually in the meeting in the following way:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

A. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NOTE: This is the appropriate time for members of the public to make comments regarding items not listed on this agenda.

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. COMMITTEE GOALS AND PURPOSE

B. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) UPDATE (PVPUSD REPORT)

C. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MCCORMICK UPDATE

D. PVP MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (RHE VERBAL REPORT)

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

IX. **OTHER MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

NOTE: This is the appropriate time for Committee Members to direct the placement of items for future action on upcoming agendas.

X. **ADJOURN**

Next meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.



**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES TO MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Bradley at 7:34 a.m. via Zoom.

Chair Bradley presiding.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: **Rancho Palos Verdes**
David Bradley, Councilmember

Rolling Hills
Leah Mirsch, Mayor

Rolling Hills Estates
Velveth Schmitz, Mayor
Britt Huff, Councilmember

Palos Verdes Estates
Dawn Murdock, Mayor

Absent: Paul Seo, Councilmember, Rancho Palos Verdes
Patrick Wilson, Councilmember, Rolling Hills
David McGowan, Councilmember, Palos Verdes Estates

Staff Present: **Rancho Palos Verdes**
Ara Mihranian, City Manager
Catherine Jun, Deputy City Manager
Lubna Mohammed,

Rolling Hills
Karina Bañales, City Manager
Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager
Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

Rolling Hills Estates
Greg Grammer, City Manager
Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager

Palos Verdes Estates
Kerry Kallman, City Manager

Luke Hellinga, Police Chief
Marcelle Herrera, Community Relations Officer

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Acting Assistant Chief Kane, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Rosemary Vivero, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Captain Kimberly Guerrero, Lomita Sheriff's Station

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD)

Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services Brenna M. Terrones

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance by Catherine Jun.

IV. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Rolling Hills Management Analyst Crew recognized Palos Verdes Estates Mayor Dawn Murdock for her service on the Committee as it was her last meeting.

Mayor Murdock expressed thanks.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2024

Motion by Member Huff, seconded by Member Mirsch to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Huff, Schmitz, Chair Bradley
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Murdock

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) UPDATE (PVPUSD REPORT)

Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services Brenna M. Terrones presented a report on the School Resource Officers.

Chair Bradley asked if the SRO program continued to work and was well-received.

Ms. Terrones replied that it was helpful to resume the reports and share the information.

Chair Bradley concurred that it showed value and doing good within the community.

Member Mirsch asked if Councilmembers should be sharing with the public.

Ms. Terrones noted that for a brief time the School District had not provided, per the MOU, the quarterly reports. They have since resumed providing a certain amount of information for Council and staff consumption, but not public consumption.

Chair Bradley noted that this was a public meeting with agenda information being a part of the public record.

Ms. Terrones noted that they would provide two versions, so the public-facing version did not disclose any potentially personal sensitive information to the public.

Chair Bradley asked staff if the Committee had ever used a closed session type report to share with Committee Members that would not necessarily be disclosed to the public due to the sensitivity of the material.

City Manager Grammer replied that the Committee had not. All items shared are public.

Chair Bradley noted that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) had gone through a public safety discussion on critical infrastructure and that some items were not disclosed during an open meeting to avoid releasing potential vulnerabilities and was handled in closed session. He requested that the City Managers discuss how the Committee could handle similar scenarios going forward.

City Manager Mihranian replied that staff could consider and noted the respective Cities can do that. He commented that staff could work with the school district on redacting information.

Chair Bradley stated it might be a valuable option.

Member Schmitz commented that when members go back to their Councils to share information from Committee meetings regarding public safety related contracts, they fail to convey how involved each entity is and the steps taken in providing public safety services or actions. She elaborated that not having the reports to the extent of sharing information appropriately does a disservice to renewing contracts. It becomes an economic versus a holistic issue. Councils are unable to determine the efficacy of public safety programs unless they have an ability to ask detailed questions which sometimes could lead to divulging private or sensitive information. There needs to be a mechanism to have these conversations. She requested a mechanism to have the ability to discuss sensitive information.

Chair Bradley stated that he read the District's report and it was great, but concurred that it is imperative to show the efficacy to respective City Councils.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

B. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MCCORMICK UPDATE

Los Angeles County Fire Department Acting Assistant Chief Kane reported on the third quarter specific to emergency responses and related fires for the Peninsula Cities as follows:

Palos Verdes Estates (PVE) -
343 calls for service
3 fire responses but nothing significant found

241 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses - 86 were Advanced Life Support (ALS)
Average response time was 6:36

Rolling Hills (RH) -
48 calls for service
0 fire responses
19 EMS - 9 ALS
Average response time was 7:09

Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) -
299 calls for service
6 fire responses (4 vehicle)
221 EMS - 86 ALS
Average response time was 5:50

Chair Bradley asked about the vehicle fires noting it seemed like a lot.

Chief Kane said it could be coincidental noting that it was during July during hot weather.

Member Huff asked about a full response for medical calls including engines.

Chief Kane commented that engines and paramedics do respond to all calls. Calls are not always indicative of the response needed.

Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) -
900 calls for service
11 fire responses (4 cooking fires)
649 EMS - 288 ALS
Average response time was 6:32

Chief Kane shared stats for McCormick's Ambulance response and noted that he is still corresponding with McCormick to find a representative who could join future meetings and speak to their data. He will continue to work on the relationship.

City Manager Bañales asked if the Chief wanted to do an overview of all three datasets.

Chief Kane replied that he does not have purview over McCormick's information and is the reason why he is trying to get a representative to speak to their data..

Member Murdock noted that the RHE response times were excellent.

Chair Bradley commented that it would be great to have McCormick attend and gain clarity on the disparity between RHE response times versus the other three cities.

Member Mirsch asked the Chief if it would help to have the City's Mayors reach out to McCormick.

Chief Kane asked for some leeway to continue his relationship building and if that did not work, he may request further assistance from the elected members.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

C. PREPAREDNESS EXPO (VERBAL REPORT)

Rolling Hills Management Analyst Crew presented a verbal update on the October 27, 2024 Preparedness Expo held at Peninsula High School. She noted that all four cities organize and host the event with RHE taking the lead. The event encourages residents to be disaster ready and provides a multitude of resources. Various other agencies participated including LA County Fire and Sheriff's departments, PVE Police Department. An active shooter presentation was hosted as well.

Captain Guerrero noted that there was strong public attendance for the Expo. The active shooter setup was in the school gym with a big screen projector. The presentation was 30 minutes long and included Q&A but attendance was light. She believes it was a good experience and should be utilized again in the future.

Chair Bradley commented on finding better ways to notify attendees of any aspects taking place in the gym that could improve attendance.

Public comment provided by Larry Maizlish. He noted the presentation being extremely worthwhile. He agreed that promotion should be done differently next year if using the gym and make that the lead event versus the Expo.

Chair Bradley agreed with the public comment.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

D. ALPR CAMERA REPLACEMENT (VERBAL REPORT)

RHE Assistant City Manager Davis presented a verbal update on the first amendment to the MOU noting the cameras have been received, configured and were in the process of being installed. Expected completion anticipated to conclude in the coming week.

Chair Bradley asked the law enforcement representatives if they still believed this was a valuable tool for preventing nefarious people from coming into the Peninsula.

Captain Guerrero responded that it was an excellent tool and has assisted with investigations.

Member Huff asked how often the cameras would need replacement.

Assistant City Manager Davis noted that there would be reviews around the three and five-year marks to determine when replacement would be necessary based on both shelf-life and changing technology.

Chair Bradley concurred on ever-improving camera technology.

Member Mirsh asked about the ability to illegally cover license plates to avoid detection.

Captain Guererro acknowledged that can happen but has not thus far on the Peninsula.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

E. PVP MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE (RHE)

RHE Assistant City Manager Davis presented a verbal update on the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan as required by the federal disaster mitigation act to be eligible for grant funding and disaster reimbursement. The effort is funded by CalOES/FEMA and requires a 25% Local Match. The cost sharing formula between the four cities will be based on the cost estimation of the plan development using the existing ALPR cost sharing agreement between the four cities. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established with one member from each city. She mentioned that the PPSC Committee may want to appoint alternates due to upcoming member rotations as the ad hoc committee will meet on an as needed basis for the consultant selection and development of the HMP over the next year. Staff intend to conduct interviews in January after receiving proposals in December.

Chair Bradley acknowledged that they would need to evaluate membership of the PPSC as all four cities go through forthcoming re-organizations.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. E-BIKE REPORT (VERBAL REPORT)

RHE Assistant City Manager Davis presented a verbal update on the collaborative effort regarding e-bike safety between the Cities, PVPUSD, SBCCOG and public safety entities. She noted that law enforcement had produced information to share. Last year a pilot permit / education program was held in conjunction with Ridgecrest Intermediate School.

She acknowledged PVE's Police Department was working on this as well as local PTA's. She emphasized the need for parent engagement on this topic. Future focus on educational events and enhancing education / partnerships even with commercial entities was also being explored towards developing a comprehensive approach.

Chair Bradley noted that the RPV Council directed their City Manager to work with the other City Managers collaboratively since the problem is clearly cross-jurisdictional and the e-bikes can reach fast speeds and know no boundaries.

City Manager Mihranian noted that RPV has an ordinance prohibiting e-bikes in open space areas and trails. They recently proposed, and the Council adopted, repealing and replacing the existing ordinance to expand regulations on how e-bikes should be used on public streets.

Public Comment from Bea Dieringer asked if it would be valuable to have a subcommittee from the PPSC to coordinate e-bike collective responses.

Chair Bradley noted that the City Managers were having those conversations at the staff level.

City Manager concurred that that was the case in collaboration with Public Safety entities.

Member Murdock also noted that PVE Council asked their Police Chief to look at what other cities were doing and report back.

Chair Bradley received and filed the report. Without objection, so ordered.

IX. OTHER MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NONE

Chair Bradley again acknowledged Member Murdock and thanked her for her service.

Member Murdock replied that it was a pleasure.

Member Mirsch also commented that it was unlikely she would be a member after the rotation and thanked the committee for allowing her to participate and for doing the work.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:21 A.M.

There being no further business before the Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee, Chair Bradley adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Horvath
City Clerk
City of Rolling Hills

Approved,

David Bradley
Chair and Councilmember,
City of Rancho Palos Verdes



MEMORANDUM

TO: PENINSULA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGERS
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2025
SUBJECT: WORK PLAN / GOALS FOR PPSC / MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATION
PREPARED BY: Jessica Slawson, Assistant to the City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Peninsula Public Safety Committee (PPSC) was formed out of the long-established Regional Contract Law Committee (RCLC) that is comprised of two council members who are appointed from each of the Palos Verdes Peninsula (PVP) cities (Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates) that share a joint contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and administered by the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

At the respective RCLC meeting of November 12, 2020, the inclusion of the City and Police Department of Palos Verdes Estates was discussed for the establishment of what is now the PPSC with the focus and goal of implementing collaborative public safety initiatives as well as emergency preparedness planning. It was further established that the PPSC would meet concurrently with the RCLC quarterly to discuss regional items.

The PPSC and RCLC have convened by virtual meetings (via Zoom platform) over the last several years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has continued to be held virtually to present day. The previous meeting format before the establishment of the PPSC was in-person meetings hosted at the City of Rolling Hills each quarter. The respective committee members have regularly reviewed the format of meetings and have continued to maintain virtual meetings due to the flexibility and feasibility remote meetings offer to Committee members and the public.

The PPSC was provided with an Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan Status Report at its March 9, 2023 meeting (Attachment A). The report outlined the Committee's approved focus areas and emergency planning goals. The overall work plan is a multi-year strategic approach to emergency and regional public safety planning. Below is a brief summary of projects and efforts the PPSC has overseen since its establishment:

PVP Virtual Tabletop Exercise

(2021 - Completed)

A joint communication and coordination exercise was conducted that involved all four Peninsula City's Management Team and emergency personnel, representatives from the LA County Fire Department, LA County Sheriff's Department (Lomita Station), and Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. The exercise provided for the practice and improvement of coordination, communication, and response efforts among PVP cities and first responder agencies that will work collaboratively in the event of a disaster or major emergency.

Utility White Paper Development

(2021 – Completed)

A White Paper was developed in an effort to ensure a constant state of preparedness and to provide uninterrupted or minimally impacted utility services to the respective PVP communities, before, during, and after an emergency event. The White Paper examines public utility critical infrastructures, their interdependencies, regional threats and hazards, and resiliency efforts to better inform future response and emergency operation protocols.

Genasys (previously known as Zonehaven) Evacuation Platform Project & PVPready.gov Website Launch

(2022–2023 – Completed)

Partnering with the LA County Office of Emergency Management, the PVP cities utilize the evacuation platform Genasys as a joint tool for community and first responder strategic planning and for important situational awareness. Additionally, the PVP cities developed and implemented PVPready.gov, a website that provides city specific information and emergency preparedness resources including the new emergency evacuation tool / interactive Genasys map.

Communications Protocol (Attachment B)

(2023 – Completed)

Originally developed in 2018, the Communications Protocol is an evolving mechanism that aims to provide structure and improve internal and external communications in the event of an incident impacting the PVP. Newer technology and programs such as the utilization of the mass communication system Everbridge (Alert South Bay), Genasys, and social media usage has been incorporated into the communication protocol and practice.

PVP Wildfire Cameras – Pano AI

(2024 – 2025 – In process)

The PVP region is located in a Very High Fire Severity Zone as identified by CAL FIRE. As a wildfire preparedness and resiliency measure, the PVP cities researched new technology and established a Peninsula-wide wildfire camera detection system through the vendor Pano AI. The system provides timely and targeted alerts of fire ignitions to public safety agencies and PVP cities. It is currently being integrated and implemented with the LA County Fire Department. Three out of the four cameras have been installed, with the fourth camera slated for installation in spring of 2025.

Regional Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Camera System Replacement Project

(February 2025 – Installation completion)

The Regional ALPR Camera System was originally established by the PVP cities in 2016 and most recently approved by all four cities for the purchase and replacement of newer cameras that will be installed this fall (2024). ALPR cameras are a technology utilized by local law enforcement (LA County Sheriff's Department – Lomita Station and Palos Verdes Estates Police Department) that serves as a crime prevention and apprehension tool by quickly scanning numerous vehicle license plates and compares the plate information against law enforcement databases containing vehicles of interest i.e., stolen vehicles, Amber Alerts, missing persons, and aids in investigations.

Prepared Peninsula Expo

(October – Annual event)

The PVP cities and public safety partners collaborate annually for the planning and hosting of the Prepared Peninsula Expo event. The event is meant to share helpful resources with the community and emphasize the importance of emergency preparedness. Participating partner public agencies include the LA County Fire Department, LA County Sheriff's Department, Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, County and California Offices of Emergency Services, Palos Verdes Unified School District, local utility companies and other local organizations that will share emergency preparedness resources. This event has interactive displays including the opportunity to purchase disaster readiness supplies.

PVP Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

(2025 – In process)

The PVP cities are jointly working toward the development of a Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that is intended to identify certain risks related to natural disasters and develop mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerabilities that will ultimately protect life, property and environment. Each respective City has a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. State reimbursable grant funding was obtained to support a four-city Plan that will be developed by an emergency planning consultant. An Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of one member from each PVP

City, was selected by the PPSC that will meet on an as needed basis throughout the development of the joint plan. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the cities and a contract agreement for the consultant will be presented to each city council for approval. Project initiation is to commence immediately following the MOU and contract approval in February 2025.

PVP Community Safety Drill

(2024 – 2025 – In process)

A Peninsula-wide safety drill has been in development since 2024. The drill aims to actively involve the Peninsula community in a comprehensive, resident-driven emergency preparedness exercise, including the facilitation of first responder coordination and fostering cooperation among various stakeholders. Community engagement and outreach will be critical in leading up to the drill in which staff are working toward selecting a date and timeframe for city and public safety agency coordination.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Wildfire Readiness Community Meeting

(2025 – Planned for spring)

The Peninsula cities are collaborating for a joint PVP Wildfire Readiness and Response Community meeting in spring of 2025. Important key representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff Departments and Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, as well as other Los Angeles County agencies (i.e., LA County Office of Emergency Management / LA County Department of Animal Care and Control – Emergency Equine Response Team) and utility representatives (i.e., Cal Water, Metropolitan Water District, Southern California Edison), to discuss comprehensive preparedness strategies for the Peninsula. The focus will be to inform residents about the ongoing efforts to enhance wildfire safety and resilience on the Peninsula; while highlighting ways residents and businesses can best prepare for wildfire emergencies. The community meeting will also lead up to important brush clearance noticing and requirements for 2025.

Equine Preparedness

(2025 – In process)

The Peninsula cities are collaborating for regional equine preparedness. Meetings with local equestrians and organizations such as the Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association will continue throughout the year to better understand and organize Peninsula-wide training related to: basic equine first-aid, evacuation planning, trailer training, and micro-chipping events. Over the last year, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Mounted Posse Unit has provided loose horse/halter training to local Lomita Station deputies. LA County Department Animal Care and Control (Emergency Equine Response Team) is also engaged in the planning of future education seminars and trainings.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

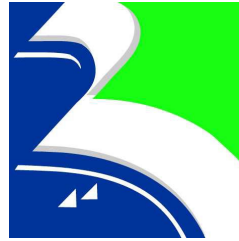
(2025 – In Process)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a volunteer-based community resource group providing training in disaster preparedness and first aid, enabling volunteers to assist their neighborhoods after disasters and support essential city services within established parameters. CERT members receive training from public safety professionals, including law enforcement and fire department staff. City staff will be assessing the existing CERT program and how it could be further integrated into the Palos Verdes Peninsula emergency preparedness planning and response plans.

Evacuation and Sheltering / Care Plan / Study

(2026 – Consideration)

The PPSC has discussed the need for a Peninsula-wide Evacuation Plan / Time Study over the last couple of years to be better prepared in the event mass evacuations are required in the region. There was interest in understanding points of ingress and egress of the PVP, to include traffic studies and best practices for mass evacuations. Staff is researching grant opportunities to support this project and can engage an emergency planning consultant and incorporate it into a future work plan.



MEMORANDUM

ATTACHMENT A

**TO: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

FROM: CITY MANAGERS

DATE: MARCH 09, 2023

**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS REPORT**

PREPARED BY: Elaine Jeng, City Manager

RECOMMENDATIONS

Receive and file a status report on the Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan and approve the 2023-24 focus area strategies.

BACKGROUND

Emergency preparedness has many facets and to assist the work for the Peninsula Public Safety Committee (Committee), staff presented a strategic plan in 2021 that leveraged the cities' work to date and listed goals for the next twelve months.

At the May 31, 2021 meeting, the Committee approved the Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan, directing staff to focus on the following three areas for the next six to twelve months:

1. Study Peninsula evacuation routes
2. Understand utility vulnerabilities and implement readiness measures
3. Communication protocols among Peninsula cities

At the same meeting, staff also recommended that the Committee establish goals for the following areas of emergency preparedness:

- Home hardening campaign
- Vegetation/fire fuel management (roadside, private property, canyons and public spaces)
- Hazardous plants education campaign
- Utility undergrounding
- Joint emergency plans (e.g., Hazard Mitigation Plan)
- Joint grant applications to implement emergency preparedness measures

DISCUSSION

Focus 1 for 2021-2022: **Study Peninsula evacuation routes**

In collaboration with the First Responders (Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Palos Verdes Estates Police Department), a map was developed among the Peninsula cities identifying points of ingress and egress to each of the four cities.

The Peninsula cities also conducted an emergency tabletop exercise simulating the need for residents to evacuate. Through the exercise, city staff from all four cities identified coordination measures among the public works departments including sharing a list of key personnel that would handle traffic control, and establishing a list of contacts to communicate traffic safety needs across jurisdictional lines.

The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the deployment of Zonehaven, supplement staff's work in this focus area. Zonehaven is a web-based program that allows First Responders to identify zones within the Peninsula to evacuate in response to an emergency event. As of the writing of this report, the Peninsula cities presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to their respective City Councils to cost share the website to host Zonehaven.

Focus 2 for 2021-2022: **Understand utility vulnerabilities and implement readiness measures**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes took the lead in developing a white paper identifying the operations of the utility companies serving the Peninsula. The white paper was reviewed by the Peninsula cities, the utility companies and the final document was presented to the Committee on May 12, 2022. In partnership with the utility companies, the document identified area of voids for continuous service and or appropriate shut off mechanisms. The document also educated both the cities and the utility companies on emergency considerations through different lens. City staff continues to collaborate with utility companies on gap analysis and provide mutual support.

Focus 3 for 2021-2022:
Communication protocols among Peninsula cities

Building off the First Responder and Peninsula cities communication protocols established in response to the 2018 homicide at the Peninsula Shopping Center, text message groups were created by the Los Angeles County Fire Department to communicate incidents to executive staff from each city.

In 2021, and 2022, the Los Angeles County Fire Department used the text message groups to communicate fire incidents in Rolling Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, and offshore incidents adjacent to Palos Verdes Estates. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has also utilized the text message groups to alert cities on potential protests and other events raising public safety concerns.

Cities would take communications from First Responders and disseminate information to residents using means employed by respective cities. The cities of Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates rely heavily on Alert Southbay while the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes (MyRPV) and Palos Verdes Estates utilizes a platform unique to the city.

Since the Committee's approval of this focus, the First Responders and the cities have utilized small incidents to practice on communication, and information dissemination in preparation for larger events.

Focus for 2023-2024

Staff will remain engaged in preparedness work in the above-discussed three focus areas. To continue on the progress, staff recommends the following focus areas for the next twelve months:

- Home hardening campaign
 - Disseminate home hardening recommendations from the Los Angeles County Fire Department
 - Cities joint workshops throughout the Peninsula with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division on home hardening measures
 - Identify vendor opportunities for residents to purchase home hardening related materials at discounted prices
 - Release a joint Peninsula Cities Home Hardening Tutorial Video
- Vegetation/fire fuel management (roadside, private property, canyons and public spaces)
 - Cities to develop a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan to comply with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Fire Code
 - Create and disseminate a Peninsula Vegetation Management fact-sheets, and or educational videos to assist residents with where-to and how-to,

including eliminating hazardous plants as identified by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Fire.lacounty.gov)



ATTACHMENT B

MEMORANDUM

TO: PENINSULA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGERS
DATE: NOVEMBER 09, 2023
SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS
PREPARED BY: Jessica Slawson, Management Analyst
Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report.

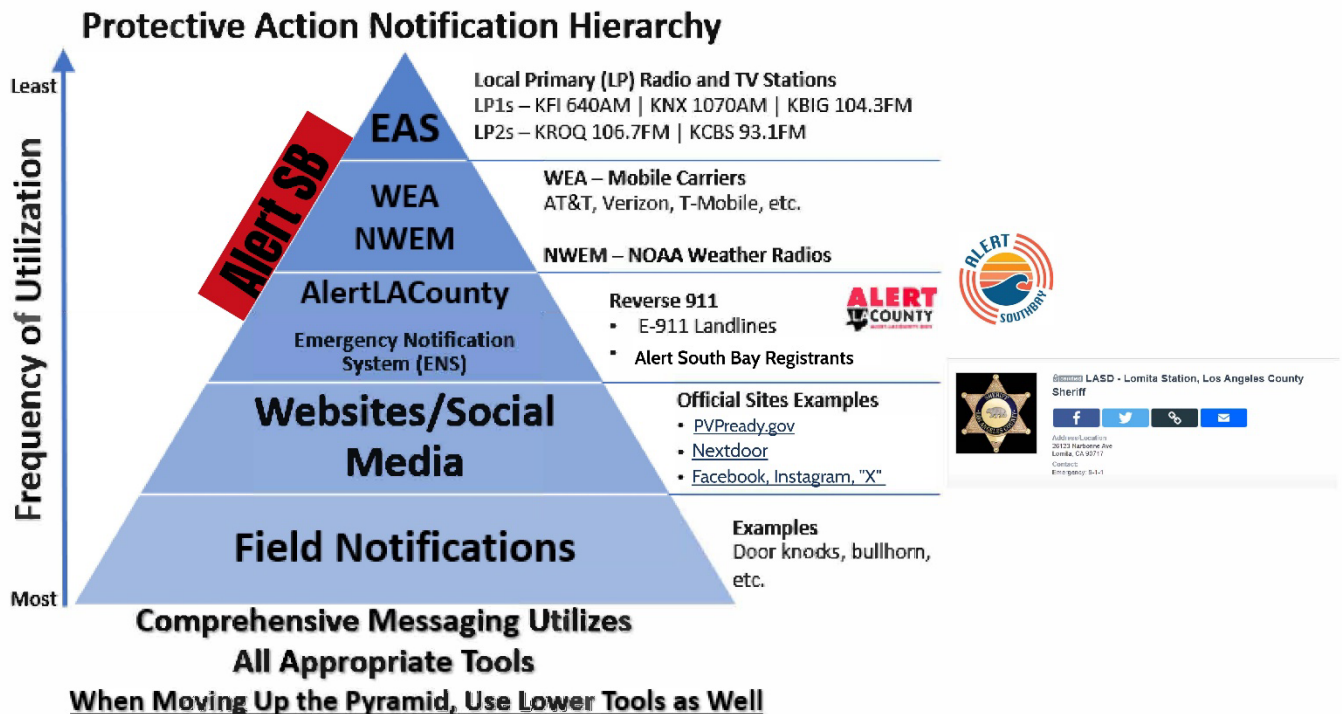
BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Peninsula Public Safety Committee (PPSC) has discussed regional communications over the last several years to better understand and improve internal and external communications in the event of an incident impacting the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

In 2018, a communications protocol was established to provide an overview of information flow between respective city management, law enforcement / fire department, and elected officials (attached protocol as Exhibit A). The protocol also incorporates communication with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Each city jurisdiction is responsible for facilitating and disseminating their own inter-agency communication recognizing that internal protocols may vary from city to city. Similarly, external communications to the public also varies based on respective cities public outreach protocols and the notification systems utilized (i.e., city e-newsletters, HOA groups, social media platforms, and text alert platforms).

Delivering effective communication is an essential part of emergency management. It is also important to understand challenges and barriers of existing communication methods to strengthen redundancy planning.



Traditional Emergency Notifications – First Responder Field Operations

First responders, such as local law and fire departments, constantly adjust field operations to maintain readiness and responsiveness to a wide range of emergencies. In the event of a major emergency or disaster, on-duty deputies/police officers and firefighters pivot to the response within their respective capacities and establish a Unified Command System.

Through the Unified Command System, responding first responder agencies within the jurisdiction and through the mutual aid of surrounding public safety agencies coordinate life-safety functions such as door knock notifications for purposes of evacuation notices, shelter-in-place orders, or other imminent critical information. Members of the public are directly contacted in their neighborhoods or other areas affected by an impending threat.

Door knocking and the use of bullhorns through an emergency vehicle or helicopter are traditional and the first immediate action in relaying emergency notification to the public. Simultaneously, information is being shared with City management, emergency management entities, and area partners through the Unified Command System for actionable messaging to the public.

Emergency communication tools utilized regionally include the following:

Alert South Bay

The Alert South Bay system is an alert and warning notification system that has been established by fifteen South Bay cities, including all four Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, and utilized individually for timely and important messages to each cities respective constituencies. The system's interoperability allows for cross-jurisdictional notifications and serves as a regional platform aimed at keeping communities informed about disasters and major emergencies via:

- Text (SMS) Message
- E-mail
- Phone Call (wireless and landline)

All community members are encouraged to subscribe to the platform to receive alerts and notifications. To register, residents can text "AlertSB" to 888-777 and follow prompts, or through the Alert South Bay website at AlertSouthBay.com. Once subscribed, community members will begin to receive important emergency alerts and other notifications from the alerting authority/city they have registered for through their mobile devices or e-mail, depending on the contact information entered into the system. Alert South Bay platform is also supported by Regional Emergency Communications Manager Soraya Sutherlin who will be attending the November 9, 2023 Peninsula Public Safety Committee meeting.

As a system redundancy, the cities could implement the use of resident connection data which has a repository of contact information for those not subscribed to the Alert South Bay system. Resident connection data is collected through the National Life Safety Database which provide state and local government authorities the ability to access U.S. mobile, landline, and VoIP phone contacts. The system is capable of calling 100,000 contacts simultaneously per hour. This immediate attention ensures direct contact to affected constituents in the time of an urgent message.

A secondary redundancy equipped within the Alert South Bay system, used for extremely urgent messaging, is the capability of sending Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) to mobile devices (i.e., Amber Alerts). WEAs are critical emergency messages authorized by federal, state, or local authorities that are broadcast from cell towers to any WEA-enabled mobile device in a locally targeted area. WEA is a partnership among FEMA, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and wireless providers to enhance public safety.

The Los Angeles County of Emergency Management is an additional local alerting authority that encompasses the Palos Verdes Peninsula for emergency alerting purposes through their Alert LA County program that mirrors the public notification functionalities of Alert South Bay in the event there is a county-wide emergency. All Alert systems are coordinated through public safety and local responsible jurisdictions.

PVPready.gov and Know Your Zone

The Palos Verdes Peninsula cities partnered for the development of a joint resource

webpage known as PVReady.gov. The site hosts city specific information and provides emergency preparedness resources including the new emergency evacuation tool Know Your Zone. The geographic area is divided into specific zones/mapping system for first responder strategic planning and community situational awareness.

The Know Your Zone evacuation tool, through the software platform Genasys, was established in coordination with the County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management for communities in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The website serves as another communication tool in emergency response in which urgent alert banners can be activated in the event critical information is shared regarding the status of a zone.

Additionally, and newly introduced is the evacuation mobile app Genasys Protect that can be downloaded from any smart device. The app is a navigable tool that provides Know Your Zone mapping information based on location or search results including other information such as active wildfires. The app generates alerts to end users if a zone is changed (when location services are turned on) providing real-time information input by local public safety officials, however, the app is not branded to the “Know Your Zone” and PVReady campaigns.

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

Each of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club (PVARC) is a volunteer group that fosters emergency communication using amateur radio technology. The PVARC collaborates with the Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, Palos Verdes Unified School District, private schools, hospitals, and local law enforcement agencies for emergency communication support.

The PVARC actively holds training and implements Ham radio instruction and licensing throughout the year. Amateur / Ham radios use high-frequency ranges for the purposes of message exchanges and can be used when regular communication systems fail or are inoperable. Ham radios are an important component of emergency communications in the event of a disaster and can provide short- and long-range communication effectively. Operators on the Palos Verdes Peninsula are often part of other local programs such as the Disaster Communication Service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The Palos Verdes Peninsula cities have been assigned a hand-held emergency radio and radio base station equipped with solar power from the County of Los Angeles through Disaster Management Area Coordinator (DMAC) Brandy Villanueva who will be attending the November 9, 2023 Peninsula Public Safety Committee meeting. The radio and system are tested monthly in which all cities participate and corresponds with the DMAC for maintenance of equipment.

City Specific Use of Social Media, Web Platforms, Siren Systems and Direct Outreach

City of Rolling Hills Estates

The City of Rolling Hills Estates utilizes the Alert South Bay system through an opt-in keywords specific to registering for emergency alerts and notifications related to traffic impacts

(road closures, inoperable traffic signals, construction etc.), police activity, wide-spread power outages or other utility issues, red flag warnings and other notifications that may significantly impact residents. Messages are sent via text message and e-mail to subscribers of the program. Additionally, the City of Rolling Hills Estates has also established an equestrian notification program through the Alert South Bay system which provides subscribed members of the with important emergency alerts and notifications related to bridle trail / equestrian arena impacts.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates utilizes social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, “X”, and Nextdoor to communicate important emergency information to residents. Additionally, implemented is the use of city electronic newsletters that can be sent to e-mail subscribers at any time and have been sent to relay immediate communications.

City of Rolling Hills

The City of Rolling Hills utilizes Alert SouthBay for local emergency notifications and continues to drive residents towards opting in. In the event of a major emergency, the city would work in tandem with the DMAC and Alert SouthBay coordinator to use the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for sending messages via reverse 911 or Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) that is intended to reach all residents regardless of enrollment in Alert SouthBay. The City uses a bi-weekly printed newsletter and social media (primarily NextDoor) when appropriate, and also collaborates with the Rolling Hills Community Association to send e-blast messages via their Dwelling Live platform.

Finally, the City’s Block Captain program has taken a lead advocacy role in promoting the reduction of Fire fuel, building awareness around home hardening, canyon management, emergency preparedness and evacuation procedures and uses their email and phone tree lists for communication with neighbors within the various zones throughout the city. In the coming year, Rolling Hills will construct and deploy an Emergency Siren Notification System for use during emergency events where the above-mentioned means of communication are potentially unavailable as a result of power / telecom outages.

City of Rancho Palos Verdes

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes actively communicates with its residents through a multifaceted approach. Residents can stay connected with the city via social media platforms such as Facebook (City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Government), Instagram (@RanchoPalosVerdesCity), X, formerly known as Twitter (@CityofRPV), and Nextdoor (City of Rancho Palos Verdes). Residents can also get City news in their email inbox by subscribing to the Breaking News listserv at rpvca.gov/notify. For land movement-specific information, be sure to follow the land movement at rpvca.gov/notify.

Residents can also Download the citys app MyRPV App to their devices to stay connected and get official updates from the City. MyRPV offers quick access to relevant City information, from City Council meeting agendas and videos to information on how to get in touch with City departments, visiting parks, trails, and more. Residents can also get push

alerts in real time from the City by allowing the app to send you notifications. The free MyRPV app is now available to download for your iOS or Android device from the App Store or Google Play by searching “MyRPV.”

Moreover, Rancho Palos Verdes is a part of Alert SouthBay, a regional emergency notification system powered by Everbridge. Residents can opt for alerts from various South Bay cities by texting "alertsby" to 888-777, registering online at [alertsouthbay.com](https://www.alertsouthbay.com), or through the Everbridge app.

City of Palos Verdes Estates

In an effort for continuity in emergency and mass communications, The City of Palos Verdes Estates participates in Alert South Bay via Everbridge for emergency specific communications. For less immediate communications staff will utilize specific social media channels such as Instagram, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and our direct opt-in email Constant Contact. An additional local communication resource is our Neighborhood Amateur Radio Team (NART) of Volunteers, who conduct weekly net check-ins and participate in regional drills.

CONCLUSION

The close collaboration of the Peninsula cities, public safety agencies, and other regional entities (i.e., Disaster Area G – South Bay Cities and County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management) will continue to be important partners in communication. Staff will continue to strategically plan and improve information sharing procedures by leveraging communication tools available to the region.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL: PENINSULA-WIDE INCIDENT

The existing protocol for communication from LASD to RPV, RH and RHE typically involves an email from the Captain or Watch Commander to the City Managers. Depending on the particulars of the incident, a phone call may be made as well. Similarly, PVEPD advises the PVE City Manager in the most immediate and appropriate manner available. The City Managers then disseminate the information to their respective City Councils via email or phone depending on the situation. Appropriate information is then disseminated to the public via applicable electronic platforms.

LASD and PVEPD typically advise each other of incidents that may result in involvement by the other agency. This also occurs with other neighboring jurisdictions such as Torrance PD and LAPD. LASD and PVE also advise adjacent schools when warranted on a case by case basis.

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES: IMPROVED FLOW OF COMMUNICATION

- 1) It would be appropriate to include the Superintendent of PVPUSD in any communication going to the City Managers;
- 2) All communication with City Council Members or School Board Members should come through their respective City Managers or Superintendent so as to relieve first responders from excessive communication burdens;
- 3) The City in which an incident occurs will act as lead agency in dealing with the media as well as posting and updating information as it becomes available;
- 4) In as much as it is possible, the lead agency will communicate electronically with the other cities and PVPUSD immediately prior to posting or updating information;
- 5) Each City and PVPUSD will determine the information it wishes to post and where to post it;
- 6) Each City and PVPUSD will provide the other agencies with priority contact lists for purposes of communicating during incidents of joint concern.

It is universally recognized that many times judgment is required in determining when and whom to notify in any given circumstance. There is concern about inundating each other and the public with non-critical information. Generally speaking, though, the consensus would be to err on the side of over-communicating.

An emergency contact list has been developed and will be distributed to key staff in each agency to facilitate inter-agency communication. It is not meant to be publicly available. This list will be dynamic, and each agency will provide updated contact information as changes occur. RHE will act as the central point for receiving updates and then disseminating the updated information to all.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Activity Report - November, 2024

To: Dr Devin Serrano
Superintendent of Schools

Dr Suzanne Wildey
Assistant Superintendent / Educational Services

Dr Rick Licciardello
Assistant Superintendent / Human Resources

Brenna Terrones
Assistant Superintendent / Administrative Services

Subject: Monthly Activity Report / November, 2024

Details: School was in session for 15 days during the month of November, 2024, with students and staff having one day off for Veteran's Day and five days off celebrating Thanksgiving week.

Officer David Rozas is responsible for ten schools within the district which includes Peninsula High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Watt), Miraleste Intermediate School, Ridgecrest Intermediate School, Dapplegray Elementary School, Mira Catalina Elementary School, Rancho Vista Elementary School, Silver Spur Elementary School, Soleado Elementary School and Miraleste Early Learning Academy.

Officer Robert Watt is responsible for nine schools within the district which includes Palos Verdes High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Rozas), Palos Verdes Intermediate School, Lunada Bay Elementary School, Point Vicente Elementary School, Montemalaga Elementary School, Vista Grande Elementary School, Cornerstone @ Pedregal and Valmonte Early Learning Academy.

Officer Rozas and Officer Watt assisted the FBI and administrators at Peninsula High School in regard to a student who initially was a person of interest in an incident that after further investigation was cleared.

Officer Rozas and Officer Watt were contacted by administrators at Ridgecrest Middle School who advised one of their students was possibly having psychological issues and speaking to another student on the telephone. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department was immediately contacted so that a welfare check could be conducted at the student's home. Student checked okay and school counselors were notified for follow-up.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Activity Report - November, 2024

Officer Watt and Campus Supervisors investigated an illegally parked suspicious vehicle at Palos Verdes High School that had suspicious items in the open bed. The student driver was contacted for follow up.

Officer Watt handled a child-custody/court order incident involving separated parents and a Palos Verdes High School student who refused to go home with her father per court order.

Officer Watt and Officer Rozas continued to provide extra security at Point Vicente Elementary and Silver Spur Elementary School in regard to a domestic violence incident that had recently occurred.

Both Peninsula High School and Palos Verdes High Schools have experienced "street preachers" out in front of their respective schools throughout the month. Subjects from a church in Lomita have shown up on several occasions during dismissal and have utilized a megaphone to "preach." LASD and Palos Verdes Estates PD have been advised for follow-up on using amplified devices without a permit.

Officer Rozas investigated a possible harassment incident involving a group of Peninsula High School students

Officer Watt investigated a stolen bicycle incident involving a student who parked his unsecured electronic bike in a bike rack located toward the lower campus area of Palos Verdes High School and when he returned to the bike rack three days later, he found his E-bike to be missing.

Officer Rozas assisted LASD and a neighbor who was having his political yard signs removed from his front lawn.

Officer Rozas investigated a theft at Peninsula High School involving two students. Further investigation revealed that no theft had occurred.

Officer Rozas handled a hit-and-run traffic collision on the campus of Peninsula High School and through his investigative tools and experience, he was able to locate the suspect vehicle.

Officer Rozas and Watt continue to make vehicular-related incidents a priority as school begins. Officer Rozas "tagged" 32 vehicles that were illegally parked on the Peninsula High School Campus. Officer Watt continues to work with PVEPD on speeding vehicle involving students and parents around Palos Verdes High School and PVIS. No district high school student were cited by PVEPD for the second month in a row.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District School Resource Officer Activity Report - November, 2024

Officer Watt was the guest speaker at the monthly Vista Grande Elementary School PTA Meeting and gave a 30-minute presentation on E-bike laws and overall safety.

Officer Watt attended the annual "Dolphin Dash" run at Lunada Bay Elementary School.

Officer Watt worked with PVEPD and completed Operation Plans for three night playoff football games at Palos Verdes High School this month. All three events were attended by large crowds and nothing of any significance was reported. After action reports were also completed. Officer Watt was also spotted in front of the home stands at the PVHS/Mayfair game cranking out 27 push-ups to commemorate the Sea Kings 27-13 victory over the Monsoons.



Officer Watt attended the Military/First Responder Appreciation Assembly at Point Vicente Elementary School.

Officer Watt provided extra security at the school board meeting on November 13, 2024.

Officer Rozas and Officer Watt made several visits to their respective assigned schools.

Officer Rozas and Officer Watt continue to meet on a regular basis to review crime trends on the hill as well as throughout the county, region, state and country.

Respectfully,

Robert Watt
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

David Rozas
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Activity Report - December, 2024

To:

Dr Devin Serrano
Superintendent of Schools

Dr Suzanne Wildey
Assistant Superintendent / Educational Services

Dr Rick Licciardello
Assistant Superintendent / Human Resources

Brenna Terrones
Assistant Superintendent / Administrative Services

Subject:

Monthly Activity Report / December, 2024

Details:

School was in session for 15 days during the month of December, 2024, with students and staff having seven days off during the month covering the first portion of winter break.

Officer David Rozas is responsible for nine schools within the district which includes Peninsula High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Watt), Miraleste Intermediate School, Dapplegray Elementary School, Mira Catalina Elementary School, Rancho Vista Elementary School, Silver Spur Elementary School, Soleado Elementary School and Miraleste Early Learning Academy.

Officer Robert Watt is responsible for ten schools within the district which includes Palos Verdes High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Rozas), Ridegecrest Middle School, Palos Verdes Intermediate School, Lunada Bay Elementary School, Point Vicente Elementary School, Montemalaga Elementary School, Vista Grande Elementary School, Cornerstone @ Pedregal and Valmonte Early Learning Academy.

Officer Watt and Officer Rozas assisted Palos Verdes High School Administration with an investigation involving several students who were allegedly constructing ways to commit a major incident at PVHS. Further investigation revealed the students had no means to commit a crime

Officer Watt handled an investigation with administrators at Cornerstone School at Pedregal involving a fifth grade student who had allegedly threatened to bring a weapon on to campus. Further investigation revealed the student might not have said those exact words and had no means to carry out this alleged statement.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Activity Report - December, 2024

Officer Watt assisted Torrance Police on a case involving a Palos Verdes High School student who had an outstanding no bail warrant out for his arrest for felony evading. The student was subsequently contacted and arrested at his residence in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Officer Watt assisted Los Angeles Sheriff Department Special Victims Unit with a case involving a Palos Verdes High School student who allegedly set an inappropriate photograph to another minor via social media.

Officer Watt and Palos Verdes High School Administration received a tip that an unknown vehicle was allegedly coming onto the PVHS campus and selling tobacco products and illegal substances to students. Officer Watt reviewed a large amount of video and was able to locate a possible suspect vehicle. Palos Verdes Estates Police Department was contacted and they will be following up.

Officer Watt assisted Lunada Bay Elementary School Administration with an irrational parent that insisted on coming on to campus to meet with his daughter's teacher during Parent/Teacher Conference week. The parent was contacted by Officer Watt and escorted off the property.

Officer Watt traveled with Palos Verdes Football to Saddleback College in Mission Viejo for the Division 2A State Championship against 12 Bridges High School. PVHS beat 12 Bridges 55-19 to bring home the school first state football championship. No significant incidents to report as both students and parents were well-behaved.

Traffic related incidents continue to be a concern as Officer Watt handled six minor traffic collisions that occurred on the campus of PVHS involving students. No injuries reported. Officer Rozas handled several traffic collisions on the campus of Peninsula High School as well and handed out several warning citations.

Officer Watt spoke with seniors in Tesha Barton's American Government class at Palos Verdes High School on the United States Constitution, specifically, the fourth amendment.

Officer Watt provided extra security at school board meetings on December 3 and December 18, 2024.

Officer Rozas and Officer Watt made several visits to their respective assigned schools and regularly met to review crime trends on the hill as well as schools nationally.

It should be noted that this was Officer Rozas' last month as a School Resource Officer assigned to Peninsula High School as he is retiring.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District
School Resource Officer
Activity Report - December, 2024

Respectfully,

Robert Watt
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

David Rozas
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Monthly Activity Report – January, 2025

To: Dr Devin Serrano
Superintendent of Schools

Dr Suzanne Wildey
Assistant Superintendent / Educational Services

Dr Rick Licciardello
Assistant Superintendent / Human Resources

Brenna Terrones
Assistant Superintendent / Administrative Services

Subject: Monthly Activity Report / January, 2025

Details: School was in session for 19 days during the month of January, 2025, with students and staff having three days off at the beginning of the month for Winter Break and one day off on January 19, 2025, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Officer Robert Watt is responsible for ten schools within the district which includes Palos Verdes High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Barber), Ridgecrest Middle School, Palos Verdes Intermediate School, Lunada Bay Elementary School, Point Vicente Elementary School, Montemalaga Elementary School, Vista Grande Elementary School, Cornerstone @ Pedregal and Valmonte Early Learning Academy.

Officer Steve Barber has replaced the retiring David Rozas and is responsible for nine schools within the district which includes Peninsula High School, Rancho Del Mar Continuation School (Shared with Officer Watt), Miraleste Intermediate School, Dapplegray Elementary School, Mira Catalina Elementary School, Rancho Vista Elementary School, Silver Spur Elementary School, Soleado Elementary School and Miraleste Early Learning Academy.

Officer Watt assisted Ridgecrest staff with a parent who was aggressive and hostile with administrators and other parents when she dropped off and picked up her child from school.

Officer Barber responded to physical altercation involving Peninsula High School students just outside the campus on Hawthorne Blvd.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Monthly Activity Report – January, 2025

Officer Watt observed a male adult subject standing in front of Palos Verdes High School and appearing to be recording the students and activity in the parking lot and Administrative Buildings. The subject was contacted and further investigation revealed the person was a realtor and attempting to update his business website with PVHS video.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber assisted Ridgecrest Middle School administrators and LASD with an investigation involving a suspicious social media post.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber assisted Soleado Elementary School administrators with a situation involving an unknown person who has continually called the school over the last three weeks.

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators with a lost air pod that was last seen on campus

Officer Barber assisted a Peninsula High School student who had initially reported that her vehicle was stolen from the school parking lot. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was legally towed because it was in a restricted parking area due to the Farmers' Market.

Officer Watt investigated a physical altercation incident at the In-n-Out Burger restaurant in San Pedro involving two Palos Verdes High School students. Although the incident had no direct nexus to the school or school district, Officer Watt met with the combatants to ensure that their disagreement would not spill on to the campus.

Officer Watt investigated a traffic collision with no injuries in the Junior Lot at Palos Verdes High School involving two students.

Officer Barber handled a traffic collision with no reported injuries on Silver Spur Road in front of Peninsula High School involving a student who had struck a parked vehicle next to the road.

Officer Barber handled a second traffic collision in front of Peninsula High School involving a student who advised his shoulder was injured, but declined medical attention.

Officer Watt met with the principal at Ridgecrest Middle School to further discuss E-bikes and a possible remedy to combat the uptick in students unsafely riding them to and from school. This topic will be an agenda item at a future school board meeting.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber worked the high school basketball at a sold out Peninsula High School gym featuring Palos Verdes High School and Peninsula High



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

School Resource Officer

Monthly Activity Report – January, 2025

School. PVHS won the game with no significant security or safety incidents to report as students and parents were well-behaved.

Officer Watt toured the Vistamar High School facility in El Segundo where they have the latest in safe and secure products and measures in place to keep their campus safe.

Officer Watt provided extra security at the lone school board meeting on January 15, 2025.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber made several visits to their respective assigned schools and also met to review crime trends on the hill as well as schools nationally. Spring evacuation drills will be on our radar moving forward this month as well as the uptick in student drivers.

Respectfully,

Robert Watt
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Steve Barber
School Resource Officer
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District



County of Los Angeles

FIRE **DEPARTMENT**

**First Quarter
2025**





Los Angeles County Fire Department

Palos Verdes Estates, Response Time Analysis, 4th Quarter 2024

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		11	11	09:43
FIRE, EXPLOSION		5	5	05:12
GOOD INTENT CALL		37	35	08:18
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		3	3	05:09
RESCUE, EMS		207	204	06:43
SERVICE CALL		10	10	08:06
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		1	1	06:37
TOTAL	-00:06 - 14:30	274	269	07:03

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

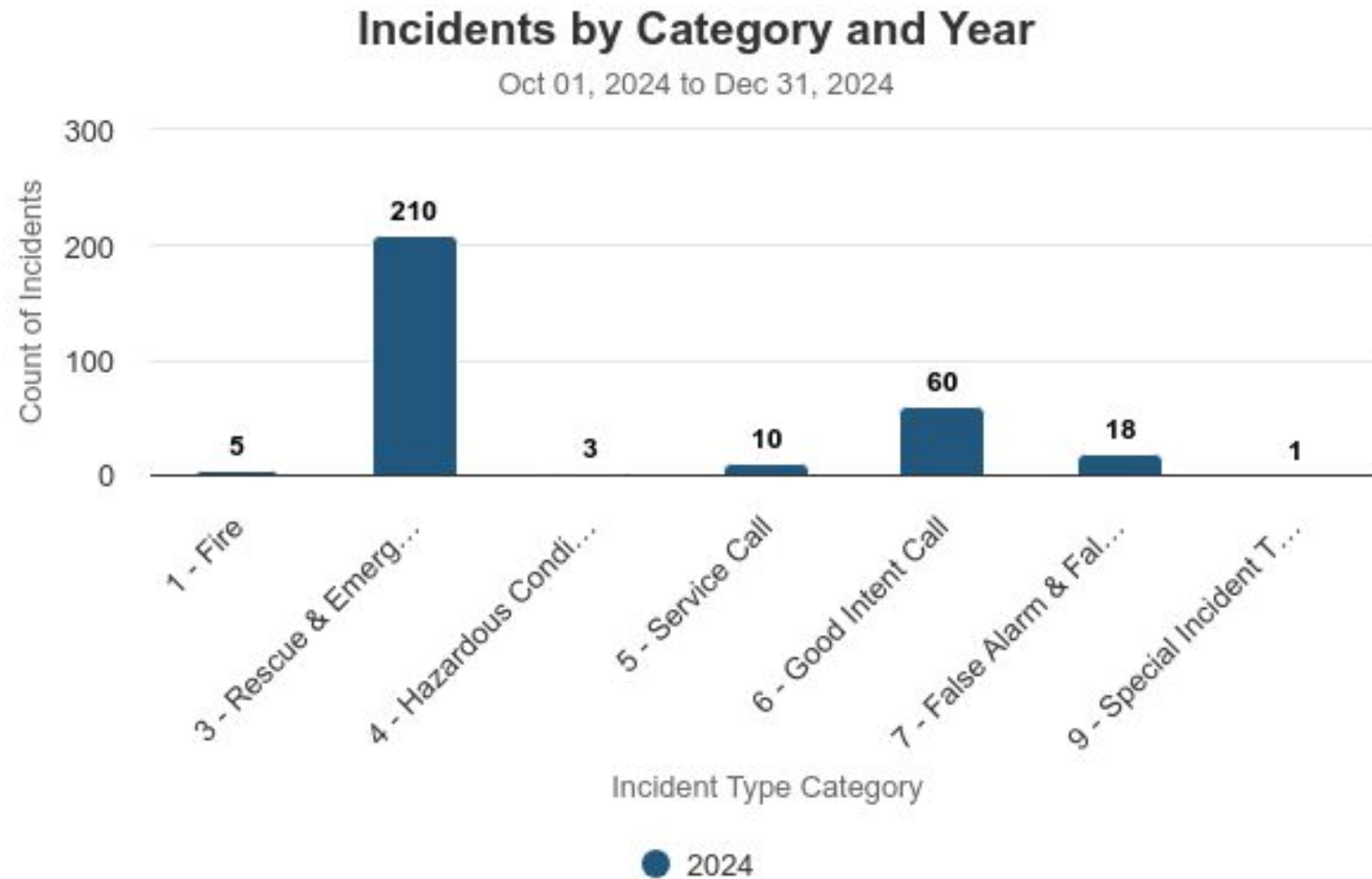
Includes only first arriving unit responses

Records meeting the following Criteria are always excluded:

1. Unit did not arrive and/or On Scene (arrival) Time is null
2. On Scene (arrival) Time = Clear Time
3. Apparatus Action <> 93 - Cancelled En Route



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES
QUARTLEY STATISTICS
OCTOBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024**





Los Angeles County Fire Department

Rancho Palos Verdes, Response Time Analysis, 4th Quarter 2024

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		19	18	08:13
FIRE, EXPLOSION		11	11	06:13
GOOD INTENT CALL		96	93	07:03
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		10	10	06:05
RESCUE, EMS		711	695	06:32
SERVICE CALL		16	15	05:31
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		1	1	04:47
TOTAL	-00:41 - 14:03	864	843	06:36

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

Includes only first arriving unit responses

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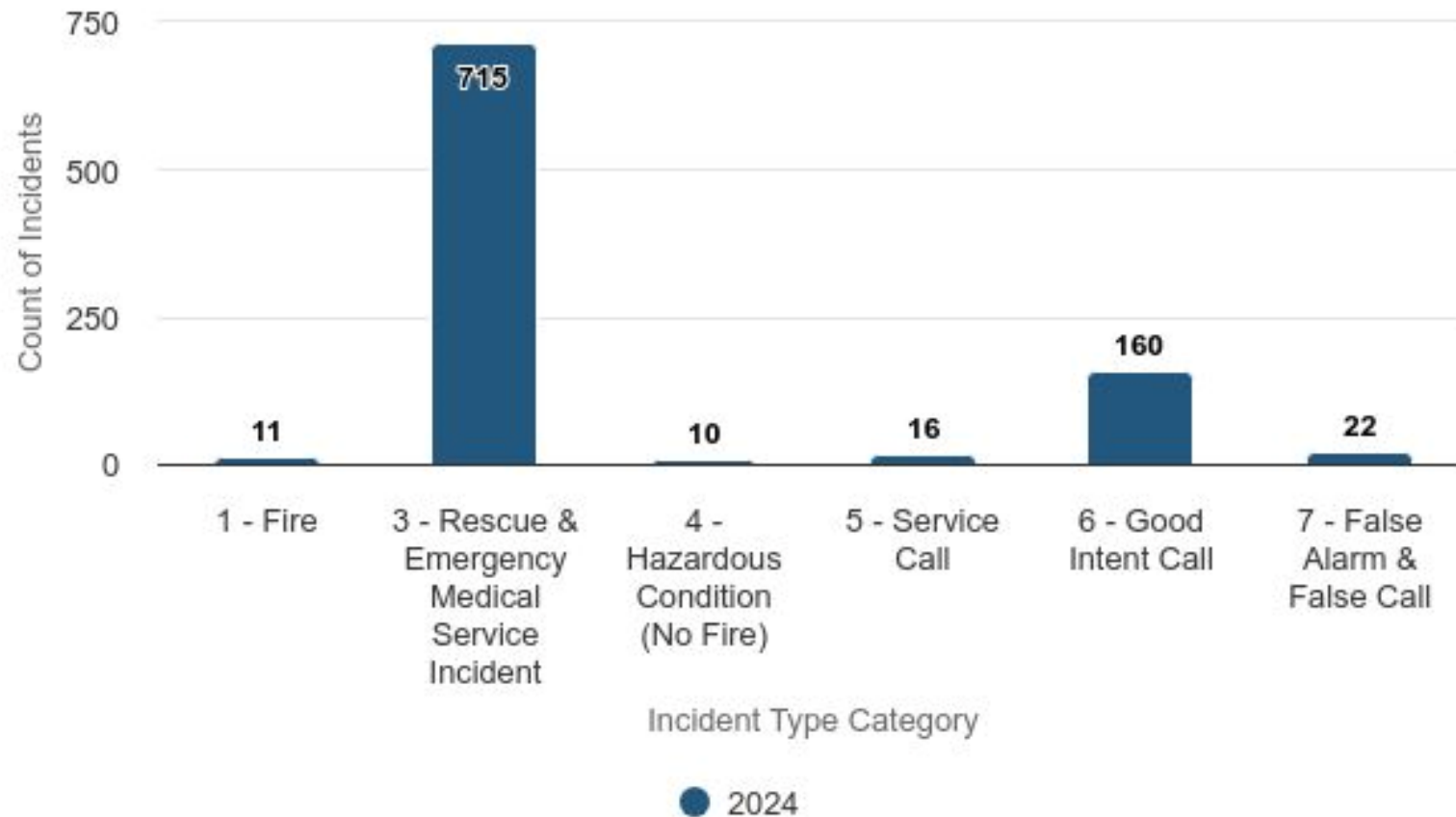
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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
QUARTLEY STATISTICS
OCTOBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024**

Incidents by Category and Year

Oct 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024





Los Angeles County Fire Department

Rolling Hills, Response Time Analysis, 4th Quarter 2024

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		1	1	09:06
GOOD INTENT CALL		6	6	05:12
RESCUE, EMS		25	24	06:44
TOTAL	-03:06 - 17:01	32	31	06:31

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

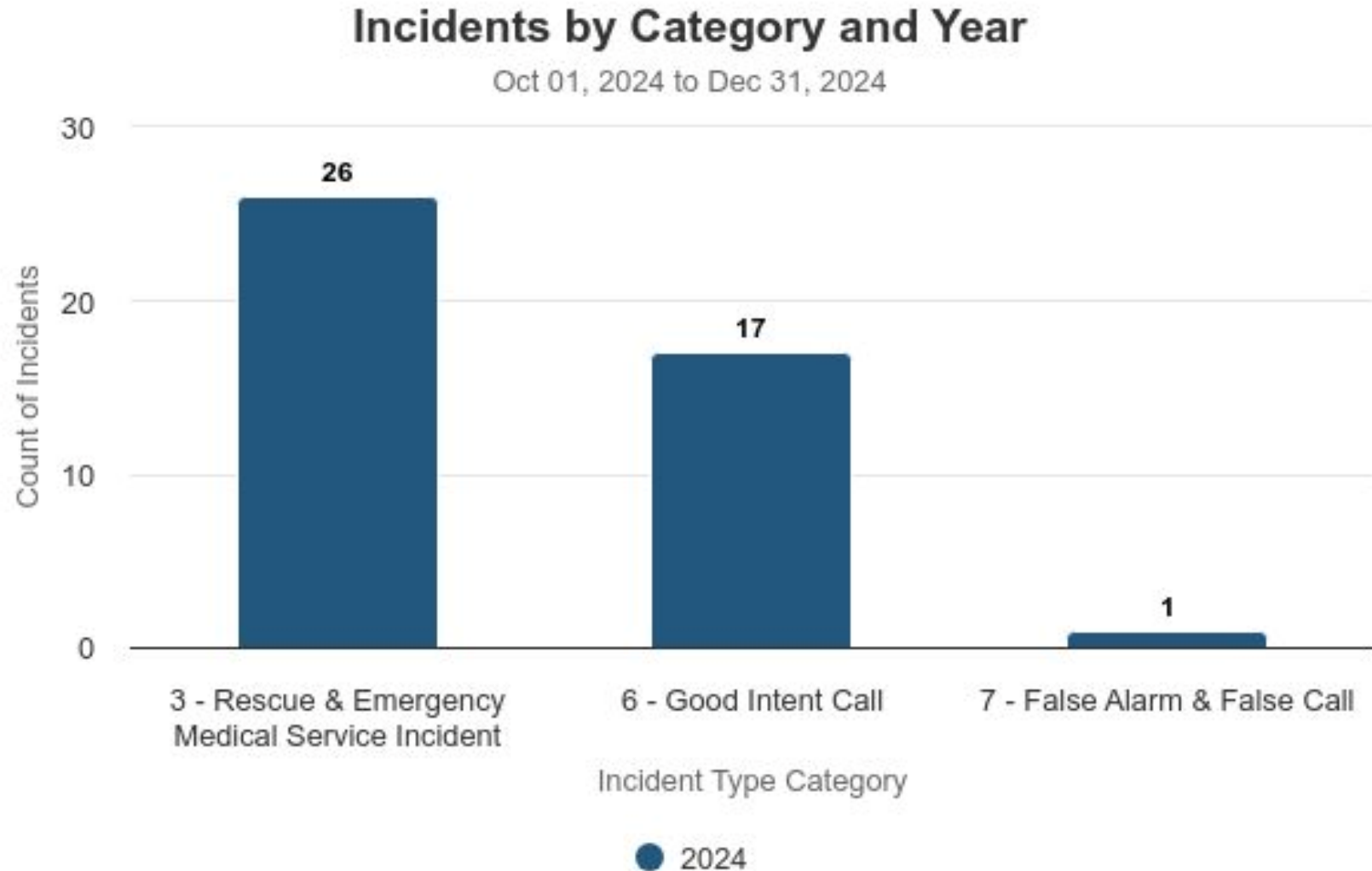
Includes only first arriving unit responses

Records meeting the following Criteria are always excluded:

1. Unit did not arrive and/or On Scene (arrival) Time is null
2. On Scene (arrival) Time = Clear Time
3. Apparatus Action <> 93 - Cancelled En Route



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS
QUARTLEY STATISTICS
OCTOBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024**





Los Angeles County Fire Department

Rolling Hills Estates, Response Time Analysis, 4th Quarter 2024

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		5	4	08:19
FIRE, EXPLOSION		3	2	06:35
GOOD INTENT CALL		31	31	06:38
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		1	1	00:49
RESCUE, EMS		217	216	05:19
SERVICE CALL		5	5	06:13
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		2	2	03:50
TOTAL	-01:14 - 12:08	264	261	05:31

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

Includes only first arriving unit responses

Records meeting the following Criteria are always excluded:

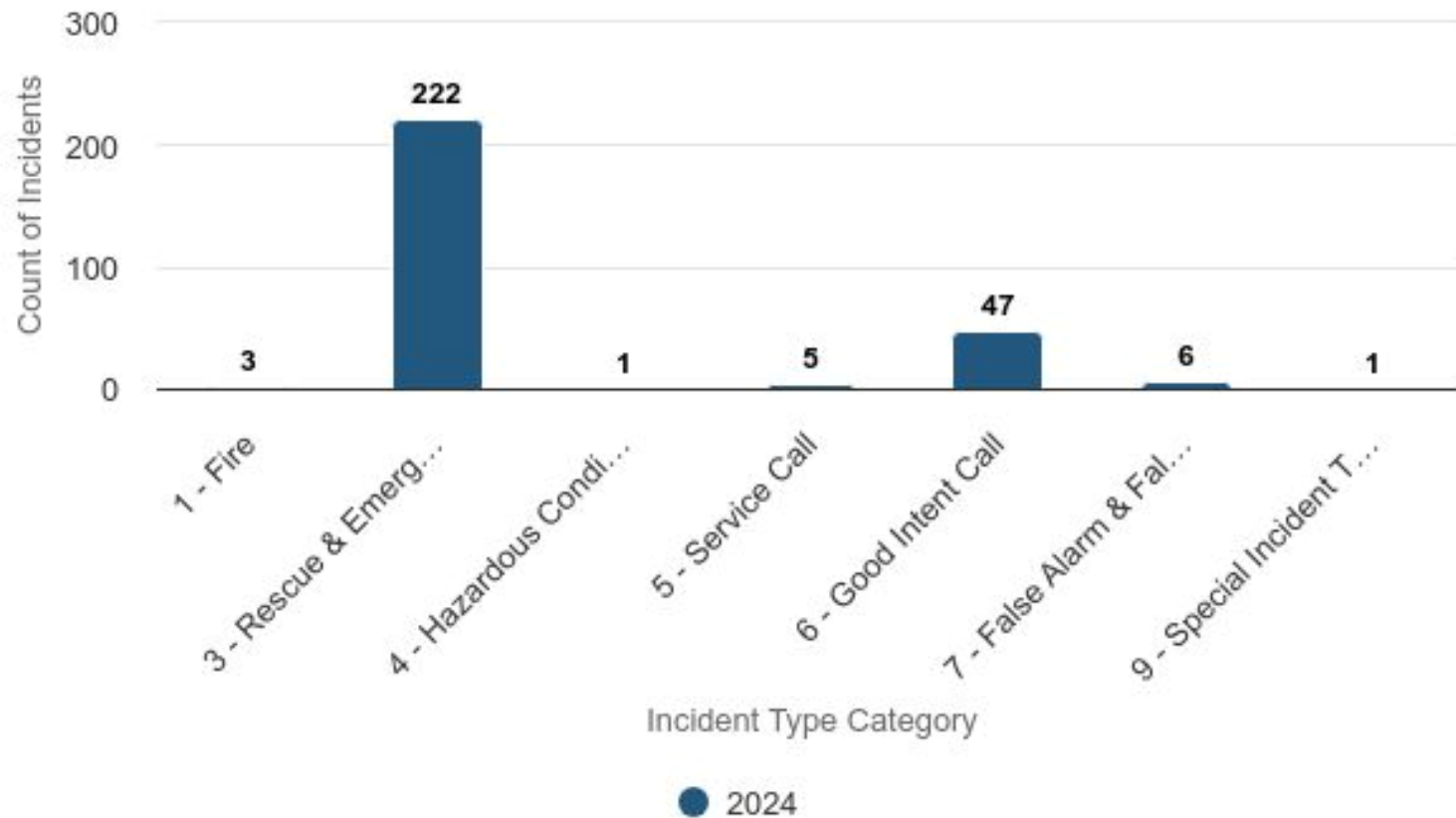
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3. Apparatus Action <> 93 - Cancelled En Route



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
QUARTLEY STATISTICS
OCTOBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024

Incidents by Category and Year

Oct 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024





Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Palos Verdes Estates

October 2024

Date Period	1-5	6-12	13-19	20-26	27-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	4	17	12	9	8	50
9:00 to 14:59	2	6	4	4	5	21
15:00 +	0	2	0	1	0	3

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	6	25	16	14	13	74
Total on time	4	17	12	9	8	50
Total late	2	8	4	5	5	24

Total Compliance: 67.6%



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Palos Verdes Estates

November 2024

Date Period	1-2	3-9	10-16	17-23	24-30	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	2	7	13	12	5	39
9:00 to 14:59	1	6	5	2	3	17
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	3	13	18	14	8	56
Total on time	2	7	13	12	5	39
Total late	1	6	5	2	3	17

Total Compliance: 69.6%



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Palos Verdes Estates

December 2024

Date Period	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-28	29-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	14	10	14	11	6	55
9:00 to 14:59	6	8	5	3	3	25
15:00 +	3	1	0	1	0	5

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	23	19	19	15	9	85
Total on time	14	10	14	11	6	55
Total late	9	9	5	4	3	30

Total Compliance: 64.7%



Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

Rancho Palos Verdes

October 2024

Date Period	1-5	6-12	13-19	20-26	27-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	4	17	12	9	8	50
9:00 to 14:59	2	6	4	4	5	21
15:00 +	0	2	0	1	0	3

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	6	25	16	14	13	74
Total on time	4	17	12	9	8	50
Total late	2	8	4	5	5	24

Total Compliance: 67.6%



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November 2024

Date Period	1-2	3-9	10-16	17-23	24-30	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	2	7	13	12	5	39
9:00 to 14:59	1	6	5	2	3	17
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	3	13	18	14	8	56
Total on time	2	7	13	12	5	39
Total late	1	6	5	2	3	17

Total Compliance: 69.6%



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December 2024

Date Period	1-7	8-14	15-21	22-28	29-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	14	10	14	11	6	55
9:00 to 14:59	6	8	5	3	3	25
15:00 +	3	1	0	1	0	5

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	23	19	19	15	9	85
Total on time	14	10	14	11	6	55
Total late	9	9	5	4	3	30

Total Compliance: 64.7%



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Rolling Hills

October 2024

Date Period	1-5	6-12	13-19	20-26	27-31	
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0:00 to 8:59	1	3	1	2	0	7
9:00 to 14:59	2	1	2	1	0	6
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	3	4	3	3	0	13
Total on time	1	3	1	2	0	7
Total late	2	1	2	1	0	6

Total Compliance: 53.8%



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0:00 to 8:59	0	2	3	2	1	8
9:00 to 14:59	1	1	1	0	2	5
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	1	3	4	2	3	13
Total on time	0	2	3	2	1	8
Total late	1	1	1	0	2	5

Total Compliance: 61.5%



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9:00 to 14:59	1	0	0	1	0	2
15:00 +	1	0	0	0	0	1

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	4	2	0	2	2	10
Total on time	2	2	0	1	2	7
Total late	2	0	0	1	0	3

Total Compliance: 70.0%



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