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**AGENDA**

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025  
7:30 A.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee for Thursday, May 8, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

#### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) UPDATE (PVPUSD REPORT)
- B. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MCCORMICK UPDATE

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CAL FIRE MAPS

#### **VIII. 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.

**Next meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:30 A.M.**



**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES TO MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Vice Chair Seo presiding.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: **Rancho Palos Verdes**  
Paul Seo, Mayor Pro Tem  
Stephen Perestam, Councilmember

**Rolling Hills (RH)**  
Bea Dieringer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Pat Wilson, Councilmember

**Rolling Hills Estates**  
Debby Stegura, Mayor  
Velveth Schmitz, Councilmember (arrived at 7:42)

**Palos Verdes Estates**  
David McGowan, Councilmember  
Craig Quinn, Councilmember (arrived at 7:36)

Absent: David Bradley, Mayor, Rancho Palos Verdes

Staff Present: **Rancho Palos Verdes**  
Ara Mihranian, City Manager  
Catherine Jun, Deputy City Manager  
Luna Mohammed, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Jennifer Schmid, Public Safety Manager

**Rolling Hills**  
Karina Bañales, City Manager  
Christian Horvath, City Clerk / Executive Assistant to the City Manager

**Rolling Hills Estates**  
Greg Grammer, City Manager  
Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager  
Jessica Slawson, Assistant to the City Manager

**Palos Verdes Estates**

Kerry Kallman, City Manager

George Gabriel, Deputy City Manager

Marcelle Herrera, Community Relations Officer

**Los Angeles County Fire Department**

Battalion Chief Wade Kelsey, 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)**

Ami Gandhi, Board Member

Brenna M. Terrones, Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance by Member Perestam.

**IV. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Vice Chair noted that the rotation of Chairing the Committee would move to the City of Rolling Hills and supported the nomination of Member Wilson as Chair.

Motion by Member Stegura, seconded by Member Dieringer to nominate Member Patrick Wilson as Chair of the Committee. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, Perestam, Wilson, Dieringer, Stegura, McGowan, Quinn

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Chair Wilson expressed thanks.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

Motion by Member McGowan, seconded by Vice Chair Dieringer to approve the minutes. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, McGowan, Quinn, Dieringer, Chair Wilson

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Stegura, Perestam

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. COMMITTEE GOALS AND PURPOSE**

City Manager Grammer presented a brief staff report covering the work plan and goals that the committee has been involved in and worked on over the last few years. This included establishing the Zonehaven platform, regional automatic license plate recognition cameras, Prepared Peninsula Expo and the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update currently underway. He noted that in the coming year the committee and staff will be working on items related to evacuation and sheltering. Staff is looking at potentially applying for grant funds that may assist in creating a peninsula-wide evacuation playbook intended to show how the Peninsula would evacuate and what steps would be taken as part of that process.

Member Wilson noted he had been on the Committee for about ten years and that the work accomplished was rewarding and had great benefits to the member cities and Peninsula. He thanks the staffs, first responders and Committee members.

Vice Chair Dieringer concurred with Chair Wilson.

Motion by Vice Chair Dieringer, seconded by Member Seo to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, Perestam, Stegura, McGowan, Quinn, Dieringer, Chair Wilson  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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

Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services Brenna M. Terrones presented a report on the School Resource Officers. She noted that in January, Officer Steve Barber had replaced the retiring Dave Rosas and is responsible for the nine schools within the district which include Peninsula, Rancho del Mar, Miraleste, Dapplegray, Mira Catalina, Rancho Vista, Silver Spur, Soliado, Miraleste Early Learning Academy. The remaining school sites will remain with Officer Watt.

She acknowledged the amazing work done by Dave Rosas to support PVPUSD students, staff, and community and that he will be deeply missed by many. She stated that PVPUSD was thrilled to have Officer Barber join their team and looked forward to working with him.

She moved on to the reports noting PVPUSD experienced a variety of investigations over the past three months of which are found in the reports. Officers Watt and Barber have been visiting their assigned schools, reviewing evacuation plans, and reviewing crime trends on the Peninsula as well as in schools nationally. Currently, the district is preparing for spring evacuation drills which will occur over the next two months. The drills will be held off-site to practice having students take direction from staff and successfully accomplish evacuation.

Chair Wilson asked for a bit of Officer Barber's history.

Ms. Terrones answered that he was recently retired from the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department and had worked with him for the past eight years.

City Manager Kallman added that Captain Barber served for thirty years with PVE's Police Department and retired in December. He noted that he lives in Redondo Beach, grew up in

the Peninsula area and had also served as Interim Police Chief. He stated that this was a win for the schools and Peninsula.

Member Stegura commented that the Peninsula will miss Dave Rosas noting a long personal connection with his family. She noted having visited Peninsula High with Officer Rosas, the Superintendent, and Assemblymember Muratsuchi and saw directly his interactions with students were non-threatening and even-handed. Regarding the report within the agenda packet, she appreciated the level of detail presented especially considering the number of schools in Rolling Hills Estates.

Member Dieringer concurred and asked a question regarding the November, 2024 report related to a custody court order.

Ms. Terrones replied that they continue to work that situation and while it was resolved with communication, the district did ask the police department for assistance due to the incident engendering a lot of emotions.

Member Dieringer noted her experience with these issues and parental rights creating potential liability.

Member Seo asked if the PVPUSD believed they had enough officers to deal with the amount of incidents.

Ms. Terrones acknowledged that the question was a common one in Executive Cabinet meetings and had been discussed in public with the Board at least once. The district feels they have been able to be responsive to all of their school sites and provide a level of support to them. The district is not calling for or asking for an additional school resource officer (SRO) at this time. If they feel something is changing and seeing different trends that they are unable to support with staff and the school resource officers, they will report back.

Chair Wilson noted that he had not previously seen such detail in a report and noticed that one of the SRO's was attending board meetings. He inquired if there was something going on that necessitated the additional security.

Ms. Terrones responded that they have had a standing SRO at Board meetings for approximately one year noting different agenda subjects may have required safety or crowd control assistance. She commented that any hours or overtime specific to meeting attendance is not billed back to the cities. She elaborated that they also help with managing speakers, getting attendees seated, and redirecting individuals who may become upset during proceedings.

Member Stegura asked if the officers are armed on campus or at Board meetings.

Motion by Vice Chair Dieringer, seconded by Member Stegura to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, Perestam, Stegura, Schmitz, McGowan, Quinn, Dieringer, Chair Wilson  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **C. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MCCORMICK UPDATE**

Los Angeles County Fire Department representative Vivero and Battalion Chief Kelsey reported on the fourth quarter specific to emergency responses and related fires for the Peninsula Cities as follows:

Palos Verdes Estates (PVE) -  
307 calls for service  
5 fire responses  
207 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses  
Average response time was 7:03

Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) -  
934 calls for service  
11 fire responses  
715 EMS  
Average response time was 6:36

Rolling Hills (RH) -  
44 calls for service  
0 fire responses  
26 EMS  
Average response time was 6:31

Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) -  
285 calls for service  
3 fire responses  
222 EMS  
Average response time was 5:31

Member Quinn asked for a little more detail regarding fire responses as to whether they were auto or home related, downed wires, arson, or other reasons.

Ms. Vivero noted she can provide that detailed information monthly or at the quarterly meeting if requested by individual cities.

Member Quinn reiterated that it would be helpful.

City Manager Kallman noted he receives details on specific fires and shares with the Council and asked if that level of detail was necessary for the Committee.

Chair Wilson noted that there may not be enough time during this meeting to go into detail and said it would be up to the body to decide on how much detail should be provided.

Member Quinn stated that if something was related to arson activity, he believed it would be important to the Committee.

Member Stegura noted that arson activity would show up on the Sheriff's report and Captain Guerrero concurred.

Member Dieringer agreed with Member Quinn on the importance given the vigilance against fires and stated that it should not be limited to arson cases and should be grouped into categories. She also noted if there are patterns occurring related to the categories it would be helpful to know.

Chair Wilson asked if BC Kelsey was able to provide any greater detail.

Chief Kelsey answered stating he had not seen any uptick in arson activity. He believed most have been general house fires that were accidental in nature or due to faulty electrical. He noted he hadn't seen many car fires.

City Manager Kallman noted a resident brush fire due to a discarded cigarette where the individual was arrested.

Chair Wilson asked the Committee if they wanted detail or summary of incidents.

Member Perestam agreed that the Committee did not need to see all incidents but that some might be worth exploring details for further awareness.

Chair Wilson agreed that it boils down to basically relying on the fire department personnel to decide which ones the Committee would be most interested in hearing, because he personally doesn't know how to set objective criteria to decide.

Member Seo concurred with Member Perestam.

Chair Wilson asked if it was possible for the Fire Department to report back on fires that they think would be of interest to the Committee.

Chief Kelsey acknowledged understanding the request and bringing anything newsworthy or of significance can be brought forward to the Committee.

City Manager Grammer noted that Chief Kane keeps City Managers informed of significant events and they do report out to their respective City Councils through established communication protocols.

Chair Wilson appreciated that and noted that there are times where Councils may not get information from an event in a neighboring City.

City Manager Mihranian echoed City Manager Grammer's comments and stated that any urgent or of significance is reported out.

Chair Wilson asked if Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) had experienced any propane tank leaks in the Portuguese Bend area.

City Manager Mihranian responded that none have been reported to the fire department or the City.

Chair Wilson stated that Rolling Hills had one recently and noted RPV had potentially far more tanks.



City Manager Mihranian responded that every affected home was using either diesel fuel or propane-based generator or have replaced natural gas service with propane. He also commented that their building officials canvas the affected neighborhoods daily.

Chair Wilson asked if the Committee would be going over the McCormick stats.

Vice Chair Dieringer asked if Chief Kane had been able to connect with McCormick representatives regarding attending the Committee meetings to address questions, or should Council members begin outreach on behalf of the Committee.

Ms. Vivero responded that Chief Kane had met with McCormick noting they are contracted by LA County.

Vice Chair Dieringer clarified that Chief Kane's meeting with McCormick did not yield a commitment for them to attend future meetings at this time.

Ms. Vivero responded that was correct.

Vice Chair Dieringer and Chair Wilson discussed the ability to contact McCormick and the possibility of getting them to attend a meeting.

Member Schmitz noted that per a recent report out by Chief Kane that McCormick is woefully understaffed and therefore lends to longer response times as well as potential inability to attend meetings. She believed that a conversation of them attending is a moot point and that because the Cities do not hire or retain their services directly, the Cities are at the mercy of the services they are currently able to provide. She continued that if it becomes so unsatisfactory, then the conversation may become "what alternatives are there for providing service?" She reiterated that in the past year it has become abundantly clear that McCormick has a staffing issue and she did not believe that Chief Kane speaking to it meeting after meeting would be helpful.

Chair Wilson stated that the Committee is relying on Chief Kane to reach out and encourage their attendance and expressed uncertainty about what the Committee or individual cities could do beyond that.

Vice Chair Dieringer stated that maybe the City Managers could reach out to McCormick in the event something could be done to effectuate better services.

Chair Wilson asked the City Managers if any of them had reached out directly to ask questions or complain and what the result was.

City Manager Bañales stated she had not reached out. City Manager Mihranian stated he hadn't had a need to do so based on trends or response times. City Manager Kallman concurred.

City Manager Grammer noted Assistant City Manager Davis had been in touch over the years with McCormick representatives, and reiterated that it is difficult for them to attend. He continued that typically Chief Kane provides an overview and noted that the McCormick report is only a part of the story. Even though there may be several minutes before the ambulance

arrives, the Fire Department is typically the first to arrive hence why the two reports are provided together to complete the full story.

Chair Wilson concurred that it was important for the new Committee members to know it's not as bad as it appears on paper, at least with regard to McCormick's report, because the Fire Department is typically on scene before McCormick rolls up.

Motion by Vice Chair Dieringer, seconded by Member Stegura to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, Perestam, Stegura, Schmitz, McGowan, Quinn, Dieringer, Chair Wilson  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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

Rolling Hills Estates Assistant to the City Manager Slawson presented a verbal update on the PVP multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan noting that since November 2024, a request for a proposal was issued, the ad hoc Committee interviewed three emergency planning firms, and collectively selected a proposal by Black and Beach Corporation. The proposal responded to the expansive and comprehensive needs of the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and was relayed in their project approach, relevant experience and technical capabilities. Staff appreciated the time and review of the proposals by the ad hoc Committee members.

She continued that as of this week, the MOU for the joint project was presented to three of the City Councils and approved. The MOU will go before the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council next Tuesday. She reminded the Committee that the project will be largely funded by an approved CalOES and FEMA reimbursement grant with a cost-sharing agreement between the four cities.

Once the MOU agreement is fully executed, staff will begin the work with a consultant for project initiation. There will be key project, milestone and community meetings ahead in which staff will communicate accordingly with the Committee, the ad hoc Committee members, and the greater Peninsula community for engagement opportunities.

Public Comment from Larry Maizlish stating that it appeared within the proposal the consultant would limit the number of hazards that would be addressed based on hazards previously identified in earlier local City plans, plus two new hazards. He requested that staff gain clarification on this in the fine print.

Assistant to the City Manager Slawson asked a clarifying question regarding if Mr. Maizlish was referring to a comprehensive software analysis that all four cities and their respective consultants had utilized over the years for hazard mitigation planning. Mr. Maizlish was uncertain, so Ms. Slawson noted that staff will double-check with the consultant.

Mr. Maizlish expressed appreciation.

Motion by Member Stegura, seconded by Vice Chair Dieringer to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Seo, Perestam, Stegura, Schmitz, McGowan, Quinn, Dieringer, Chair Wilson  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

**IX. OTHER MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Member McGowan stated if he remembered correctly, two to three years ago, Rancho Palos Verdes were of the authors of a white paper that talked about the various risks associated throughout the Peninsula, and asked if there was a possibility to recirculate to the new members in order to provide a backdrop of all the work that's been done by the Committee. He noted it provides a very good education and refresher for many of the members.

City Manager Mihranian responded that they would recirculate to all members and that former Analyst Jesse Villalpando had worked on it.

Chair Wilson asked if it was a summary of what the Committee had worked on over the years as discussed in the first item and how long ago.

City Manager Mihranian responded that yes it was reported out earlier and that it was about three years ago.

Chair Wilson recognized it would not cover anything in the past three years.

City Manager Mihranian responded that it focuses on the utilities and infrastructure on the Peninsula, and how the Cities would respond if there was an incident and how those respective utilities would respond. He noted it would be interesting to take another look at it in light of everything that we've just experienced over the last two years.

Chair Wilson agreed.

City Manager Mihranian stated they would recirculate and if desired re-agendize a follow-up conversation.

Member McGowan stated it should be a growing document that is periodically updated given new information.

City Manager Mihranian agreed that he would take a look at it especially regarding how utilities are supposed to respond related to a shut-off.

Chair Wilson noted that would be interesting to read.

Member McGowan stated, not only the utilities but the telecoms.

Vice Chair Dieringer commented that given the recent Palisades and Eaton fires there may be a lot of information coming forward regarding fire resiliency. She noted the Cities have various projects in that area, but thought it would be helpful to add an item discussing the

matter as it relates to the Peninsula and address the utility infrastructure related to fire and land movement especially concerning public safety shut-offs.

Chair Wilson inquired if she was suggesting an agenda item for the next meeting and a presentation from utilities?

Vice Chair Dieringer said yes because it could happen.

City Manager Bañales stated she would work with Vice Chair Dieringer to see how the request could potentially be fulfilled.

Member Quinn asked if the Committee could talk about weed abatement noting a number of Palos Verdes Estates residents had come forward saying they wanted to go into the public parklands and take care of some of the weed abatement on their own. The City currently does not allow that and they are working through their code right now and looking to add an opportunity for residents to hire a professional landscaper to go into the parklands at their own expense after a permitting process to take care of some of the weed abatement that the City hasn't gotten to. He continued noting a lot of anxiety, calls and emails. Neighbors can come together and join forces economically and do it through a permitting process.

Chair Wilson commented that he wasn't sure if the approach was unique in the Peninsula but it would never happen in Rolling Hills because all properties are private.

City Manager Kallman commented that they do something similar with their request to have trees trimmed and it would require putting a process in place.

Chair Wilson stated that Rolling Hills had performed weed abatement adjacent to City boundaries in Rancho Palos Verdes preserve area noting a successful relationship with the Conservancy.

Vice Chair Dieringer added that the City does not have funding to continue those efforts.

Chair Wilson acknowledged the program sunseting and that the Peninsula overall has plenty of weeds to be cut.

City Manager Mihranian commented that when Rancho Palos Verdes residents have concerns regarding open space areas, they will contact the City. The City has a fuel modification plan for all open space area that was approved by the County Fire Department as part of their NCCP/HCP using goats and crews. There is an urgency of performing abatement more often and the City is exploring it, but it is a very costly line item as the goats and crews are expensive. He noted that it was important to time efforts because if they clear and more rain comes, there is new growth. The City had to go back two or three times for that clearance. He stated that if there's a unique situation where someone is voluntarily wanting to come onto City property to do some trimming, there is a possibility of giving them a license agreement or some sort of access agreement, but the City has never been at that point thus far.

Chair Wilson agreed about the timing of removal being important as well as the seed drops, especially on the mustard seed plants which need to be knocked down before they can perpetuate the regrowth year after year.

City Manager Mihranian agreed stating the community is very divided when it comes to mustard plants because when they bloom, people say “oh, it's so beautiful... the hillside's all yellow,” but those who know the mustard is invasive and flammable, and you want to get those out along with acacia and some other trees.

Chair Wilson stated he used to be a mustard supporter until he realized that the growth was one step away from his house going up in flames and revised his opinion.

Member Stegura commented that she would be interested in Palos Verdes Estates' (PVE) progress on any ordinance that might pass with regard to citizens participating with City cooperation. She noted that there is an area where she lives between two canyons, shared between Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) and PVE, and her neighbors always ask why PVE hasn't cleared out weeds in that canyon. The lack of certain boundaries is one of the impediments but she would also be concerned that going forward, if citizens were able to hire professional landscapers, that those landscapers be competent and licensed due to the concern of sparking a wildfire.

City Manager Grammer suggested that at the May meeting, Chief Kane talk about brush clearance as the City's head into the brush clearance season.

Chair Wilson thought that was a great idea.

**X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 A.M.**

There being no further business before the Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee, Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christian Horvath  
City Clerk  
City of Rolling Hills

Approved,

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Patrick Wilson  
Chair and Councilmember,  
City of Rolling Hills Estates



# 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





# Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

## School Resource Officer

### Monthly Activity Report – February, 2025 – External

**To:** Brenna Terrones  
Assistant Superintendent / Administrative Services

**Subject:** Monthly Activity Report / February, 2025

**Details:** School was in session for 18 days during the month of January, 2025, with students and staff having two days off during the middle of the month in observance of Presidents' Day.

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.

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Officer Watt and Officer Barber completed an investigation at Soleado Elementary School involving a male subject who was making excessive and continuous suspicious telephone calls to the main office and selected classrooms. Using our investigative resources, the subject in questioned was positively identified

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators and an alleged assault involving two female students who stated they were assaulted by a male student.

Officer Watt assisted Palos Verdes Intermediate School administrators with a student who was in possession of two possible dangerous weapons.

Officer Watt assisted Ridgecrest Intermediate School administrators with an incident involving a student who had been making text threats to another student via social media outlets.

Officer Barber handled an incident involving a suspicious person on the campus of Peninsula High School allegedly approaching female students.



# **Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District**

## **School Resource Officer**

### **Monthly Activity Report – February, 2025 – External**

Officer Barber assisted Miraleste Intermediate School administrators with a possible threat involving gun violence on campus. Lengthy further investigation revealed the threat was not credible.

Officer Watt assisted Ridgecrest Intermediate School administrators with a student who had gotten into a verbal altercation with another student off campus.

Officer Watt assisted Montemalega Elementary School administrators with a student who had possibly brought an edged weapon on to campus.

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators with three students who were found vaping on campus in a restroom.

Officer Barber investigated a possible wallet theft on the campus of Peninsula High School which turned out to be unfounded as the wallet was subsequently located at the student's home.

Officer Watt handled an incident at Palos Verdes High School involving a student who was in possession of a small bottle of what appeared to be vodka and had broken the bottle into pieces on campus during passing.

Officer Watt handled two physical altercations on the campus of Palos Verdes High School involving students.

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators with an incident involving a student who had thrown a fluffy pancake at another student while in class.

Officer Watt investigated a traffic collision with no injuries on the service road next to the baseball stadium at Palos Verdes High School,

Officer Watt and Officer Barber worked the high school basketball at Palos Verdes High School gym featuring Palos Verdes High School and Peninsula High School. PVHS won the game with no significant security or safety incidents to report as students and parents were well-behaved.

Officer Watt traveled with Palos Verdes High School Boys' Soccer to their CIF Quarterfinal Soccer Match in Hesperia. PV Soccer was shut out, 3-0, and eliminated.

Officer Watt assisted Emergency Preparation Expert Cheryl Dawson and Palos Verdes High School administrators with their annual Spring Evacuation Drill.

Officer Barber took part in the Fire Drill at Miraleste Intermediate School.



# **Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District**

## **School Resource Officer**

### **Monthly Activity Report – February, 2025 – External**

Officer Watt and Officer Barber provided additional security at Open House at their respective high schools. Both events attracted a large amount of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families.

Officer Watt met with Chief Luke Helinga of the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department to exchange information and review policies/procedures at the five district school located in Palos Verdes Estates.

Officer Watt attended Cornerstone School at Pedregal;s assembly on “Reading Across America” and read a short story to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class in Room 15.

Officer Watt attended the monthly assembly at Lunada Bay Elementary School.

Officer Watt provided additional security at the “Project Runway” fundraiser at Palos Verdes High School to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber provided extra security at the school board meeting on February 12, 2025 and February 26, 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 continue to be on our radar during March as 14 drills at various schools are scheduled.

Respectfully,

Robert Watt  
School Resource Officer  
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

Steve Barber  
School Resource Officer  
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District



# Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

## School Resource Officer

### Monthly Activity Report – March, 2025 - External

**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 / March, 2025

**Details:**

School was in session for 21 days during the month of March, 2025, with students and staff having no holidays and/or student free days.

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 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 responded to Lunada Bay Elementary School to assist staff with a juvenile student who brought what appeared to be a dangerous weapon to school. PVEPD was contacted for follow up and school discipline administered to the student.

Officer Watt contacted a male juvenile who was unlawfully walking throughout the campus of Palos Verdes High School and after the juvenile was not being truthful about his identity and lawful reason on campus, he ran off and hid in the driveway of a nearby resident. PVEPD was contacted and the subject, who was on probation, was subsequently arrested for trespassing.

Officer Barber continues to follow up on his investigation surrounding the Peninsula High School student who was constantly calling Soleado Elementary School and asking



## **Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District School Resource Officer Monthly Activity Report – March, 2025 - External**

questions about the bell schedule and staff. Soleado administrators advised that the student in question was now coming on to the campus. LASD was subsequently contacted and the student was cited for trespassing.

Officer Watt responded to Cornerstone Elementary @ Pedregal to assist administrators with an inappropriate text message sent to the principal. Further investigation revealed that the phone number appeared to be a “spoof number.”

Officer Watt and staff observed a suspicious and occupied vehicle on campus and PVEPD was contacted and responded. The driver and passengers were contacted by PD and the driver was subsequently arrested for various misdemeanor charges.

Officer Watt assisted Ridgecrest Intermediate School administrators on an investigation involving a student who was receiving inappropriate texts from another subject. LASD was contacted for follow up.

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators on a physical altercation across the street at the Peninsula Center involving two students.

Officer Barber assisted Peninsula High School administrators on a separate physical altercation on campus involving a male and female student.

Officer Watt investigated a vandalism that occurred in and around the baseball stadium at PVHS.

Officer Barber investigation a stolen Air Pods incident that occurred at Peninsula High School during lunch.

Officer Watt and Campus Supervisors contacted a female juvenile sitting in a class at PVHS who did not attend that class, nor did she attend PVHS.

Officer Watt assisted administrators at Rancho Del Mar High School on a student who had not been to school for weeks.

Officer Watt handled a suspiciously parked and unoccupied vehicle in front of Pt Vicente Elementary School.

Officer Watt investigated a report of illegal dumping at PVHS involving a pick-up truck that appeared to be utilizing the trash cans next to the cafeteria to dump its waste early in the morning

Officer Barber handled a traffic collision that occurred outside of Peninsula High School involving a student that was struck by a vehicle as he rode his electronic bicycle.



# **Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District**

## **School Resource Officer**

### **Monthly Activity Report – March, 2025 - External**

Officer Barber assisted two students who were involved in a minor traffic collision on the campus of Peninsula High School. No injuries reported.

Officer Watt and PVEPD escorted over 300 PVHS students on their annual "Trident Walk" around the area of the school for charity.

Officer Barber assisted students and staff at Peninsula High School with "Fresh Fest."

Officer Watt attended Montemalaga Elementary School Fun Run.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber assisted Emergency Preparation Expert Cheryl Dawson with Evacuation Drills at all 18 school campuses.

Officer Watt and Officer Barber provided extra security at the school board meetings on April 2 and April 23, 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.

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**

**Second Quarter  
2025**







# Los Angeles County Fire Department

## Palos Verdes Estates Response Time, 1st Quarter 2025

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		12	12	07:26
FIRE, EXPLOSION		6	5	05:27
GOOD INTENT CALL		68	35	07:07
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		3	3	07:45
RESCUE, EMS		200	186	07:09
SERVICE CALL		14	9	06:55
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		8	4	09:34
<b>TOTAL</b>	00:47 - 13:17	<b>311</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>07:10</b>

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

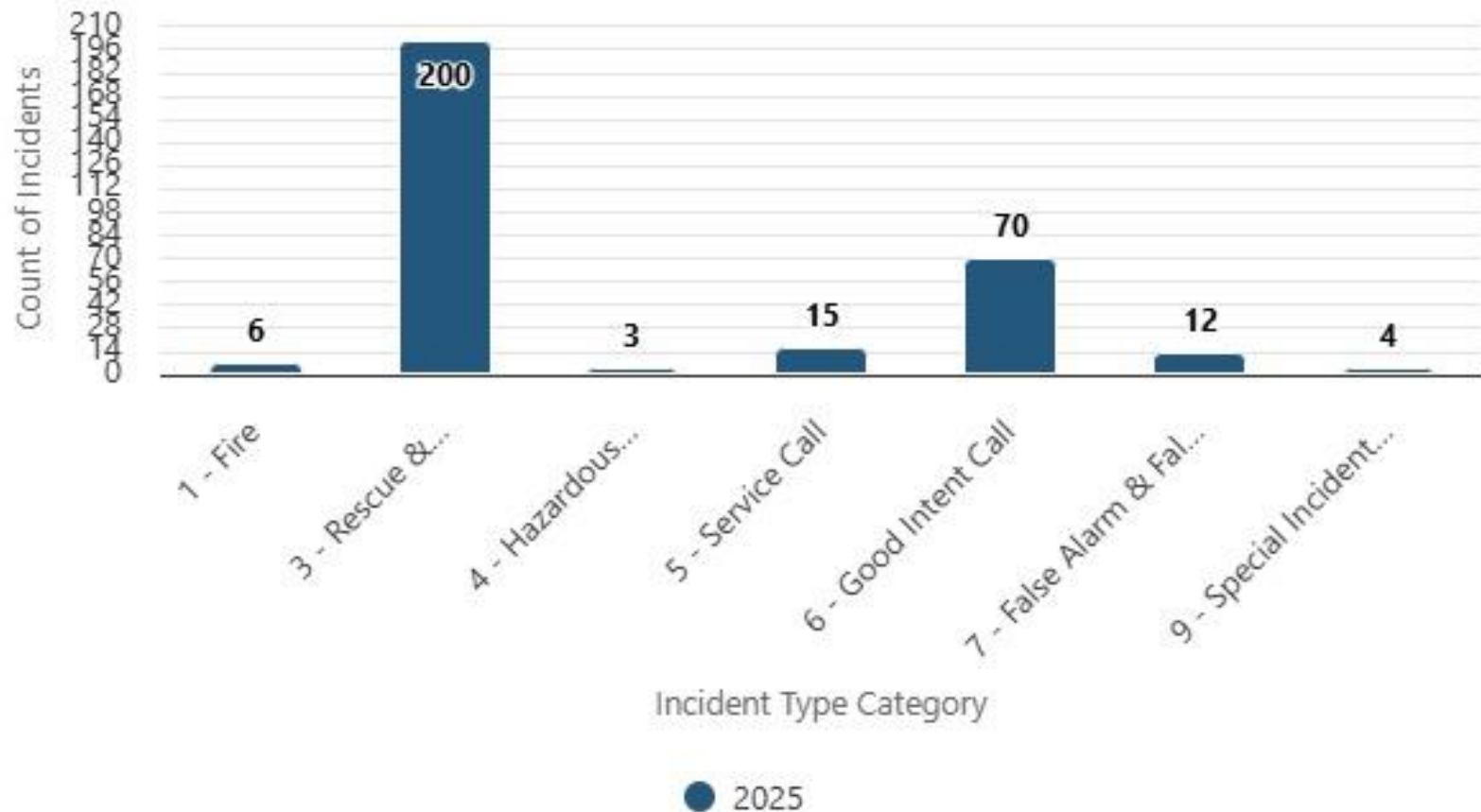




COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
QUARTLEY STATISTICS  
JANUARY 2025-MARCH 2025

## Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025





# Los Angeles County Fire Department

## Rancho Palos Verdes Response Time, 1st Quarter 2025

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		13	11	07:04
FIRE, EXPLOSION		11	11	03:55
GOOD INTENT CALL		143	72	07:29
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		6	6	07:56
RESCUE, EMS		705	693	06:35
SERVICE CALL		24	22	04:22
SEVERE WEATHER, NATURAL DISASTER		1	1	10:22
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		19	14	05:13
TOTAL	-00:21 - 13:35	922	830	06:34

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5  
Grouped by Incident Type Category  
Includes only first arriving unit responses

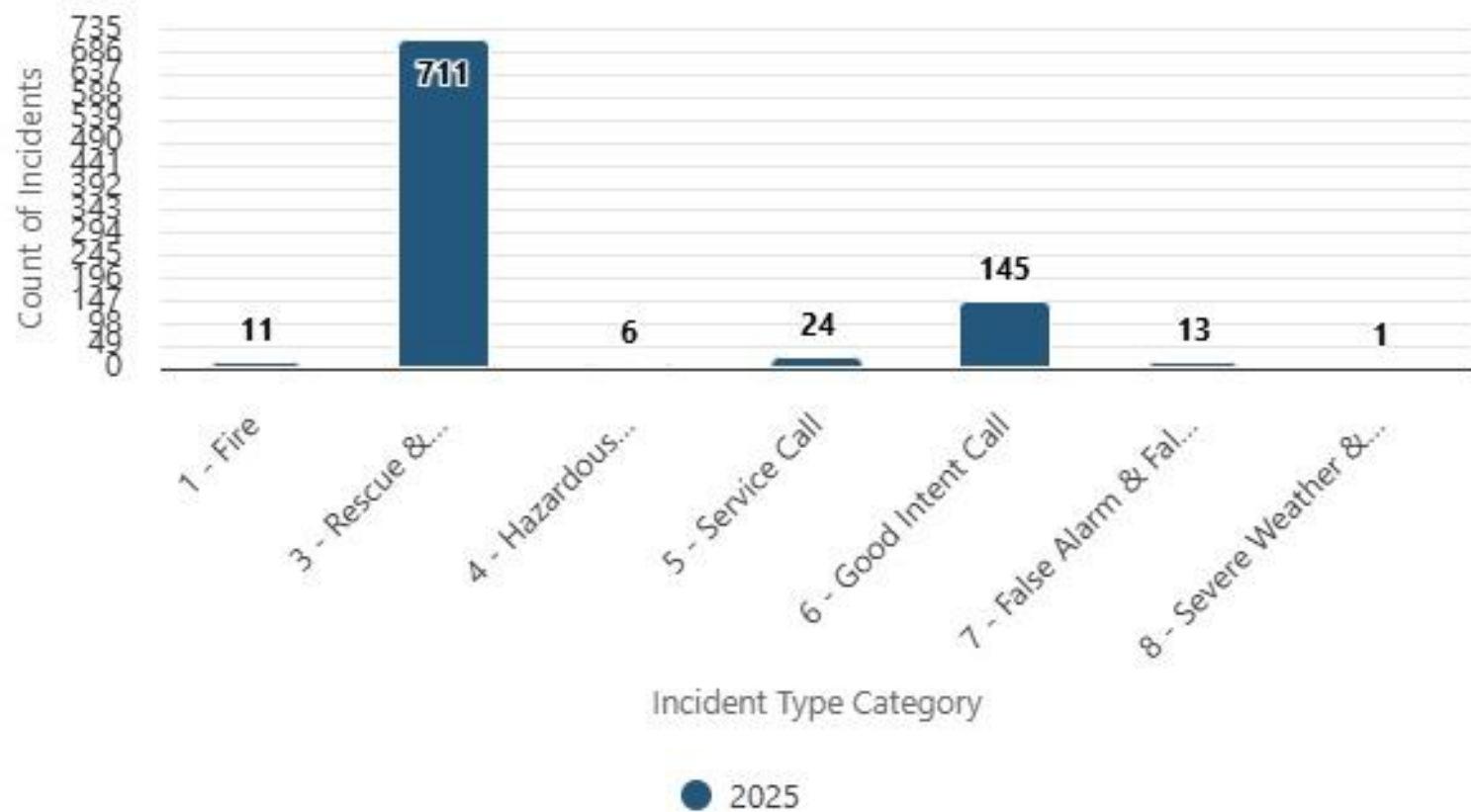
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CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
QUARTLEY STATISTICS  
JANUARY 2025-MARCH 2025

## Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025





# Los Angeles County Fire Department

## City of Rolling Hills Response Time, 1st Quarter 2025

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
GOOD INTENT CALL		14	9	06:51
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		2	2	08:13
RESCUE, EMS		23	21	07:50
SERVICE CALL		3	2	07:33
<b>TOTAL</b>	-01:20 - 16:29	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>07:35</b>

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

Includes only first arriving unit responses

Records meeting the following Criteria are always excluded:

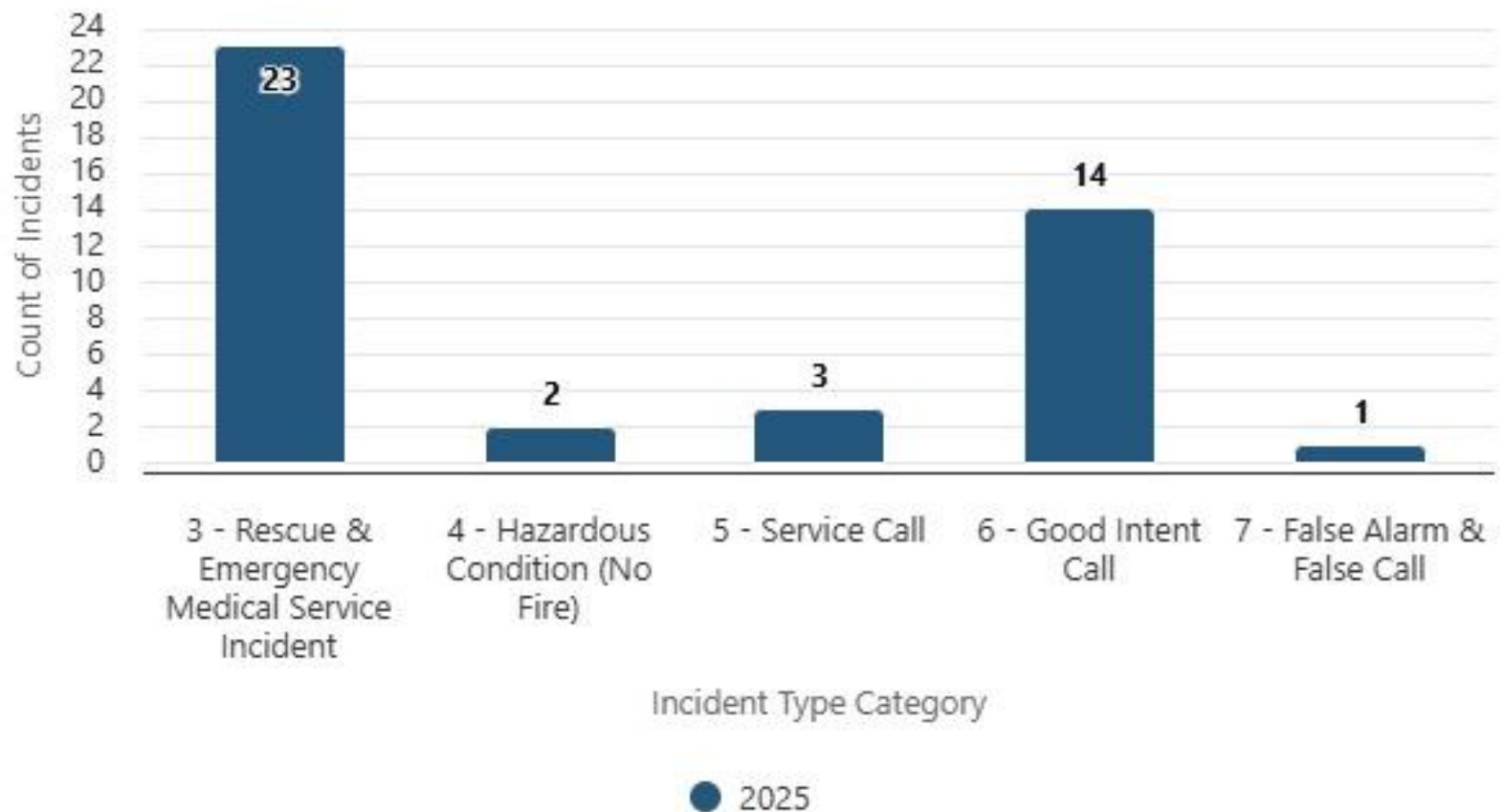
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2. On Scene (arrival) Time = Clear Time
3. Apparatus Action <> 93 - Cancelled En Route



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS  
QUARTLEY STATISTICS  
JANUARY 2025-MARCH 2025**

## Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025





# Los Angeles County Fire Department

## City of Rolling Hills Estates Response Time, 1st Quarter 2025

Incident Type Category	Interquartile Range	Number of Incidents	Included* Record Count	Average Response Time*
FALSE ALARM, FALSE CALL		3	3	02:21
FIRE, EXPLOSION		5	4	05:04
GOOD INTENT CALL		38	24	06:12
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		2	2	07:13
RESCUE, EMS		204	197	05:14
SERVICE CALL		5	5	08:20
SPECIAL OR OTHER INCIDENT TYPE		7	4	06:20
<b>TOTAL</b>	-01:10 - 12:05	<b>264</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>05:24</b>

Interquartile Outlier Factor = 1.5

Grouped by Incident Type Category

Includes only first arriving unit responses

Records meeting the following Criteria are always excluded:

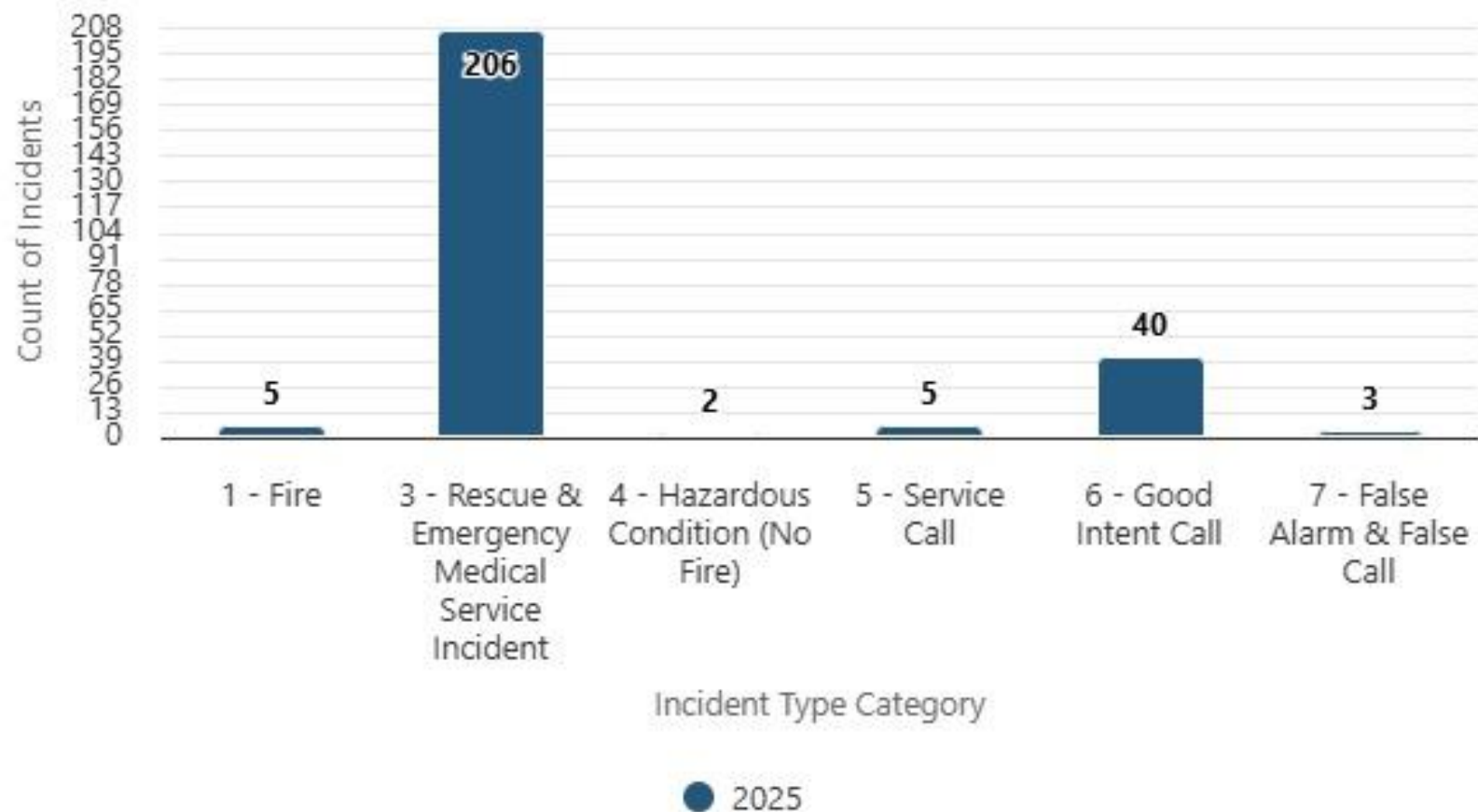
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# ***Westmed/McCormick Ambulance***

## **Palos Verdes Estates**

January 2025

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
<b>0:00 to 8:59</b>	5	10	12	9	10	46
<b>9:00 to 14:59</b>	1	4	1	4	4	14
<b>15:00 +</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	6	15	13	13	14	61
Total on time	5	10	12	9	10	46
Total late	1	5	1	4	4	15

**Total Compliance: 75.4%**





# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Palos Verdes Estates

February 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-28	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	1	13	11	7	9	41
9:00 to 14:59	1	1	3	2	2	9
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	2	14	14	9	11	50
Total on time	1	13	11	7	9	41
Total late	1	1	3	2	2	9

**Total Compliance: 82.0%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Palos Verdes Estates

March 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	0	6	14	12	14	0	46
9:00 to 14:59	1	3	1	3	1	2	11
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total responses	1	9	15	15	15	2	57
Total on time	0	6	14	12	14	0	46
Total late	1	3	1	3	1	2	11

**Total Compliance: 80.7%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rancho Palos Verdes

January 2025

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	21	45	39	42	30	177
9:00 to 14:59	10	12	8	21	13	64
15:00 +	4	3	3	5	2	17

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	35	60	50	68	45	258
Total on time	21	45	39	42	30	177
Total late	14	15	11	26	15	81

**Total Compliance: 68.6%**

# ***Westmed/McCormick Ambulance***

## **Rancho Palos Verdes**

February 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-28	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
<b>0:00 to 8:59</b>	4	47	36	41	25	153
<b>9:00 to 14:59</b>	0	10	11	9	4	34
<b>15:00 +</b>	0	5	3	0	8	16

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	4	62	50	50	37	203
Total on time	4	47	36	41	25	153
Total late	0	15	14	9	12	50

**Total Compliance: 75.4%**

# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rancho Palos Verdes

March 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	3	48	40	40	45	9	185
9:00 to 14:59	1	9	6	10	9	5	40
15:00 +	0	0	3	2	3	0	8

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total responses	4	57	49	52	57	14	233
Total on time	3	48	40	40	45	9	185
Total late	1	9	9	12	12	5	48

**Total Compliance: 79.4%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills

January 2025

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	0	6	0	3	0	9
9:00 to 14:59	0	0	0	0	2	2
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	0	6	0	3	2	11
Total on time	0	6	0	3	0	9
Total late	0	0	0	0	2	2

**Total Compliance: 81.8%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills

February 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-28	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	1	0	1	2	0	4
9:00 to 14:59	0	3	0	0	1	4
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

**Total Compliance: 50.0%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills

March 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
9:00 to 14:59	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total responses	0	5	3	0	0	0	8
Total on time	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Total late	0	3	1	0	0	0	4

**Total Compliance: 50.0%**





# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills Estates

January 2025

Date Period	1-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	9	16	20	20	20	85
9:00 to 14:59	1	4	1	3	2	11
15:00 +	0	0	0	1	0	1

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	10	20	21	24	22	97
Total on time	9	16	20	20	20	85
Total late	1	4	1	4	2	12

**Total Compliance: 87.6%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills Estates

February 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-28	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
0:00 to 8:59	1	16	19	13	14	63
9:00 to 14:59	1	2	2	1	0	6
15:00 +	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Total
Total responses	2	18	21	14	14	69
Total on time	1	16	19	13	14	63
Total late	1	2	2	1	0	6

**Total Compliance: 91.3%**



# Westmed/McCormick Ambulance

## Rolling Hills Estates

March 2025

Date Period	1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30-31	
Response Period	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
0:00 to 8:59	3	22	20	17	20	3	85
9:00 to 14:59	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
15:00 +	0	1	0	1	0	0	2

	Week 1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week 5	Week 6	Total
Total responses	3	24	20	20	20	3	90
Total on time	3	22	20	17	20	3	85
Total late	0	2	0	3	0	0	5

**Total Compliance: 94.4%**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** PENINSULA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** KARINA BANALES, CITY MANAGER  
**DATE:** MAY 8, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** 2025 LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS  
**PREPARED BY:** Samantha Crew, Management Analyst

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### RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The updated 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs), including Los Angeles County, were released by CAL FIRE in phases beginning in February 2025. Southern California jurisdictions, such as Los Angeles County, received their maps on March 24, 2025, following an executive order from Governor Gavin Newsom that expedited the release process.

These maps, developed by CAL FIRE's Office of the State Fire Marshal, classify areas into "Moderate," "High," or "Very High" fire hazard zones based on factors like vegetation, topography, fire history, and ember exposure. They serve as critical tools for land use planning, building code enforcement, and wildfire mitigation efforts.

Local public agencies, including city councils and fire departments, are responsible for disseminating this information to the public. They must adopt the recommended hazard zones by ordinance within 120 days of receiving the maps. While agencies cannot reduce the severity levels designated by the State Fire Marshal, they may increase them if supported by substantial evidence.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will present the 2025 FHSZ maps to the Peninsula Public Safety Committee. The presentation will cover the methodology behind the maps, significant changes affecting the Peninsula area, and the implications for local fire safety planning and building regulations.