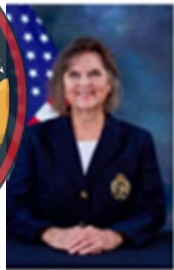




FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRAB & GO



Join Councilmember Rita Lamb and the Cathedral City Fire Department for an Emergency Preparedness Grab & Go Event Saturday, February 1, 2025 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cathedral City Library, Multi-Purpose Room 33520 Date Palm Drive, Cathedral City

MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2025



February Re-Cap

Monthly Summary

February 2025 was another busy and productive month for Cathedral City Fire & EMS, with continued efforts in staffing, training, and community engagement. We successfully onboarded new personnel, strengthened our emergency medical services, and collaborated with key agencies to enhance public safety.

Key highlights included:

- New Firefighter & Ambulance Operator Hires as part of Measure W staffing expansion.
- Strategic Budget Planning for future EMS enhancements.
- Mutual Aid Support & Major Incidents, including responses to illegal cannabis operations and traffic collisions.
- Fire Prevention & Community Risk Reduction Initiatives, such as Knox key inspections, school visits, and training programs.
- Firefighter of the Year Recognition – Congratulations to Diwan De La Torre!

In total, February saw 630 emergency responses, including 505 EMS calls and 10 fire incidents. These statistics demonstrate the critical role of emergency medical services in our operations while highlighting the importance of continued training and community safety efforts.

Key Achievements

Firefighter & EMS Staffing Growth

- 3 new Firefighter hires (including promotions from Ambulance Operator to Firefighter/EMT).
- 2 new Ambulance Operators hired & sworn in.
- Conditional job offers extended to 3 Paramedic candidates, scheduled to start by June 2025.
- Firefighter background process initiated for an experienced Paramedic.

Budget & Funding

- Strategic two-year EMS budget planning underway.
- Collaboration with Wittman Enterprises to improve ambulance billing and revenue recovery.
- Federal support discussions with Congressman Raul Ruiz for AFG funding.

Training & Development

- NFIRS Valuation Tools Training for all shifts.
- LCW Public Employee Discipline Training.
- CTEX Fire Conference participation for leadership training.
- Fire Prevention Officers Meeting to enhance code enforcement & inspections.

Operational Stats

WEEKLY BREAKDOWN

- FEB 6: 144 CALLS (109 EMS, 4 CARDIAC EVENTS, 20 TRAUMA, 1 AMR MUTUAL AID GIVEN).
- FEB 13: 160 CALLS (128 EMS, 14 CARDIAC EVENTS, 26 TRAUMA, 1 AUTO AID RECEIVED).
- FEB 20: 170 CALLS (128 EMS, 3 CARDIAC EVENTS, 32 TRAUMA, 3 AMR MUTUAL AIDS GIVEN).
- FEB 27: 156 CALLS (120 EMS, 10 CARDIAC EVENTS, 24 TRAUMA, 2 AMR MUTUAL AIDS GIVEN).

Category	Totals
Total Calls	630
EMS Calls	505
Billable Transports	395
Calls for Fires	10
Fire Inspections Passed	110

CATHEDRAL CITY ELEMENTARY HEAD START VISIT



Mutual Aid & Major Incidents

Illegal Cannabis Operation (Kieley Rd.)

Fire crews assisted Code Compliance & Police in handling hazardous materials and unapproved extractors.

Traffic Collision on Ramon Road (Feb 18)

Emergency response with multiple agencies.

OES Deployment – Eaton Fire

Continued regional support efforts.

MUTUAL AID SUMMARY

Agency	Aid Received	Aid Given	Aid Denied	Auto Aid Received
AMR	6	7	3	N/A
Riverside County Fire (RIVCO)	1	1	-	1
Palm Springs Fire (PS Fire)	2	1	-	-



ILLEGAL CANNABIS OPERATION



Fire Prevention & CRR

Fire Prevention

110 fire inspections passed out of 134 conducted.

Plan reviews & approvals:

- Residential fire sprinklers (Campanile, Escena, Newport 17 Apts).
- Fire suppression systems (Pizzeria Bambino, AutoZone Mega Hub).

Code & safety planning:

- Fire hazard mitigation meetings.
- Fire prevention fees & hourly charge updates.

Community Risk Reduction & Resident Safety

- First Responders Week – Social media engagement & hockey game recognition.
- School Visits – Fire safety lessons at local elementary schools.
- Stop the Bleed & Home Fire Prevention Outreach.
- “Care Bears” Donation – Comfort items for children in emergencies.

Recruitment & Staffing

Firefighter Promotions:

- Cayden Lujan
- Chandler Gustason

New Firefighter/Paramedic:

- Andres Aviles.

New Ambulance Operators:

- Tristan Lujan
- Juan Ramirez.

Firefighter of the Year:

Diwan De La Torre – Recognized for excellence in service & training.



Grants, Funding, & Training

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) discussions.

Ambulance Billing Review – Fee structure update in progress.

1,500+ total training hours logged across various disciplines.



Chief Contreras and KESQ's Shay Lawson sharing fire prevention tips for the community.

Training & Professional Dev.

Monthly Total Training Hours

Over the course of February 2025, Cathedral City Fire & EMS personnel accumulated a combined 1,928.25 training hours. These hours were dedicated to refining EMS operations, fire suppression tactics, apparatus operations, and community risk reduction.

Program	Monthly Total Hours
Administrative	245.5
Apparatus Ops	15.5
Construction	25
EMS	121.5
Fire Investigation & Arson	34
Hazmat	3
ICS	90
Instructor Training	3
Physical Fitness	269.75
Portable & Small Equip	63.5
Prevention	456
Rescue	71
Suppression	290
Training, College	36
Training, Non-College	188
Vehicle Repair	16.5
Total	1,928.25

Resident Safety Awareness

Staying Prepared for Wildfire Season in Cathedral City

As we approach the warmer months, wildfire preparedness becomes a critical focus for Cathedral City residents. Due to our dry climate, high winds, and proximity to open land, the risk of fast-spreading wildfires is a real concern. Taking proactive steps now can help protect your home, family, and community.

Wildfire Safety Tips:

- **Create Defensible Space:** Maintain a 30-foot clearance around your home by removing dry brush, dead vegetation, and flammable debris. Trim trees and shrubs to prevent fire spread.
- **Harden Your Home:** Install ember-resistant vents, use fire-resistant landscaping, and ensure roofing materials meet wildfire safety standards.
- **Have an Emergency Plan:** Identify evacuation routes, establish a family communication plan, and prepare a go-bag with essentials (medications, important documents, food, and water).
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for Cathedral City emergency alerts and follow local fire department updates for real-time information.
- **Report Hazards:** If you notice overgrown vegetation or illegal fire hazards, report them to Cathedral City Fire & EMS for assessment and mitigation.

By taking these simple yet effective precautions, we can reduce wildfire risks and protect our homes and loved ones. Let's work together to make Cathedral City more resilient against fire threats!

For more safety resources and emergency preparedness guides, please visit **cathedralcityfire.org**.

Upcoming Events

Canyon Shores (Hands-Only CPR & Stop the Bleed)

Date/Time: Monday, March 10, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: 35200 Cathedral Canyon Dr

Instructor: Christopher Dietz

Car Seat Safety Program

Date/Time: Saturday, March 22, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: 32100 Desert Vista Rd

Contact: Jeff Smith

Description: This one-day event provides hands-on demonstrations and assistance with proper car-seat installation, ensuring every child passenger in our community is safe.

Touch-A-Truck Event / Career Day

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

(Presentation Window: 8:15 AM – 10:15 AM)

Location: Rio Vista Elementary

Contact: Sabrina (760) 912-1911; Booked by T. Lawrie

Details: Engine 3 will be on-site to showcase firefighting equipment and talk with students about careers in the fire service.

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OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



FIRE STATIONS

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STATION 2

32100 DESERT VISTA RD

STATION 3

27610 LANDAU BLVD