



May Re-Cap







Monthly Summary

May 2025 was a dynamic month for Cathedral City Fire & EMS, marked by strong community engagement, internal promotions, and continued implementation of Measure W staffing and service enhancements. The department expanded its impact through cadet outreach, car seat safety events, and recognition of personnel achievements, reinforcing its commitment to both public safety and workforce development.

Throughout the month, the department responded to 824 emergency service calls, including 620 EMS incidents with 506 billable transports and 23 fire-related calls. Personnel logged 1,190 training hours, participating in critical training activities such as auto extrication, ventilation, and live fire evolutions.

With significant progress in hiring for Medic 22, the launch of a department-wide wellness program, and continued leadership visibility across city and regional events, Cathedral City Fire & EMS remains steadfast in its mission to provide exceptional service grounded in professionalism, readiness, and community trust.

Key Achievements

-  **Medic 22 Staffing Nears Completion – Five new hires entered final background and evaluation stages in preparation for the upcoming June academy.**
-  **Promotions – Juan “Manny” Ramirez promoted to Firefighter EMT; Jeff Smith and Joe Richardson passed the Engineer promotional exam.**
-  **Cadet Program Expansion – Nine new students expressed interest after successful outreach at Cathedral City High School.**
-  **Community Representation – Chief Contreras attended the State of the City event and the Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Lawn.**
-  **Car Seat Safety Events – Two successful installation events provided direct safety education to local families.**
-  **Training Milestones – Auto extrication training conducted across all shifts; weekly training logged department-wide.**

Operational Stats

WEEKLY BREAKDOWN

- **MAY 1: 171 CALLS (133 EMS, 110 TRANSPORTS, 5 FIRES)**
- **MAY 8: 149 CALLS (121 EMS, 110 TRANSPORTS, 3 FIRES)**
- **MAY 15: 181 CALLS (126 EMS, 98 TRANSPORTS, 7 FIRES)**
- **MAY 22: 159 CALLS (110 EMS, 85 TRANSPORTS, 5 FIRES)**
- **MAY 29: 164 CALLS (130 EMS, 103 TRANSPORTS, 5 FIRES)**

Category	Totals
Total Calls	824
EMS Calls	620
Billable Transports	506
Fire Calls	23
Fire Inspections Passed	136

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Memorial Day at Forest Lawn



EMS

Car seat installation

Mutual Aid & Major Incidents

Significant Fires

- **Structure Fires:** Butterfield (May 14), Rancho Vista (May 25), multiple residential structure responses throughout the month.
- **Vehicle Fires:** Encinitas (May 8), additional incidents across mid-May.
- **Trash & Equipment Fires:** Trash truck fire on Mission Drive; outside equipment and storage fires reported.
- **Brush Fires:** May 3 and several smaller incidents throughout the month.

MUTUAL AID SUMMARY

Agency	Aid Received	Aid Given	Aid Denied	Auto Aid Received
AMR	9	5	2	1
Riverside County Fire (RIVCO)	4	4	0	2
Palm Springs Fire (PS Fire)	5	5	0	2

Fire Prevention & CRR

Fire Prevention

136 inspections passed out of 158 conducted in May.

Reviewed fire protection plans for:

- The Collection at Campanile
- Perez Gardens
- Sun Community Credit Union
- Forest Lawn Expansion
- Mark's Burgers
- AT&T Facility
- Yumi Spa
- El Portal Mexican Restaurant

Community Risk Reduction & Community Engagement

- Cadet Program Outreach at Cathedral City High School – nine new students expressed interest in joining.
- Fire Academy Graduation – COD Fire Academy celebrated the graduation of Devin Robles.
- Esperanza Park Grand Opening – Department joined residents and city leaders for the celebration.
- Memorial Day Ceremony – Fire personnel participated in remembrance events at Forest Lawn.

Recruitment & Staffing

- Juan “Manny” Ramirez promoted from Ambulance Operator to Firefighter EMT, joining the Medic 22 team.
- Engineer Promotional Exam successfully completed by Jeff Smith and Joe Richardson - both are scheduled for promotion.
- Five firefighter paramedic candidates entered the final stages of onboarding for the June 16 academy as part of Measure W expansion.
- Ongoing background checks, medical evaluations, and gear preparation were completed for incoming recruits.
- Firefighter candidate interviews held for current Ambulance Operators seeking internal advancement.
- Planning meetings were conducted with staff to align onboarding, training, and deployment strategies for new positions and promotions.

Leadership Development Grants Funding & Training

Leadership Development

- Executive Team Meeting held with Battalion Chiefs to align on department priorities, staffing, and long-term planning.
- Fire Chief Ride-Along with Engine 3 emphasized frontline performance and strengthened leadership presence.
- Station Visits conducted by Chief Contreras to discuss upcoming promotions, training plans, and staffing strategy.

Grants, Funding & Training

- Measure W Implementation continued with background processing, equipment ordering, and academy planning.
- Wellness Program Vendor Site Visit completed, final phase before implementation of annual firefighter physicals.
- Auto Extrication Training conducted department-wide as part of ongoing skills development.

Training & Professional Dev.

Monthly Total Training Hours

Over the course of April 2025, Cathedral City Fire & EMS personnel accumulated a combined 2,079.5 training hours. These hours were dedicated to refining EMS operations, fire suppression tactics, apparatus operations, and community risk reduction.

Program	Monthly Total Hours
Administrative	262
Apparatus Ops	124
Clerical & Budget	18
Construction	1
EMS	168.5
Hazmat	1
ICS	22
Physical Fitness	323
Portable & Small Equip	141
Prevention	525
Rescue	162
Suppression	297.5
Training, College	18
Vehicle Repair	16.5
Total	2079.5

Training & Professional Dev.



Resident Safety Awareness

As Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer, Cathedral City Fire & EMS encourages all residents to enjoy the season safely. Whether you're grilling outdoors, spending time near the pool, or traveling, a few simple precautions can make all the difference in protecting your loved ones.

Top Summer Safety Tips for May:

- **Grill Safely:** Keep BBQs at least 10 feet away from structures and never leave them unattended while in use. Check gas connections and clean grease buildup regularly.
- **Fireworks Warning:** Fireworks are illegal in Cathedral City. Even small sparklers can cause burns or fires - opt for glow sticks or supervised community events instead.
- **Pool & Water Safety:** Always watch children around water. Install proper fencing and safety covers, and know CPR basics.
- **Beat the Heat:** Wear light-colored clothing, drink plenty of water, and never leave kids or pets in a parked car.
- **Travel Prepared:** Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle stocked with water, snacks, a flashlight, and first-aid supplies in case of breakdowns or delays.

Enjoy the sunshine, protect your family, and help us keep Cathedral City safe all season long.

Upcoming Events

Disaster Preparedness

Date/Time: Saturday, June 7th, 2025 |
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: 32100 Desert Vista Rd (EOC)

Description: This event will provide information on how to stay prepared in the event of an emergency.

Car Seat Safety Program

Date/Time: Saturday, September 6th, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: 32100 Desert Vista Rd (EOC)

Description: This one-day event provides hands-on demonstrations and assistance with proper car-seat installation.

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