

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room
Coquitlam City Hall
3000 Guilford Way
Coquitlam, BC

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 22, 2025

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Pedestrian Safety Improvements (Presentation by Anagha Krishnan, Team Lead Road Safety and Operations)**
7:05 - 7:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 3. Extreme Weather Planning and Policies (Presentation by Eva Kaczmarczyk, Manager Risk and Emergency Programs)**
7:25 - 7:45 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 4. Fire/Rescue Incident Responses: Types and Trends (Presentation by Scott Young, Fire Chief)**
7:45 - 8:05 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 5. Homelessness and Encampment Response (Presentation by Jacquie Tonello, Community Safety Advisor)**
8:05 - 8:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:25 - 8:45 p.m. (20 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS



NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, November 20, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 22, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

**Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair*
Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Julianne (Jewels) Cressman, Citizen Representative
Carol Metz, Citizen Representative*
Mezie Odigboh, Citizen Representative
Judy Payne, School District No. 43
Ravinder Safaya, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative
Ally Wang, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Mo Ziaei, Block Watch Program

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety
Bryan Eberle, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention
Kim Singh, Senior Manager Police Services
Sean O’Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation
Chris Heimsoth, Community Policing Supervisor
Sgt. Marek Goluch, Coquitlam RCMP CGET
Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section
Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Youth Gang Exit Program**

Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section gave a presentation entitled “Youth Gang Exit Program” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The process of how youth are referred to the Youth Gang Exit Program.
- Statistics on the number of youths entering the program and the metrics used to evaluate the program.
- Other work the Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section engages in outside of gang prevention work.
- Opportunity to inform parents on early indicator signs and factors pushing youth into gang involvement.
- Opportunity to have a youth council provide input to the Coquitlam RCMP.
- Concerns the vacancy rate of positions at the RCMP nationally are leading to less involvement with schools.
- Opportunity for greater Program involvement in schools and recognition of the limited personnel available for Program expansion.

3. Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team (CGET) including Inadmissible Patrons Program

The Senior Manager Police Services advised that the Inadmissible Patrons Program noted in Item 3 of the Agenda package would not be presented at this time due to a program review.

Sgt. Marek Goluch, Coquitlam RCMP Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team gave a presentation entitled “Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team” and referred to slides contained in the amended Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Coquitlam RCMP's knowledge and awareness of repeat gang offenders in the community.
- Online enforcement mechanisms for gang prevention and the allocation of officers towards cybercrime prevention at Coquitlam RCMP.
- The interlinking of regional RCMP intelligence with local-level knowledge.
- The proportion of crime in Coquitlam caused by high-risk local offenders versus offenders from other cities coming into Coquitlam to commit crime.
- The increase of retail theft in Coquitlam.

Leo Chen left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:05 p.m.).

4. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Basics

The Community Policing Supervisor gave a presentation entitled: "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Sgt. Marek Goluch left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:30 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to how CPTED principles have been integrated into City services and City infrastructure to discourage crime.

5. Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update

Carol Metz left the meeting at this time and did not return (8:34 p.m.).

The Assistant Chief Fire Prevention provided a presentation entitled "Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Opportunity to create a volunteer program to clear dried hedges, bushes, etc. for fire prevention.
- Opportunity to use the City of Coquitlam app to inform residents of fire safety, wildfire risk, and other fire prevention related information through push notifications.
- The low participation in the City's free wood chipping program and opportunity to improve communication for future campaigns.
- Concerns on the need to seek grant funding annually and the associated impacts on staffing recruitment and retention.

6. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee Members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concern about the increasing trend of property crime in Coquitlam’s City Centre.
- Concern construction work on Burke Mountain may be leading to deteriorating road conditions and challenging visibility due to the presence of large construction vehicles parking on road shoulders.
- The role the City has in supporting the homeless population.
- Concern social media misinformation and repeated video sharing of old incidents is leading to an increased perception of youth violence when statistically they are at a low point.
- Concern regarding of stagnant creek flow at a section of Hoy Creek behind Parkwood Manor.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 18, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair

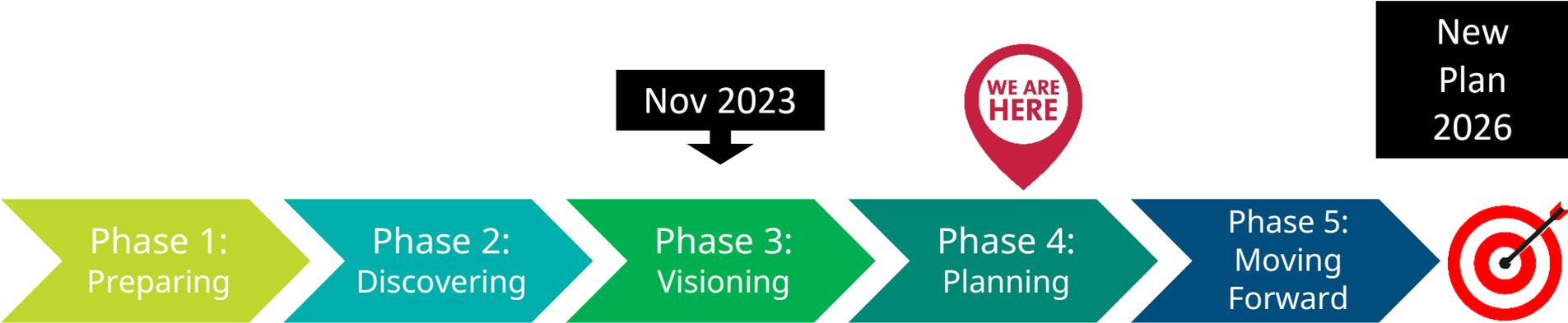
Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk



City of Coquitlam

Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Towards Vision Zero

Transportation Plan & Road Safety Program



Transportation Plan & Road Safety Program

Vision

Coquitlam is a **complete** and **connected** community that prioritizes the **sustainable movement** of people and goods to support a **thriving** economy, **healthy** environment and **equitable** society with **accessible, safe** and **reliable** transportation options for all.

Goals

Sustainable Mode Share
% of trips by active transportation & public transit

GHG Emissions
Transportation GHG emissions

Safety
Serious traffic injuries & fatalities

By
2050

50%

Zero

Zero

Road Safety Program

Systems Approach



Safer Streets



Partners in Safety



Culture of Safety



Planning for Safety

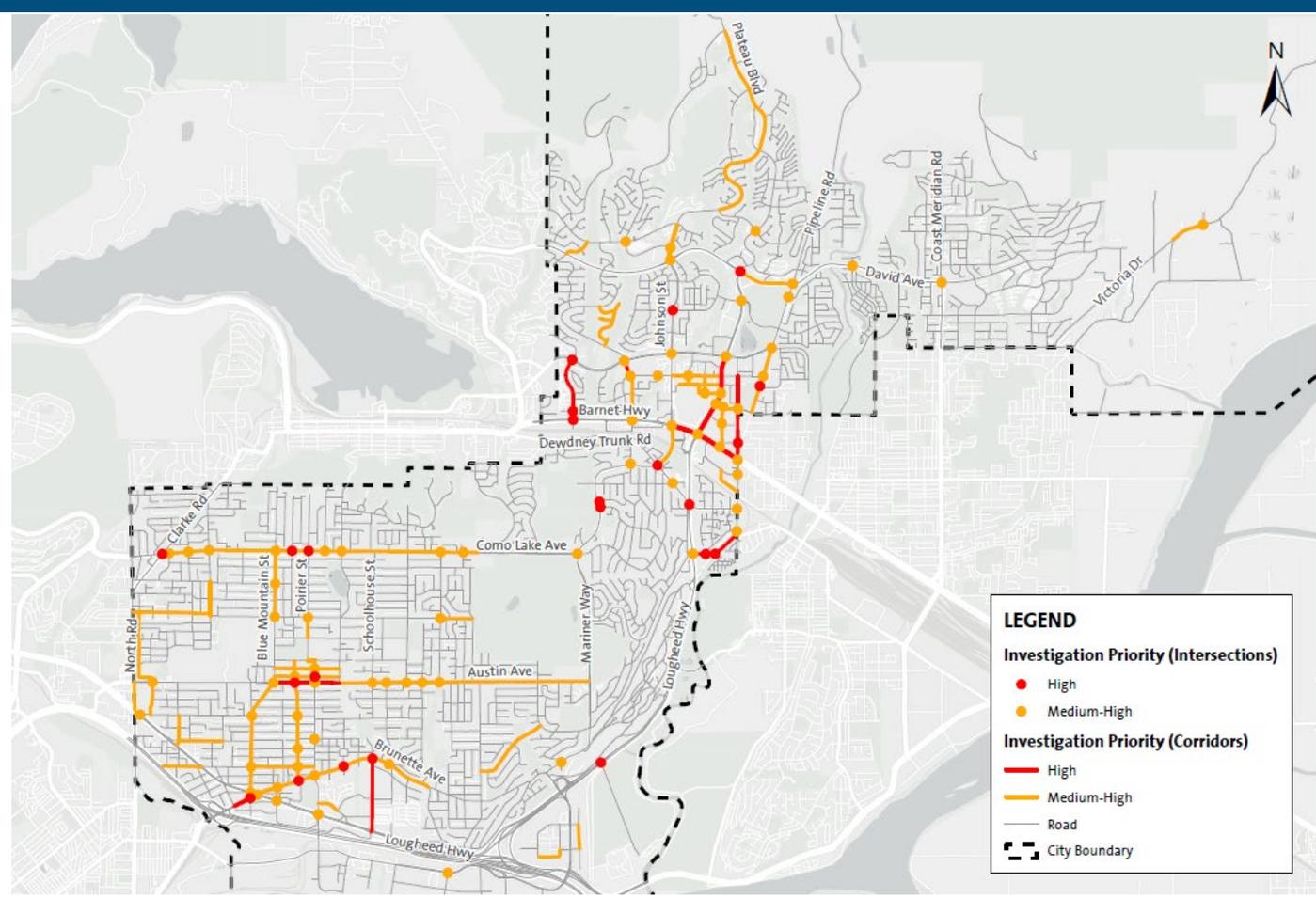


Moving from Vision to Action

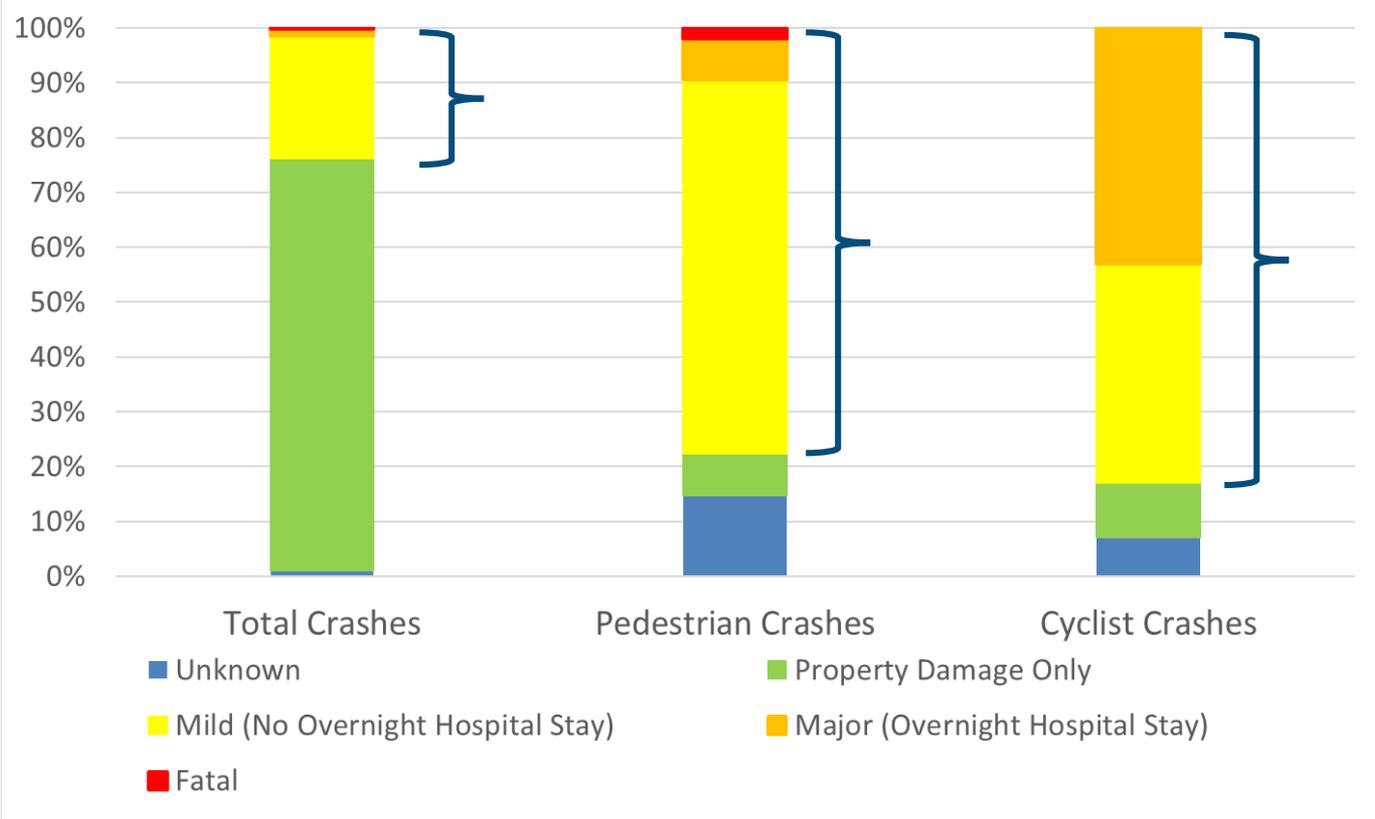


High Risk Network

- Greatest risk of death and serious injury collisions
- Helps prioritize locations



Collision Victims by Injury Class

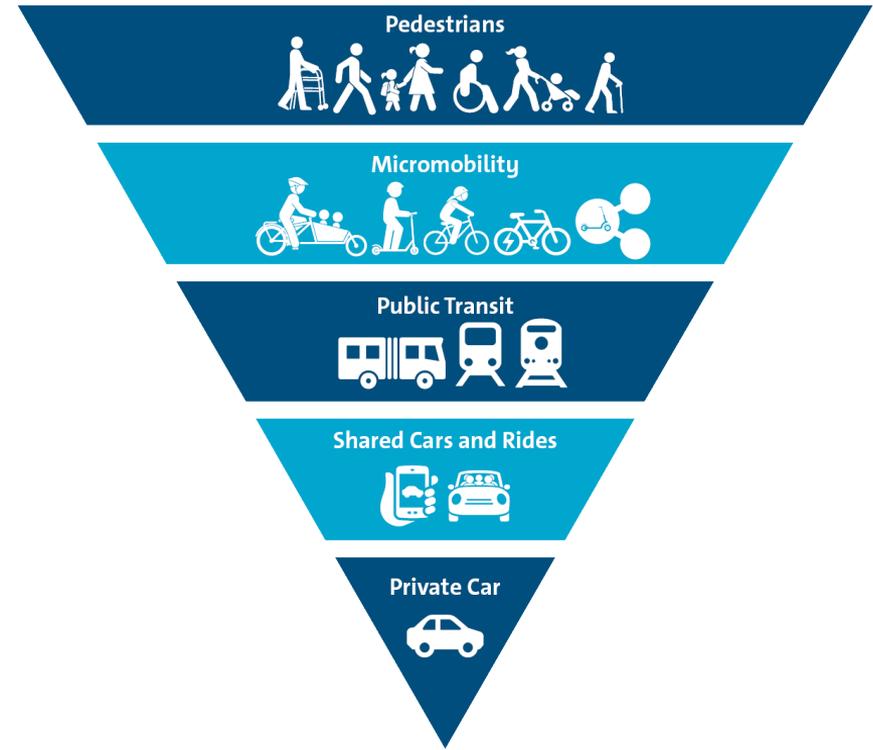


Why Walking is Important



96%
Walk

**All trips begin and end as a
walk trip**



Marked Crosswalks

- Crosswalk markings are not used indiscriminately
- Vehicles required to yield to pedestrians in unmarked crosswalks
 - Legally the same as marked crosswalks
- Over 200 locations in City
- Increases visibility for pedestrians



Marked Crosswalks

- Vegetation removal to improve visibility



Marked Crosswalks

- Stopping restrictions near crosswalks for visibility



RRFB's

- Can improve driver compliance
- Currently 45 locations - high usage crossings
- Audible message for visually impaired pedestrians
- Approximately \$15,000 per location
- Base budget of \$150,000 + ICBC funding
- 8-10 Locations per year – community interest in more



Curb Extensions

- Shortening Crossing Distance
- Improved sight lines at intersection
- Standard with Development
- \$50,000 - \$100,000 per location
- \$100,000 2025 annual budget



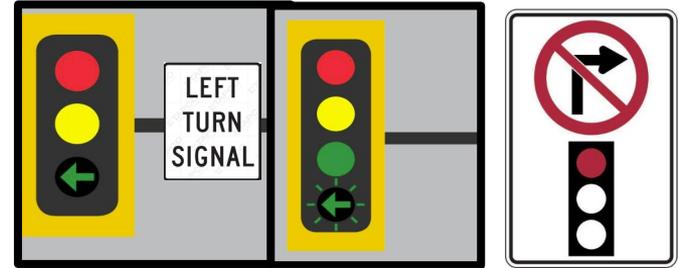
Temporary Curb Extensions

- **Applicability**
 - Lower Cost than permanent curb extensions
 - Easily adjustable
 - Temporary installations
 - Increased maintenance costs → Used sparingly
- **Costs & Funding**
 - ~\$5,000 - \$10,000 per approach



Protected Turning Movements

- Protected Left Turns & No Right Turns on Red
- Leading pedestrian intervals
- Proven countermeasure
- Reduces risk of collisions
- Improved sight lines



Additional Pedestrian Safety Measures

- Median refuge islands to allow two-stage crossings



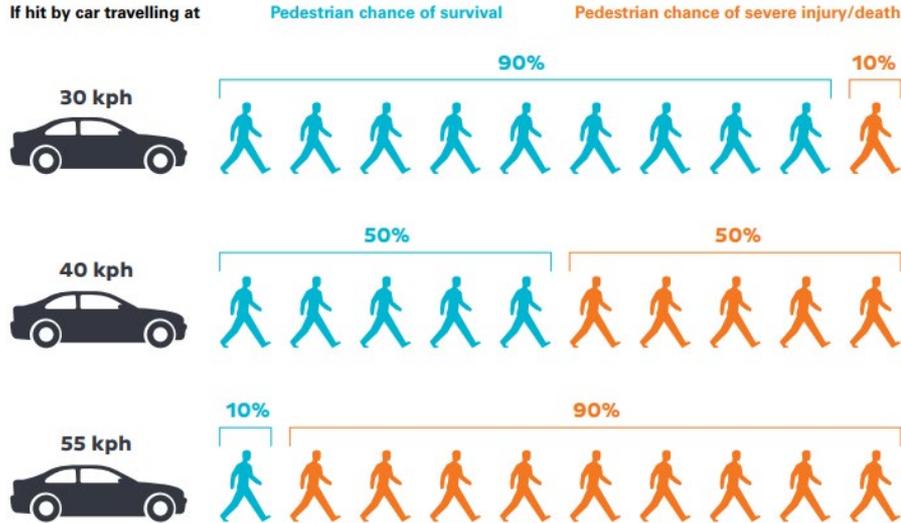
Additional Pedestrian Safety Measures

- School pavement marking



Additional Pedestrian Safety Measures

- Safe speeds - manage speeds through enforcement, road design and speed limits



Questions & Discussions



Thank you



City of Coquitlam – Risk and Emergency Management

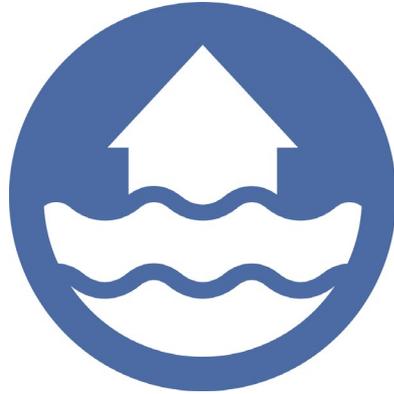
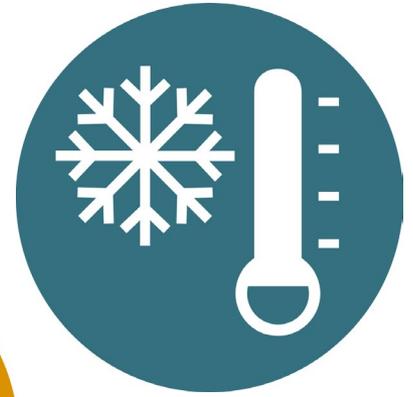
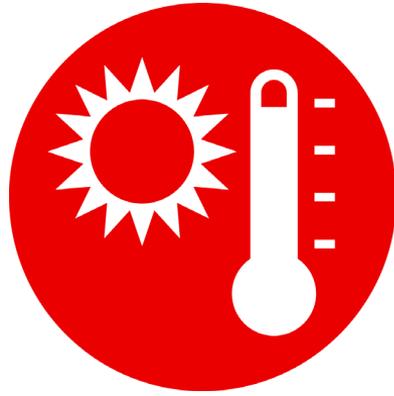
Extreme Weather Response

Agenda

1. Extreme Heat
2. Air Quality / Wildfire Smoke
3. Flooding
4. Wind Storms
5. Winter Weather



**How can
you be
better
prepared?**



Prepared BC

Extreme Heat

Activation Level	City Action
Pre-season	Review the plan, coordinate internally.
Heat Warning	Deploy public messaging regarding heat alerts. Provide information on where and how to beat the heat within the City.
Extreme Heat Emergency	Activate cooling centres. Deploy outdoor cooling options. Continue with public messaging.
Demobilization	Return to normal operations. Post-event debrief.

Air Quality / Wildfire Smoke

- Air quality is measured by the Air Quality Health Index.
- Metro Vancouver issues air quality warnings for this region.
- The City has a 8 facilities that can be converted into cleaner air spaces during periods of increased air quality risk.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	+
<u>Low Risk (1-3)</u>			<u>Moderate Risk (4-6)</u>			<u>High Risk (7-10)</u>				<u>Very High Risk</u>

Flooding

- The City has a Flood Response Plan.
- Engineering and Public Works leads:
 - Crews routinely inspect and clear infrastructure.
 - Response measures include:
 - Deploying stop logs and sand bags in targeted areas,
 - Installing temporary pumps,
 - Implementing road closures if necessary.
- Fire Rescue supports with operational guidelines for flood response and swift water rescue capabilities.



November 2021 – Coquitlam River

Wind Storms

- Wind storms can cause significant impacts, including fallen trees and power outages.
- Engineering and Public Works leads the response for downed trees and debris on roads and sidewalks
- Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities leads the response for damages trees on City property including parks.
- Property owners are responsible for trees on private property.



2015 Wind Storm – downed tree at Coquitlam Animal Shelter

Winter Weather

- The City's Winter Wise Program guides our snow / ice response.
- City roads, parking lots, and walkways are cleared according to a priority system.
- Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their property.



Emergency Management and Communications



- During extreme weather, Emergency Management coordinates with the Province, supports departments, and activates the Emergency Operations Centre as needed.
- Corporate Communications and Civic Engagement staff provide the public with timely updates, safety information, and service advisories during extreme weather events.

Do Your Part – Personal Preparedness

Do your part to ensure that you're prepared at home!

- Develop an Emergency Plan
- Build an Emergency Kit
- Build a Grab-and-Go Bag

Check out **PreparedBC.ca** for more information for step-by-step guides to prepare your household.



PreparedBC – Grab and Go Kit example



Thank you

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Fire and Rescue Incident Responses - Types and Trends

September 18, 2025

Community Perspectives

- Are you surprised at the types of responses we attend or at the ratio of fires to other types of responses?
- Where would you target education or prevention efforts to be the most effective? (What places or people groups)
- What is the most effective way to reach people with public safety messaging?
- What do you think is our most important safety messaging to the public as a Fire Service?



What we do:

Our primary purpose is to respond to emergencies, but we also:

- Teach public safety education.
- Run a robust Fire Prevention inspection program as well as FireSmart Activities.
- Perform Fire Investigation and Reporting.
- Do an enormous amount of skills training to prepare for all hazard responses.



What we do:



- Not uncommon to get the “Who do we call?” rescues or investigations.
- First known Pig rescue.
- We’ve rescued ducks frozen to ponds, cats, dogs, snakes, and many more.
- We’ve rescued kids from park equipment, chairs, stair case spindles.

Significant Incidents

- February 2024
- VW Dealership
- Unfortunately one member seriously injured



Significant Incidents

- **March 7, 2024**
- **523 Gatsensbury Fire**
- **Unfortunately another member seriously injured**



Significant Incidents

- June 2024
- Poco Mutual Aid



Significant Incidents

- **October 19, 2024**
- **Slide Incident**
- **High Stream Flows**



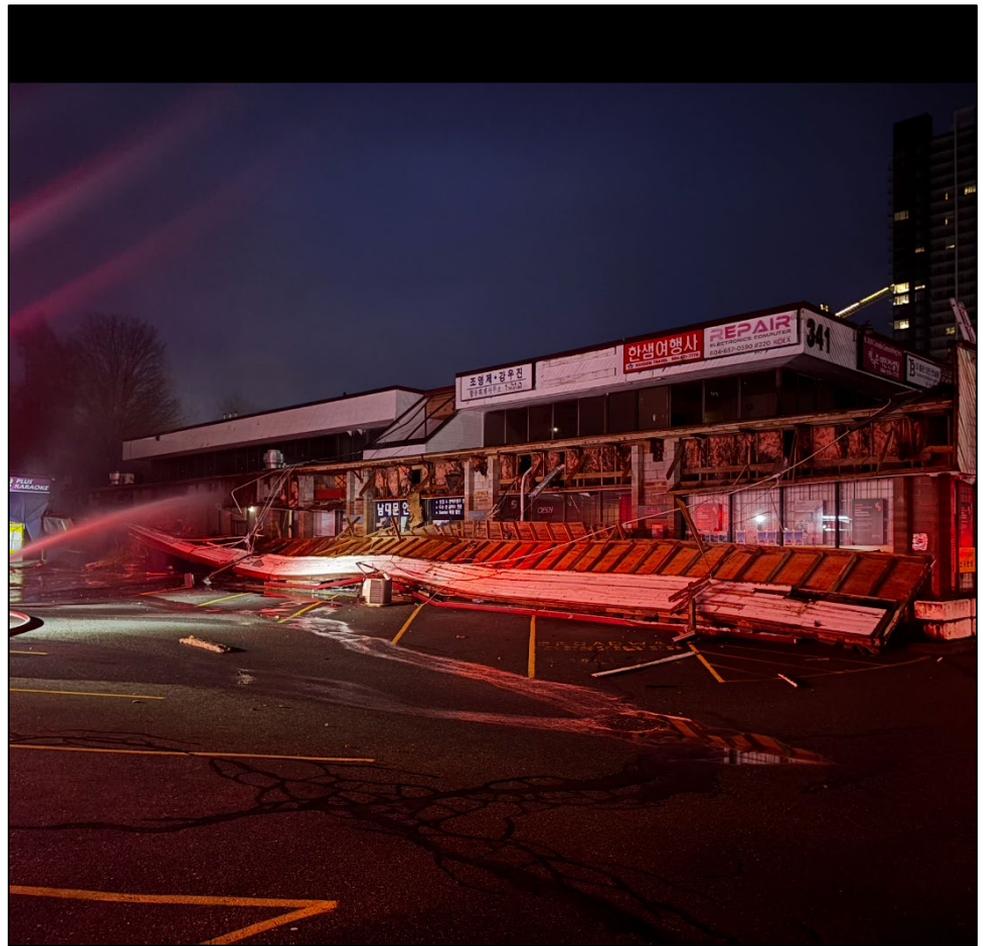
Significant Incidents

- November 27, 2024
- Shoppers Drug Mart Fire
- Great Save!



Significant Incidents

- December 2024
- 341 North Road
- Explosion and fire



Significant Incidents

- **December 2024**
- **65 Colony Farm Rd.**
- **Existing Fire, Water,
and Sewer Service
Agreement**



Significant Incidents

- **December 2024**
- **727 North Rd.**
- **Asbestos - building was deemed inhabitable**



Significant Incidents

- February 27, 2025
- 1881 Lemax St.
- Fire burned through roof structure in inaccessible void spaces



Significant Incidents

- Edwards Rd Cabin & WUI
- July 2025
- Seen by touring E4
- Unknown location issues
- BCWS responds and buckets
- Lucky not a dry summer

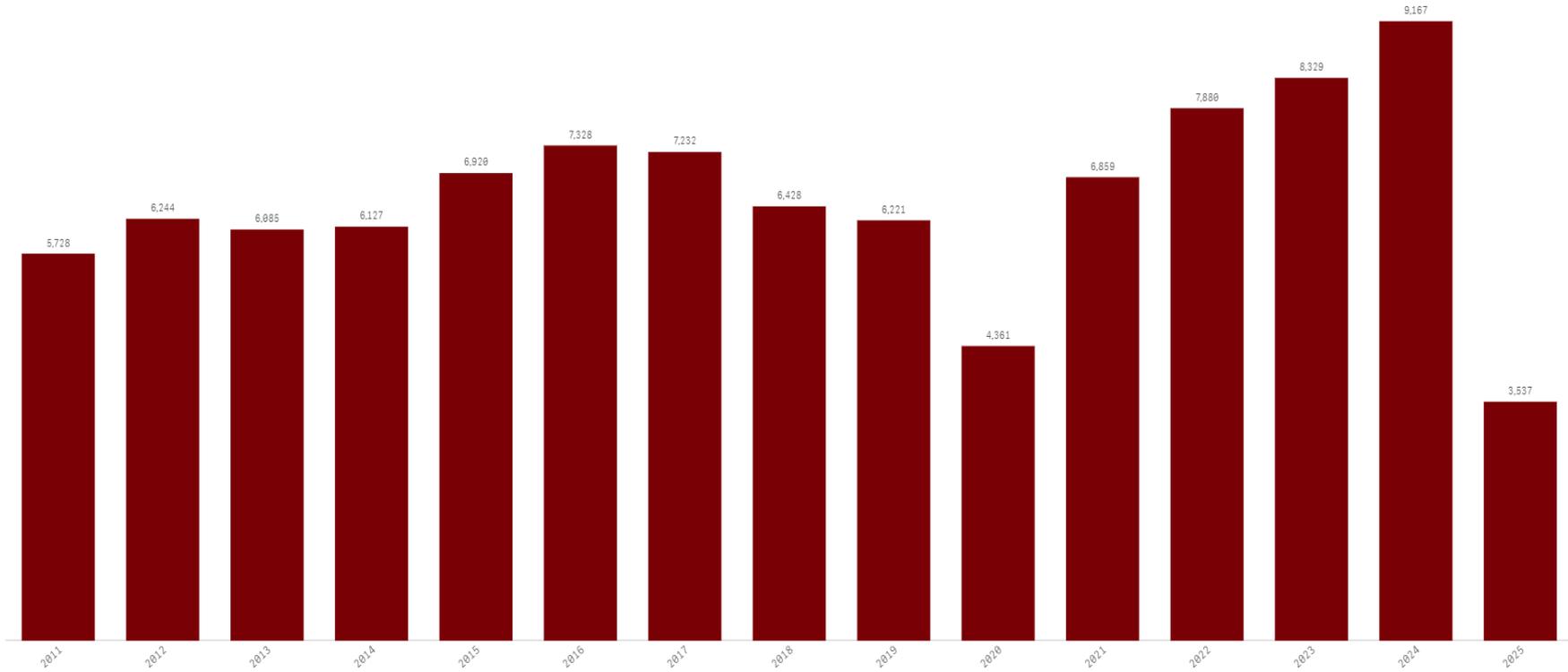


Significant Repeating Incidents

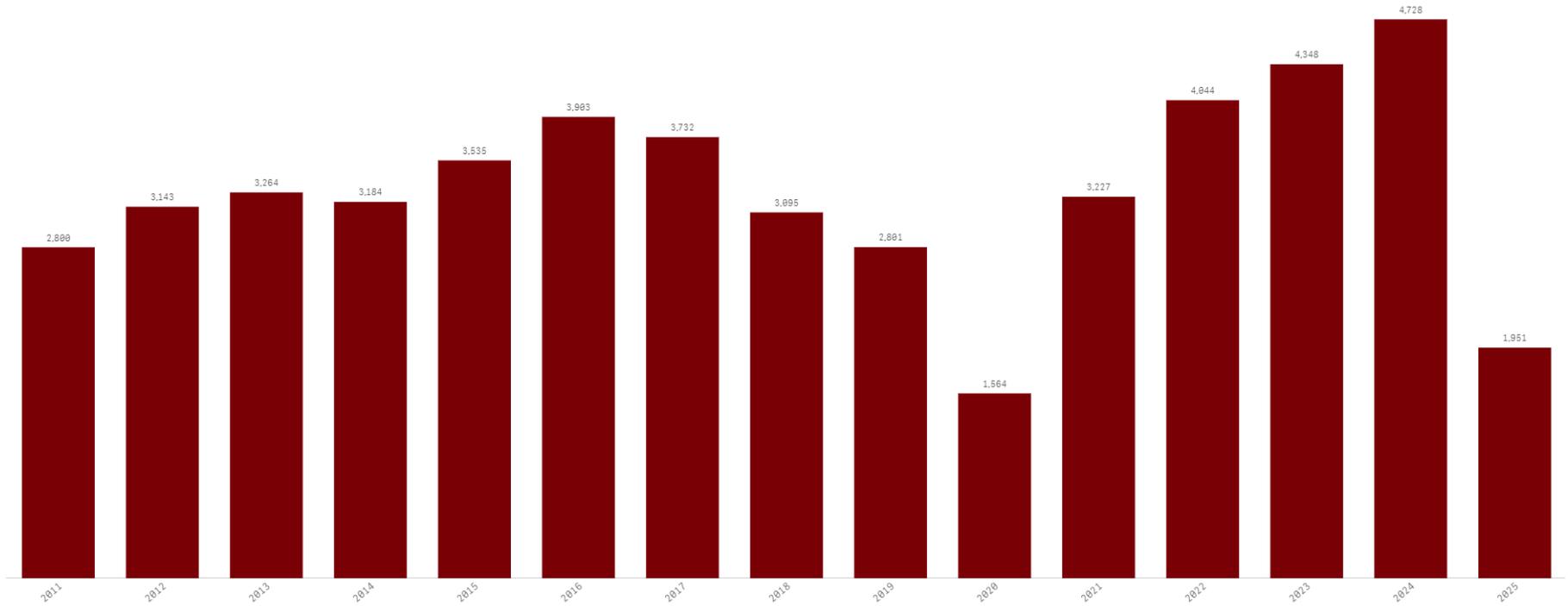
- Unhoused population
- Tent fires (27 fires 2020/2030 Gordon June 2024 - June 2025)
- RainCity Housing



Incidents by Year:

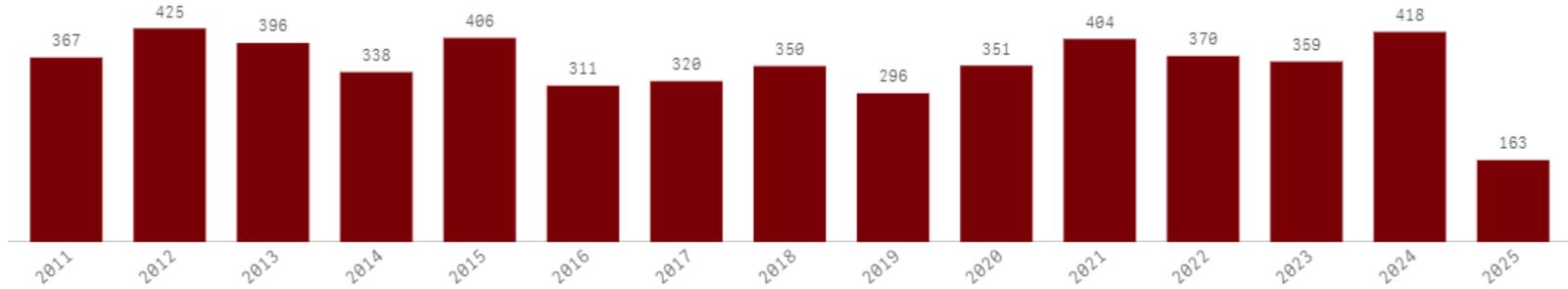


Incidents by Year - Medicals

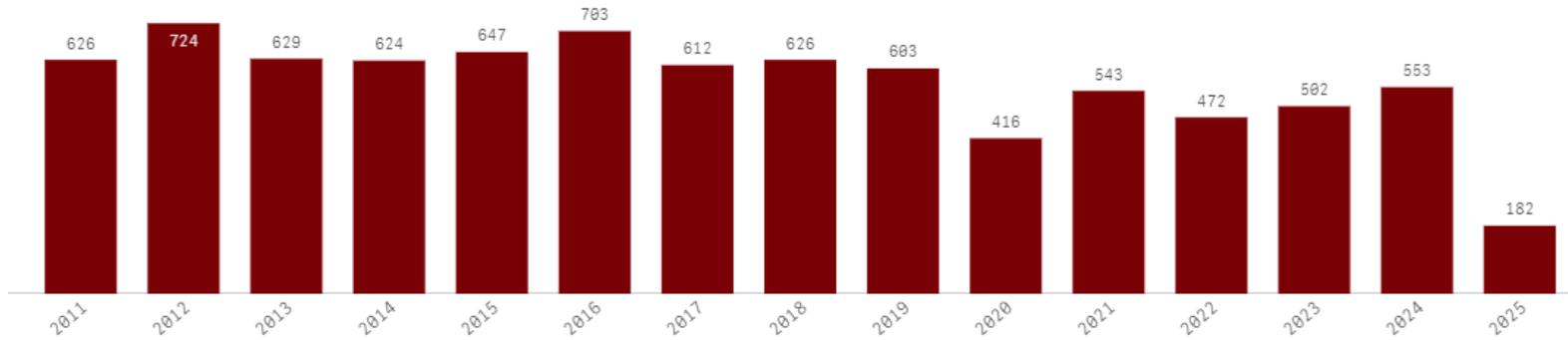


Incidents by Year - Fires, MVI's

Fires

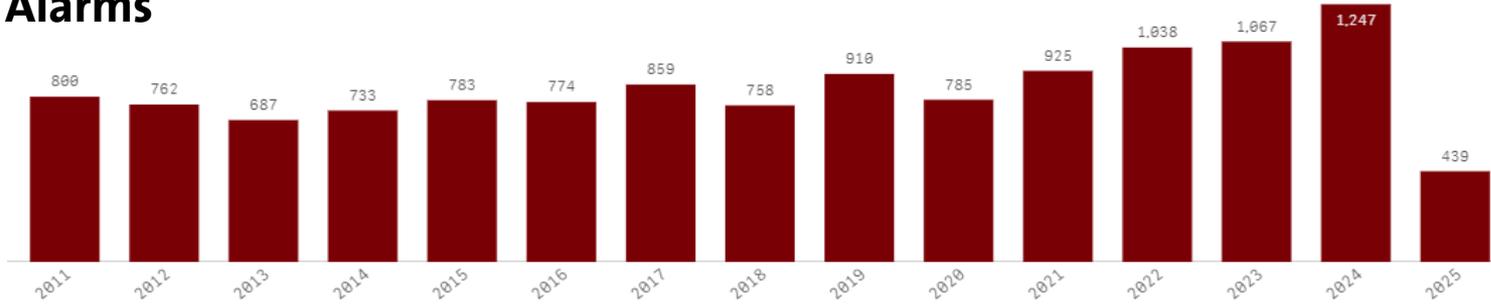


Motor Vehicle Incidents

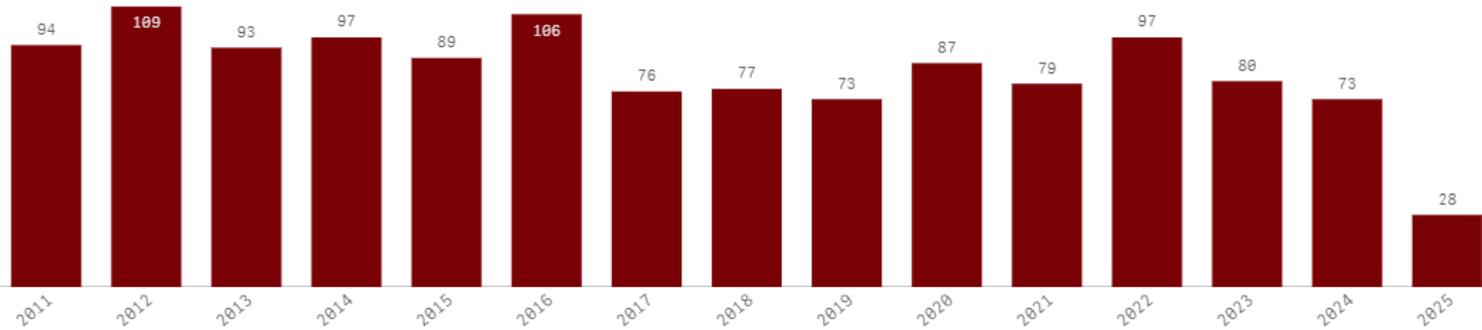


Incidents by Year - Alarms, Specialty Rescues

Alarms

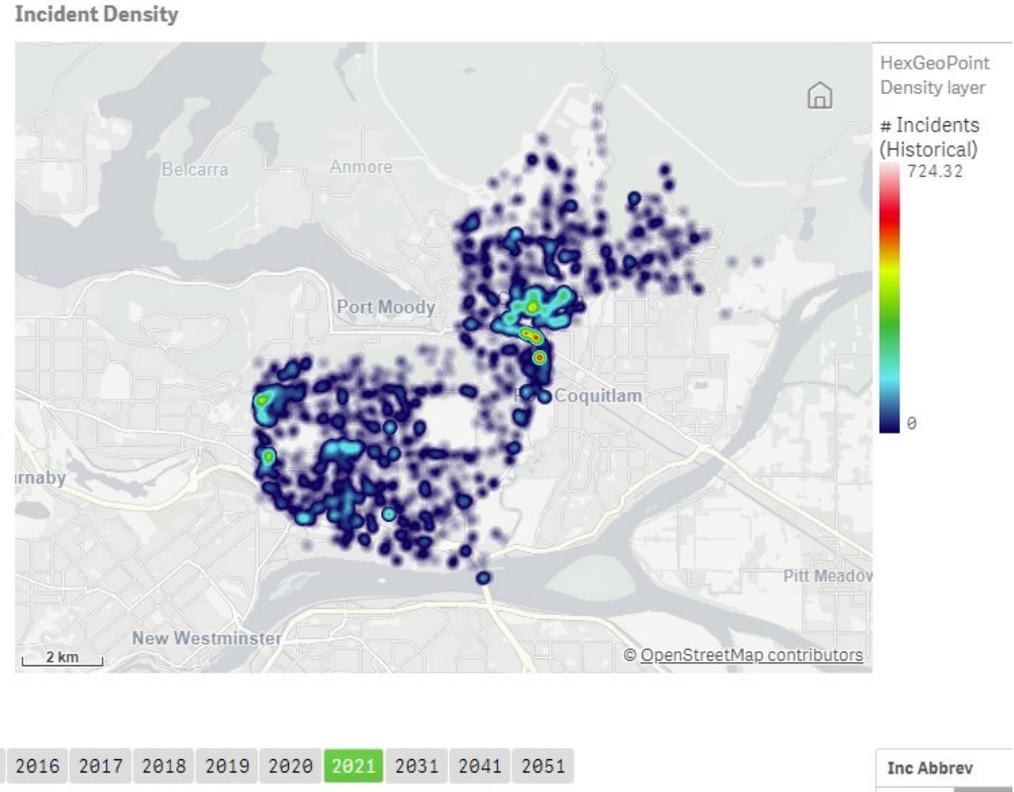


Specialty Rescues/Responses



Call Stats

- Heat map shows call density for 2021.
- This tool is used to determine optimal locations for fire halls.
- It is also used to model out expected call volumes in the future based on planning data and zoning.



Value to the Community

- Fire service has reduced insurance premiums and protected properties.
- If Coquitlam did not have a fire department, the average household would have to pay an additional \$1,400/year for house insurance.
- 56,000 homes X \$1,400= \$78.4M in annual savings for homeowners
- Fire Department annual budget for 2024 is \$33M.



Your Perspective?

- Are you surprised at the types of responses we attend or at the ratio of fires to other types of responses?
- Where would you target education or prevention efforts to be the most effective? (What places or people groups)
- What is the most effective way to reach people with public safety messaging?
- What do you think is our most important safety messaging to the public as a Fire Service?



City of Coquitlam Community Safety

Homelessness and Encampment Response



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Agenda & Discussion Starters

1. What are some of the ways that homelessness impacts you and your daily life?
2. What do you believe are the main challenges in addressing homelessness?



Complexity of Homelessness



Increase in Homelessness

Regional Homelessness:

- 9% increase overall
 - 64% sheltered
 - 36% unsheltered

Tri-Cities Homelessness

- 10% decrease overall
 - 23% drop in sheltered
 - 11% increase in unsheltered



Homelessness & Encampments

Community Impacts of Homeless Encampments



Homelessness Encampment Response

- Multiple locations
- Trauma-informed approach
- Bylaw Enforcement leads
- RCMP ensures the safety of all

Coordinated Enforcement Team – Encampment Response



The CETER is comprised of the following:

1. Community Safety Advisor
2. RCMP
3. Fire Prevention
4. Bylaw Enforcement
5. Fraser Health – Environmental Health Protection
6. BC Housing
7. Other City staff and community service providers

Challenges and City Actions

- Public Safety Management:
 - The City coordinates daily efforts through Bylaw Enforcement, RCMP, Fire/Rescue, Public Works and other community partners to mitigate risks at encampments throughout the City, including fires, refuse, open drug use, and unsanitary conditions.
- Legal Limitations:
 - Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to shelter when no alternatives exist, limiting the City's ability to remove encampments.
- Resource Strain:
 - In 2024, responding to encampment-related incidents at Gordon Avenue utilized:
 - 750 hours of RCMP response,
 - 598 hours of Fire/Rescue support, and
 - Significant contributions from Bylaw Officers and Public Works.

Safety & Partnership Prioritization



Discussion

1. What are some of the ways that homelessness is impacting you and your daily life?
2. Are there any safety or partnerships that were not mentioned or have not been considered that we should consider?



Thank You

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