

## **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**

Agenda – Regular Committee Meeting  
Community Safety Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, September 18, 2025

**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:**

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Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair

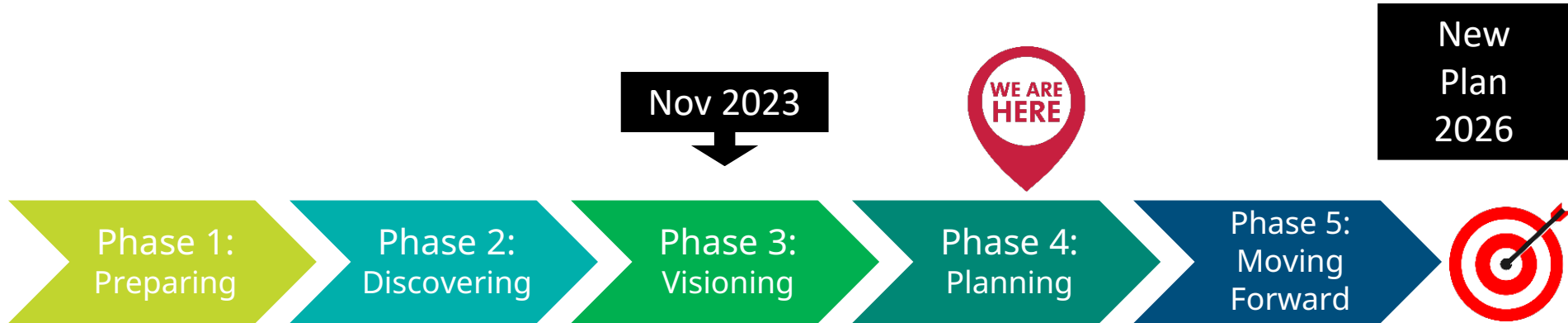
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Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk



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

By  
2050

### Sustainable Mode Share

% of trips by active transportation & public transit

50%

### GHG Emissions

Transportation GHG emissions

Zero

### Safety

Serious traffic injuries & fatalities

Zero



# Road Safety Program

## Systems Approach



## Safer Streets



## Partners in Safety



## Culture of Safety



## Planning for Safety



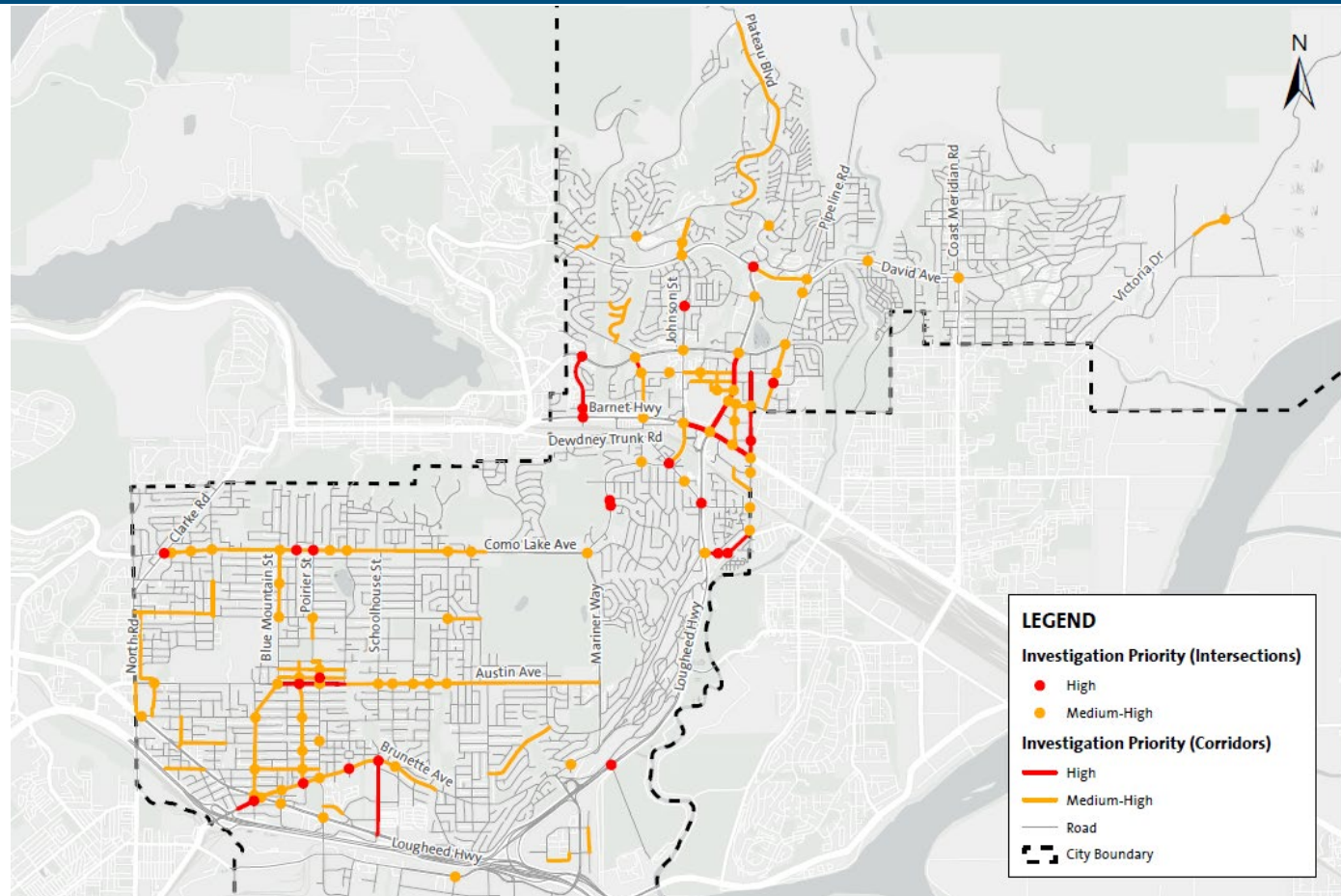


# Moving from Vision to Action

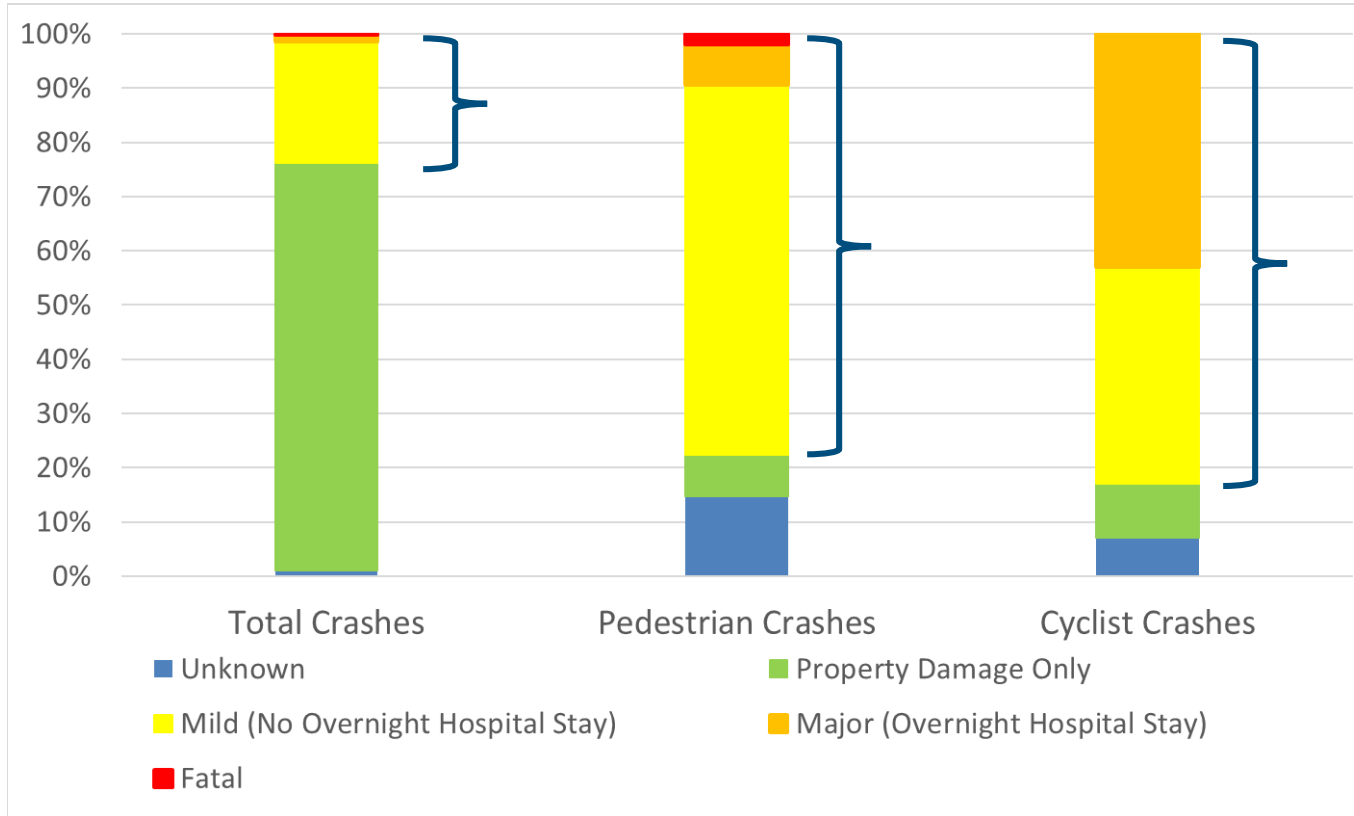


# High Risk Network

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



# Collision Victims by Injury Class

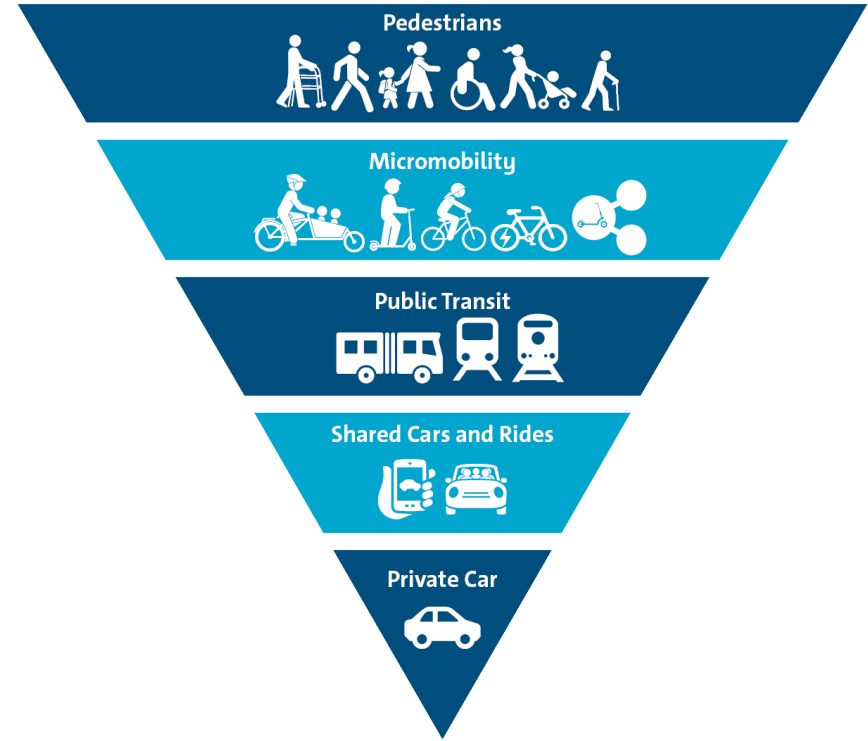


# Why Walking is Important



**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

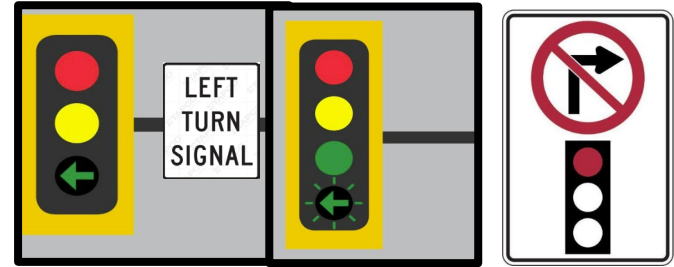
- **Applicability**
  - Lower Cost than permanent curb extensions
  - Easily adjustable
  - Temporary installations
  - Increased maintenance costs → Used sparingly
- **Costs & Funding**
  - ~\$5,000 - \$10,000 per approach





# 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

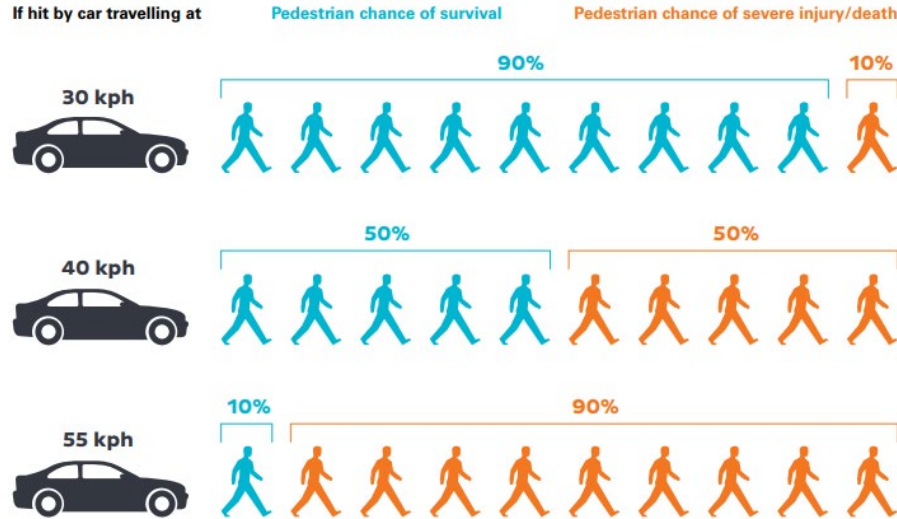
- School pavement marking



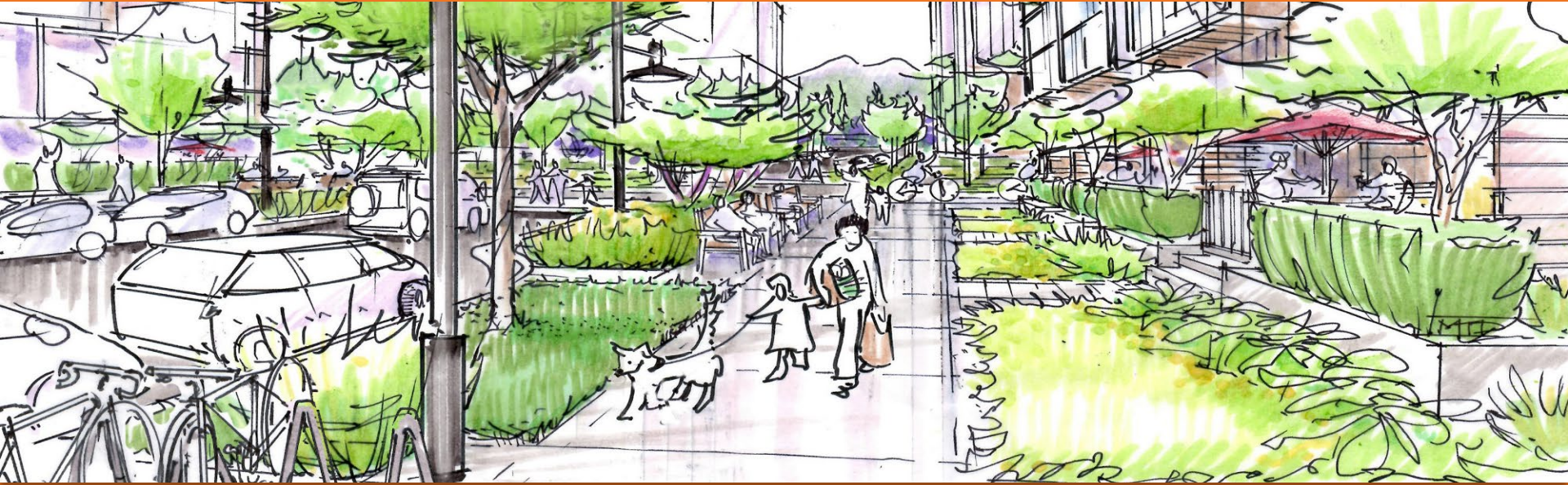


# Additional Pedestrian Safety Measures

- 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

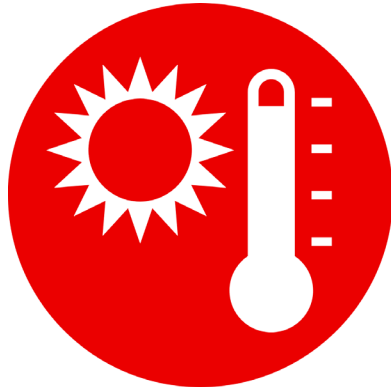


# Agenda

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</u> <u>Risk (1-3)</u>			<u>Moderate</u> <u>Risk (4-6)</u>			<u>High</u> <u>Risk (7-10)</u>				<u>Very</u> <u>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.

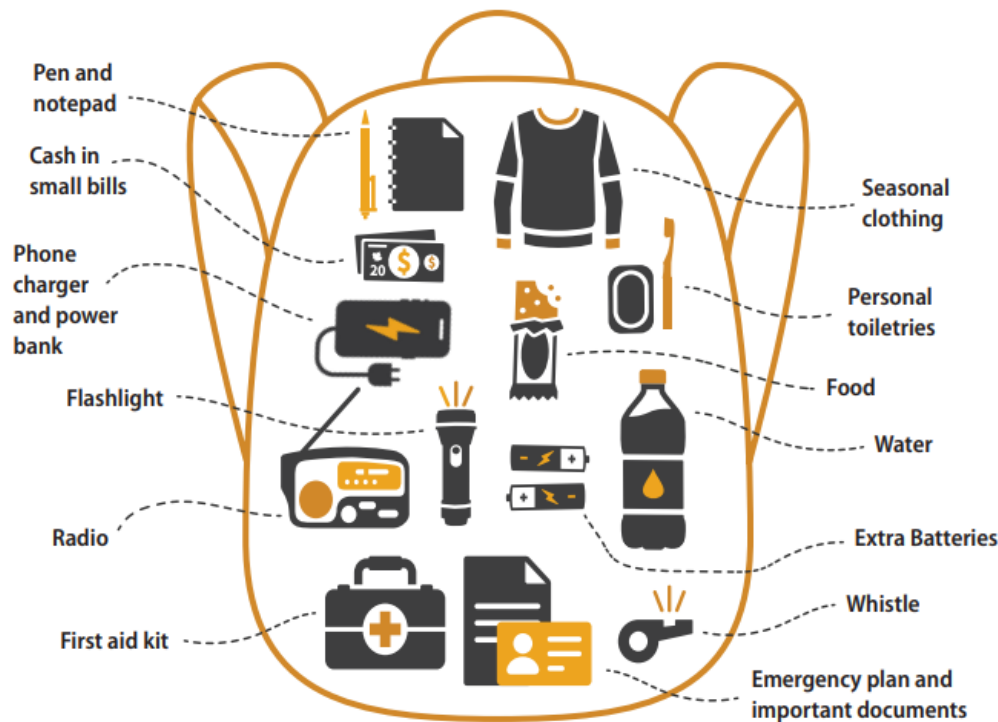


# Do Your Part – Personal Preparedness

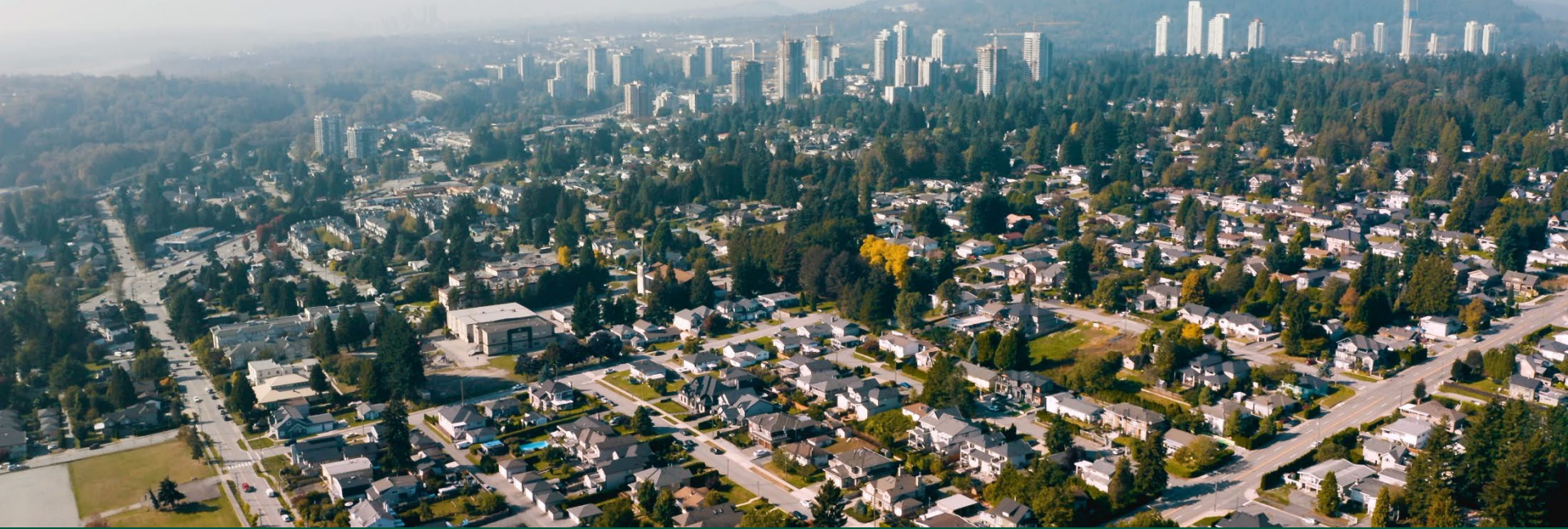
Do your part to ensure that you're prepared at home!

- 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





# 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**



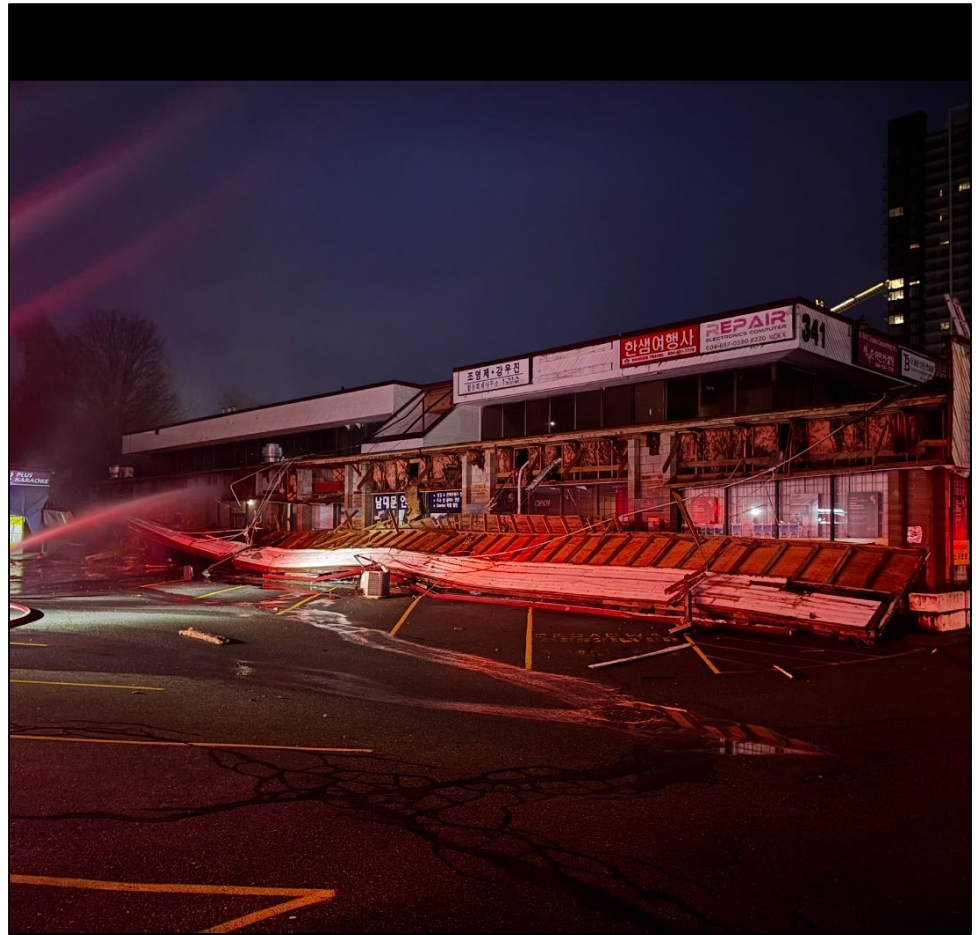
# Significant Incidents

- 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





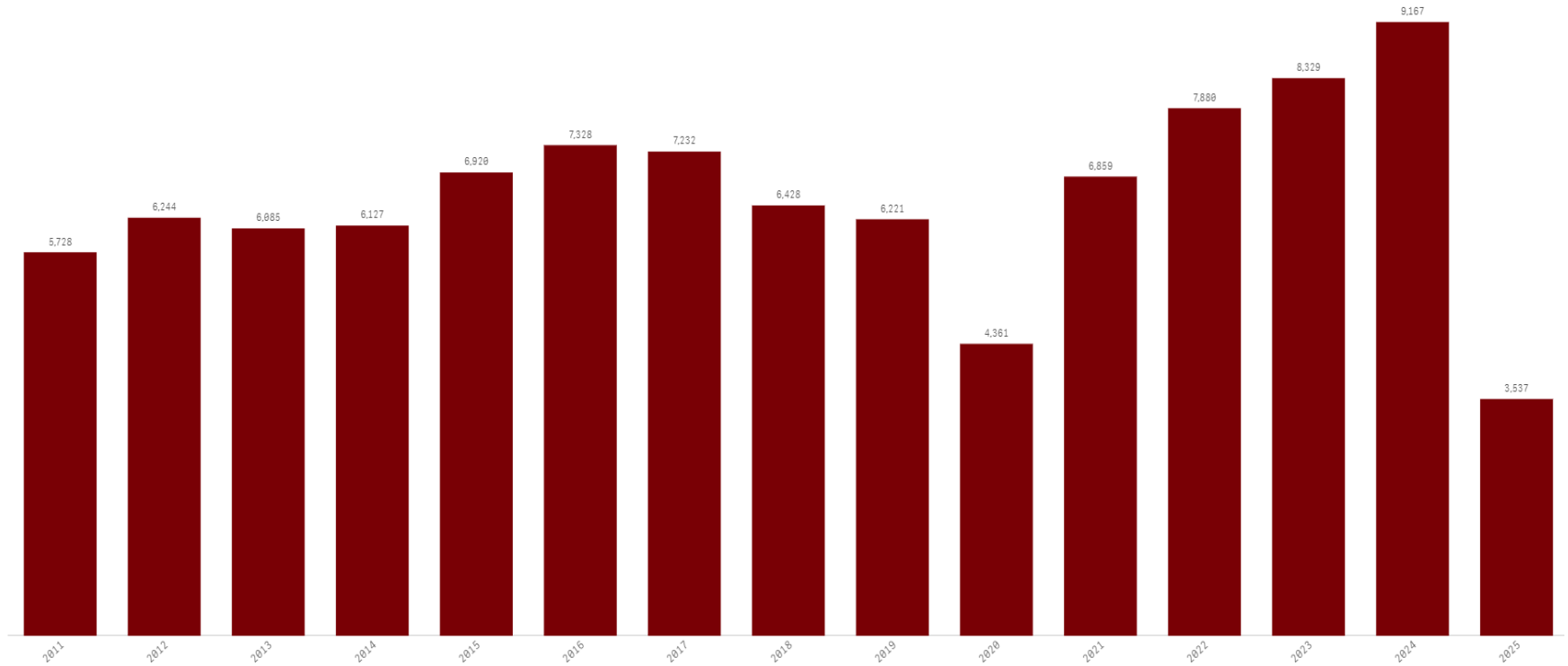
# Significant Repeating Incidents

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

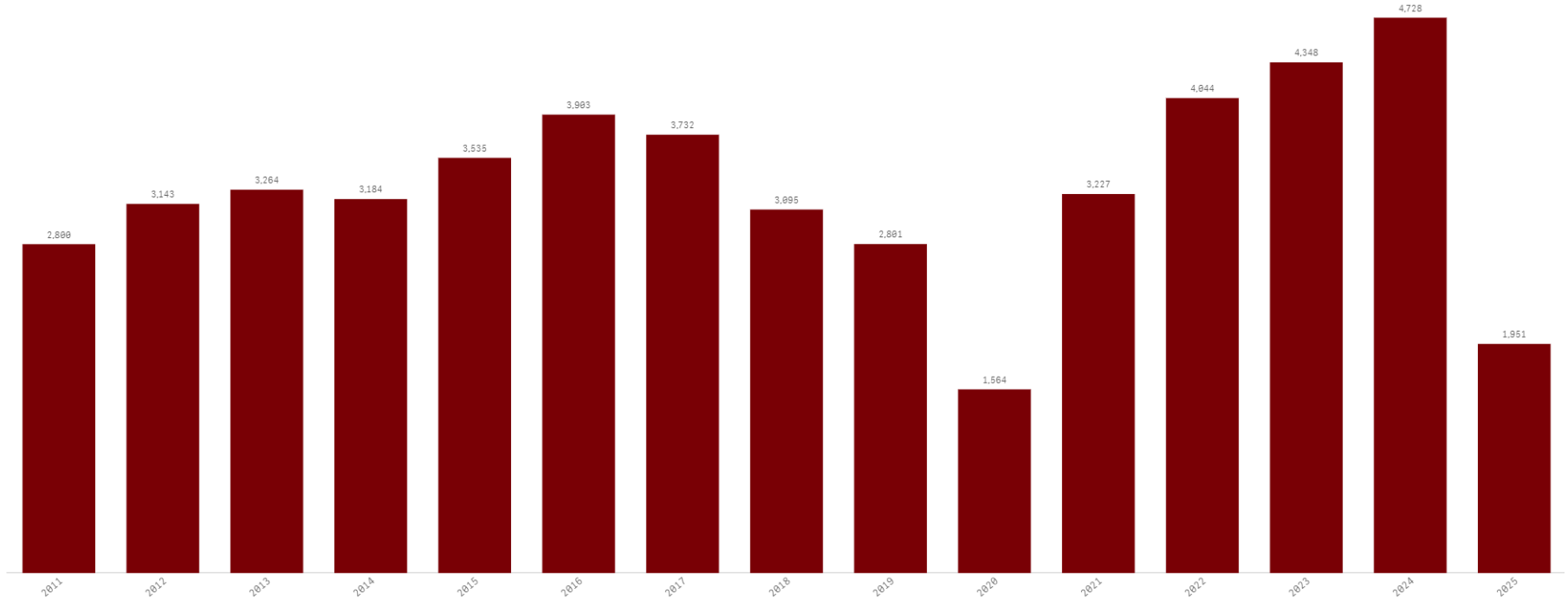




## Incidents by Year:

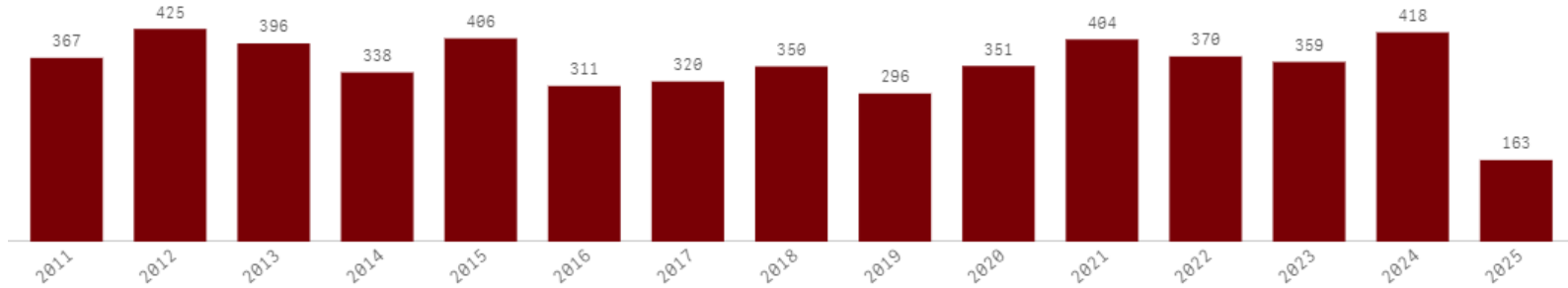


# Incidents by Year - Medicals

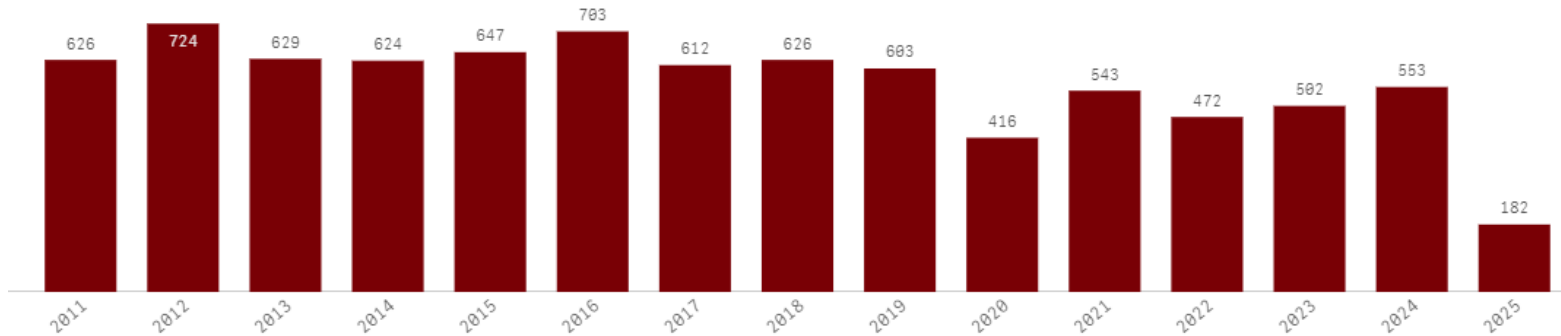


# Incidents by Year - Fires, MVI's

## Fires

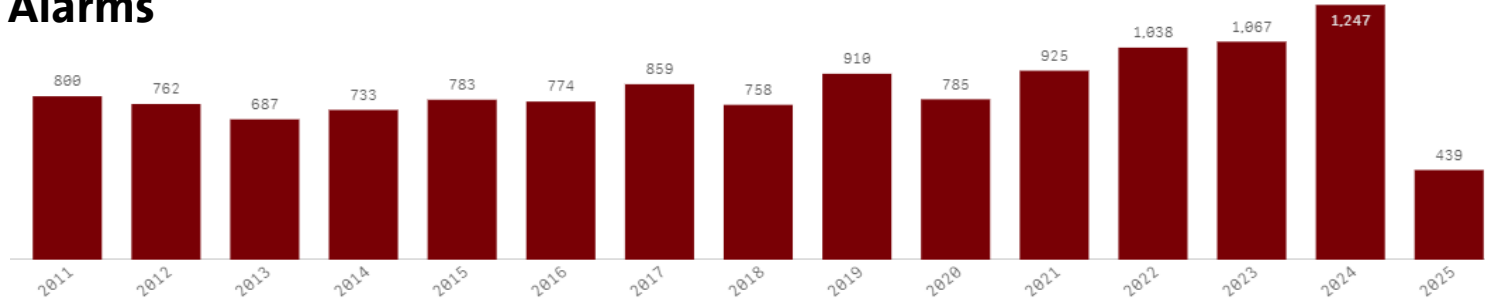


## Motor Vehicle Incidents

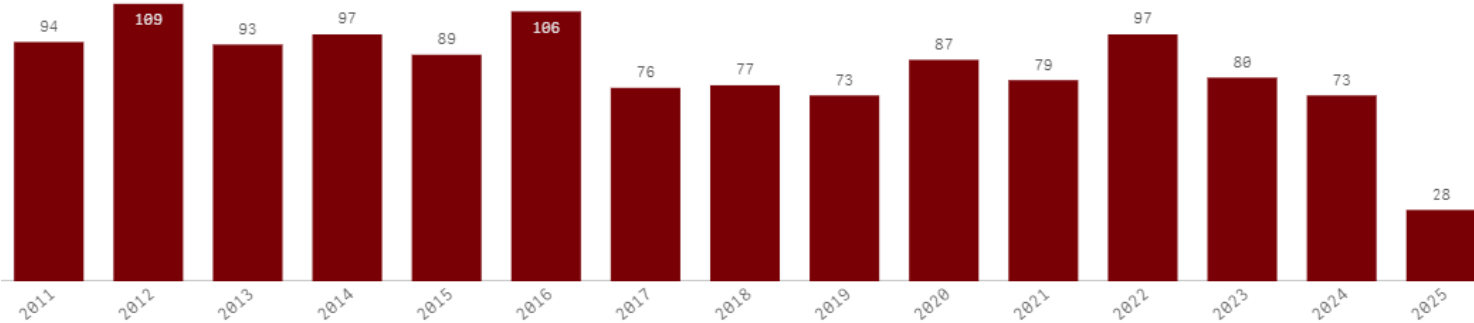


# Incidents by Year - Alarms, Specialty Rescues

## Alarms



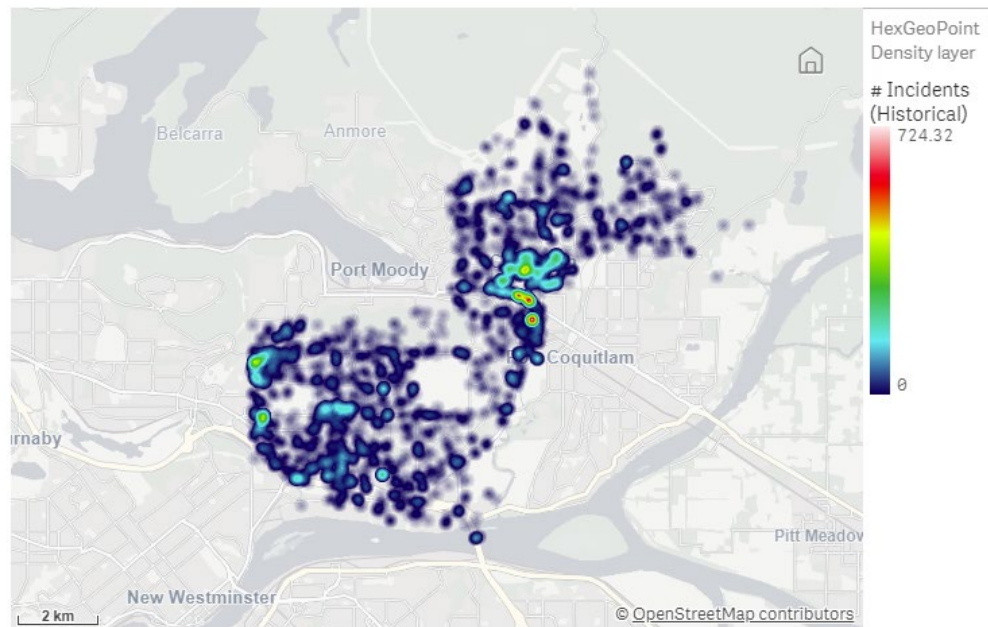
## Specialty Rescues/Responses



# 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.

Incident Density



2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2031 2041 2051

Inc Abbrev



# 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?



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# City of Coquitlam Community Safety

## Homelessness and Encampment Response





# 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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