



# August Re-Cap

## Monthly Summary

August 2025 demonstrated Cathedral City Fire & EMS's continued operational excellence with sustained high emergency response volumes and significant community engagement initiatives. The month was highlighted by the successful National Night Out event, comprehensive back-to-school safety programs, and the department's ongoing commitment to professional development and regional collaboration.

Throughout the month, the department responded to 697 emergency service calls, including 515 EMS incidents with 397 billable transports and 16 fire-related calls. With Medic 22 now fully integrated into operations, response capabilities remained strong across all service areas, while personnel continued advancing their skills through targeted training programs.

From meaningful community partnerships at National Night Out to proactive school safety initiatives and continued implementation of Measure W objectives, August showcased CCFE's dedication to serving Cathedral City with professionalism, compassion, and operational readiness.



# Key Achievements

## National Night Out Success

Participated in multiple neighborhood locations throughout the city, strengthening police-fire-community partnerships and fostering neighborhood connections on August 5th.

## Back-to-School Safety Initiative

Conducted comprehensive safety fair at Station 2 on August 16th, providing bike helmet fittings, pedestrian safety education, and school zone awareness to hundreds of families.

## Fitness and Wellness Focus

Continued emphasis on firefighter health and wellness programs with enhanced physical fitness training and mental health support initiatives.

## Operational Excellence

Maintained strong response metrics with 697 total calls while ensuring all apparatus remained in service with minimal downtime.

## Regional Collaboration

Strengthened mutual aid partnerships through joint training exercises and coordinated responses to multi-agency incidents.

## Professional Development

Advanced leadership training for company officers and specialized technical rescue certification programs.

## Fire Prevention Success

Completed 135 fire inspections with high compliance rates, supporting community safety through proactive code enforcement.

## Community Engagement

Multiple public education events reaching diverse populations with fire safety messaging and emergency preparedness training.

# Operational Stats

## WEEKLY BREAKDOWN

- AUGUST 7: 179 CALLS (132 EMS, 101 TRANSPORTS, 4 FIRES)
- AUGUST 14: 172 CALLS (128 EMS, 98 TRANSPORTS, 4 FIRES)
- AUGUST 21: 174 CALLS (129 EMS, 99 TRANSPORTS, 4 FIRES)
- AUGUST 28: 172 CALLS (126 EMS, 99 TRANSPORTS, 4 FIRES)

Category	Totals
Total Calls	697
EMS Calls	515
Billable Transports	397
Fire Calls	16
Fire Inspections Passed	135



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# Mutual Aid & Major Incidents

## Significant Fires

- **Structure Fires:** August saw several residential structure fires requiring aggressive interior attacks and coordinated ventilation operations. Quick response times and effective tactics minimized property damage and prevented fire spread to adjacent structures.
- **Vehicle Fires:** Multiple vehicle fires were successfully suppressed, including incidents on major roadways requiring traffic control and hazmat considerations for vehicle fluids.
- **Outdoor Fires:** Responded to several vegetation and refuse fires during high-temperature conditions, with crews working to prevent extension during extreme heat warnings.

## MUTUAL AID SUMMARY

Agency	Aid Received	Aid Given	Aid Denied	Auto Aid Received
AMR	4	5	3	0
Riverside County Fire (RIVCO)	6	4	1	2
Palm Springs Fire (PS Fire)	5	3	2	1



# Fire Prevention

## Fire Prevention Activities

- 135 inspections passed out of 148 conducted in August
- Reviewed fire protection plans for:
  - Multiple commercial tenant improvements
  - Residential development projects
  - Updated fire alarm and sprinkler system installations
  - School facility safety upgrades before academic year
- Conducted pre-incident planning for high-risk occupancies
- Processed business licenses for new commercial ventures
- Completed annual inspections for educational facilities

## Code Enforcement

- Conducted re-inspections of previously cited violations
- Addressed vegetation management concerns in wildland-urban interface areas
- Coordinated with schools for fire drill compliance
- Reviewed and approved emergency evacuation plans for large assembly occupancies

# Community Risk Reduction & Community Engagement

## **Back-to-School Safety Programs**

With the new academic year beginning, CCFE prioritized school safety through comprehensive programs including campus visits, evacuation drill supervision, and educator training on emergency procedures. These efforts ensure safe learning environments for Cathedral City students.

## **Heat Safety Campaign**

During August's extreme temperatures, the department emphasized heat-related illness prevention through public messaging, cooling center information distribution, and increased readiness for heat emergencies.

## **Emergency Preparedness Education**

Continued implementation of community emergency response training, helping residents prepare for disasters through hands-on education and resource distribution.

## **Fire Cadet Program**

Cadets gained valuable experience through increased participation in department operations, community events, and specialized training modules preparing them for future careers in fire service.



# Recruitment & Staffing

## Personnel Updates

- Maintained full staffing across all shifts and stations
- Continued recruitment process for future academy class
- Advanced succession planning for anticipated retirements
- Implemented mentorship programs pairing senior members with newer personnel

## Professional Development

- Company officers completed advanced incident command training
- Engineers received specialized apparatus operator certification
- Paramedics completed continuing education requirements
- All personnel maintained required certifications and training hours



# Leadership Development & Training

## Leadership Initiatives

- Chief and command staff participated in regional fire chief meetings
- Battalion Chiefs conducted multi-company training evolutions
- Company officers led scenario-based decision-making exercises
- Implemented 360-degree feedback process for leadership development

## Training Focus Areas

Personnel dedicated significant hours to maintaining and advancing capabilities in:

- Technical rescue operations
- Hazardous materials response
- Advanced life support procedures
- Wildland fire suppression tactics
- Emergency vehicle operations
- Customer service and public relations





# Training & Professional Dev.

## Monthly Total Training Hours

August 2025 training efforts reflected the department's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of emergency service delivery while integrating new technologies and techniques. The sustained high training hours (1,752.00) demonstrate the department's dedication to professional development and operational readiness across all disciplines.

Program	Monthly Total Hours
Administrative	152
Apparatus Ops	92.5
Construction	8
EMS	248
Hazmat	96
ICS	12
Physical Fitness	268
Portable & Small Equip	98
Prevention	310.50
Rescue	52
Suppression	295
Training, Non-College	102
Vehicle Repair	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1752.00</b>

# Resident Safety Awareness

## Late Summer Safety Focus

As August temperatures remained elevated, Cathedral City Fire & EMS continued emphasizing heat safety while preparing residents for the upcoming fall season:

- Heat Safety: Recognize heat exhaustion/stroke symptoms, stay hydrated, check on vulnerable neighbors
- School Zone Safety: Reduced speeds, crosswalk awareness, bus stop safety
- Home Fire Prevention: Test smoke alarms for back-to-school season, review family escape plans
- Pool Safety: Maintain supervision as pool season continues, secure pool areas

## Emergency Preparedness Reminders

- Update emergency contact information for new school year
- Review family communication plans
- Ensure emergency kits are stocked and current
- Register for CodeRED emergency notifications
- Know evacuation routes and shelter locations



# Upcoming Events

## **Pancake Breakfast and Open House**

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025 | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Station 1

Description: Community pancake breakfast and fire station open house during Fire Prevention Week. Tours, apparatus demonstrations, and fire safety education for all ages.

## **Stop the Bleed / Hands-Only CPR Training**

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: EOC

Description: Free training open to the public covering bleeding control techniques and hands-only CPR. Instructor: C. Dietz.

## **Community CERT Training Series**

Date: November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

Location: EOC

Description: Comprehensive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program:

- Day 1 (Nov 1): 8-hour foundational class
- Day 2 (Nov 8): 8-hour skills development
- Day 3 (Nov 15): 4-hour practical drills and graduation

Instructors: C. Dietz and D. de la Torre

# Looking Ahead

As Cathedral City Fire & EMS transitions into September 2025, strategic priorities include:

- Preparing for increased wildland fire risk as vegetation dries
- Supporting safe school operations with ongoing safety programs
- Planning comprehensive Fire Prevention Week activities
- Advancing apparatus replacement planning and specifications
- Continuing Measure W implementation milestones
- Enhancing behavioral health response capabilities
- Strengthening partnerships with regional emergency services

The department remains committed to delivering exceptional emergency services while building a resilient and prepared community. Through continued investment in personnel, training, and community engagement, CCFE stands ready to meet evolving challenges and serve Cathedral City with distinction.



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