



Richmond City Council

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Public Safety Standing Committee

June 23, 2026

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: May 28, 2026

Next Meeting: July 28, 2026

Committee Notes

Presentation Items:

- John Walsh, Department of Public Works – Illegal Dumping and Graffiti
- Ed Porner, Deputy Director – Richmond Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness & Response – 2026 Hurricane Season Readiness Briefing.

Discussion Items:

- N/A

Next Meeting:

- July 28
 - RPD on semi-annual crime statistics update
 - RACC on adoption rates and other topics

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

None. No papers have been assigned to the Committee

Presentation Items & Potential Questions:

John Walsh, Department of Public Works – Illegal Dumping and Graffiti

- Potential Questions:
 - Can you elaborate on or give insight into the activities of the Community Enforcement Team (CET)? How does it work? See reference pg. 2 of presentation.
 - Please describe arrest and prosecutorial efforts?
 - Please provide more information on the pilot camera program? What happened to the previous mobile camera program?

- How often has the camera efforts led to prosecutions?
- Are the rewards for reporting illegal dumping or graffiti?

Ed Porner, Deputy Director – Richmond Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness & Response – 2026 Hurricane Season Readiness Briefing.

- Potential Questions:
 - When do you expect continuity of operation plans to be complete?
 - Tell us more about plans for appointing and training emergency management liaisons for the departments?
 - What external stakeholders are we working with to protect the public and neighborhood associations during emergency events?
 - How are make sure homeless, elderly and disabled persons are protected in emergency events?