

Richmond Fire & Richmond Public Schools

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Richmond Fire Prevention Division

“The goal of the Prevention Office is to direct its resources to provide effective service delivery in the areas of public education, engineering, construction sites, plans reviews, planned economic development, fire protection systems inspections, fire cause investigation, and code enforcement.”



Current Status

As of November 1, 2022, all Richmond Public Schools have been inspected, noted violations corrected and currently have a status of No Current Violations.



Historical Context after 2020

- Reassigned staff to address the fidelity of inspections and coordinate with Schools facilities management.
- School Inspections were conducted in 2020, 2021, & 2022
- In 2020 and 2021, not all schools received re-inspections to confirm that deficiencies had been addressed



Need for Improvement

- No policies and procedures that specifically addressed schools
- No annual schedule or plan for school inspections
- Forty schools had unsatisfactory inspections and required Re-inspections
- Fifty-five percent of these (22 of 40) schools were not re-inspected

Audit Update

Fire Marshal's Office completed 13 of 14 audit recommendations

- 1 recommendation remains open
- The remaining recommendations is expected to close in 2023.

Summary

- Fire Prevention is committed to community risk reduction
- Audit requested in 2020, outcome included 14 recommendations
- Reassigned staff to address the fidelity of inspections and coordinate with Schools facilities management (monthly meetings).
- School inspections conducted in 2020, 2021, & 2022
- All Schools were inspected, violations corrected for CY-22-23 school year

Questions

