



Richmond City Council

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Public Safety Standing Committee

May 28, 2026

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: March 24, 2026

Next Meeting: June 23, 2026

Committee Notes

Presentation Items:

- Rick Edwards, Police Chief – Richmond Police Department Updates – RPD Updates.
- Jeffery Segal, Fire Chief – Richmond Fire Department Updates - Preparing A Safe Future for Richmond.

Discussion Items:

- N/A

Next Meeting:

June 24 – DPW and RPD on Illegal Dumping and Graffiti

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2026-059

Patrons: Trammell and Abubaker

Key Points:

- To amend City Code 2-728, concerning the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, to require the routing of E-911 calls for emergency medical services to the Richmond Ambulance Authority by the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response.
- The paper requires immediate transfer of medical only E-911 calls to the RAA once they are identified as such calls.
- The paper directs that DEC will route calls to RAA at the conclusion of processing calls for fire or police, or both, if the call includes a need for fire and police, or both, in addition to medical assistance.

- These requirements will not apply if RAA is no longer a authorized PSAP.

Staff Questions: N/A

Fiscal Impact: None Yes. The Code amend directs an earlier transfer of calls therefore no expected costs are anticipated.

Presentation Items Potential Questions:

Rick Edwards, Chief – Richmond Police Department. RPD Updates.

- Potential Questions:
- Can you elaborate on or give insight to domestic violence increases? See page 1.
- What is difference between who get a “warning” vs a speeding ticket with the speed camera program? See pages 4 and 6.
- Have there been court challenges to the red light and speed camera tickers?
- Are the summons issued by officers initiated by officers using radar?
- What is the ALERRT program?

Jeffery Segal, Chief – Richmond Fire Department Preparing A Safe Future for Richmond (Department updates and briefing).

- Potential Questions:
- Can you tell us what is meant by “data-based decision making/planning and management”? See page 1.
- With regard to newer and taller residential buildings, are we planning to engage the residents and landlords on safety and evacuation?
- What are plans to use any overtime cost savings within the Department?
- How are we working with the Port on safety and hazmat?