



**City of Moreno Valley  
Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting  
Minutes of May 20, 2025**

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Ed Delgado, Council Member, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The following attendees were present at the meeting:

Subcommittee Members:

Ed Delgado, Council Member

Cheylynda Barnard, Council Member

Staff Members:

Brian Mohan, City Manager

Launa Jimenez, Assistant City Manager (Administration Services)

Vanessa Leccese, Assistant to the City Manager

Sarah Mack, Chief of Police

Chris Gaskin, Lieutenant

Shanna Palau, Public Safety Contract Administrator Division Manager

Mayra Gonzalez, Senior Management Analyst

Diana Rockot, Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services Division Manager

Ashleigh Renz, Animal Services Division Manager

Jesse Park, Fire Chief

Edgar Gonzalez, Fire Marshal

Sean Kelleher, Assistant City Manager (Development Services)

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** Council Member Delgado motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2025, and Council Member Barnard seconded. The motion passed without objection.

4. Action Items

A. Opioid Settlement Program Plan (Verbal) – City Manager

City Manager Brian Mohan presented a comprehensive plan outlining the use of funds resulted from opioid court case settlements from which the City of Moreno Valley is expecting to receive between \$3.6 million and \$3.7 million. Of this amount, approximately \$1.1 million has already been received. A major portion of the funds—about \$1.1 million—will be allocated to support one or more mobile crisis intervention teams operated by Universal Health Services (UHS), which will provide immediate, community-based mental health support and help reduce the strain on emergency services. Additionally, \$400,000 will be dedicated to establishing a targeted education and prevention program aimed at raising awareness about opioid risks and promoting substance abuse prevention strategies. Mr. Mohan emphasized that none of the funds will be used to purchase Narcan,



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as the overdose-reversing drug is already provided free of charge by the State of California. The proposal received broad support from the City's subcommittee, and the motion passed without objection, indicating unified backing for the recommended expenditures. No further questions were asked by the subcommittee members.

Council Member Delgado expressed support for the plan, acknowledging the legal requirement to spend the funds within the scope of addiction response or prevention. He confirmed that approximately \$1 million is being held in reserves.

The committee had no further questions or comments.

**B. Advisory Items**

**a. Updates from Animal Services**

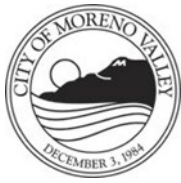
Animal Services Division Manager Ashleigh Renz provided an update highlighting a significant reduction in burro-related calls, with only three reported for the month, out of more than 1,100 total service calls. Staff attributed this decline to seasonal migration, as the burros likely moved to greener pastures in the surrounding hills. Ms. Renz also reported on the department's low-cost rabies vaccination clinic held in April, which served 99 owned pets from the community. Additionally, by the end of April, 60 pets had been spayed or neutered through a \$125,000 grant program designed to support low-income pet owners. The department continues to promote this service, especially for pets weighing over 30 pounds. Animal Services also participated in the Public Safety Expo, which took place the previous weekend, providing an opportunity for community engagement.

During the Animal Services update, Council Member Barnard shared a concern raised by a resident regarding the holding period for stray cats, specifically questioning why the City must hold them for four or five days instead of returning them immediately. In response, staff explained that California law requires a minimum three-day holding period for stray cats when no ownership is claimed, whether the animal is brought in by a resident or picked up in the field. This standard exists to allow potential owners time to reclaim their pets. Staff noted that some cats believed to be feral and have later been identified as frightened but owned animals. The holding period acts as a precautionary measure to prevent mistaken rehoming. Council Member Barnard thanked staff for the clarification.

The committee had no further questions or comments.

**b. Updates from Fire Services**

Fire Chief Jesse Park reported that the department is experiencing a typical month-over-month increase in call volume as the City enters the summer season, a trend consistent with previous years. Fire activity is expected to rise in the coming months. At the state level, fire staffing has reached its maximum, with 17 state fire engines now available within Riverside County to assist with emergency responses.



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Chief Park also shared that the County of Riverside has updated its automatic aid agreement with the City of Riverside, effective March 11. This agreement improves response coverage for the western portion of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) area. Under the new terms, the City of Riverside will serve as the primary responder for calls west of the 215 Freeway, including neighborhoods such as Meridian, Opportunity, and the upper west campus. The change is expected to reduce the number of out-of-jurisdiction calls handled by Moreno Valley's equipment. Last month, City units responded to 13 calls in the JPA area. The department will monitor future trends to assess whether this number declines. Additionally, the agreement may help reinforce the case for a new fire station in the western JPA, particularly near the Ben Clark Training Center, where call volume and population density are growing.

Fire Marshal Edgar Gonzalez provided updates on fire prevention efforts. Most weed abatement inspections have been completed, with 121 parcels turned over to a contractor and only about six remaining. Full completion is expected by the end of the fiscal year. The department is also preparing to report to the City Council on Senate Bill 1205 compliance, which requires annual fire inspections of specific occupancies. These include 280 multifamily housing facilities, comprising 1,189 buildings and 71 school facilities, encompassing 473 buildings, totaling 351 facilities and 1,662 structures to be inspected in 2025. These figures may increase as new qualifying sites are identified.

Fire Marshal Gonzalez noted that inspections are progressing efficiently, thanks to the work of the department's four inspectors, supported by two fire safety specialists who also assist with plan checks.

Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services Division Manager, Diana Rockot shared several key updates. She thanked Lieutenant Gaskins for bringing up the need for a volunteer information management system at the previous meeting. Following that discussion, City staff met with a vendor and identified a low-tech, cost-efficient system that will address the long-standing data tracking gap. The system, scheduled for implementation on July 1, will enable all departments to more efficiently record and track volunteer hours, monitor retention, and assign monetary value to volunteer contributions. This will significantly improve monthly reporting and help illustrate the overall impact of volunteers across the city. An email with additional details will be shared with City Manager Brian Mohan.

Ms. Rockot also reported that City staff, along with an amateur radio operator, conducted maintenance work on a mountain-based City repeater, part of the City's redundant communication system. A temporary repeater has now been installed and is operational while repairs are made to the primary unit. Additionally, the City will soon host HAM radio training for City staff, the public, and volunteer partners. This training has been a long-standing request and is expected to enhance emergency communication capabilities.

Finally, Ms. Rockot announced that Emergency Management Awareness Month will receive formal recognition with a resolution in August.

Council Member Delgado asked about the purpose of the HAM radio system.



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Staff explained that the City of Moreno Valley owns and maintains two radio repeaters located on Box Springs Mountain. One repeater is designated specifically for City use, while the other serves as a communication conduit between the City and Riverside County. This shared infrastructure enables reliable communication during emergencies or disasters.

The committee had no further questions or comments.

**c. Updates from Police Services**

Chief of Police Sarah Mack reported a steady influx of trainees during April, including academy graduates, lateral transfers from other agencies, and pre-service hires who have completed the academy but have not yet served as officers. At the program's peak, 20 trainees were in the system; currently, 15 remain in training, with several already deployed in the field. Most remaining trainees are expected to be fully operational by August. The department continues to maintain staffing levels through proactive management of attrition, promotions, and transfers, allowing for better service coverage. Looking ahead, the department hopes to grow specialized units, including traffic teams, Community Services Units (CSUs), and CBAT teams, to ease the demand for patrol units and broaden public safety coverage.

Chief Mack also reported that the department is actively expanding its drone program as a strategic tool in patrol operations. Currently, 10 patrol deputies are certified drone pilots, with more drones being acquired through asset forfeiture funds, minimizing impact on the General Fund. These drones assist in building searches, locating missing persons, and tactical situations, enhancing safety for both officers and the public.

The drones will be equipped with infrared cameras, lights, and real-time video capabilities, which enable officers to assess situations before entering, allowing for safer interventions. In some cases, they also facilitate direct communication with suspects, supporting de-escalation. Their effectiveness has been demonstrated during SWAT deployments and riot responses, including at Hoover Valley Station.

The drone team operates as a collateral assignment, providing valuable professional development for patrol deputies by building specialized skills and promoting career growth.

Separately, the department is exploring a First Responder Drone Program, still in its planning phase. This initiative will be distinct from current operations and aims to improve public safety and cost efficiency. Staff are proceeding cautiously to ensure compatibility with broader departmental technology systems and are actively evaluating vendors for long-term implementation.

The committee had no further questions or comments.



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**C. City Manager Update**

City Manager Brian Mohan commented and provided updates related to the upcoming Fourth of July event, noting that a corresponding road closure item will be presented during today's meeting for Council approval. He also noted that no subcommittee meetings are expected in July, and potentially none in August, pending approval of the Council's summer recess during that night's Council meeting. The Public Safety Subcommittee typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

**D. Sub-Committee Member Comments**

The committee had no further questions or comments.

**E. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.



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Prior Meeting Attendance

<b>Subcommittee Member</b>	<b>5/21/24</b>	<b>6/18/24</b>	<b>7/16/24</b>	<b>8/20/24</b>	<b>9/17/24</b>	<b>10/15/24</b>	<b>11/19/24</b>
Council Member Ed Delgado	X	NM	NM	X	NM	X	NM
Council Member Cheylynda Bernard	X	NM	NM	X	NM	X	NM
Mayor Pro Tem Elena Baca – Santa Cruz (Alternate)							

<b>Subcommittee Member</b>	<b>12/17/24</b>	<b>1/21/25</b>	<b>2/18/25</b>	<b>3/18/25</b>	<b>4/15/25</b>	<b>5/20/25</b>	<b>6/17/20</b>
Council Member Ed Delgado	NM	X	X	X	X	X	
Mayor Pro Tem Cheylynda Bernard	NM	X	X	X	X	X	
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