



Quarterly Report

VICTORVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2025 FIRST QUARTER REPORT



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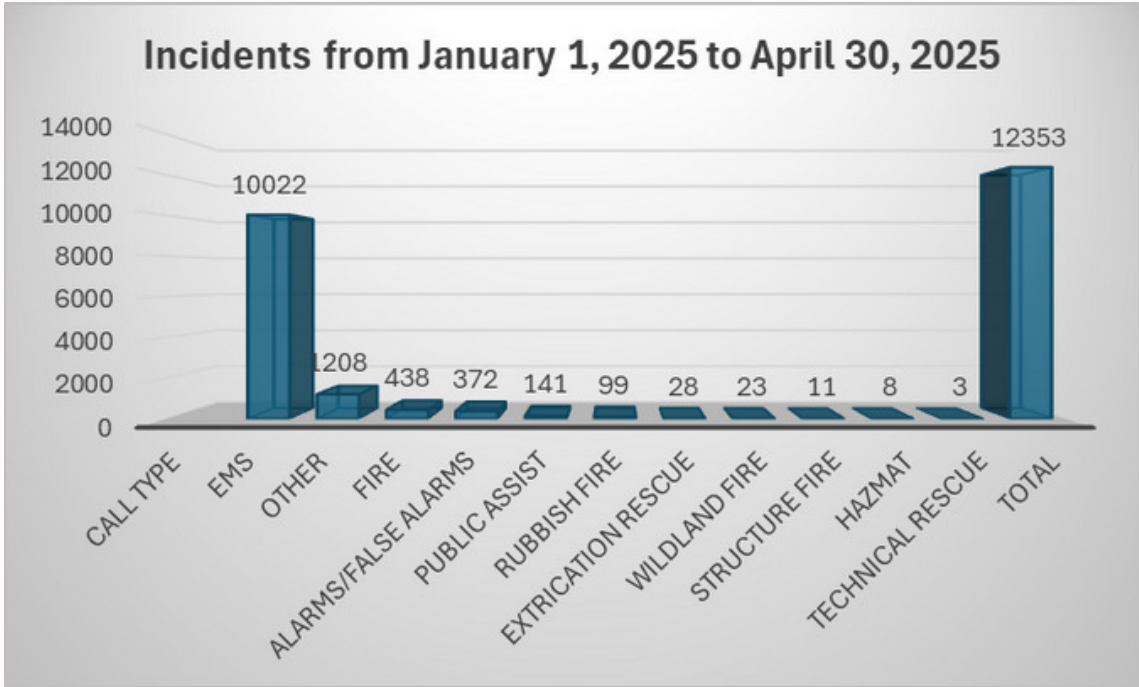


MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

I am incredibly proud of the continued dedication and professionalism shown by the Victorville Professional Firefighters. As the second busiest city in the county, our team consistently delivers top-tier service. We currently have eight firefighters in the background phase with a projected academy start in early summer. Congratulations to those who passed the Acting Engineer evaluations—an outstanding achievement. The new paramedic squads are near completion; special thanks to **Firefighter Aivazi** for managing this project. Our infrastructure projects continue to move forward, with Station 313 in the conceptual design phase, and Station 311 set to begin remodeling soon.

We've successfully completed RT-130 training making us more prepared for fire season deployments, kudos to **Engineer Blas** and his cadre. We hosted our first Truck Academy with cooperators, led by **Chief Sprague**. Apparatus rebranding is nearing completion. Cal-OES Engine 335 will be replaced on June 9, with **Chief Espinoza** and **Captain Torres** handling delivery. Our budget is on track for June approval; thank you, **Deputy Chief Roach** and **Karem Ostrom**, for your hard work. We've scheduled firefighter wellness physicals to include comprehensive cancer screening. With the Victorville CARE Team now fully operational, we will continue to prioritize firefighter health and wellness. The future of our department remains strong and steadily progressing thanks to the commitment of our entire staff and the support of our city.

CALL VOLUME YEAR TO DATE



RESPONSE HEAT MAP





OPERATIONS

New Firefighters

- Eight firefighter/paramedic recruits are currently in backgrounds with Tower 8 starting in early summer. These additions will support the increasing demand throughout our growing city.

Promotions

- Congratulations to **Max Chavez** and **Joel Jensen**, both promoted to Captain in February. Your leadership strengthens our team.

Acting Engineer Evaluations

- Ten members passed the Acting Engineer certification, well done on this major achievement! This enables Firefighters to work as Engineers as needed.



OPERATIONAL READINESS

New Transport-Capable Squads

- In March, we successfully completed the construction of three transport-capable medic squads. A special thanks goes to **Firefighter Aivazi** for leading this initiative.

Apparatus Updates

- Apparatus rebranding is underway with updated striping and door stickers.
- Construction of the new Tactical Water Tender (BME-Payette) has begun, with delivery expected in the coming months.
- ME315 and ME313 have been swapped to ensure apparatus longevity is prioritized. Station 315 has a lower call volume; therefore, we are placing the older of the two apparatus there.

Facilities

- Station 313 is in the conceptual design phase, with construction planned later in 2025.
- Station 311 will begin its remodel in the coming weeks.
- Standard of Cover is nearing completion and will be presented to Council in the 3rd quarter.



ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Welcome **Arianna Gonzalez**

Arianna joined the City in January as our new Office Assistant. Please introduce yourself if you visit City Hall!

Congratulations **Chrystal Lane**

Chrystal has been selected as 2nd VP to Cal-Chiefs Administrative Fire Services Section—the only representative from the High Desert. A tremendous honor and opportunity for regional leadership.

Budget Season Wrap-Up

The FY26 budget process is complete, with approval expected in June. Thank you to **Karem Ostrom** for your dedication and diligence throughout this process.

Dispatcher Appreciation Week

April, we celebrated Dispatcher appreciation week. Arianna and Chief Clemmer met ME314 at the High Desert Dispatch Center to provide our dispatchers with lunch and show our appreciation.



FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Annual physical examinations are set to take place in the second quarter of 2025. These comprehensive exams include full physical assessments, laboratory tests, cardiopulmonary evaluations, and cancer screenings. Such physicals are instrumental in reducing the risks of injury, disability, terminal illnesses, and enhancing overall performance.
- The Victorville CARE Team is now fully operational, focusing on the wellness and support of firefighters. This dedicated team offers peer counseling, chaplain services, and professional counseling to ensure the well-being of its members.



TRAINING

The Victorville Fire Department remains committed to professional development and interagency excellence. The following training is currently being conducted or will be conducted in the second quarter of 2025:

- Driver/Operator Training
- 5 of 6 State Fire Training Driver/Operator courses completed.
- Company Officer Development
- Completion of Company Officer 2E: Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) course.
- Standardized Acting Evaluation Process: 5 Certified Company Officers and 10 Certified Driver Operators qualified.



TRAINING CONTINUED

- Fire Captain Academy: 8 members passed the promotional examination.
- Engineer Academy: 10 members certified; official promotional exam this summer.
- RT-130 Refresher Training
- Full department participation with powerful guest insights from Dylan and Doug Van Iwaarden (Santiago Hotshots).
- Developed annual Arduous Physical Fitness Evaluation.
- Truck Operations
- Two academies held, including the High Desert Truck Academy with regional cooperators.
- New Truck Training & Evaluation Curriculum adopted regionally.
- FDIC & Ongoing Development
- Sponsored 4 members to attend FDIC in Indianapolis.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Training advancements provided by our EMS staff this quarter include:

- Handtevy Pediatric Standards
- Advanced Burn Care
- ACLS & BLS Certifications
- Optional Scope Expansion
- Ultrasound implementation underway.
- Prehospital Whole Blood administration being explored with St. Mary's and ICEMA.
- All Firefighter/EMTs are currently in medic school and on track for completion.
- Paramedic Interns have returned via renewed VVC contract.

Special thanks to **David, Mallory**, and the **EMS Working Group** for their outstanding efforts!



FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

Captain Lanphar has done an exceptional job leading the Fire Investigation Unit this year. He worked side by side with the District Attorney to secure a conviction of 17 felony counts for a recent arson case. His dedication to this division has helped secure several arrests this year alone, and will continue to provide value for years to come.