



**City of Moreno Valley
Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes of January 20, 2026**

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Edward Delgado, Council Member, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

The following attendees were present at the meeting:

Subcommittee Members:

Edward Delgado, Council Member
Cheylynda Barnard, Council Member

Staff Members:

Brian Mohan, City Manager
Launa Jimenez, Assistant City Manager (Administration)
Sean Kelleher, Assistant City Manager (Development)
John Peraza, Assistant to the City Manager
Sarah Mack, Chief of Police
Shanna Palau, Public Safety Contract Administrator Division Manager
Ashleigh Renz, Animal Services Division Manager
Edgar Gonzalez, Fire Marshal
Diana Rockot, Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services Division Manager
Melissa Walker, Public Works Director
Joe Mattox, Fleet & Facilities Maintenance Division Manager
Sam Morovich, Lieutenant, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Council Member Barnard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2025. Council Member Delgado seconded. The motion passed without objection.

4. Advisory Items

a. Updates from Animal Services

Ashleigh Renz, Animal Services Division Manager, provided an update on division activities. She reported that in 2025, Animal Services responded to over 13,000 calls, welcomed nearly 17,000 visitors, achieved approximately 3,100 positive outcomes, and hosted five low-cost rabies clinics. Additionally, 708 residents had their pets microchipped.

Ms. Renz reported that in December 2025, a new MetLife 30-day pet insurance program was launched for new adoptions. During the month, 49 pets were adopted, and 54 pets received microchipping services.



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Council Member Delgado commended staff and encouraged them to continue their efforts.

b. Updates from Fire Services

Fire Chief Jesse Park was not in attendance due to a service-related event. Shanna Palau, Public Safety Contract Administrator Division Manager, provided an update on Fire Services. She reported that the Fire Department's monthly reporting format has been updated to better reflect community outreach and public engagement efforts. Beginning this year, the department will highlight a significant incident each month, and the Fire Prevention report will be revised to include more tangible performance data and visual enhancements. Ms. Palau also shared that 711 children were served through the Toys for Tots program.

Edgar Gonzalez, Fire Marshal, reported that Fire Prevention statistics will now include the number of permits issued, plan reviews conducted, state-mandated inspections, and the square footage of inspected areas, beginning with December 2025 data. He reported that 30 public inquiries were received in December, and that initial inspections for Kaiser and Riverside University Health System (RUHS) were completed. Mr. Gonzalez stated that spring hazard inspections will begin on March 23, 2026, with notices issued in February. He emphasized that reporting will now be provided on a monthly basis.

Diana Rockot, Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services Division Manager, noted that much of the Office of Emergency Management's work is administrative and preventative, but efforts are underway to improve quantitative reporting. She reported that Hisense will be locating operations in Moreno Valley, and OEM is coordinating disaster preparedness training with their staff, with meetings scheduled later in the week. Ms. Rockot announced that the 2026 Moreno Valley employee disaster preparedness training was released on January 20, 2026. She also reported that the Weather Readiness Task Force is prepared to provide tiered responses during storm events, that an amateur radio class will be offered in 2026, and that OEM recently hosted a regional sandbag training for Riverside County public works partners.

Council Member Delgado inquired whether disaster preparedness training offered to Hisense would also be extended to the World Logistics Center. Ms. Rockot confirmed that it would and noted that businesses are being identified to strengthen emergency preparedness partnerships. City Manager Brian Mohan advised that a fire station and utility substation will be constructed near the World Logistics Center.

c. Updates from Police Services

Sarah Mack, Chief of Police, reported on several community engagement initiatives conducted during the holiday season, including the Holiday Dinner, Holiday Cheer Program, Holiday Parade, and a Tree Giveaway in December 2025. She expressed appreciation to community partners, including Amazon and Highland Fairview, for their donations and support.



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Chief Mack reported that the department is prioritizing enhancements to the Explorer Program and Volunteer Program in the coming year. She reported that in 2025, Moreno Valley experienced five homicides, including one in November related to a DUI and one in December at the mall. She emphasized the department's continued focus on life-saving measures and de-escalation practices, noting that she regularly reviews body-worn camera footage. She also reported that deputies provided life-saving assistance to a man pinned beneath his vehicle in 2025.

Lieutenant Morovich provided additional information regarding homicide response protocols and services. He reported that the November 2025 homicide has been resolved, while the December 2025 homicide remains under investigation. He highlighted collaboration between K-9 units and gang enforcement units, the use of saturation patrols in identified hot spots, and noted that homicides, burglaries, and robberies have decreased in Moreno Valley over the past three years. He also shared that a multimedia project highlighting major gun seizures in 2025 is underway.

Council Member Delgado asked whether DUI-related fatalities are charged as homicides by the District Attorney or Sheriff's Department. Chief Mack advised that the determination is made by a judge based on the circumstances of the case.

Council Member Barnard inquired about hosting a community study session focused on crime trends. Chief Mack indicated that she and her team are willing to participate, pending the City's preferred format. City Manager Brian Mohan stated that a public safety study session including all service areas is planned for March 2026.

No further comments were received from the committee.

5. Action Items

a. Council Chamber Security Improvement Project

Joe Mattox, Fleet & Facilities Maintenance Division Manager, presented an overview of proposed ADA and security enhancements to the Council Chamber. He reported that recommendations were developed in coordination with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and are intended to address line-of-sight vulnerabilities, improve ADA accessibility, and enhance overall security and aesthetics. He noted that the existing ADA ramp configuration creates a tunnel effect that limits visibility and presents navigational challenges.

Council Member Delgado thanked staff for bringing the item forward for discussion. Council Member Barnard stated that the project cost is reasonable to ensure public safety and ADA compliance.

ACTION: Council Member Barnard motioned to move the item forward. Council Member Delgado seconded. The motion passed.

6. City Manager Update



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Launa Jimenez, Assistant City Manager, announced that the next Public Safety Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

7. Sub-Committee Member Comments

Council Member Barnard welcomed attendees back following the holiday season.

Council Member Delgado stated that he looks forward to continuing to work with staff during his final year as a Council Member and thanked staff for their dedication to public safety.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM

Prior Meeting Attendance

Subcommittee Member	12/17/24	1/21/25	2/18/25	3/18/25	4/15/25	5/20/25	6/17/25
Council Member Ed Delgado	NM	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mayor Pro Tem Cheylynda Barnard	NM	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mayor Pro Tem Elena Baca – Santa Cruz (Alternate)							

Subcommittee Member	7/1/25	8/19/25	9/16/25	10/21/25	11/18/25	12/16/25	01/20/2026
Council Member Ed Delgado	NM	X		NM	X	X	X
Council Member Cheylynda Barnard	NM	X	X	NM	X	X	X
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