

2023 Data by Category

	Quantity	Incomplete	Complete
Education			
Riverside Unified	43	4	97%
Alvord Unified	25	0	100%
Charter/Private	68	5	86%
Residential			
Hotel/Motel	25	4	84%
Apartment >3 units	2437	30	99%

DISCUSSION:

Annual fire inspections help mitigate known hazards, reduce community risk, and ensure reasonable compliance with the California Fire Code. Inspections review and confirm proper maintenance of fire protection systems, effective egress systems, damage to fire protective construction and sufficient site access to Fire Department personnel.

The Health and Safety Code requires an inspection rate of 100% for compliance. The Riverside Fire Department was unable to meet the State requirements for the fourth consecutive year.

A combined total of 6,851 fire inspections were scheduled for 2023: 2598 annual State-Mandated inspections (98% combined completion) and 4253 other occupancy types (85% complete).

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2, Community Well-Being and goals:

Goal 2.5: Foster relationships between community members, partner organizations, and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community safety and social service needs.

Goal 2.6: Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – By adopting the attached resolution, acknowledging the efficiency of the Fire Department’s State-Mandated fire inspection program, the City of Riverside is demonstrating transparency and commitment in meeting State-Mandates.
2. **Equity** – The entire community benefits from a safe community where known fire hazards are mitigated reducing risk to all.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 and RMC 2.28.170 allow for cost recovery in performing fire inspections. The 2015 fee schedule is currently being utilized; an updated fee schedule will be brought to City Council for approval in June 2024.

4. **Innovation** – The City of Riverside has adopted current Building and Fire codes with local amendments meeting international standards.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Fire Inspection program directly correlates to the Strategic Plan Action Item 2.5.2: Foster relationships by providing and promoting services that increase the well-being of our residents and increase safety awareness. Pursue programs that increase safe and thriving environments that positively impact residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

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Attachment: City Council Resolution