

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Deputy Chief Robert Fish

SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION: PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE RIVERSIDE
COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update from the Riverside County Fire Department's workshop.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Throughout October and November 2025, the Riverside County Fire Department conducted a series of workshops for elected officials across Riverside County. One of these workshops was held in the Palm Desert Council Chambers on November 19, 2025. The workshops were designed to provide elected officials and staff with an overview of how state, county, and local jurisdictions benefit from participating in the Riverside County Fire Department's regional service model.

Topics included the structure and roles of the cooperative fire system, the benefits of integrated emergency response, mutual aid coordination, staffing and training standards, and the operational efficiencies gained through unified service delivery. The workshops also highlighted how the regional framework enhances community safety, strengthens preparedness for major incidents, and supports consistent service levels across jurisdictions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Riverside County Fire Department Workshop Presentation