Public Safety Committee
11:00am, Wednesday, November 4, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

Public Comment:
Citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk, at nicoled@isleofpalms.gov no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Citizens may also provide written public comment here: https://www.isleofpalms.gov/public-comment-form

Agenda

1. **Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**

2. **Citizen's Comments –** All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.

3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes – October 6, 2026. (p.2)**
4. **Old Business**
    a. Update on Charleston County EMS ambulance at Fire Station 1
    b. Update on installation of AI signal software and Signal Maintenance Agreement (SMA) (p.5)
    c. Update on flashing light systems at crosswalks (p.6)
    d. Update on policy related to E-bike usage (p.12)
    e. Update on fire truck sale (p.13)
    f. Update on port security grant (p.15)
    g. Discussion of public safety related matrix recommendations

5. **New Business**
    a. Consideration of renewing automatic aid agreements (p.17)
    b. Discussion about IOP Connector reconfiguration correspondence (p.29)

6. **Departmental Reports (Police p.37; Fire p.45)**
7. **Miscellaneous Business –** Next meeting date: TBA in 2027
8. **Adjournment**

Public Safety Committee Meeting
11:00am, Tuesday, October 6, 2026
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Present: Council members Bogosian, Carroll and Cohen

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Deputy Administrator Kuester, Chief Oliverius, Chief Cornett

2. **Citizen's Comments**

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2026**

MOTION: Council Member Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 meeting. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**

A. **Update on Waterway Boulevard Signage**

The new signs have been posted along Waterway Boulevard.

B. **Update on Charleston County EMS partnership at Fire Station 1**

Chief Oliverius said he will meet with EMS staff tomorrow to work out more details. The required modifications to the exhaust system are a bit more involved than anticipated. Cost sharing will be discussed with the County.

C. **Update on installation of AI signal software and review of Signal Management Agreement (SMA)**

Deputy Administrator Kuester reviewed the "Critical Path Concept" from the meeting packet and shared a phased overview of the project. Staff will meet with SCDOT on October 16 to discuss the signal maintenance agreement.

They are waiting on a response from Dominion Energy about an acceptable place to mount the queue detector.

Testing and training will be required before the signal is fully operational which is planned for March 1, 2027.

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D. **Discussion of Public Safety-related matrix recommendations**

Deputy Administrator Kuester reviewed the items in the matrix that will be marked as completed and or business as usual.

E. **Discussion of flashing light systems at crosswalks**

Deputy Kuester noted the costs estimates for the installation of a flashing light system. Staff recommends placement at 21st, 25th, and 34th avenues.

Funding options were discussed including TST funds, grants, redirection of State funds away from beach walkovers, and placement in a future City budget. Administrator Kerr will bring funding options to the November meeting.

Council Member Carroll requested an assessment of all beach access paths.

5. **New Business**

A. **Discussion and consideration of policy related to E-bike usage**

Administrator Kerr presented a draft ordinance prepared with the City Attorney in response to the committee's feedback at its prior meeting. The ordinance would apply to the Waterway Boulevard multi-use path, and to any other path Council later designates. It would set a 12 mile-per-hour maximum speed, require operation at a speed safe for conditions, require riders to give an audible signal when passing, and prohibit motorized vehicles on the path. Chief Cornett stated that, after speaking with his traffic officers, he wished to correct his earlier statement: radar could be used on the path. He said it would not be done routinely or easily, but could be done during periods when problems arise, and the ordinance could be enforced against juveniles, noting that a juvenile had recently been in court on an e-bike citation.

Council Member Cohen stated that he is generally not in favor of the ordinance but offered revisions in case it moves forward. He recommended that the definition read, "shared use path means the Waterway Boulevard multi-use path and any other path especially designated by City Council and posted with signs prohibiting motor vehicles." He preferred restricting what is not wanted on the path rather than listing only what is allowed, since the draft as written would exclude children's scooters. He proposed defining non-motorized vehicles to include "bicycles, electric vehicles such as children's toys" rated at 24 volts or 250 watts as stated on the manufacturer's label, "electric personal assist mobility devices," and "other power-driven mobility devices used by persons with mobility disabilities." He stated that the wattage limit would make the 12 mile-per-hour limit unnecessary, as some straight sections of the path are safe for faster riding. He also asked that the right-of-way language reflect that the path is shared, so that pedestrians and cyclists share responsibility for yielding.

Council Member Carroll stated that she does not believe the ordinance is needed and that the City is "attempting to solve a problem that we don't have." She questioned whether path users would read or follow the ordinance, expressed concern about stopping people for relatively minor violations, and noted that she knew of no incidents on the shared path in Wild Dunes. She

said the ordinance would be difficult to enforce and that educating both adults and children would be difficult. She asked whether speed bumps might be an alternative to a speed limit.

Chief Cornett relayed the City Attorney's interpretation of State law, stated in a letter that was to be included in the prior month's packet. Under that interpretation, State law grants bicyclists rights on roadways but not on sidewalks and mixed-use municipal paths, so the City may be able to treat e-bikes separately on the path. The Chief cautioned that e-bikes cannot be kept off Waterway Boulevard itself. He reported one e-bike collision on Waterway Boulevard, with more complaints elsewhere on the island, and stated that golf carts and motorcycles are already prohibited on rights-of-way under State law.

Council Member Bogosian proposed that the ordinance state that motorized vehicles and motor-assisted bicycles may not be operated on the path, with an exception for wheelchairs and similar mobility devices. He stated, "any electric bike, whether according to the State version that puts it into a bicycle classification or the ones above 750 watts, either of those would be eliminated from the path," and that the remainder of the draft be struck. He asked that, "if Mac says that's legal for us to do that," the revised ordinance be brought back to the committee. Members agreed that a simple prohibition on motorized vehicles would be cleaner and easier to enforce. Administrator Kerr agreed to obtain the City Attorney's review and return with a revised ordinance.

B. **Discussion of Plymovent installation at Fire Stations 1 & 2**

Chief Oliverius and Administrator Kerr will discuss sharing the cost of the installation with EMS staff. Administrator Kerr said this equipment will also accommodate needs of the future fire truck.

C. **Report on Public Safety overtime**

Each chief reviewed his department's overtime for the first quarter of FY27.

Salaries and wages for the Fire Department are at approximately 19% and overtime at 24%
Salaries and wages for the Police Department are at 21% and overtime at 28%.

6. **Departmental Reports**

7. **Miscellaneous Business**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 11am.

8. **Adjournment**

Council Member Carroll made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

B - AI Traffic Light

	Task Name	Assigned To	Start Date	Due Date	Status	Priority	Risk Level	% Complete
1	1 - Planning (JAN-MAR)							
9	2 - Funding and Budget (MAR-APR)							
10	Preliminary Cost Estimate	Sean Kuester			Complete	Low	Low	100
11	ID Grant Opportunities	Sean Kuester			Complete	Medium	Low	100
12	Confirm Capital Allocation	Debra Hamilton			Complete	Medium	Low	100
13	Approve through Public Safety CMTE	Douglas Kerr			Complete	Low	Low	100
14	Approve through W-M	Douglas Kerr			Complete	Low	Low	100
15	Approved by Council	Douglas Kerr			Complete	Low	Low	100
16	3 - Procurement Planning (MAY-JUL)							
25	4 - Engineering and Permitting (JUL-DEC)							
26	Start Identifying Installers	Sean Kuester	09/21/26	10/30/26	In Progress	Critical	High	50
27	Re-initiate Coordination with SCDOT	jennifer@bihl-engineering.com	08/04/26	08/20/26	Complete	Critical	High	25
28	Coordinate location for Queue Detector	Sean Kuester	08/04/26	09/01/26	Complete	Medium	Medium	100
29	Signal Cabinet Pics and Specs Sent to Rhythm	Sean Kuester	09/03/26	09/03/26	Complete	Medium	Medium	100
30	Detailed System Design	RHYTHM	09/01/26	09/14/26	Complete	Critical	High	75
31	Secure a Signal Maintenance Agreement with DOT	Douglas Kerr	09/01/26	10/30/26	Waiting on Others	Critical	High	25
32	F/u Meeting with SCDOT on SMA - 16 OCT	Douglas Kerr	10/16/26	10/16/26	In Progress	High	High	50
33	Secure Dominion Approval for Queue Detector	Sean Kuester	08/04/26	10/30/26	Waiting on Others	High	High	25
34	Equipment Procurement	Sean Kuester	09/28/26	12/31/26	In Progress	Critical	High	0
35	NLT Order Equipment - First Week OCT	Sean Kuester	10/01/26	01/01/27	In Progress	High	High	0
36	Coordinate 1st Responder Preemption Device	Sean Kuester	09/28/26	11/30/26	Not Started	High	High	0
37	5 - Installation (JAN-FEB)							
38	Installation Instructions provided by Rhythm	Sean Kuester	09/01/26	10/02/26	Complete	High	Medium	100
39	Draft and Submit RFB for Installation of Rhythm	Douglas Kerr	10/01/26	10/09/26	Complete	High	Low	0
40	Installer Identified	Sean Kuester	11/02/26	09/02/26	Not Started	Medium	Medium	0
41	Installation Plan to the Public	Sean Kuester	02/15/27	02/19/27	Not Started	Medium	Medium	0
42	Installation Window	jennifer@bihl-engineering.com, Sean Kuester	02/22/27	02/26/27	Not Started	High	High	0
43	Coordinate a Repair Team on Retainer	Sean Kuester	01/01/27	01/22/27	Not Started	Medium	Medium	0
44	Develop RFP for Repair Team							
45	6- Testing and Optimization (FEB-MAR)							
46	Dry Run	Sean Kuester	03/01/27	03/01/27	Not Started	Low	Low	0
47	Peak Traffic Simulaiton	Sean Kuester	03/06/27	03/06/27	Not Started	Low	Low	0
48	Emergency Services Override Testing	Sean Kuester	03/07/27	03/07/27	Not Started	Low	Low	0
49	7 - Public Communications (Continuous/Increase FEB)							
53	8 - Follow on Elective Actions							
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H - RRFB

	Task Name	Priority	Status	% Complete	Due Date	Assigned To	Dependencies
1	1 - Funding & Project Authorization (OCT)						
2	Confirm receipt of PRT funding & any spending/reporting conditions	High	In Progress	50	10/23/26	Sean Kuester	
3	Confirm candidate RRFB locations to advance	High	Complete	100	10/06/26	Sean Kuester	
4	Confirm available City matching or supplemental funding, if needed	Medium	Not Started	75	02/02/27	Sean Kuester	
5	Confirm traffic engineer scope & authorization	High	In Progress	75	10/23/26	Douglas Kerr	
6	Establish preliminary project budget & schedule	High	In Progress	0	10/30/26	Sean Kuester	
7	Get Council to Approve the Project and Funding allocation	Critical	Waiting on Others	0	02/02/27	Sean Kuester	
8	2 - Engineering Review & SCDOT Coordination (NOV-JAN)						
15	3 - Survey, Design & Permitting (FEB-MAR)						
22	4 - Construction Procurement & Award (APR-MAY)						
29	5 - Construction, Acceptance & Closeout (TBC)						
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City of Isle of Palms, South Carolina
Request for Qualifications (RFQ 2026-01)
Palm Boulevard Crosswalk Engineering and Permitting

In compliance with the City's Procurement Code, the City of Isle of Palms (the City) is requesting qualifications and separately sealed fee proposals from qualified traffic engineering firms for the evaluation, design, and permitting of three pedestrian crossings on Palm Boulevard. The selected firm will provide services through issuance of the required South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) approval and prepare documents suitable for obtaining installation prices.

Description of the project

The City intends to install pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at three separate crosswalks across Palm Boulevard: one at 21st Avenue, one at 25th Avenue, and one at 34th Avenue. Each location will include a complete crossing system with the equipment needed to serve both directions of traffic, subject to the engineering evaluation and SCDOT approval.

The City anticipates that SCDOT will require a brief pedestrian crossing justification memorandum to determine whether the locations are appropriate candidates. The design plans must contain sufficient detail for SCDOT to approve an encroachment permit and for future installation vendors to provide comparable prices for the work.

Scope of work

The City seeks to enter into a contract with an engineering firm to handle the justification memorandum, limited survey, design, and permitting of the project. The requested services include the following:

1 Initial coordination and justification memorandum

Meet with City staff and the appropriate SCDOT personnel to confirm the proposed locations, supporting information, applicable standards, and review process. Confirm whether one encroachment permit application or separate applications will be required and identify any ownership or maintenance agreements needed from the City.

Prepare a brief study to provide information to provide the SCDOT justification memorandum (see attached example of similar justification memorandum). Unless SCDOT states otherwise in the initial coordination, one memorandum covering all three locations is acceptable, with separate findings and a recommendation for each crossing.

Describe existing roadway and pedestrian conditions, pedestrian demand, available traffic volumes and speed information, relevant crash history, and the reason an RRFB is or is not expected to be necessary at this time. Based on the known high volume of pedestrian traffic in these areas, the City assumes that the RRFBs will be justifiable at these locations. Include a location map or photograph and a short summary of supporting data. Use available reliable information, supplemented by limited pedestrian and vehicle counts or field observations sufficient for SCDOT review. Confirm the data collection effort with the City and SCDOT before fieldwork and briefly explain seasonal or unusual conditions affecting the data.

A full traffic impact study, traffic modeling, formal signal warrant analysis, and repeated seasonal counts are outside the anticipated scope. If SCDOT requests substantially broader analysis, obtain written City authorization before expanding the work. Submit the memorandum to SCDOT for suitability review before final design. The City will authorize design for supported locations; if a location is unsuitable, document the reasons and briefly identify feasible alternatives.

2 Limited survey and field verification

Provide the targeted survey, field measurements, right-of-way research, and utility coordination needed for design, permitting, and installation pricing. Verify crossing geometry, grades, sight distance, drainage features, visible utilities, and proposed equipment locations. Identify utility conflicts and any need for easements or work outside public right-of-way. Use appropriately licensed survey personnel when required; unverified aerial mapping alone is insufficient for final design.

3 Design plans and installation pricing documents

Prepare site-specific plans and specifications under the responsible charge of a South Carolina licensed professional engineer. Apply the MUTCD, SCDOT standards, and accessibility requirements governing the project. Provide signed and sealed plans showing crosswalk alignment, dimensions, existing conditions, right-of-way, equipment locations, signs, pavement markings, and any necessary parking restrictions or sight-distance improvements.

Include the number and placement of beacon assemblies, signs, poles, and pedestrian activation devices; mounting and clearance requirements; foundation and anchorage details; and required structural calculations or approved standard details. Address power supply, controls, communications, wiring, conduit, grounding, and equipment suitability for coastal conditions. Evaluate solar power feasibility and identify any need for wired electrical service.

Include necessary accessible routes, ramps or transitions, landings, detectable warnings, and accessible activation devices, together with limited pavement, sidewalk, or drainage work needed for the crossings. Address construction traffic control, pedestrian access during installation, utility protection, erosion control where applicable, and restoration. Specifications shall address installation, testing, commissioning, warranties, and maintenance information and permit consideration of approved equivalent equipment.

Provide itemized quantities, a blank contractor pricing schedule, and an engineer's opinion of probable installation cost for each crossing and the combined project. The documents must allow vendors to price and construct the same defined work without additional traffic engineering to establish the crossing layout or obtain initial SCDOT design approval. Identify any contractor-designed or manufacturer-supplied details still required.

4 SCDOT permitting and approval

Prepare and submit the encroachment permit application or applications and obtain the related SCDOT traffic engineering approvals. Coordinate City signatures and

authorizations, attend review meetings, respond to comments, and revise and resubmit the documents as needed for approval of the agreed scope. Prepare or coordinate required ownership and maintenance agreement documents for City review and execution.

The base fee shall include routine City and SCDOT review responses and resubmissions through permit issuance. Submission of an application alone does not complete the assignment. Correct the consultant's errors or omissions without additional compensation. Material scope changes require written City approval before additional fees are incurred. If SCDOT declines a location or requires a materially different project, provide its written determination or documented direction for the City to decide how to proceed.

5 Final documents

Provide the final justification memorandum, approved signed and sealed plans, specifications, supporting calculations, quantities, contractor pricing schedule, installation cost estimate, issued permit or permits, and relevant correspondence. Deliver PDF copies and CAD, specification, and spreadsheet files, as applicable. Reconcile all documents with the approved permit and summarize permit conditions, expiration dates, required inspections, and City maintenance obligations. Include a final coordination meeting with City staff.

The City will provide available records, designate a project contact, review recommendations, and execute required owner documents. The firm shall verify the suitability of supplied information and identify any additional decisions or assistance needed from the City.

The base scope includes the limited survey, utility review, accessibility design, and supporting work reasonably needed for the crossings. It excludes equipment purchase, installation, bidding assistance, construction administration or inspection, land acquisition, major utility relocation or roadway reconstruction, and design of alternative signal systems. Identify any anticipated geotechnical investigation, subsurface utility work, separate environmental permits, or other proposed extra services. Additional work requires written City authorization.

Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process

Proposals submitted by the deadline and deemed complete will be evaluated by the City. Any firm submitting a proposal may be required to provide additional information. The award of a contract will be at the discretion of City Council. The City reserves the right to disqualify any response it deems nonresponsive or nonresponsible and to make such investigations of the proposers as it deems appropriate.

Qualifications proposals shall identify the firm, project manager, South Carolina professional engineer in responsible charge, subconsultants, and their roles. Include relevant licenses, resumes, three comparable projects with references, a work plan, and a proposed schedule. Describe the limited data collection effort, survey limits, design and permitting approach, assumptions, and requested City assistance. Distinguish consultant work time from estimated City and SCDOT review time. Limit the proposal to 12 pages, excluding the signed cover letter and resumes.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors:

- Relevant experience and qualifications of the firm, including RRFB projects and SCDOT approvals.
- Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel and performance on similar projects.
- Approach to the justification memorandum, design, and permitting requirements.
- Capacity, availability, and proposed schedule to complete the work.

Selection will follow Section 1-10-7 of the City Code. When practicable, the City will discuss the work with at least three firms and rank at least three qualified firms. Fees will not be used in ranking. The City will open the highest-ranked firm's fee proposal and negotiate a fair and reasonable scope and compensation. If agreement is not reached, the City will formally terminate negotiations before proceeding to the next-ranked firm. Other fee proposals will remain unopened unless that firm is reached for negotiations. City staff will recommend an award to City Council following successful negotiations.

Timeline and Submission Procedures

The City anticipates the following general timeline. The anticipated schedule may change if it is in the City's best interest to do so.

RFQ advertisement: November 3, 2026
Deadline for written questions: December 3, 2026
Deadline for proposals: December 11, 2026, 10am
Staff evaluation and negotiations: December 11, 2026 through January 1, 2027
City Council consideration of contract award: January 26, 2027
Contract execution and notice to proceed: January 28, 2027

Proposals should be submitted to the following:

Douglas Kerr
City Administrator
City of Isle of Palms
1207 Palm Boulevard
Post Office Box 508
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Deadline for Submissions: Proposals must be received by the stated deadline at 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "RFQ 2026-01, Palm Boulevard Crosswalk Engineering and Permitting." Include one signed paper copy and one searchable PDF copy on a USB flash drive. Include a signed cover letter acknowledging addenda and identifying conflicts of interest, solicitation exceptions, and relationships with equipment manufacturers or installation vendors.

Fee Proposal: Submit a fixed lump-sum fee for all three crossings in a separate sealed inner envelope marked "Fee Proposal" and identified with the firm's name. Provide a breakdown by the five scope tasks and by crossing, with shared costs identified separately and counted only once. Include labor, survey, subconsultants, meetings, travel, expenses, and all agreed services through SCDOT approval and final delivery.

Identify allowances, assumptions, exclusions, and optional services separately, and provide hourly rates for authorized additional work. The fee proposal shall remain available for negotiation for 90 days after the deadline. Keep all fee information out of the qualifications proposal and its USB copy.

Proposals may be delivered by hand, courier, or mail. It is the proposer's responsibility to verify receipt by the City. No proposal will be considered unless it is actually received at the designated place by the deadline; the City is not responsible for delay, misdirection, or delivery error.

Submit written questions to Douglas Kerr at dkerr@isleofpalms.gov by the questions deadline. The City will post substantive responses and changes by addendum on its Requests for Bids and Proposals webpage. Proposers are responsible for reviewing and acknowledging all addenda.

Proprietary and Confidential Information: Proposals are public records under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act except for information qualifying for an exemption. Clearly identify information claimed to be confidential or proprietary, mark the affected pages "CONFIDENTIAL," and state the legal basis for the claim. A confidentiality label alone does not establish an exemption from disclosure.

Proposers are responsible for all costs of preparing and submitting a response and negotiating a contract. Issuance of this RFQ, submission of a response, or the City's receipt and evaluation of a proposal does not commit the City to award a contract. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor irregularities or informalities, or cancel the solicitation in the City's best interest.

The selected firm must maintain the required professional licenses, procure an Isle of Palms Business License, provide professional liability and other insurance acceptable to the City, and enter into a professional services agreement. Award is subject to required City approvals and available funding. Work shall begin only upon written notice to proceed. The agreement shall give the City the right to use and reproduce the deliverables for procurement, construction, operation, and maintenance of this project.

The City may authorize or discontinue individual locations and will pay for authorized services performed, including the applicable share of common work, with no fee for unperformed services. Additional fees require an approved written amendment.

By signing its proposal, the proposer certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and will provide documentation requested by the City to establish applicability or compliance. The proposer shall require applicable compliance by its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors.

Sec. 8-1-22. Shared-use paths; bicycles and motorized vehicles.

(a) Application and definitions.

(1) Shared-use path means the Waterway Boulevard multi-use path and any other path expressly designated by City Council for shared pedestrian and bicycle use and posted with signs identifying that designation, to the extent the City has authority to regulate its use. The term excludes roadways, roadway shoulders, bicycle lanes, paths set aside exclusively for bicycles, the beach, beach access paths, and golf cart paths designated under Section 8-1-21.

~~(2) Bicycle includes a nonmotorized bicycle and an electric-assist bicycle or bicycle with helper motor as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(29).~~(2) Bicycle means a nonmotorized vehicle with two or three wheels, propelled solely by human power through pedals and not equipped with a motor as a means of propulsion. For purposes of this section, the term does not include an electric-assist bicycle or a bicycle with a helper motor.

(3) Electric-assist bicycle or bicycle with helper motor means a bicycle as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-1-10(29). These bicycles are motorized devices for purposes of this section and are subject to the prohibition in subsection (b).

~~**(b) Maximum speed.** No person shall operate a bicycle or other permitted wheeled device on a shared-use path at a speed exceeding twelve (12) miles per hour. This limit applies to bicycles whether propelled by pedaling, motor assistance, or coasting.~~

~~**(c) Safe operation.** An operator shall exercise due care, maintain control, and travel at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, without endangering any person or property. The operator shall reduce speed as necessary for pedestrian traffic, path width, visibility, surface conditions, and weather. Traveling at or below twelve (12) miles per hour does not excuse unsafe operation.~~

~~**(d) Pedestrian right-of-way; passing.** An operator shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, including persons using wheelchairs or mobility aids. Before overtaking a pedestrian or another bicyclist from behind, the operator shall give a timely audible warning by voice, bell, or other suitable means. Passing is permitted only at a safe speed and with sufficient clearance, without requiring the pedestrian or other bicyclist to leave the path. The operator shall slow or stop when necessary to yield or avoid a collision. A bicyclist who cannot safely proceed while riding shall dismount and walk the bicycle until safe riding is possible.~~

(be) Motorized vehicles and devices prohibited. Except as provided in this section, no person shall operate, park, stop, or stand on a shared-use path any motor vehicle or other transportation device equipped with a motor as a means of propulsion, ~~including a golf cart~~including an electric-assist bicycle, bicycle with helper motor, golf cart, moped, motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorized scooter, or motorized skateboard, but excluding ~~a bicycle as defined in subsection (a)(2), an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-5-3310,~~ a toy designed for use by children with a motor rated at no more than 250 watts, ~~a wheelchair or other mobility aid~~or a wheelchair or other mobility aid used by a person with a mobility disability. This prohibition applies whether or not the motor is engaged.

From: Craig Oliverius
To: Sean Harshaw; Douglas Kerr
Cc: Debra Hamilton; Sean Kuester
Subject: RE: Buy Now Offer of $350 k for Tower 1002
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 2:09:47 PM
Attachments: image003.png

Douglas and Debra,

I recommend we accept this conditional offer as our auction reserve is $330,000.00 and our buy now option, is $350,000.00. These numbers all fall within our designated parameters that we shared with Council.

Thank you,
Craig O

Craig K. Oliverius
Fire Chief
City of Isle of Palms Fire & Rescue
Office: 843-886-4410 Mobile: 843-345-9921
30 J.C. Long Boulevard
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coliverius@isleofpalms.gov

From: Sean Harshaw <Sharshaw@isleofpalms.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 6:46 AM
To: Craig Oliverius <coliverius@isleofpalms.gov>; Douglas Kerr <dkerr@isleofpalms.gov>
Cc: Debra Hamilton <dhamilton@isleofpalms.gov>; Sean Kuester <SKuester@isleofpalms.gov>
Subject: RE: Buy Now Offer of $350 k for Tower 1002

Chief,

Based on apparatus sale averages for aerial ladders of this age, this is an extremely good offer, and a solid show of definitive interest from a perspective buyer.

Thank you for the updated information!

Sean P Harshaw
Deputy Chief of Fire Operations
Isle of Palms Fire Rescue

30 J.C. Long Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
843-303-0677

From: Craig Oliverius <coliverius@isleofpalms.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 7:23 PM
To: Douglas Kerr <dkerr@isleofpalms.gov>
Cc: Debra Hamilton <dhamilton@isleofpalms.gov>; Sean Kuester <SKuester@isleofpalms.gov>; Sean Harshaw <Sharshaw@isleofpalms.gov>
Subject: Buy Now Offer of $350 k for Tower 1002

Douglas,

Good evening. We had a group from a FD in Virginia came down on Saturday and they checked out Tower 1002.

Tonight they placed a “buy now” offer of $350,000.00. 10% of this sale $35,000 if approved would go to Garage and the City would net $315,000.00.

I have a CHS Chiefs meeting in North CHS at the COG tomorrow at 0930 hours and will return to the office after that meeting. Call or text me anytime tomorrow and I will return your call.

Thank you,

Craig O

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20472

FEMA

October 16, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Mace
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Mace:

Thank you for your letter regarding the City of Isle of Palms application for financial assistance under the Fiscal Year 2026 Port Security Grant Program.

Congress appropriated $95 million for the Fiscal Year 2026 Port Security Grant Program. The program provides funding to state, local, territorial and private-sector partners to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

This is a highly competitive, oversubscribed program, and each submitted application is reviewed to ensure applicants are eligible and proposed projects are allowable for program funding. All factors considered are listed in the program's Notice of Funding Opportunity. The respective U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port also reviews eligible projects and determines project rankings based on the local and national-level priorities of the grant program. In addition to review by the local Captains of the Port and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security risk ranking is applied to each project to ensure funding is provided to address the highest risks in accordance with applicable laws.

FEMA announced FY 2026 award decisions on Thursday, September 24, 2026. Unfortunately, the Isle of Palms application did not rank highly enough to receive funding. FEMA staff will reach out to the Captain of the Port for additional insight and then collectively provide feedback to the City of Isle of Palms.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please have a member of your staff contact the FEMA Congressional Affairs Division at FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov or (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Williams
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

Cc: Robert P. Ashe, Regional Administrator, Region IV
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig K. Oliverius, Fire Chief

RE: Automatic Aid Agreement Revised Agreement

DATE: November 1, 2026

The current automatic aid agreement between our seven automatic aid partners was reviewed for accuracy and validity as part of our standard annual review process. The current agreement was deemed by our legal counsel to need a minor refresh and update to grammar, typos, and terminology.

I attached a redline of the current agreement that was signed January 4th 2023, along with the clean edited copy of the revised agreement to this memo. The edits were completed by the City of Isle of Palms legal counsel and the City of Charleston legal counsel as they worked together to make the necessary and recommended edits for the group. All seven-member automatic aid agencies will resign this revised agreement to keep the document current.

I~~I~~nterlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid and Response ~~between~~ among the City of Charleston, the City of Isle of Palms, the City of North Charleston, St. Andrews Public Service District, James Island Public Service District, St. John's Fire District, and the Town of Mount Pleasant (collectively, the "~~the~~ Parties").

This A~~a~~greement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____,~~in~~ 2026 by and between the above-listed entities (collectively, the "Parties"). This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 6-11-1810.

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WHEREAS, the P~~p~~arties desire to have this agreement set forth their rights, duties and responsibilities, as allowed by State law.

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August 31, 2026

Justin P. Powell
Secretary of Transportation
South Carolina Department of Transportation
955 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Isle of Palms Connector – Request to Implement Two Outbound Lanes

Dear Secretary Powell:

I am writing to respectfully request that the South Carolina Department of Transportation move forward with the restriping of the Isle of Palms Connector to provide **two vehicular lanes traveling off Isle of Palms toward Mount Pleasant, one vehicular lane traveling onto Isle of Palms, and a protected multi-use facility for pedestrians and bicyclists.**

This request is not for another study. SCDOT has already devoted considerable time, professional resources, and public engagement to this issue.

At the request of the City of Isle of Palms, SCDOT undertook a comprehensive analysis of the Connector and developed alternative configurations addressing mobility, safety, congestion, and bicycle and pedestrian access. SCDOT subsequently presented alternative configurations and conducted an extensive public survey seeking input from residents and users of the Connector.

Following that process, **Option 5—the alternative providing two lanes off the island while maintaining bicycle and pedestrian accommodations—emerged as the preferred alternative.**

Isle of Palms City Council then considered the SCDOT study, public input, safety considerations, and the operational needs of our community. On April 25, 2023, City Council formally approved a motion supporting **Option 5 by a vote of 6–3**.

Despite that extensive process, the recommended configuration has never been implemented, in significant part because of objections from the Town of Mount Pleasant.

I respectfully disagree with Mount Pleasant's position and believe its objection should not continue to prevent SCDOT from implementing an operational improvement to this important state transportation corridor.

The Isle of Palms Connector is the principal transportation artery serving our barrier-island community. On high-volume days, thousands of vehicles arrive on the island over a period of several hours but often attempt to leave within a much more concentrated period. The result is predictable: traffic backs up on the Connector and onto Palm Boulevard, affecting residents, visitors, businesses, emergency response, and the overall safety and mobility of the island.

Providing two outbound lanes directly addresses that problem.

There is also an important public-safety consideration. Isle of Palms is a barrier island with limited means of ingress and egress. During severe weather, an emergency, a major incident, or an evacuation, the ability to move vehicles efficiently off the island is critical. A second outbound lane would provide additional capacity and operational flexibility when our community needs it most.

For those reasons, outbound capacity on the Connector should not be viewed simply as a traffic-convenience issue. **It is also a public-safety and emergency-egress issue.**

I am particularly concerned that Mount Pleasant continues to object to the SCDOT alternative while simultaneously moving forward with its own **IOP Connector Trail project—a proposed 10-foot concrete multi-use path along the north side of the Connector from Sweetgrass Basket Parkway to Rifle Range Road.**

I support safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. However, Mount Pleasant's investment in additional bicycle and pedestrian capacity on its side of the Connector makes its continuing objection to a configuration that safely accommodates bicycle and pedestrian traffic while increasing outbound vehicular capacity increasingly difficult to understand.

In fact, these projects should complement one another.

A continuous multi-use facility from Mount Pleasant to and across the Connector can provide meaningful bicycle and pedestrian connectivity while allowing the bridge itself to better perform its essential transportation and emergency-egress functions. These objectives are not mutually exclusive.

We have an opportunity to accomplish both: **improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and materially improve the movement of vehicles off Isle of Palms.**

What is difficult to justify is maintaining the status quo indefinitely after SCDOT commissioned a professional study, developed alternatives, solicited extensive public input, and received formal approval of the preferred alternative from the elected government of the community most directly affected by outbound congestion.

At some point, a completed transportation study must result in a transportation decision.

I therefore respectfully request that SCDOT:

1. Reopen the implementation process for **Option 5 and the two-outbound-lane configuration approved by Isle of Palms City Council**;
2. Work directly with Isle of Palms and Mount Pleasant to resolve any remaining transition, intersection, and engineering issues on each end of the Connector;
3. Coordinate the Connector configuration with Mount Pleasant's planned 10-foot IOP Connector multi-use trail so that bicycle and pedestrian facilities form a safe and continuous network;
4. Evaluate the public-safety and emergency-egress benefits of providing two permanent outbound lanes from Isle of Palms;
5. Identify any additional engineering, permitting, funding, or municipal approvals SCDOT believes remain necessary to implement the project; and
6. Establish a specific timetable for reaching a final decision and, if approved, implementing the restriping.

I recognize that regional transportation decisions require cooperation among neighboring jurisdictions. Cooperation, however, should not result in permanent inaction when one municipality objects to a reasonable solution supported by years of study, public participation, and formal action by the elected representatives of the community experiencing the problem.

The residents of Isle of Palms have waited long enough for meaningful action on the Connector. **SCDOT undertook the study. The public participated. The alternatives were evaluated. Isle of Palms City Council made its decision.**

It is now time to move forward.

I respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you and the appropriate SCDOT engineering and planning staff to discuss what is necessary to advance this project. I am copying our SCDOT Commissioner and the relevant state and local elected officials because I believe the time has come for a coordinated discussion focused not on whether the Connector should be improved, but on how we move an already studied and publicly supported solution toward implementation.

Thank you for your consideration and for SCDOT's continued partnership with the City of Isle of Palms.

Sincerely,

John Bogosian
Council Member
Chairman, Public Safety Committee
City of Isle of Palms
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

cc:
T.J. Johnson, Commissioner, 1st Congressional District, South Carolina Department of Transportation
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The Honorable George E. "Chip" Campsen III, South Carolina Senate, District 43
The Honorable Joseph M. "Joe" Bustos, South Carolina House of Representatives, District 112

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September 9, 2026

Mr. John Bogosian
Isle of Palms Council Member
Public Safety Committee, Chairman
1207 Palm Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Bogosian:

Thank you for your August 31 letter regarding the Isle of Palms Connector and your request that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) move forward with a configuration providing two outbound lanes from Isle of Palms toward Mount Pleasant. The Department appreciates your continued interest in the operation of the Connector.

As you noted, SCDOT previously conducted a study of potential configurations for the Connector and solicited public input on the alternatives in 2023. The City participated in that process and it supported the alternative identified as Option 5. SCDOT has also reviewed the most recent available traffic information for the Connector. Based on that information, we are not seeing operational conditions that would presently warrant changing the existing configuration.

It is also important to recognize that any change to the current configuration would require coordination and support from the local government partners that utilize and are directly affected by the Connector. The current configuration provides pedestrian and bicycle accommodations at both ends of the bridge, and any modification would need to ensure that those users can safely transition between the Connector and the facilities on either side.

For example, implementation of a two-outbound-lane configuration would likely require removal or modification of a portion of the existing shared-use path on the Mount Pleasant side so that pedestrians and bicyclists are not inadvertently directed onto an area of the Connector that lacks necessary accommodations. Such a change would require coordination with and the Town of Mount Pleasant.

At this time, SCDOT does not support change to the Connector's present configuration.

We remain committed to working with the City of Isle of Palms, the Town of Mount Pleasant in addressing transportation, safety, and emergency response needs along this important corridor. Should conditions change or the local partners reach consensus on a feasible alternative, SCDOT would be willing to evaluate the matter further.

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Dear Secretary Powell:

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I understand from your letter that SCDOT has reviewed recent traffic information and does not currently believe operational conditions warrant changing the existing configuration. I would appreciate the opportunity to better understand the data and criteria supporting that conclusion.

My concern is not limited to average daily traffic conditions. The Connector is the primary means of moving residents, visitors, employees, and emergency personnel on and off Isle of Palms. During periods of significant outbound demand, the ability to move traffic efficiently off the island becomes a public-safety issue as well as a transportation issue.

As you noted, SCDOT previously studied alternative Connector configurations in 2023, including Option 5, which the City supported. Rather than simply revisiting that earlier debate, I believe it would be productive to identify the specific conditions and engineering requirements necessary for SCDOT to reconsider a two-lane outbound configuration.

Accordingly, I would appreciate SCDOT's assistance in identifying: (1) the traffic data and performance measures used to determine that current conditions do not warrant a configuration change; (2) the measurable conditions—traffic volumes, queue lengths, travel times, emergency-response considerations, or other criteria—that would warrant reconsideration; (3) whether SCDOT continues to consider Option 5, or a modification of Option 5, technically feasible; (4) the specific modifications to the Mount Pleasant shared-use path that would be necessary to safely accommodate two outbound lanes; and (5) which local partners would need to participate in developing the "consensus on a feasible alternative" referenced in your letter.

I agree that pedestrian and bicycle safety must be preserved. However, if modification of the Mount Pleasant-side shared-use path is the principal physical obstacle to implementing a two-outbound-lane configuration, I believe we should determine whether there is an engineering solution rather than allow that issue to end the discussion.

I would therefore propose that representatives of SCDOT, the City of Isle of Palms, and the Town of Mount Pleasant meet to review the 2023 alternatives, the current traffic data, and the engineering requirements associated with Option 5 or a similar configuration. Such a meeting could help determine whether there is a feasible path forward and, if not today, establish objective conditions under which the issue should be reconsidered.

My goal is straightforward: to ensure that we have the safest and most effective means possible to move people off Isle of Palms when outbound demand is greatest, particularly when public safety and emergency response are at stake.

Thank you again for your response and for your continued partnership with our community. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss this further.

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John Bogosian
Council Member
City of Isle of Palms

cc:
T.J. Johnson, Commissioner, SCDOT
Mayor Phillip Pounds, City of Isle of Palms
Mayor Will Haynie, Town of Mount Pleasant
Senator Chip Campsen, District 43
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Subject: RE: Council member letter RE: IOP Connector

Mr. Kerr:

I am in receipt of the letter. As I stated in my prior letter, SCDOT is not presently reconsidering its position. If the Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of the Isle of Palms can jointly propose an amendment to operations, I am happy to consider it.

Thanks,
Justin Powell

Justin P. Powell
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Good afternoon, Justin- please find an attached letter from Councilman Bogosian.

Thanks, Douglas

Douglas Kerr
City Administrator
City of Isle of Palms
P.O. Drawer 508

ISLE OF PALMS POLICE MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS

Incidents of interest in September include:

35 Arrests, 395 Traffic Stops, 12 Drug Charges, 112 Traffic Charges, & 8 Arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Isle of Palms Police Department has one officer participating in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY	SEPT 2026	YTD 2026	SEPT 2025	YTD 2025
Calls for Service	1133	11797	823	9093
Incident Reports	90	937	108	879
Traffic Collisions	5	69	4	53
Traffic Stops	395	4287	372	3284
Bicycle Stops	1	24	8	26
Golf Cart Stops	7	37	3	39
Marine Calls for Service	0	1	0	1
Arrests	35	483	37	379
State Law Violations	136	1410	117	1144
City Ordinance Violations	14	154	17	141
Warning Citations	314	3537	320	3397
Parking Citations-PCI Municipal Services	572	7582	836	7379
Isle of Palms Warrants Served	7	112	9	75
Criminal Investigations-Cases Opened	10	92	24	99
Criminal Investigations-Cases Closed	9	80	24	103
Training Hours	165	2090	55	1848
Coyote Sightings	7	86	3	113
Beach Wheel Chairs Issued	12	140	17	158

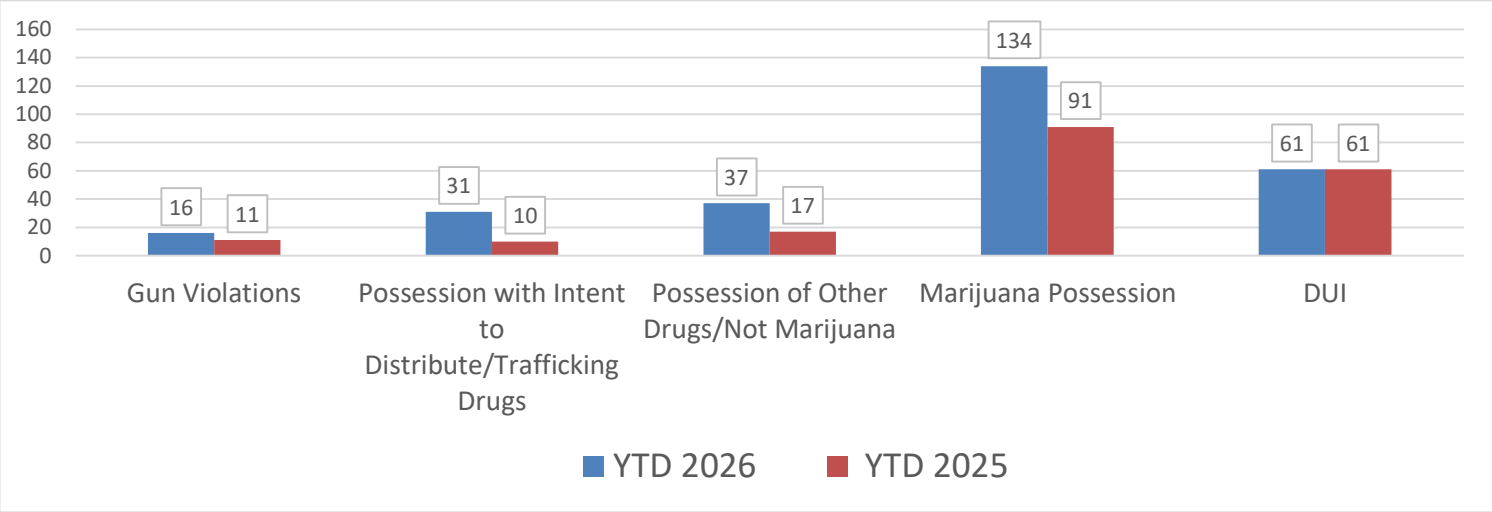
REPORTS BY OFFENSE TYPES	SEPTEMBER 2026	YTD 2026
DUI	8	62
Other Alcohol Offense	4	82
Arson/Suspicious Fire	0	3
Rape/Sexual Assault	0	3
Assault	2	22
Indecent Exposure	0	0
Harassment	0	1
Drug Incident	15	263
Homicide/Manslaughter	0	0
Traffic	16	230
DUS	6	129
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	2	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	9
Larceny	3	33
Fraud	5	38
Suicide (Actual or Attempted)	0	2
Vandalism	1	20
Weapon Law Violations	1	15
Assist Other Agency	6	61
Noise Violation	15	141
All Other Offenses	20	248
TOTAL	**105**	**1368**

BEACH RELATED CHARGES	SEPT 2026	YTD 2026	SEPT 2025	YTD 2025
Alcohol on Beach	0	10	0	11
Smoking on Beach	0	0	0	2
Litter on Beach	0	1	0	0
Glass on Beach	0	0	0	0
Plastics on Beach	0	0	0	0
Vehicles on Beach	0	5	0	1
Nudity on Beach	0	0	0	0
Beached Boat on Beach	0	0	0	0
Destruction of Sea Oats	0	4	0	0
Dog Off Leash	0	18	3	23
TOTAL	**0**	**38**	**3**	**37**

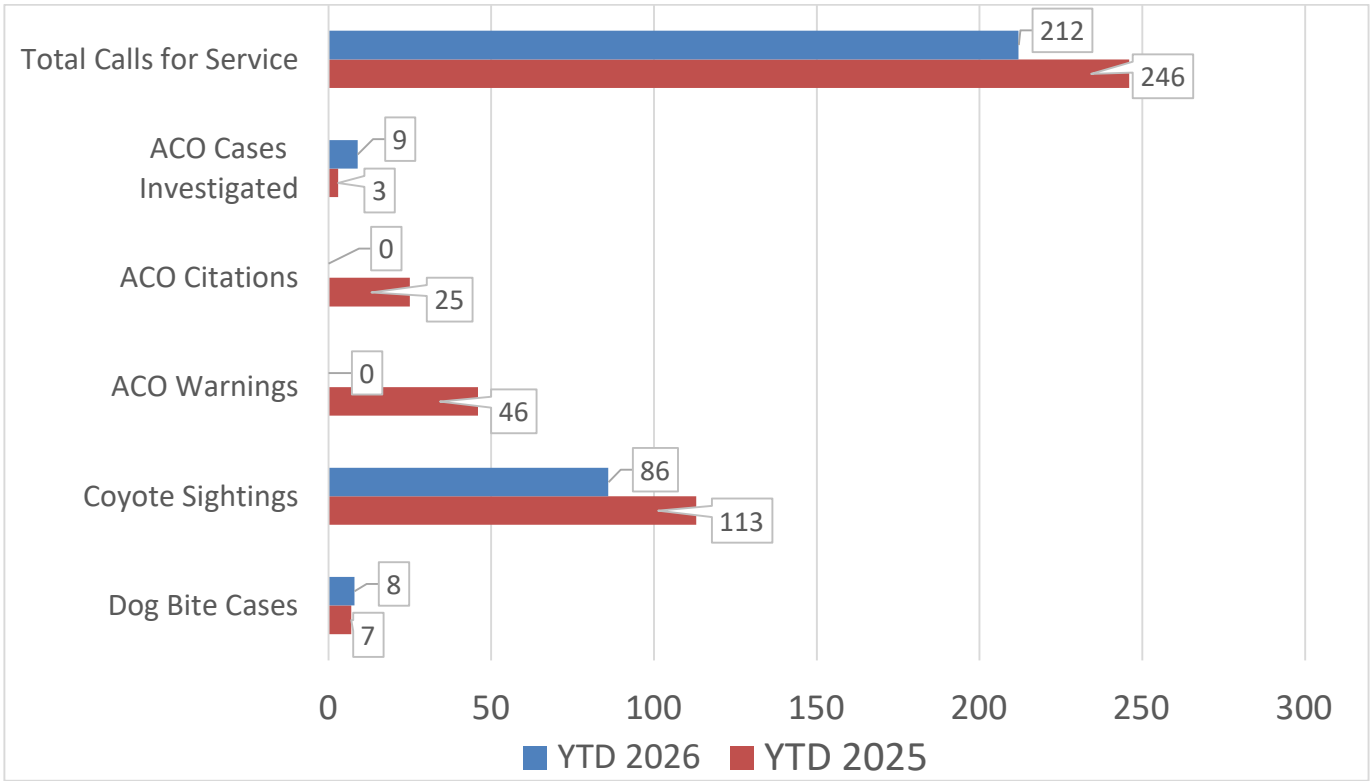
CHARGES	SEPT 2026	YTD 2026	SEPT 2025	YTD 2025
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	1
Assault	1	6	0	4
Domestic Violence	0	1	0	7
Public Disorderly	4	19	1	24
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Possession of Stolen Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Grand Larceny	0	2	0	4
All Other Larceny	1	5	0	2
Fraud	0	1	0	1
Weapon Violation	0	16	0	11
Drug Violations/Sale/Manufacture/ Distribution/Etc.	3	31	2	10
Possession of Controlled Substance	1	23	0	11
Other Drug Possession Methamphetamine/ Cocaine/Cocaine Base/Ecstasy/MDMA/Etc.	0	14	2	6
Simple Possession of Marijuana/Possession 1 oz. or less	5	134	12	91
Drug Equipment Violation	3	46	3	22
Vandalism/Damage to Property	2	5	1	1
Driving Under Suspension	7	145	17	138
Driving Under Influence	8	61	4	61
Other Alcohol Violation	1	90	3	65
Speeding	12	138	10	107
Other Traffic Related	93	749	67	608
Golf Cart Violation	0	1	0	0
Marine Violation	0	0	0	0
Resisting/Hindering/Assaulting Public Official or Police Officer	0	11	4	14
False Information to Police/Fire/Rescue	0	4	0	1
Failure to Stop for Police/Evade/Elude	1	2	0	8
Animal Violation (Other than Dog at Large)	0	2	0	2
Noise Violation	0	7	0	7
Littering	0	8	0	5
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	1
Business License	14	103	22	98
All Other Charges	1	13	0	20
TOTAL	**157**	**1638**	**148**	**1331**

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Drug, Gun, and DUI Charge Trend – Year to Date



Animal Control Activity - Year to Date



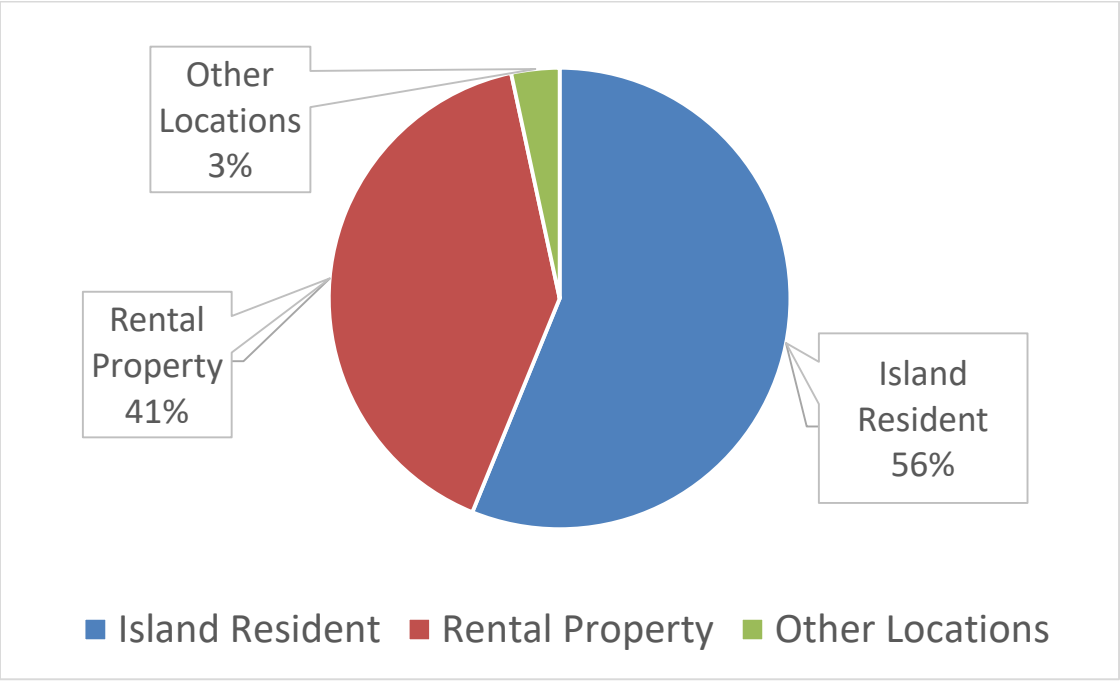
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Livability Statistics – SEPTEMBER 2026

LIVABILITY COMPLAINTS	ISLAND RESIDENT	RENTAL PROPERTY	OTHER LOCATIONS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
NOISE	5	9	1	15
FIREWORKS	0	0	0	0
UNKEMPT LOTS	0	0	0	0
RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0
BUSINESS LICENSE	21	1	2	24
OTHER PROPERTY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED	0	10	0	10
SHORT TERM RENTAL OCCUPANCY VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0
SHORT TERM RENTAL VEHICLE LIMIT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0
ROLL CART VIOLATIONS	24	16	0	40
TOTAL	**50**	**36**	**3**	**89**
% BY CATEGORY	**56%**	**40%**	**3%**	

CITATIONS	WARNINGS	UNFOUNDED	COMPLAINT DISPOSITION
0	6	9	15
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
14	0	10	24
0	10	0	10
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	40	0	40
14	**56**	**19**	**89**
16%	**63%**	**21%**	

Livability Complaint by Property Type – SEPTEMBER 2026

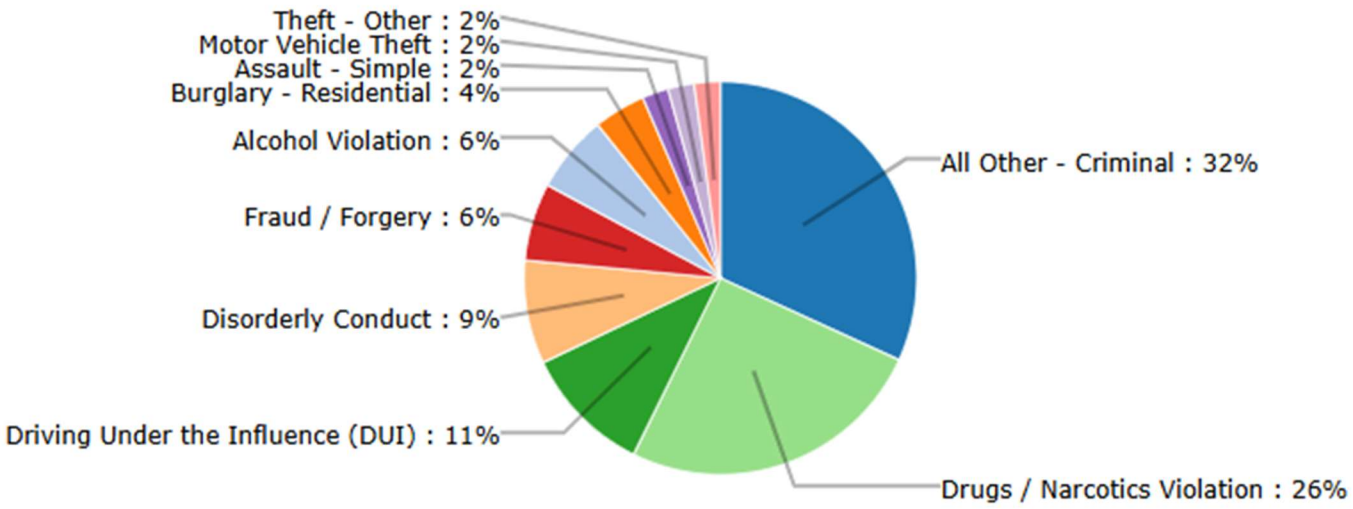


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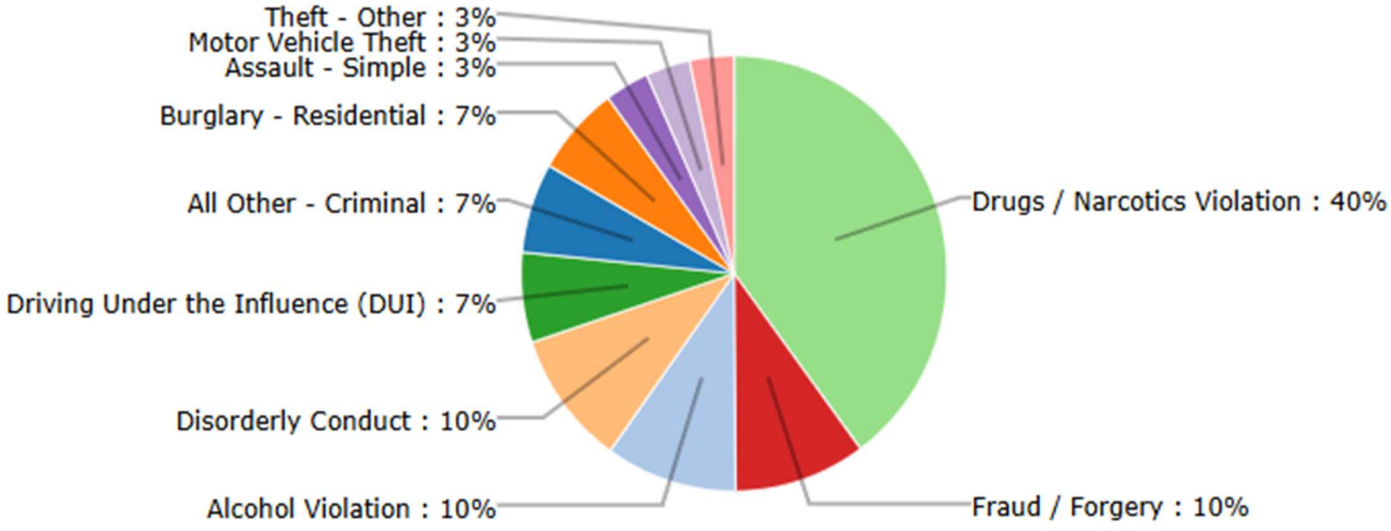
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Reported Incident Crime Class Types – SEPTEMBER 2026



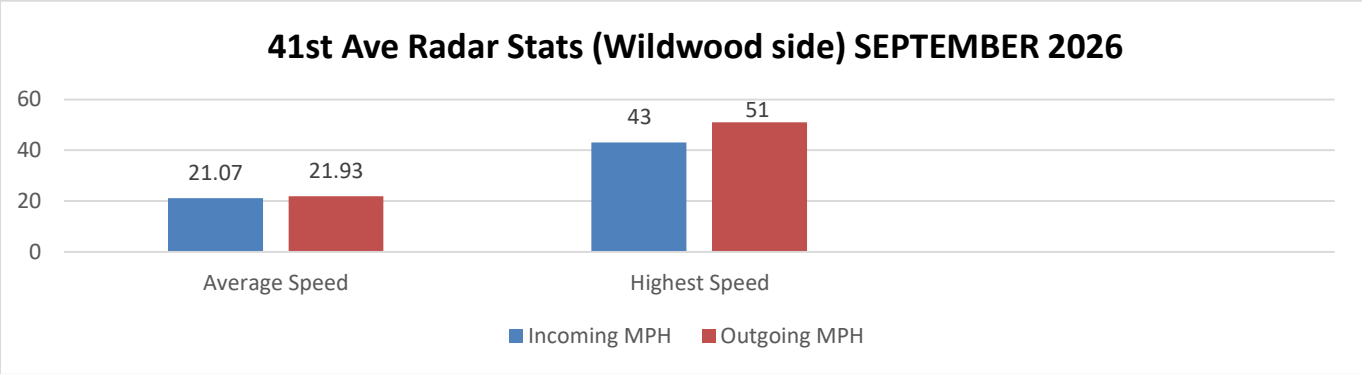
Reported Incident Crime Class Types (Red Area) – SEPTEMBER 2026



"All Other" includes incidents related to animals, noise, livability, and other violations.

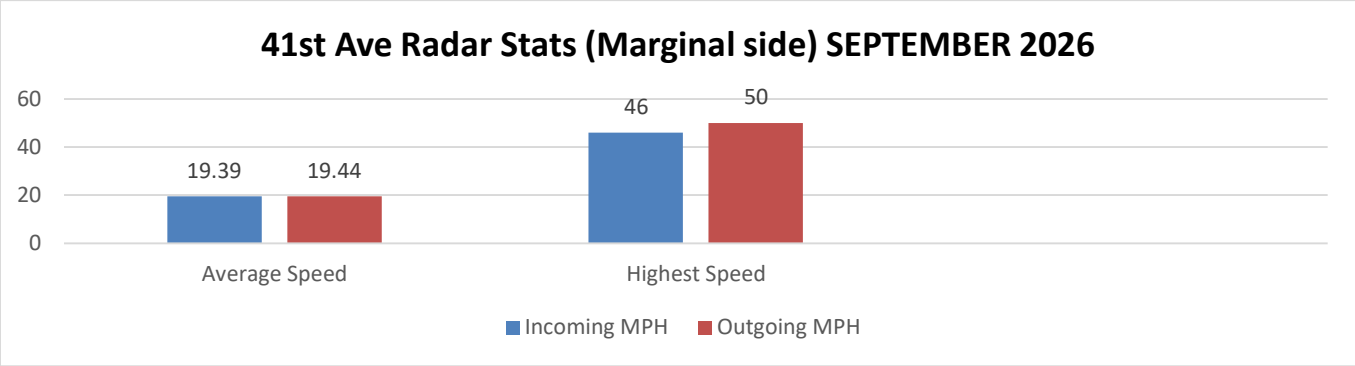
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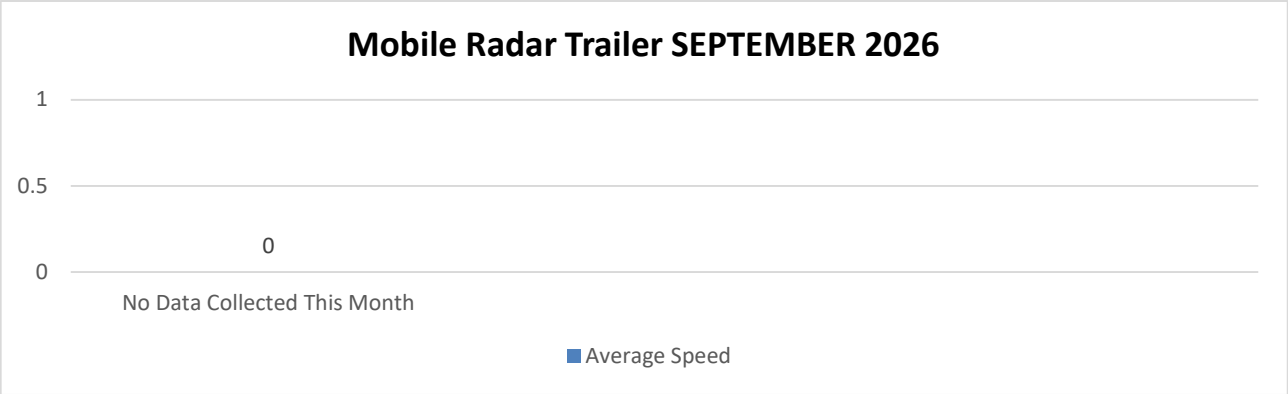
Total Incoming Vehicles: 1,172
Total Outgoing Vehicles: 1,344

Busiest Day of the Month: 09/06/2026
Total Vehicles Incoming: 24,540
Total Vehicles Outgoing: 25,893



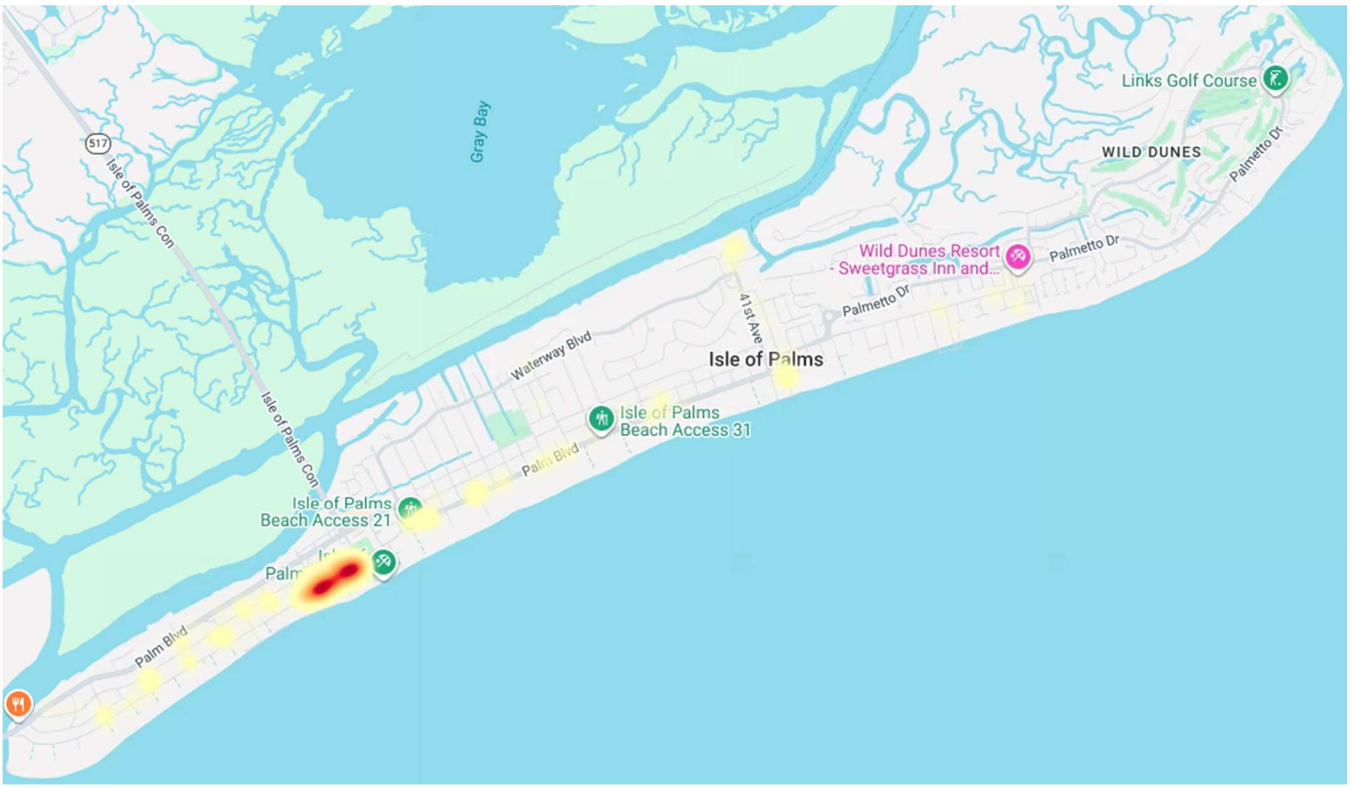
Total Incoming Vehicles: 19,063
Total Outgoing Vehicles: 15,397

Busiest Day of the Month: 09/06/2026
Total Vehicles Incoming: 1,092
Total Vehicles Outgoing: 671



PCI MUNICIPAL SERVICES

VIOLATION DESCRIPTION	VALID COUNT	CANCEL COUNT	PAID COUNT	TOTAL CITATIONS	WARNING CITATIONS
PARKED WITHIN 4FT OF PAVEMENT	10	6	13	**29**	**1**
MUST PARK ANGLED	0	1	1	**2**	**0**
PARKED ON PAVEMENT	7	0	0	**7**	**0**
PARKED IN A LOADING ZONE	3	1	0	**4**	**0**
PARKED IN OR WITHIN 20FT OF A CROSSWALK	0	0	0	**0**	**0**
RESIDENTIAL PERMIT REQUIRED	14	5	12	**31**	**0**
IMPROPER PARKING	3	1	2	**6**	**1**
PARKED AGAINST THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC	22	2	21	**45**	**0**
NO PARKING ZONE	7	1	5	**13**	**1**
BLOCKING BEACH ACCESS	0	1	1	**2**	**0**
NON-PAYMENT	199	71	163	**433**	**4**
PARALLEL PARKING ONLY	0	0	0	**0**	**1**
TOTALS	**265**	**89**	**218**	**572**	**8**



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Flock Transparency Portal

Overview

Isle of Palms Police Department (SC) uses Flock Safety technology to capture objective evidence without compromising on individual privacy. Isle of Palms PD utilizes retroactive search to solve crimes after they've occurred. Additionally, Isle of Palms PD utilizes real time alerting of hotlist vehicles to capture wanted criminals. In an effort to ensure proper usage and guardrails are in place, they have made the below policies and usage statistics available to the public.

Number of Searches

Total user search sessions over the last 30 days.

15

Hotlists Alerted On

National and statewide hotlist sources.

NCIC, NCMEC Amber Alert

Number of Hotlist Hits

Total hotlist hits over the last 30 days.

58

Top Offense Types

Offense Types used for LPR searches in the last 30 days.

1. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
2. Counterfeiting/Forgery
3. Criminal Motor Vehicle Offense (incl. Road Rage/Reckless)
4. Drugs/Narcotics
5. Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen

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MONTHLY REPORT 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026

ISLE OF PALMS FIRE & RESCUE

Authored by: Craig K. Oliverius, Fire Chief

OPERATIONS

Incident by Type

	2026									2026	
Incident Type Primary Category 1 (filncident.03)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current
fire	3	4	6	6	5	5	9	3	0	41	3.00%
hazardous situation	3	5	5	5	10	1	6	8	8	51	4.00%
medical	29	20	30	45	57	60	68	51	49	409	33.00%
no emergency	56	44	49	43	74	71	115	92	62	606	48.00%
public service	10	9	3	16	14	24	20	20	6	122	10.00%
rescue	0	1	1	2	5	7	2	4	3	25	2.00%
Grand Total	**101**	**83**	**94**	**117**	**165**	**168**	**220**	**178**	**128**	1,254	100.00%

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Residency Status

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH: 130

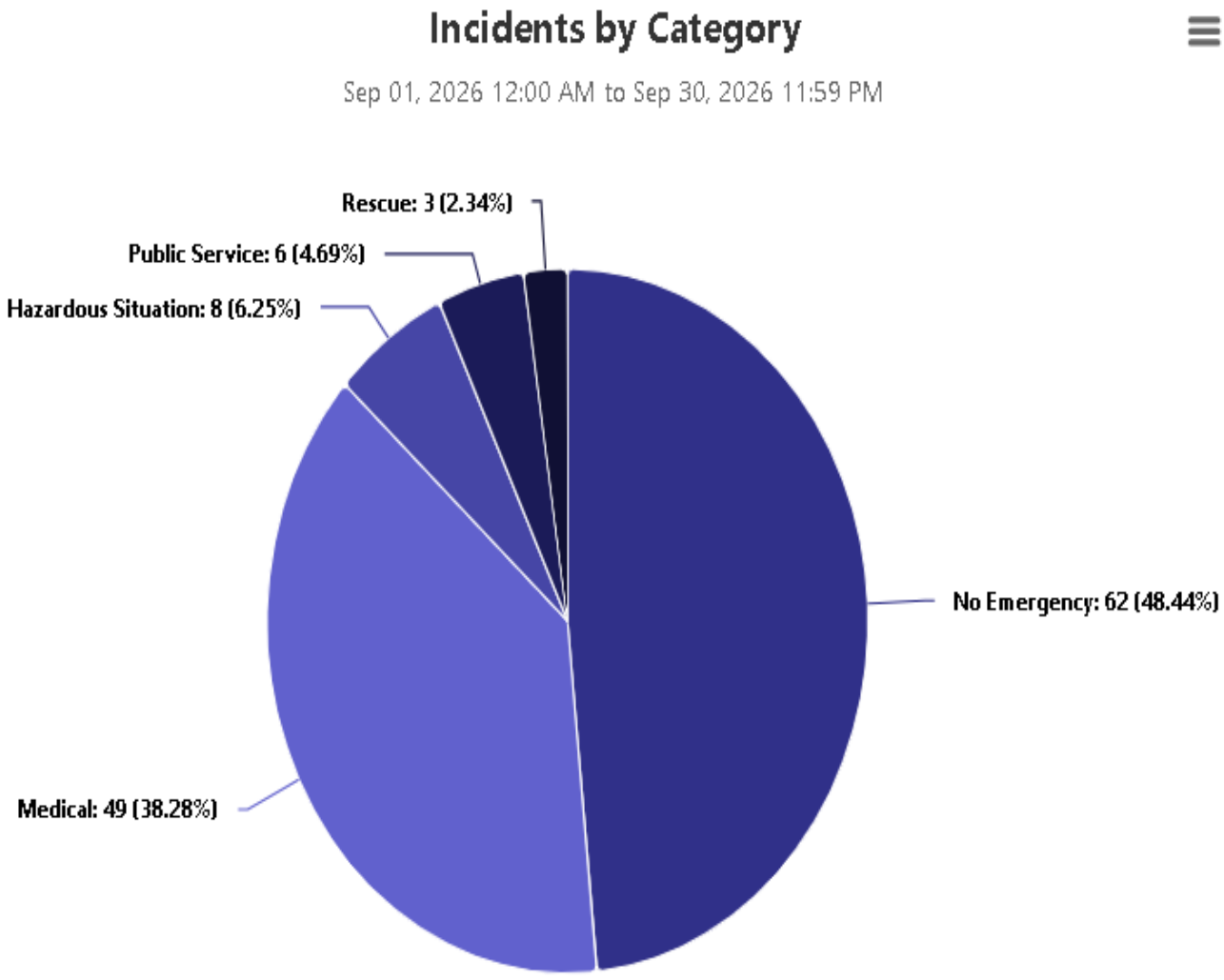
Resident Calls: 30
Non-Resident Calls: 85
Unknown: 15

Emergency Medical Incidents

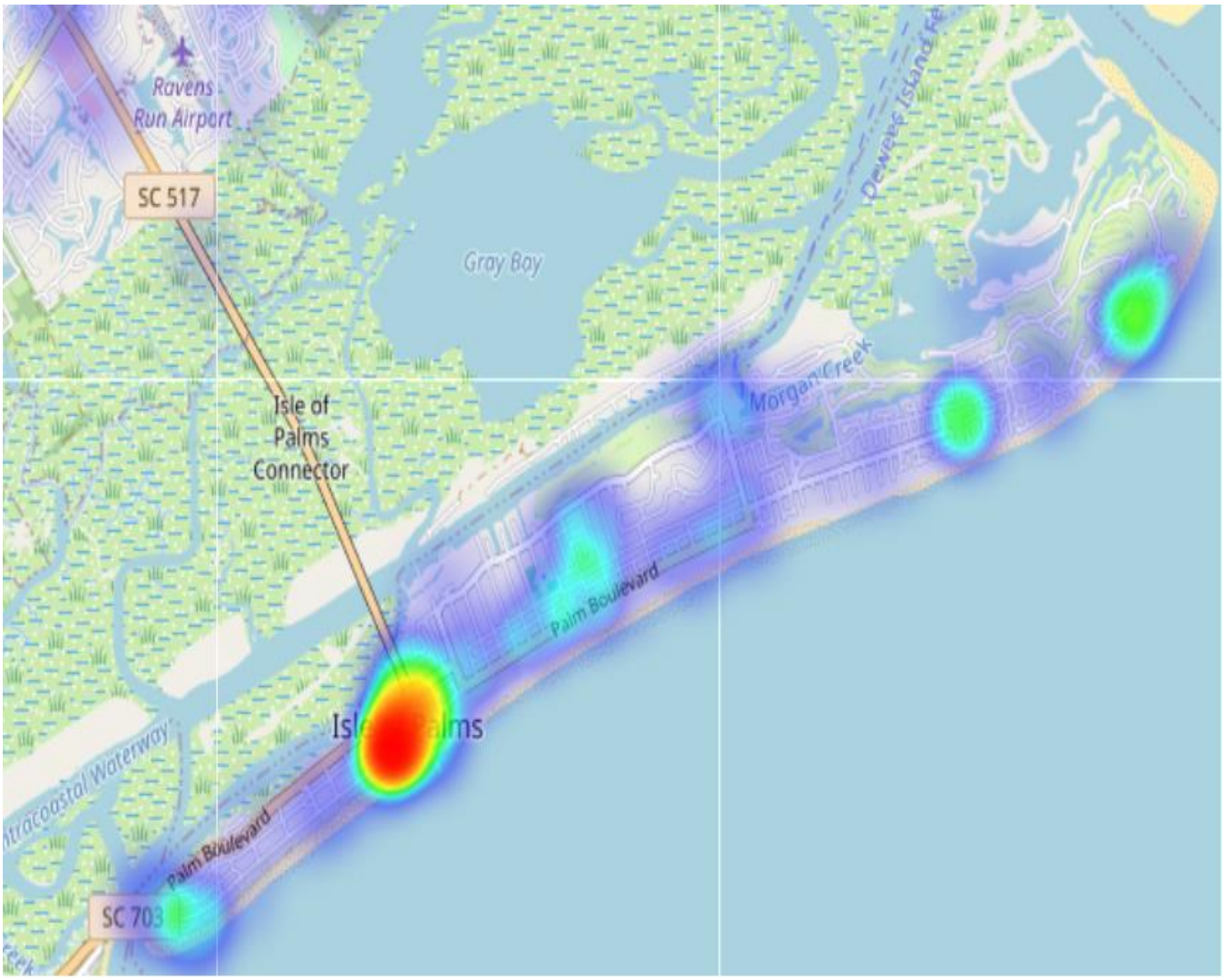
Isle of Palms Fire & Rescue
Number of Emergency Medical Incidents: 49

Number of Resident Emergency Medical Incidents: 13
Number of Non-Resident Emergency Medical Incidents: 34
Number of unknown residency Emergency Medical Incidents: 2

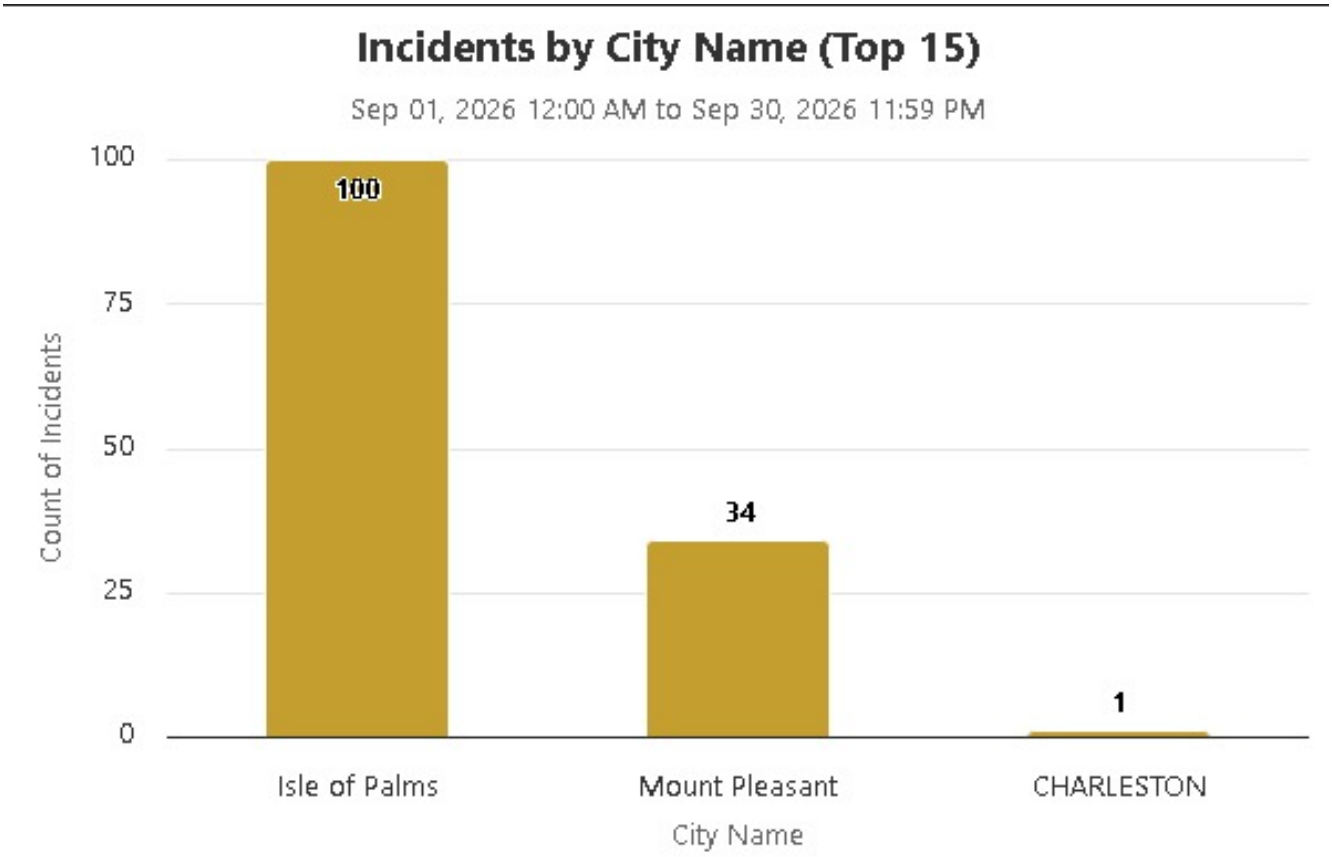
Incident Type Categories



Heat Map


Ravens
Run Airport
SC 517
Gray Bay
Isle of
Palms
Connector
Morgan Creek
Palm Boulevard
Palm Boulevard
SC 703

Automatic Aid Given by Fire Department Given Aid

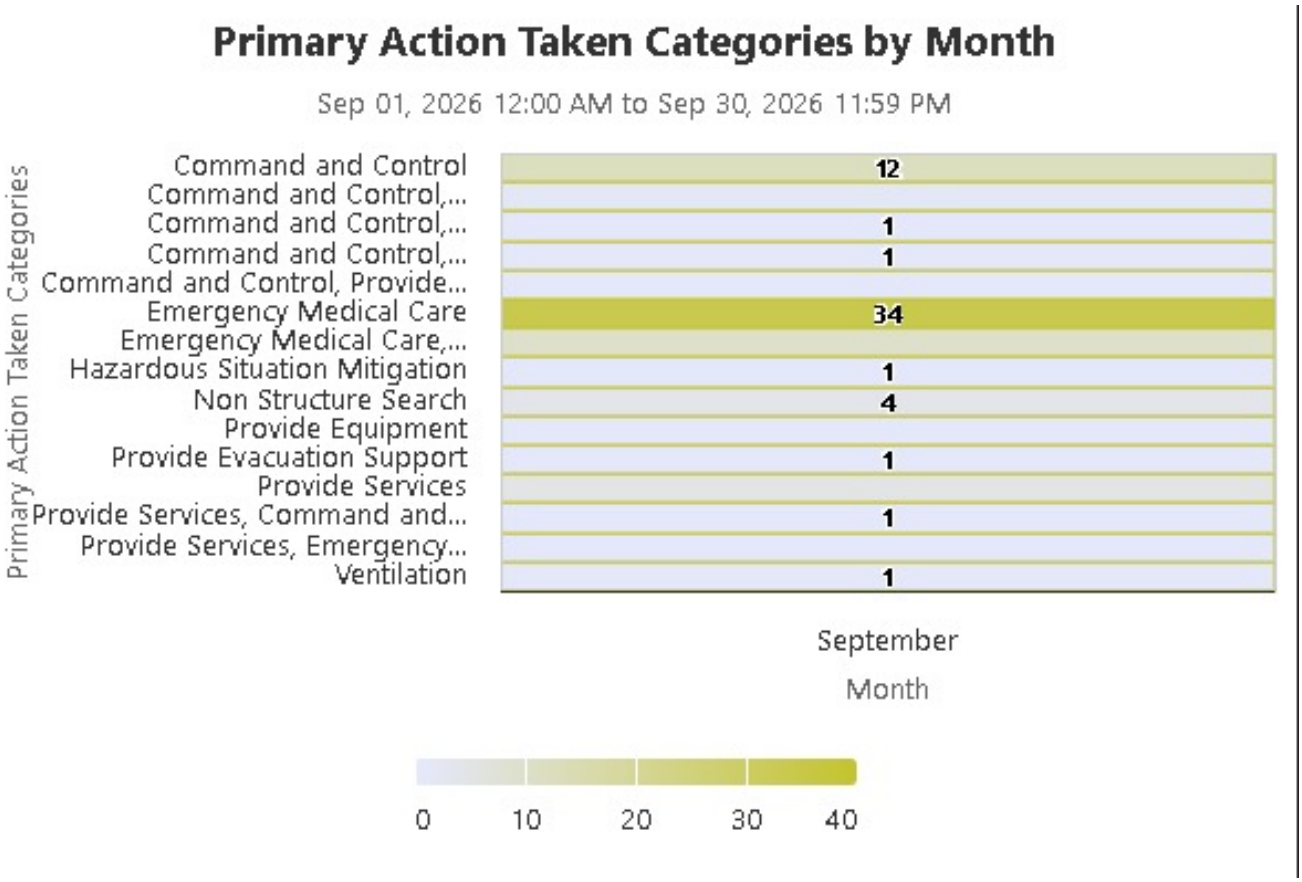


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Breakdown of Fire Department Call Types

Incident Type	Count
Fire	0
Abdominal Pain / Problems	1
Accidental Alarm	9
Altered Mental Status	1
Animal Bite/ Sting	1
Breathing Problems	3
Cancelled	40
Cardiac Arrest	1
Chest Pain	2
Citizen Assist / Service Call	2
Convulsions / Seizures	2
Diabetic Problems	1
Fainting or Unconscious Victim	4
Fall	10
Fuel Spill / Fuel Odor	2
Gas Leak / Gas Odor	3
Heart Problems	2
Heat / Cold Exposure	1
Hemorrhage / Laceration	3
Investigation - Odor	2
Law Enforcement Support	2
Lost Person	1
Malfunctioning Alarm	10
Medical - Illness	2
Medical - Illness- Unknown Problem	1
Medical - Injury	1
Medical Alarm	1
Medical -Illness- No Appropriate Choice	3
Motor Vehicle Collision With Injury	1
Motor Vehicle Collision With No Injury	1
No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error	1
Other False Call	2
Overdose / Poisoning	1
Psychological Behavior Issues	1
Public Service - Other Alarm	1
Public Service- Fire / Smoke Alarm	2
Rescue - Lake/ Open Ocean	1
Sick Case	2
Standby Request/ Medical Assist	4
Structure Rescue - Elevator / Escalator	1
Water Rescue - Watercraft in Distress	1
	130

Fire Department Activity



Monthly Training Schedule

September 2026 Training Schedule

Fire Training

Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Location
9/7/26	0900-1100	Response Drills (C Shift)	Chief Harshaw	Station1
9/14/26	0900-1100	Response Drills (A Shift)	Chief Harshaw	Station1
9/28/26	0900-1100	Response Drills (B Shift)	Chief Harshaw	Station1
9/1-9/30/26	0900-1100	Pump Ops Drills – All Shifts	BC on Duty	Station1

****All shifts required to assist pump ops students throughout the month conducting pump drills****

Medical Training

Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Location
N/A (A)	NA	CAPCE Epilepsy and Other Seizure Disorders	CAPCE	N/A
N/A (B)	N/A	CAPCE Epilepsy and Other Seizure Disorders	CAPCE	N/A
N/A (C)	N/A	CAPCE Epilepsy and Other Seizure Disorders	CAPCE	N/A

Physical Fitness Training

Date	Time	Topic	Proctor	Location
TBA	TBA	Captain's Choice	A-Shift	TBA
TBA	TBA	Captain's Choice	B-Shift	TBA
TBA	TBA	Captain's Choice	C-Shift	TBA

Specialty Training

Date	Time	Topic	Instructor	Location
TBA- ARRT	0900 –1200	TBA	Moses, Mello	St.2
09/19/2026	1100 - 1300	Big Brothers Big Sisters	FF Wheat	St.1

Training Announcements

- FM Logan Spivey Orientation – 09/01/26
- FF-R/PM Colyn Riley Orientation - 09/01/26
- FTO, MTO, & MrTO Interviews – 09/14/26 (A), 09/23/26 (B), 09/24/26 (C) – Time TBA
- EMS Committee Meeting – DC Tuohy - TBA
- All-Hazards Marine Committee – DC Tuohy & Eng. Marlow – TBA
- Lowcountry Resuscitation Alliance – 09/08/26
- Special Operations Committee Meeting –N. Chas. - DC Tuohy – 09/15/26
- OB/Neonate Workshop - Orangeburg – DC Tuohy – 09/17/26
- Visit with Lucy – TBA
- Charleston Fire Chief's Association Meeting – 09/16/26
- Keynote Speaking Event – MPFD Recruit School – FF Castonguay – 09/23/26
- Complete and File Shift Pre-Incident Plans as Assigned
- Pump Operations Class (September 4, 10, 11, 16, 17)-B Shift

FIRE MARSHAL

SEPTEMBER 2026

Newly Hired Fire Marshal, Logan Spivey, Start Date of September 2, 2026

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- Reviewed a residential sprinkler rough-in and discussed the riser pressure and valve positions.
- Followed up on a blocked fire department connection at the Boardwalk Inn and reviewed the standpipe and sprinkler room setup.
- Reviewed a site plan and completed a site visit regarding a proposed hydrant relocation.
- Responded to a short-term rental question and clarified that a fire extinguisher is still required when the unit has a suppression system.
- Coordinated attendance for upcoming Fire Prevention events.
- Attended two Exchange Club meetings regarding the IOP Connector Run.
- Inspected the stage for the IOP Connector Run.
- Attended the Child Passenger Safety Summit.
- Attended the Fire and Life Safety Educator quarterly training.
- Coordinated with Marmic Contracting, which completed the inspection and testing of the fire alarm and suppression systems at Fire Station 2.
- Helped coordinate the Public Safety Open House, including sending vendor invitations and preparing the flyer for social media.
- Placed an order with Alert All for fire prevention and community engagement supplies to be used during October.
- Reviewed fire-safety considerations for upcoming community events, including generator and extension-cord use and lithium-ion battery safety.
- Met with department leadership and battalion chiefs to discuss community risk reduction, upcoming events, preplans, and ways the Fire Marshal's Office can support operations.