



Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

Monthly Statistics for March 2026



CRIME REPORTING

The PVEPD reports crime and arrest data to the FBI through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The NIBRS collects data on each incident and arrest within 22 offense categories made up of 46 specific crimes called Group A offenses. Definitions of the NIBRS offenses (which can vary from definitions in California law) can be viewed by visiting [NIBRS Offense Definitions](#). Sharing this monthly data provides transparency with the public and gives an overall view of crimes, with a comparison to the prior year.

While the NIBRS reporting requirements and definitions create uniformity in data collected nationwide, it can have an appearance of being different from the weekly crime logs produced internally by the PVEPD and also shared with the public. This is due to the method the FBI collects the data, the validation process involved, late reported crimes and the nature of evolving criminal investigations.

Despite the potential variations in numbers, in an effort towards increased transparency, the PVEPD provides the public with both a weekly report, along with a monthly and year-to-date reports.

Additional information on the offenses can be found by viewing our weekly crime logs at [Reports and Statistics | Palos Verdes Estates, CA](#).

March 2026 Crimes

Offense	Total
Theft From Motor Vehicle	3
All Other Larceny	5
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7
False Pretense/Swindle/ Confidence Game	2
Impersonation	2
Identity Theft	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	2
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2
Drug Equipment Violations	1
Weapons Law Violations	1
Total	26

March 2026 Arrests

Offense	Total
Impersonation	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2
Drug Equipment Violations	1
Weapons Law Violations	1
Driving Under the Influence	2
Liquor Law Violations	1
All Other Offenses	1
Total	9

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Year to Date Arrest Data

Offense	Total
Simple Assault	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Impersonation	1
Stolen Property Offenses	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	9
Drug Equipment Violations	2
Weapons Law Violations	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving Under the Influence	12
Liquor Law Violations	1
All Other Offenses	10
Total	43

Year to Date Crime Data

On the following page is year to date crime data. To date this year, the community has experienced zero residential burglaries, a significant improvement compared to 13 burglaries during the same time period last year. This outcome did not occur by chance, but rather reflects a strong and ongoing partnership between residents and the Police Department. Proactive police work, fast response times, and community engagement have all played a critical role in this success. Residents taking basic crime prevention measures—such as locking doors and windows, leaving lights on, and promptly reporting suspicious activity—have greatly contributed to safer neighborhoods. In addition, free home security assessments conducted by department detectives have helped identify and address potential vulnerabilities.

An increase we are currently seeing is in the fraud and theft crimes, which are often related. While the NIBRS reporting requirements and definitions create uniformity in data collected nationwide, it also requires departments to account for each crime within a single incident. For example, this year so far, we have seen fraud related offenses including check washing, wire fraud and identity theft. When there is a monetary loss during one of these incidents, NIBRS requires the incident to also stat as a larceny.

This far in 2026, we have had 22 reported larcenies, an increase of 69 percent compared to last year. During the reporting period, two arrests were made—one related to a burglary of a locked vehicle and one for possession of stolen property. Reported thefts included five thefts from unlocked vehicles and one theft from a locked vehicle, along with one stolen vehicle. Additional cases involved ten incidents of check or bank fraud, two instances of hacked and stolen airline miles, and one package theft.

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Year to Date Crime Data



Offense	Reported in 2026	Reported in 2025	Percent Change
Murder	0	0	NA
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:			
Rape	0	0	NA
Sodomy	0	0	NA
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA
Fondling	0	0	NA
Aggravated Assault	0	1	-100.00%
Simple Assault	1	4	-75.00%
Intimidation	4	2	100.00%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NA
Consensual Sex Offenses:			
Incest	0	0	NA
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA
Crimes Against Persons Total	5	7	-28.57%
Robbery	0	0	NA
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0	13	-100.00%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	22	13	69.23%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	100.00%
Arson	0	0	NA
Destruction Of Property	5	2	150.00%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	15	17	-11.76%
Fraud Offense	12	8	50.00%
Embezzlement	0	0	NA
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	NA
Bribery	0	0	NA
Stolen Property Offenses	0	3	-100.00%
Crimes Against Property Total	57	57	0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	9	10	-10.00%
Drug Equipment Violations	3	8	-62.50%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NA
Prostitution	0	0	NA
Weapons Law Violation	3	0	NA
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA
Crimes Against Society Total	15	18	-16.67%
Total Group "A" Offenses	77	82	-6.1%

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RESPONSE TIMES

When a person contacts the Police Department to report a call for service, the dispatcher starts obtaining information from the person. The dispatcher enters this information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, which creates a log entry, including an automatically populated date and time stamp for when the call was received. This is considered pre-dispatch time. The Dispatcher then assigns the call to an Officer who drives to the scene. This is considered travel time.

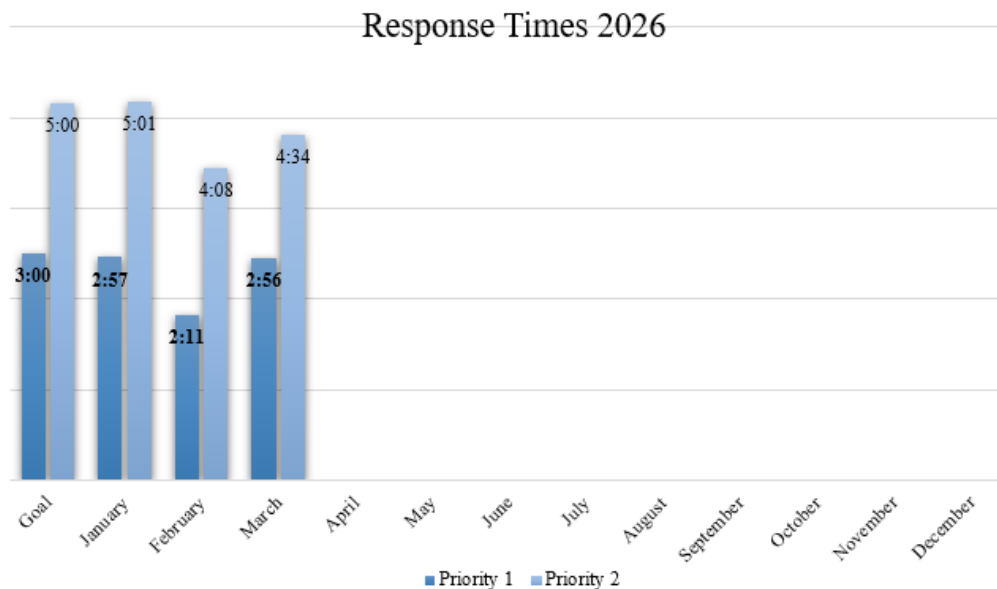
The combined pre-dispatch and travel time represent the total response time. Some law enforcement agencies, particularly those that must hold calls until an Officer is available, only consider travel time as their total response time.

Definitions

A Priority 1 call is an emergency, such as a burglary in progress, a traffic collision with injuries, a felony assault, a medical emergency and a fire. A Priority 2 call is urgent but not an emergency. Examples include a suspicious person, family disturbance, a burglary alarm, 9-1-1 hang-up, traffic collision without injuries, and a reckless driver.

The goal of the PVEPD is to have a response time to Priority 1 calls within 3 minutes, and Priority 2 calls within 5 minutes.

Priority	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
1	2:57	2:11	2:56										2:45
2	5:01	4:08	4:34										4:34



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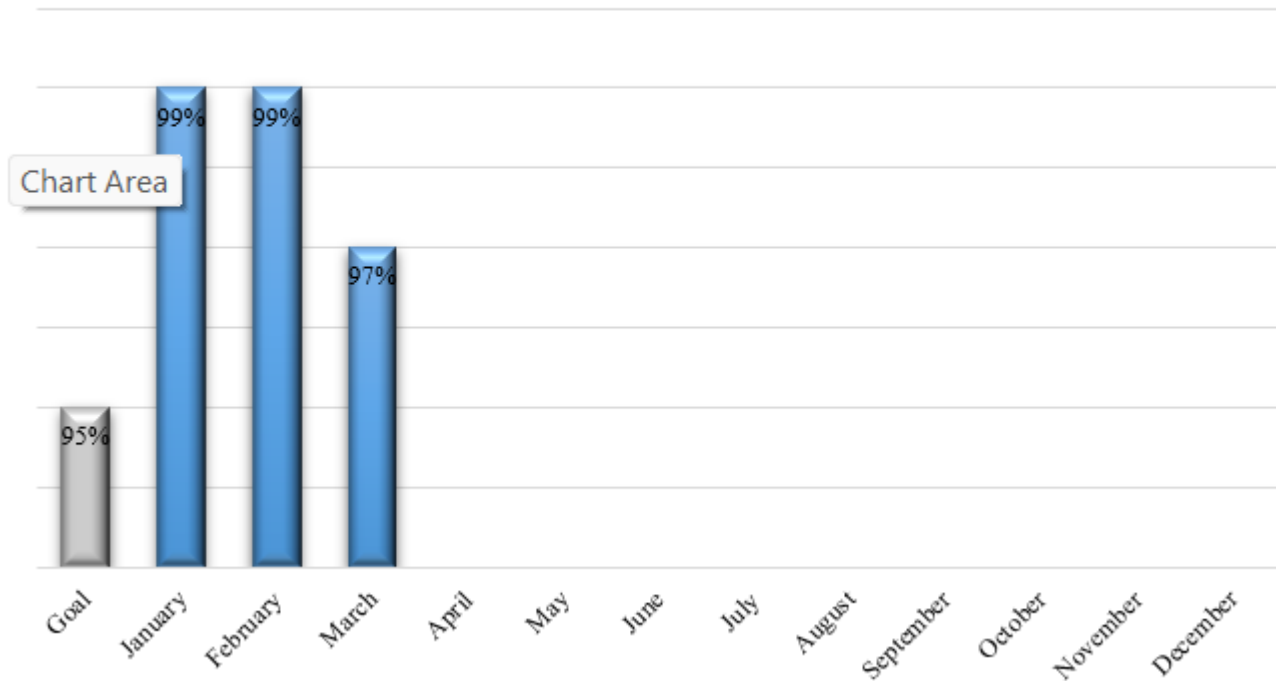
9-1-1 ANSWER TIMES

On average, the PVEPD receives over 100 9-1-1 calls every month. It is important that we have available dispatchers to answer those emergency calls quickly. The PVEPD Dispatch center is located in our police station and our dispatchers are focused on Palos Verdes Estates. This enables our dispatchers to answer 9-1-1 calls in our city very quickly and significantly contributes to a quick response time.

The goal of the PVEPD is to answer 95% of 9-1-1 calls in 10 seconds or less.

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
911 Calls	208	180	198										195
% in 10 seconds	99%	99%	97%										98%

2026 911 Calls Answered within 10 seconds



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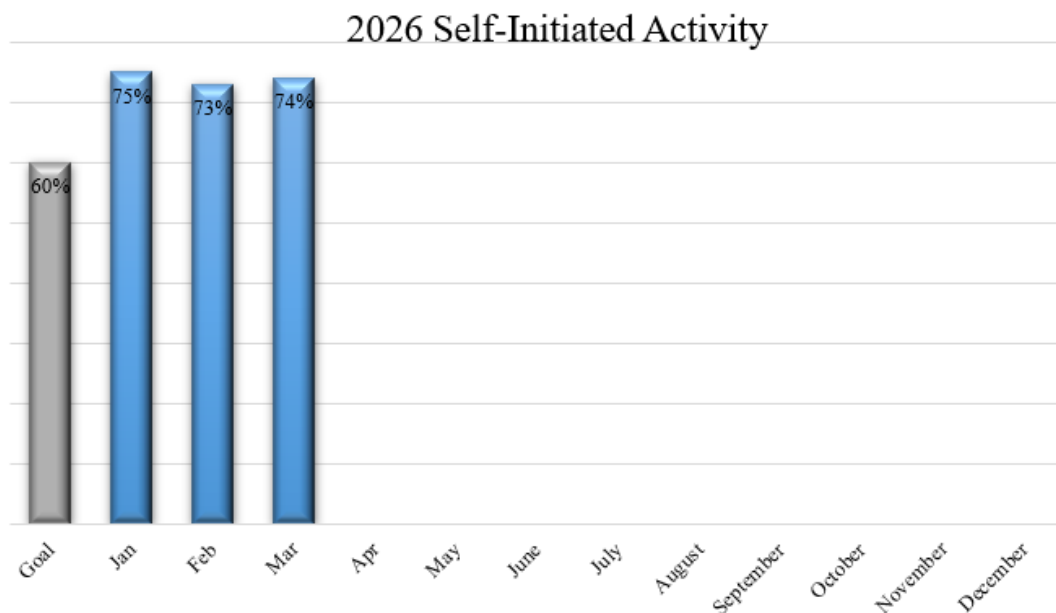
SELF-INITIATED ACTIVITY

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is a non-profit professional association of local government administrators and managers. ICMA has a “Rule of 60” regarding appropriate staffing levels for local police departments. In general, part of the “Rule of 60” is to maintain that no more than 60 percent of patrol staffing should be “saturated” by workload demands from the community. In other words, Officers should have a minimum of 40 percent of their time available for patrolling the community, self-initiated policing, and/or time for community policing.

On average, our dispatchers enter over 2,000 log entries into our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system every month, including calls for service and self-initiated policing. This is when members of the PVEPD take action without a call for service. This includes traffic stops, patrol/security checks, campus checks, parking violations, officer initiated investigations, locating hazardous areas and more. This proactive work improves public safety, reduces crime, reduces traffic collisions and can improve relationships with the police department and the public.

The goal of the PVEPD is to have at least 60% of our CAD Entries be Self-Initiated Policing.

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
CAD Entries	2198	1853	2190										2080
Self-Initiated	1652	1361	1616										1543
Self-Initiated %	75%	73%	74%										74%



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TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Safety is a priority for the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. It is crucial for protecting the lives and well-being of all road users, including drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Traffic citations below include moving violations (such as speed, stop signs, bicycle laws etc.) and other violations (such as brake lights, window tint, expired registration, infraction licensing laws, etc.)

Officers respond to several calls regarding traffic collisions each month. PVEPD Policy outlines when a police report shall be taken as follows:

When there is a death or injury to any persons involved in the collision; Hit and Run Collisions; When one or more vehicles in rendered disabled and/or towed from the scene; Damage to City property; When a report is requested by any involved driver.

Other law enforcement agencies have fewer criteria for when to take a report, such as only when there are injuries or when a driver demands a report. PVEPD documents more collision reports than some agencies, providing the City with a clearer understanding of traffic concerns.

For context, throughout 2024 and 2025, the average total number of monthly collisions was 7. In January of 2026, we had 6 total collisions; in February of 2026, we had 11 total collisions; and in March of 2026 we had 5 total collisions. Compared with the two years of total monthly average collision data, this represents a 5% increase for those three months. However, in January through March of 2025, we only had a total of 9 traffic collisions, which was drastically lower than average. Subsequently, when we compared data from January through March of 2026 to the same months of 2025, we observed a 367% increase in non-injury collisions and a 33% increase in injury collisions. The drastic percentage increase was due to abnormally low numbers in 2025, then abnormally high numbers in the same months of 2026, which gave it a drastic swing in percentages.

Citations

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Traffic Cites	198	136	110										334
Parking Cites	148	88	113										236

Collisions

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Percent Change from 2025
Non-Injury Collisions	4	7	3											367%
Injury Collisions	2	4	2											33%
Of which, Bicyclists Involved	0	0	1											-67%

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