

Fire Rescue Services

Item 7.5

Community Property Safety Team (CPST)

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Addressing Unsecured, Vacant Properties

- Caused mainly by illegal occupants
- High risk for Edmontonians and firefighters
- Often go unreported for extended periods



The CPST Pilot

Escalating model:

1. Board up all accessible openings
2. Add perimeter fencing
3. Add in-person security every 3 hours
4. Add 24 hour security



CPST Pilot By the Numbers

	April 2022 To Sept 2023
Properties reported / investigated (#)	593
Resulted in Orders issued	295
# of properties secured (boarded / fenced)	320
# of properties demolished after CPST interactions / orders	111
# of properties redeveloped after CPST interactions / orders	18
# of properties moved to the next step (progressive escalation)	29

31% Decrease in structural fires
(2023 projection for target neighbourhoods)

Next Steps

- At the November 21st, 2023, City Council meeting, Administration committed to:
 - The immediate transition of the CPST pilot to a permanent program at its current service level of two Fire Prevention Officers and one Clerk
 - Using vacancy management in 2024 to fully staff the program by repurposing two FTEs for an additional two Fire Prevention Officers

Thank You

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