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Board Report

Office of Safety, Security, and Protection (OSSP)

• OSSP Monthly Activities Report for May 2026

Summary

This monthly report provides a summary of OSSP activities for May 2026 in the following key areas:

- Safety, Regulatory, and Training (SRT)
 - Health and Safety Programs
 - Environmental Programs
 - Safety and Technical Training Programs
 - Apprenticeship Programs
- Security Management
- Emergency Management

Purpose

Informational

Attachments

Attachment 1: Detailed Report – OSSP Monthly Activities for May 2026



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OSSP Monthly Activities Report May 2026

Objectives:

Improve the workplace and promote START values.

Strengthen safety training. Expand security and emergency management capabilities.

SAFETY, REGULATORY & TRAINING (SRT)

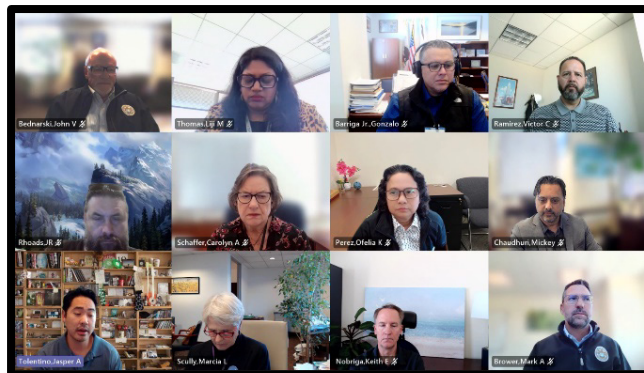
SRT Health and Safety Programs

The Safety Team posted the 2026 Q1 EHS Performance Chart and a new Safety Advisory on replacing chains with swing gates. The advisory provides information on how swing gates can enhance fall protection and overall site safety.

The team also facilitated Safety Forum #2, where Metropolitan's local safety committees gathered to collaborate, share lessons learned, best practices, and update one another on their safety efforts. Following the forum, the Executive Safety Committee met to review current initiatives and discuss action items to continue advancing our safety priorities. move forward initiatives.



Safety Committee Forum



Executive Safety Committee



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In addition, the team launched the Employee Safety Recognition Program to encourage employees to acknowledge peers who demonstrate safety leadership in their daily work. This program supports a safer workplace by motivating employees to prioritize safe behaviors and by recognizing those who go above and beyond to ensure everyone goes home safely.

Employee Safety Recognition Program

May 2026 Safety e-Cards

Employees can advance Metropolitan's safety culture by recognizing peers for safe work habits and surprising them with a fun Safety Recognition e-Card in five safety categories

Take Time for Safety
Effectively utilizes "Take 5 for Safety" to identify or re-assess hazards during planning or when work situations change due to a new hazard not previously identified

Safe Behavior
Consistently demonstrates safe work habits and choices in daily work and encourages other to do the same

Safety Innovator
Introduces creative and practical solutions and safety suggestions demonstrating forward thinking; safety planning and continuous process improvements

Safety Leadership
Sets an example by reinforcing safe work practices, speaking up about hazards, and taking the initiative to improve safety on the job

Safety Culture Advocate
Promotes the five dimensions of safety culture by keeping the team informed about workplace risks, encourages the reporting of safety issues, responds promptly to safety concerns, focuses on learning from incidents and sharing relevant information

4 Simple Steps to get started

Step 1: Log into www.culturecloud.com

Step 2: Click on Recognize and Type in Employee's Name

Step 3: Select Safety and Recognition Category

Step 4: Follow the Prompts and Submit

More graphic options available on culturecloud.com

Employee Safety Recognition Program Flyer

SRT Environmental Programs

The Environmental Team kicked off the first of six triennial PSM/RMP/CalARP internal audits due in 2026. In addition, the team also participated in the quarterly Process Safety Task Force meeting with Water Treatment and Engineering.

A new RFQ was posted seeking qualified vendors to provide environmental site assessment services (abatement and remediation) for CIP projects.



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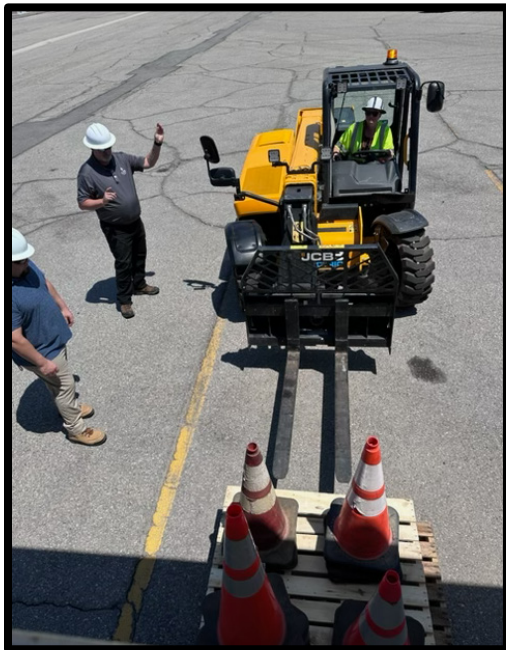
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SRT Safety and Technical Training Programs

The Safety and Technical Training Team hosted a train-the-trainer session with an industry expert to ensure that Metropolitan's forklift training program is compliant and effective. Instructors reviewed updated OSHA requirements, operator safety expectations, and best practices for forklift operation and evaluation.

The session focused on strengthening instructor knowledge, assessing the existing training processes, and identifying opportunities for improvement. It also included a review of documentation practices, practical skills assessments, and performance monitoring. These initiatives support the organization's commitment to maintaining a safe work environment and ensuring that forklift operators are properly trained and qualified.



Forklift Train-the-trainer session at Lake Mathews



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SRT Apprenticeship Programs

This month, as part of the apprenticeship curriculum, the Electrical Class of 2026 completed their final exams and concluded their seventh period of instruction.

The Mechanical Class of 2027 attended valving training at Cla-Val as part of their sixth period of instruction.

Additionally, the Mechanical and Electrical Class of 2029 also completed their final exams, concluding their joint first period of instruction. Their separate second periods, one for mechanics and one for electricians, are scheduled to begin at the end of July.



Mechanical Class of 2027 attending valving training at Cla-Val



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Security Management

Metropolitan Security Robotics presented at the 8th Annual California Infraday

On April 22–23, Metropolitan’s Security staff participated in the 8th Annual California Infraday working forum in DTLA. Over 100 speakers and senior leaders from across transportation, utilities, water, housing, and capital delivery met to discuss the significant challenges and strategic pathways to successfully execute major infrastructure programs across the state. Metropolitan Security Management joined a public/private partnership panel discussing the role of robotics in public utility, critical infrastructure protection and security. Panel topics included:

- How robotics and automation deliver value, improve safety, and schedule certainty.
- How agency investments in robotics and AI-driven technologies translate into measurable public outcomes.
- Effective ways public agencies and private partners can collaborate to pilot and scale robotic solutions while maintaining accountability to taxpayers and stakeholders.
- How AI-driven field data collection is changing ways agencies track progress, validate work, and report on project performance.
- Procurement, contracting, or policy barriers that slow the adoption of robotics in public infrastructure projects and how those can be addressed.
- How to balance innovation with risk management when deploying autonomous systems on projects with strict safety, regulatory, and community impacts.



Metropolitan Security Management joins robotics panel in California’s 8th Annual Infraday.



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Critical Lifeline Sectors Security Summit

On May 13, the Security Management Unit co-hosted the Critical Lifeline Sectors Security Summit alongside the FBI and TSA. The event drew 85 attendees representing some of the most significant security and infrastructure stakeholders in the region, including the Secret Service, FBI, DHS, SCE, Sempra Energy, SoCal Gas, LADWP, DWR, and San Diego Water Authority, among others.

The summit provided a structured forum for security leaders across water, energy, transportation, and communications sectors to share threat intelligence, operational experiences, and best practices. The caliber of participation reflects the growing recognition that critical infrastructure protection is a shared responsibility – one that requires active collaboration across agency and sector lines.

The key takeaway from the day was straightforward but important: our collective experience is one of our most underutilized assets. Challenges that one agency has already navigated often mirror those another is just beginning to face. By building relationships and channels to share that experience, we reduce response time, avoid duplicating effort, and raise the baseline of preparedness across the region.

Metropolitan's role as co-host reinforced our standing as a trusted partner and leader within the regional security community.



Critical Lifeline Sectors Security Summit attendees



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Emergency Management

This was a busy month for Metropolitan's Emergency Management Team as they prepared for upcoming special events, while maintaining ongoing compliance, recovery, and training responsibilities.



Carbon Fire near the Diemer plant and use of the Diemer heli-hydrant

Response

On April 15, Emergency Management staff assisted Headquarters Facilities and Security personnel following up on police activity at the Union Station transportation center. The front entrance of the station was closed by the police department, and ultimately did not impact Metropolitan's Headquarters, but it did allow staff to practice responding to a real incident at the next-door site, which may be likely during the World Cup.

The Carbon Fire burned over 200 acres on April 25 and was located directly north of the Diemer Water Treatment plant. The fire burned away from the plant and did not pose an immediate threat to the plant. Diemer's heli-hydrant and heli-pad were used by the Fire Department helicopters to take on water and fuel as they fought the fire. Emergency Management staff responded to the Diemer plant Control Room to check on operators and deployed them to the nearby Fire Command Post to check-in with the Fire Department and provide a communications link between Fire Incident Command and the plant. This was the first time the Diemer heli-hydrant was used in an actual fire response and appeared to work well.



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World Cup banners are in place at Union Station, and the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is preparing for this high-profile international event.

World Cup Preparations

As of this writing, we are approximately one month away from the 2026 World Cup. Eight games will be played in the Los Angeles area and will include numerous Fan Zones and watch party sites, with a significant increase in traveler traffic through Union Station. Metropolitan staff participated in the following emergency training and exercises to prepare for this high-profile international event running from June 12–July 19.

On April 14, staff participated in a Union Station Security communications drill to test communications channels between Union Station and all associated partners, including Metropolitan’s Headquarters. It was a successful exercise with valuable lessons learned.

On April 29, staff observed a county-wide emergency exercise at the Los Angeles County EOC. This exercise included coordination with exercises at Sofi Stadium in Inglewood and the City of West Hollywood. Staff was able to observe County EOC operations and confirm multiple points of contact to prepare for the June/July events.

Finally, staff participated in the regular Los Angeles City Major Special Events Task Force meeting at the Los Angeles City EOC to gain updates on World Cup preparations and coordination.



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Staff from the Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan meet in the Metropolitan EOC.

Collaboration and Outreach

Staff continue to reach out to emergency partners during this time of elevated preparedness to maintain readiness. On April 21, over 30 people from the Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan met at the Metropolitan EOC in Eagle Rock for a regular collaboration meeting. These regular meetings have proven to be valuable for regular operations and emergency preparedness.

Staff from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, State Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan met at the Jensen plant on April 22 for a tabletop exercise that focused on the refinement of a Joint Agency Emergency Response Plan. This plan will be used as the initial guidance for the three agencies to coordinate their response to a major earthquake that impacts some or all of the aqueducts that bring water to Southern California. Good exercise overall with many lessons learned.

Staff updated Weymouth's Dam Emergency Action Plan this month and forwarded the updated plan to all plan holders, including the California Office of Emergency Services.



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Staff also participated in a meeting on April 30 with the Weymouth Plant Manager and the Assistant Chief of the La Verne Fire Department. Positive meeting that focused on future collaborations and training.



Members of the Lake Mathews ICP pose next to the Metropolitan's mobile command van.

Training and Exercises

Emergency response training and exercises continued last month to ensure Metropolitan is ready when needed. Staff ran training for field Incident Command Post personnel at the following sites: Headquarters (April 14), Lake Mathews (April 16), Jensen plant (April 20), and the Skinner plant, with members of the Damage Assessment Team (April 22).

FEMA Recovery

It should also be noted that staff have been very busy this month working with multiple external agencies and internal Metropolitan sections to pursue FEMA reimbursement for past disasters.