



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2024  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Mat-Su Borough Comprehensive Safety Action Plan:** During the October 8 Assembly meeting, an Assembly Member asked how crash data was collected. The crash data used in the Mat-Su Borough Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), but it was originally sourced through DMV, which is the repository of collection from law enforcement reports. Even though a lot of people file driver-self reports for crashes, they all go through law enforcement agencies. In addition, about 40% of crash data in the Mat-Su Borough is from driver-self reports, most of which indicate minor crashes and property damage only (PDO.) Consequently, there are likely unreported crashes happening in the Mat-Su Borough, especially in more remote areas—but those are generally going to be minor, and our team has confidence, especially in the serious crashes, that they are being accurately captured in law enforcement reports.

And here is an excerpt from the (draft) Existing Conditions memo:

#### *Self-reporting*

Forty-three percent of crash reports were completed using Form 12209, which is submitted by individuals (not law enforcement officers). Seventy-three percent of those reported no injuries. None of these reports indicated misuse of seatbelts, or speed or alcohol as factors in the crash. While better than no data at all, driver self-reports are less likely to capture all data fields as accurately as when completed by a third-party law enforcement officer, adding further subjectivity to data fields. All fatal crashes and all but five reports indicating serious injuries were completed by law enforcement officers using Form 12200.

**Donations for Historic Documents Display:** Here is the link on the Borough's website for donations to pay for the Assembly's request to have historic documents displayed in the Borough Administration Lobby: <https://matsugov.us/payments/>. Scroll down to "Donate to Historical Documents Display." A spotlight on the Borough website and Facebook post will go out this week.

**Firearms Training Update:** All 300 slots have been filled for the classes with over 100 individuals on the standby list. The final class schedules have been set, and participant class times and locations have been locked in for the majority of the students. The contract recently ordered 30,000 rounds of ammunition for the classes that begin on 12/14/2024 and run through

5/24/2025. Participants were able to choose from the 3 locations during their initial application and then select the date and location for their training. Distribution is as follows:

Talkeetna	8.36%
Wasilla	60.87%
Palmer	30.77%

**Junk Vehicle Program Update:** As of October 3, 2024, 164 vehicles have been picked up from private landowners. The program budget will cover the cost of removing up to 431 vehicles in addition to free owner drop-offs. Current demand is resulting in pick-ups being scheduled up to two weeks out. We are conducting a 100% customer survey to ensure contract compliance and customer satisfaction. We are seeing very high customer satisfaction with the program.

**Third Quarter Wetlands Bank Report:** We did not have any sales in the third quarter of 2024.

**Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

**Recycling**

Solid Waste Division starts work on wood debris composting project  
Frontiersman

**Weather**

- Temperatures drop significantly across Alaska this week  
Alaska's News Source

**Radio**

- Three new radio hosts on the air at Alaska Public Media  
Alaska Business

**Community**

- Drug take-back day coming up  
KTNA
- Camp Crystal Makes its Debut in Mat-Su  
Alaska News Source

**Planning**

- Planning Commission recommends Capital Improvement Plans  
KTNA

**Future Events:**

- Sat., Oct. 28, 2024 from 10am – 2pm, National DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Fred Meyer (Palmer and Wasilla)
- Thurs., Oct. 31, 2024, 4pm – 6pm, Animal Shelter Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat.