

# BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**Kevin Webster**  
**Fire Chief**



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## MISSION STATEMENT

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To care for, protect and serve the citizens  
of Butler County Fire District #3



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# INTRODUCTION

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Butler County Fire District #3 covers seventy square miles in southwestern Butler County, serving ~8,000 citizens in the City of Rose Hill, KS and the unincorporated areas of Pleasant and Richland Townships.

We have automatic aid agreements with Andover Fire-Rescue (Andover, KS) to our north, Butler County Fire District #8 (Douglass, KS) to our east and Sedgwick County Fire District #1 to our west, which adds 93 automatic aid square miles to our coverage area.

The Fire District operates as a combination department, aiming to fulfill its mission by efficiently utilizing both paid career and volunteer personnel. Fire Station #1 is staffed 24/7/365.

## PAID CAREER PERSONNEL

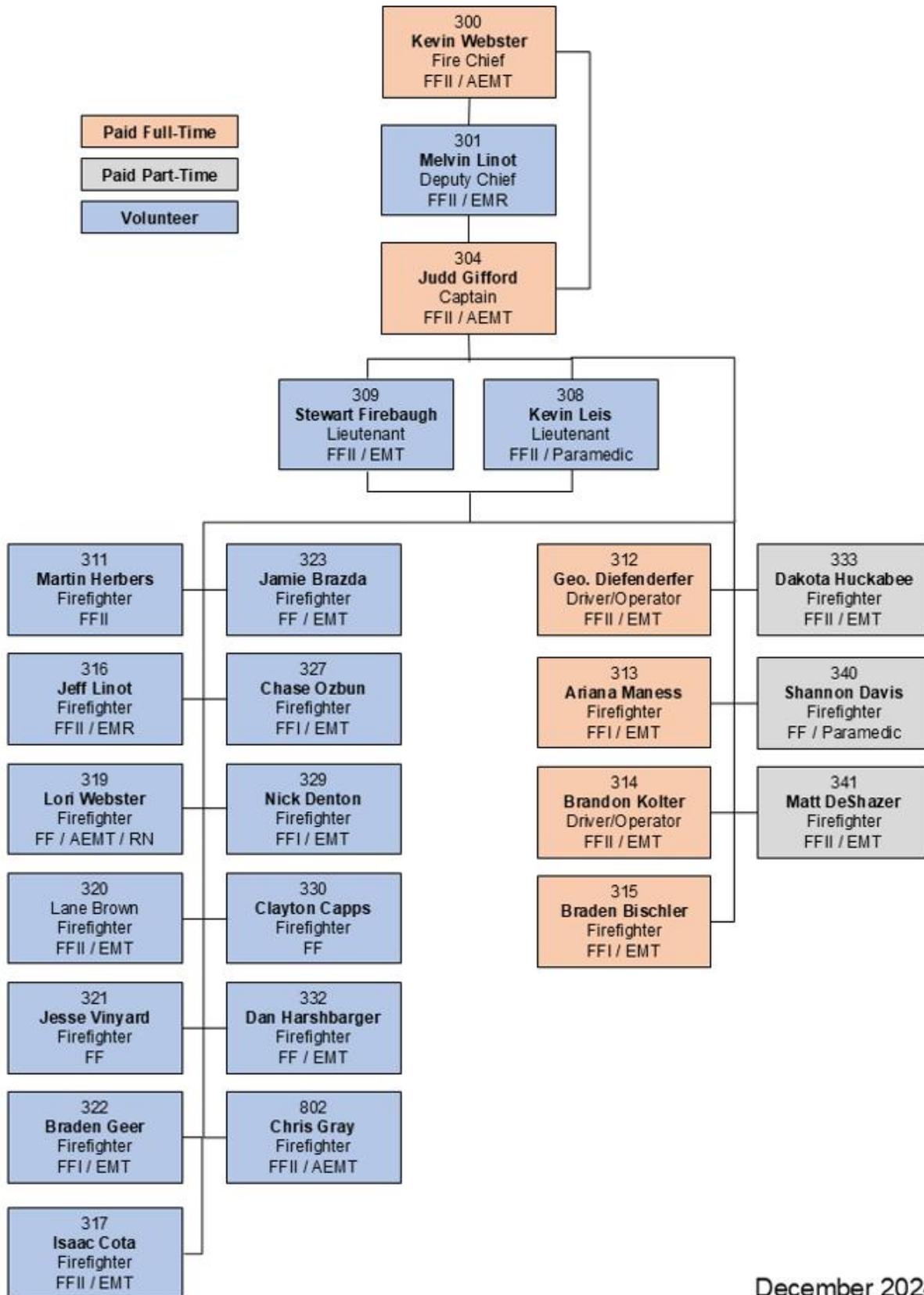
- (1) Fire Chief
- (1) Fire Captain
- (7) Firefighters, (4) FT, (3) PT

## VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL

- (1) Deputy Fire Chief
- (2) Fire Lieutenants
- (12) Firefighters



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



December 2024

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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- 67th year of providing service to the citizens of Pleasant & Richland Townships and the City of Rose Hill (1957 - 2024)
- Responded to 753 incidents (a 14% increase from 2023)
- Took delivery of a 1996 Pierce Lance 105-ft ariel ladder truck which was donated to us from Derby Fire & Rescue
- Received a \$24,352.50 grant from the Firehouse Subs Foundation for the purchase of six Zoll AED Pro Automated External Defibrillators
- Received a \$4,726.02 grant from the Kansas Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance program for the purchase of one Motorola dual-band portable radio and three Motorola voice pagers.



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# PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASS

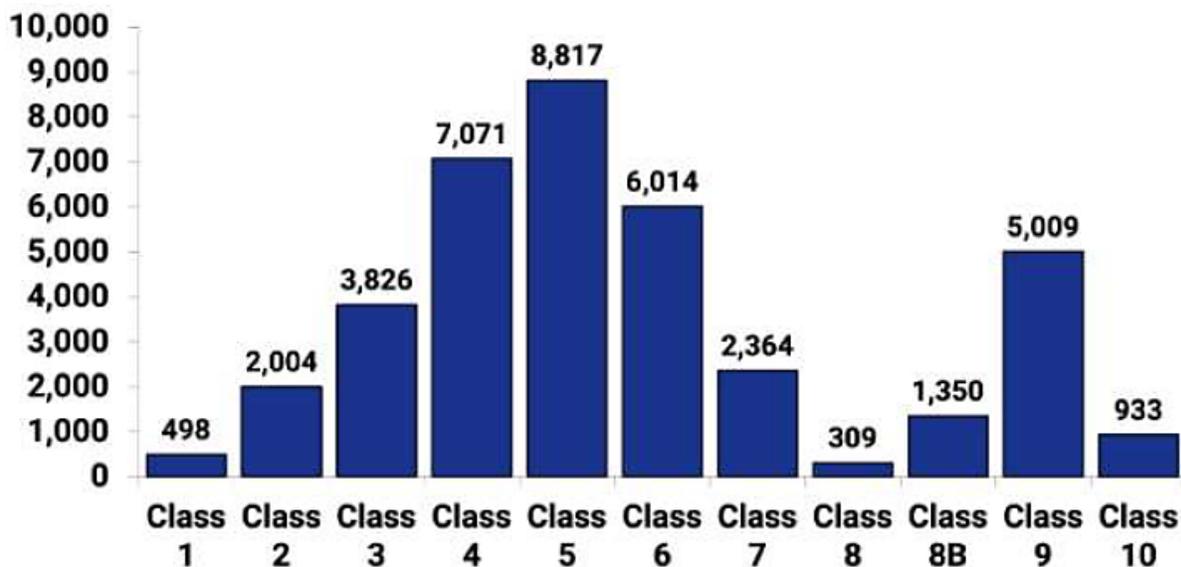
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In mid-2024, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) conducted its evaluation of the structural fire suppression delivery system serving our community. This analysis, which occurs approximately every five years, determines the Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating for the area. The PPC rating is a key factor used by most insurance companies to establish fire insurance premiums for both residential and commercial properties.

From 2018 to 2024, the City of Rose Hill maintained a PPC classification of 05, while the unincorporated areas of the district were rated 06/10, depending on location. **Following the latest ISO evaluation, we are pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2025, the PPC classification for the City of Rose Hill improved to 04.** The rating for unincorporated areas will remain 06/10.

This improvement reflects our ongoing commitment to enhancing fire protection services for our community.

## Countrywide



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# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. **STRUCTURE FIRE** - Responded to a house fire in the 13300 block of SW 186<sup>th</sup> Terrace on January 12, 2024. The temperature at the time was 19 degrees F. Received assistance from Andover, Augusta, Douglass, Derby, Cowley County FD4, and Mulvane. The house was a total loss.
2. **STRUCTURE FIRE** - Responded to a fire involving two houses in the 1200 block of N. McCaskey St on February 29, 2024. Received assistance from Andover, Sedwick County FD1, and Douglass. One house received minor damage, and one house received major damage.
3. **THREE FATALITY STRUCTURE FIRE** - Responded to a house fire in the 15400 block of SW County Line Rd on April 20, 2024. One individual was rescued through a window by firefighters from Rose Hill and Sedwick County Fire but died of their injuries at the hospital. Two other individuals also perished in the fire. Received assistance from Andover, Sedgwick County FD1, Douglass, and Augusta. The house was a total loss.
4. **SEARCH WITH FATALITY** - Responded to a missing child in the 12700 block of Prairie Creek Rd on June 6, 2024. An extensive search of the property was conducted by multiple agencies. The search was suspended after seven hours. The child had drowned and was found the next morning in the pond behind the residence.

5. **STRUCTURE FIRE** - Responded to a house fire in the 22600 block of SW Meadowlark Rd on July 12, 2024. Received assistance from Douglass, Derby, Sedgwick County FD1, and Mulvane. The house received major damage in one area.

6. **STRUCTURE FIRE** - Responded to a house fire in the 600 block of E Brownie St on October 7, 2024. Received assistance from Andover, Douglass, Sedgwick County FD1, and Derby. The house was a total loss.

7. **TASK FORCE 3 DEPLOYMENT - GRASS FIRE** - Responded to a Task Force 3 request for a grass fire in Douglass' area on October 29, 2024. The winds at the time were 35 mph with gusts to 50 mph. Rose Hill personnel were on scene for five hours.



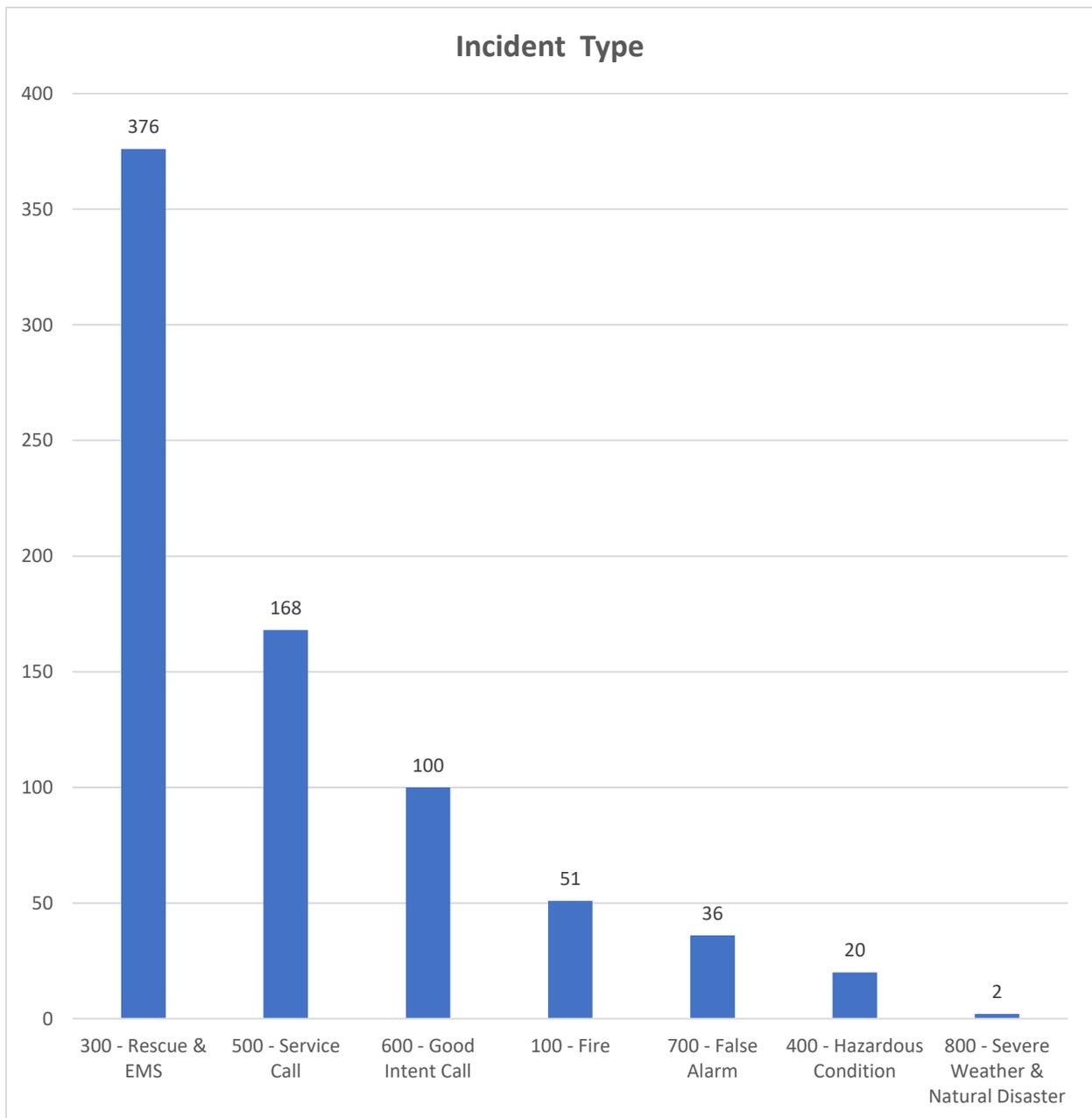
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# STATISTICS

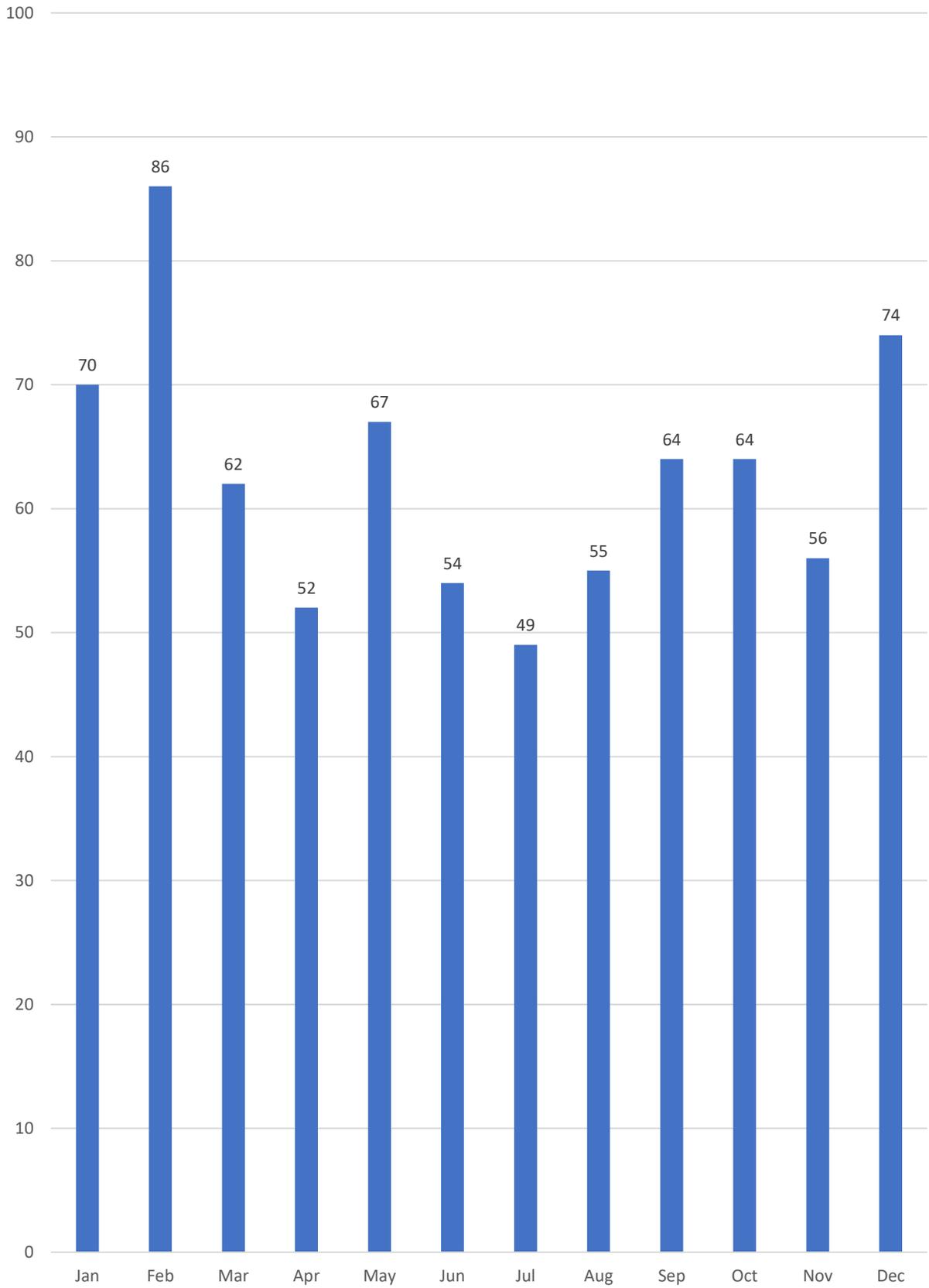
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## Total Incidents

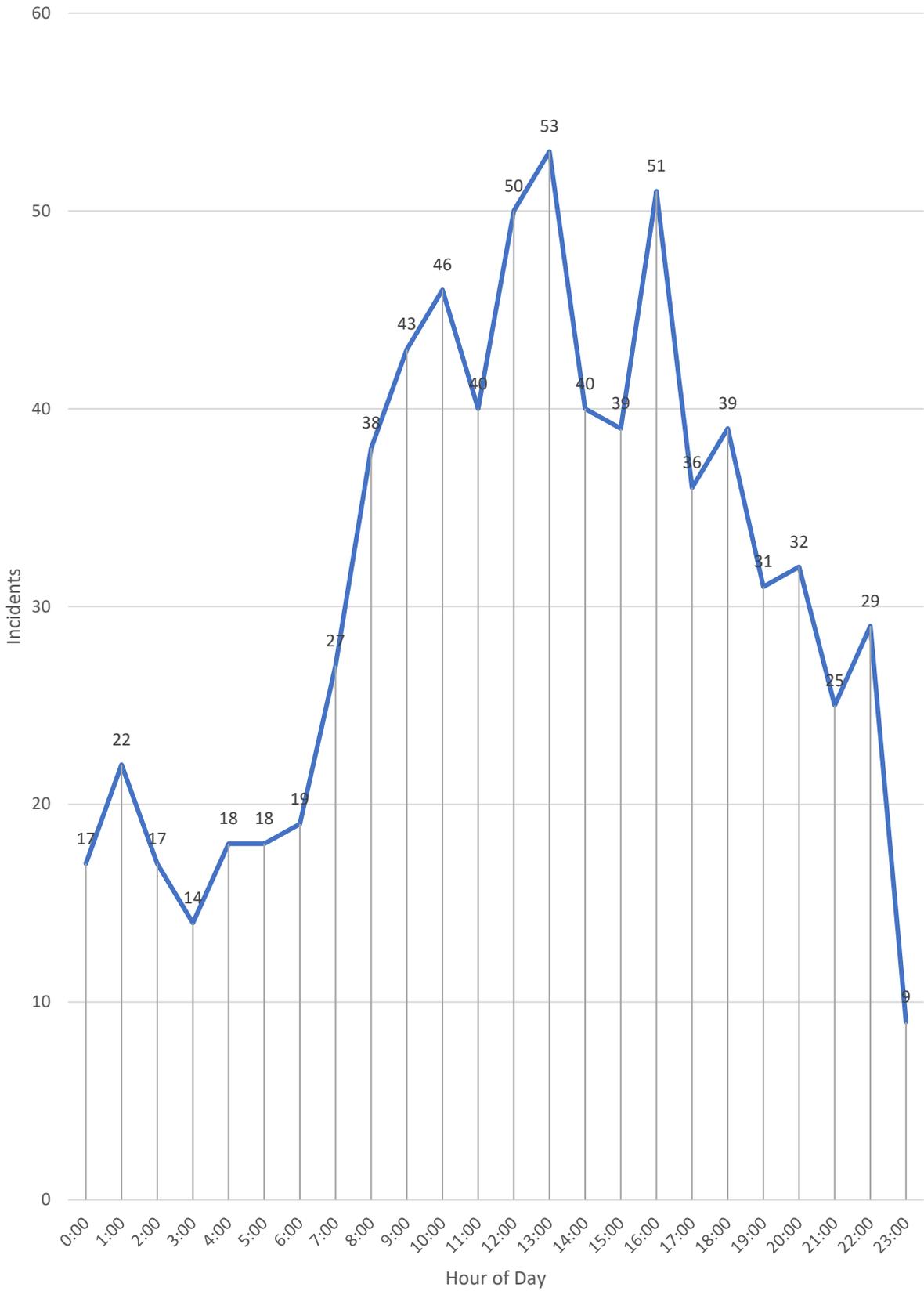
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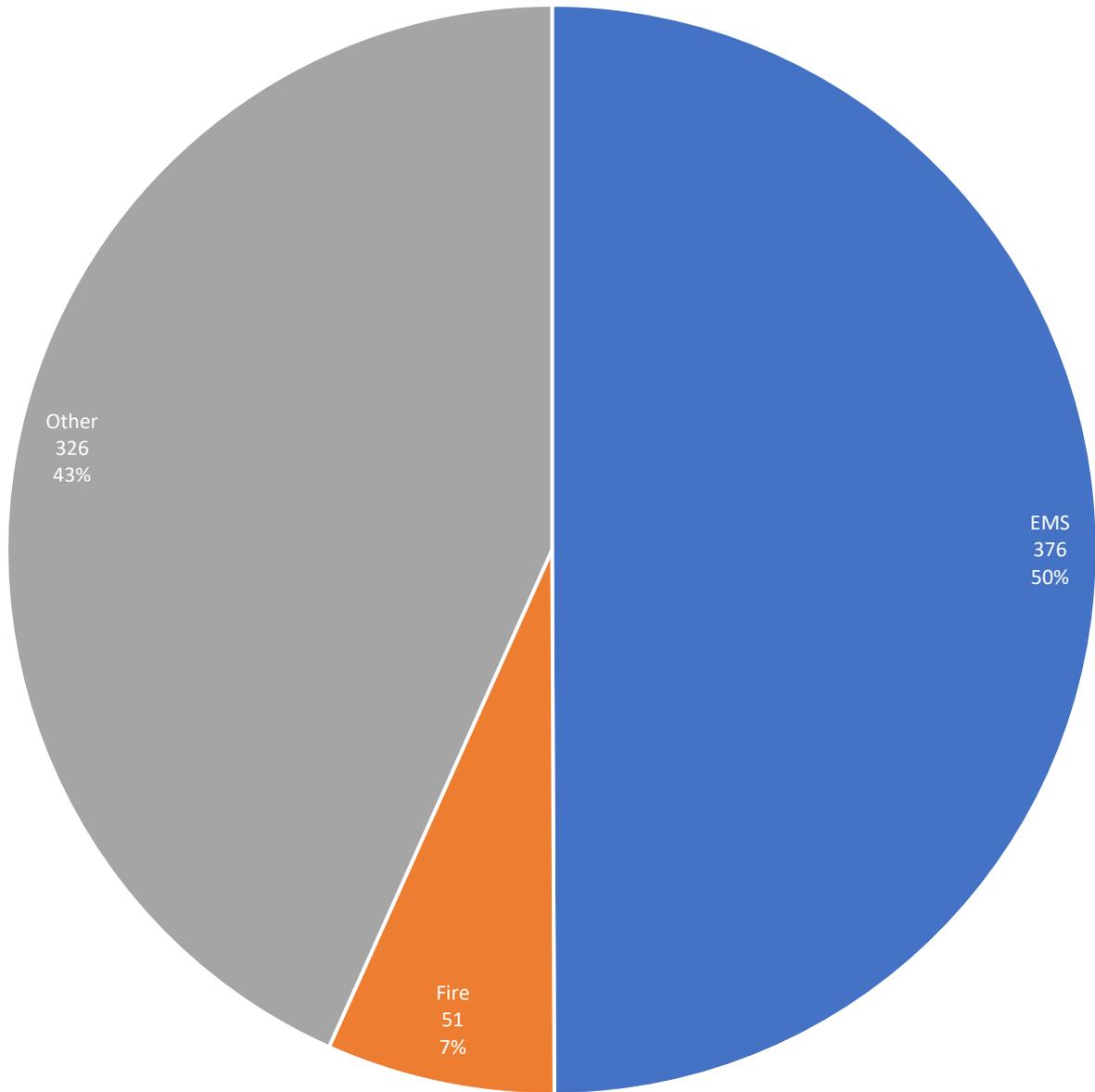
## Incident Number by Month



### Incidents by Hour of the Day

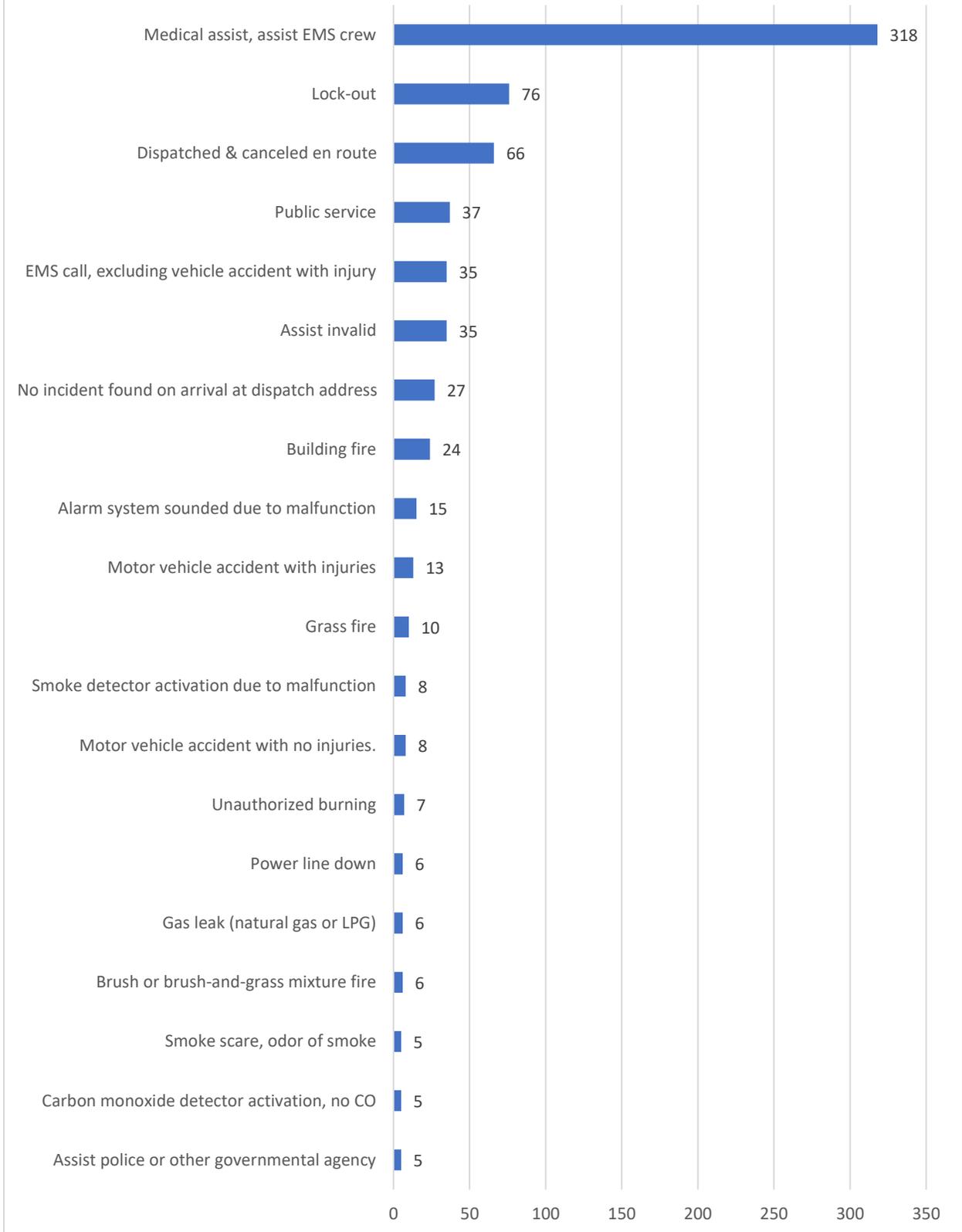


### Incidents by Category

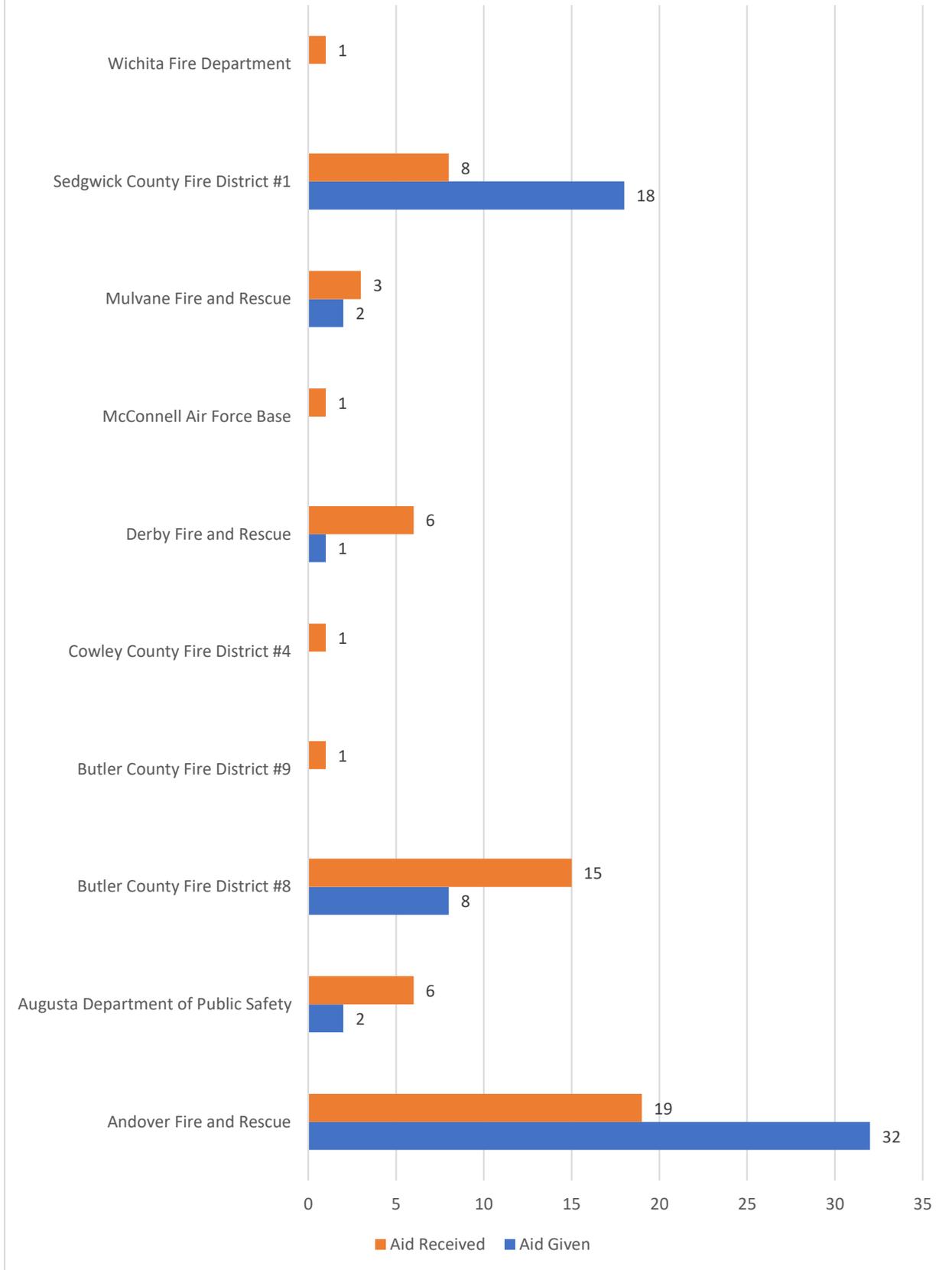


■ EMS ■ Fire ■ Other

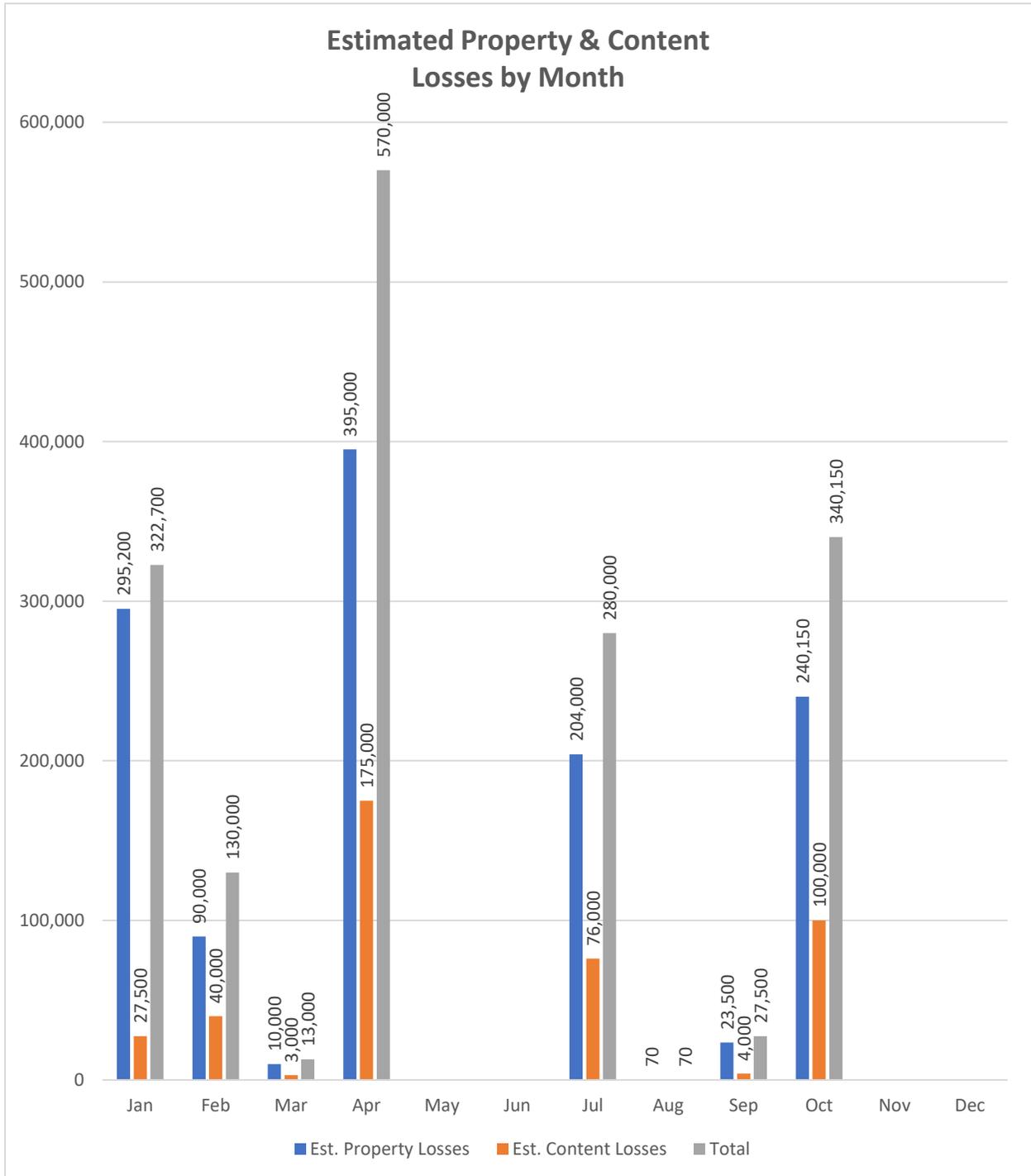
### Top 20 Incident Types



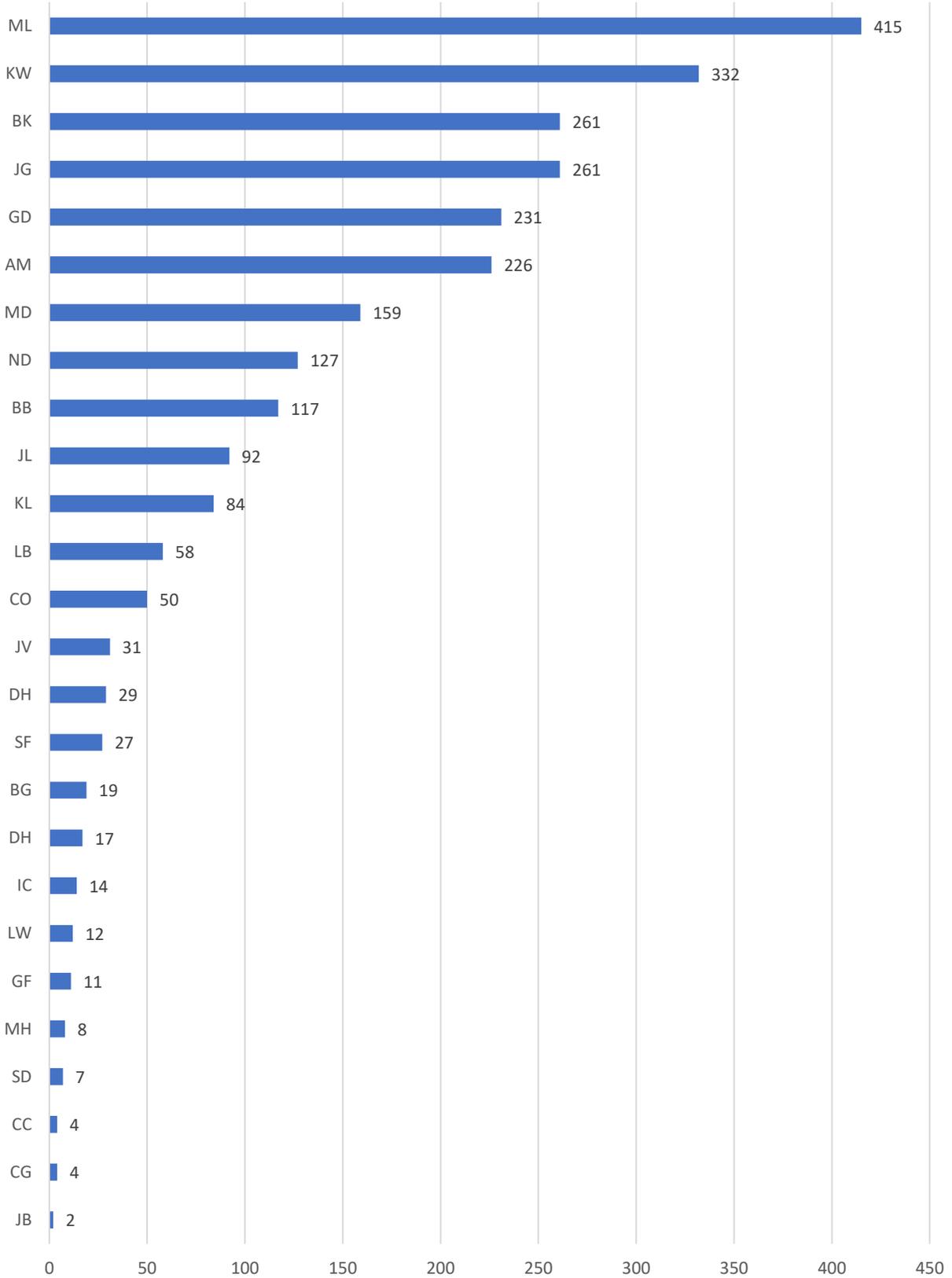
## Auto/Mutual Aid



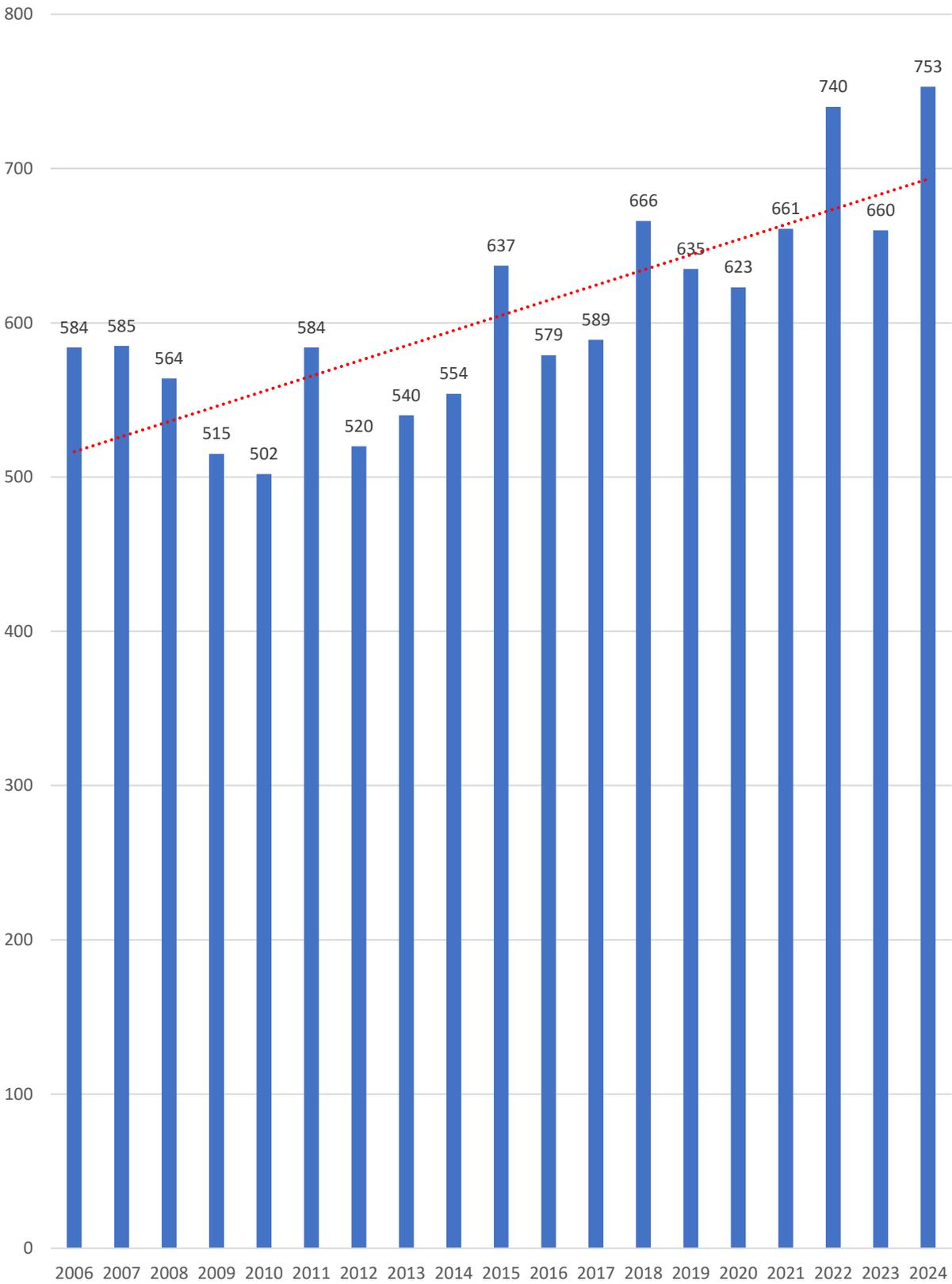
Estimated Property Losses	Estimated Content Losses	Total Estimated Losses
\$1,257,920	\$425,500	\$1,683,420



## Incidents per Individual

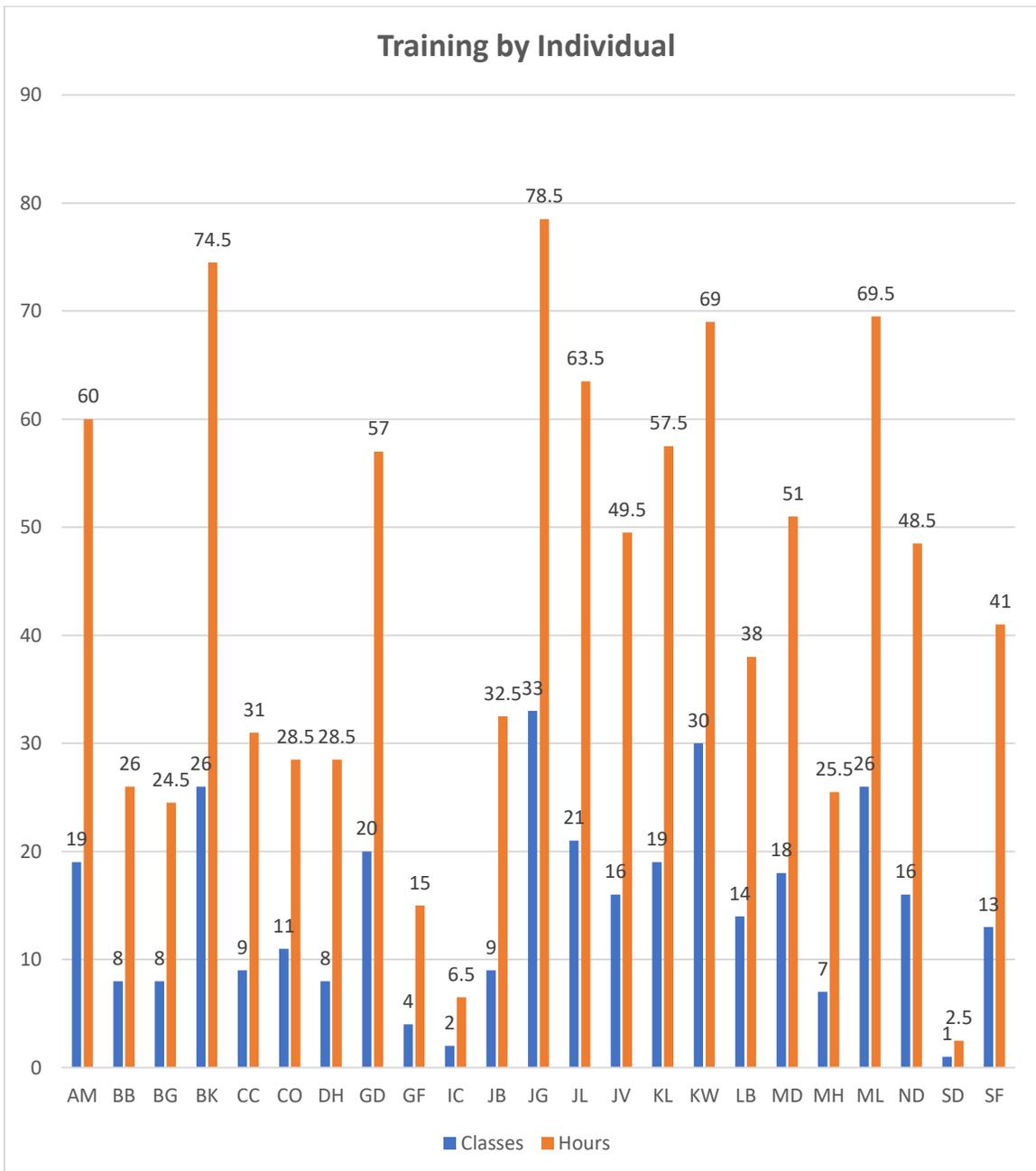


### Total Incidents 2006 - 2024



# TRAINING

Students	Class Hours	Student Hours
23	338	978



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# FIRE PREVENTION & PR EVENTS

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- **March 26, 2024** - Hosted a public storm spotter training course at the fire station which was conducted by Butler County Emergency Management.
- **May 21, 2024** - Conducted a "Ride to School in a Fire Truck" for a family in the Sunrise Addition who won a silent auction for a school fund raiser.

- **June 3, 2024** - Participated in the Parent's as Teachers (PAT) "Big Truck Night" event at the high school parking lot.



- **June 22, 2024** - Filled a dump tank and sprayed kid at the Rose Hill Recreation Commission's annual "OK Kid's Day" event at Shorty Cox Park.

- **July 12, 2024** - Sprayed kids with water for the last day of the Rose Hill United Methodist Church VBS.



- **August 6, 2024** - Participated in the Rose Hill Police Department "National Night Out" event at Shorty Cox Park.

- **September 7, 2024** - Had a team participate in the Wichita 9/11 Stair Climb event at the Epic Center in Wichita.



- **September 23, 2024** - Gave first aid training and station tours to the Rose Hill Girl Scouts.

- **Fall 2024** - Provided medical standby at all the Rose Hill High School home football games.

- **October 7, 2024** - Gave a tour of the fire engine to the story hour kids at the Rose Hill Public Library.

- **October 8, 2024** - Conducted fire prevention and fire safety for all Primary School (K-2) kids using the Butler County Fire Safety House. This was conducted during National Fire Prevention Week.



- **October 10, 2024** - Gave station tours and fire prevention talks to two groups of preschoolers. This was conducted during National Fire Prevention Week.

- **October 2024** - Put up and took down the Fall Festival Food Court tent.

- **October 12, 2024** - Participated in the Fall Festival Parade and had a fire prevention tent set up for the Fall Festival.



- **October 15, 2024** - Hosted the annual Butler County Health Department Drive-Through Flu clinic in the fire station bay.

- **October 19, 2024** - Participated in the Douglass Frontier Days Parade.



- **November 14, 2024** - Gave station tours and fire prevention talks to two groups of kids which were organized by the Parents as Teachers (PAT) group.

- **November 22, 2024** - Chief Webster gave a fire district “Year in Review” talk at the annual Rose Hill Senior Center Thanksgiving dinner.

- **December 14, 2024** - Participated in the annual Hometown Christmas parade.

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# CONCLUSION

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Fire departments play a crucial role in protecting lives and property through emergency response, fire prevention, and community education. Across the nation, fire districts—both career and volunteer—face increasing demands as call volumes rise and operational challenges grow. Advances in training, equipment, and technology continue to enhance firefighting effectiveness, but departments must also navigate recruitment struggles, evolving safety regulations, and the need for ongoing professional development.

Despite these challenges, fire departments remain steadfast in their mission to serve. Through dedication, teamwork, and community support, firefighters provide critical services that extend beyond fire suppression to include emergency medical response, disaster relief, and public safety initiatives.

As we reflect on the past year, we acknowledge the commitment of our personnel and the ongoing efforts to adapt and improve. Looking ahead, we remain focused on our mission of service, preparedness, and safety for those who depend on us.

