
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

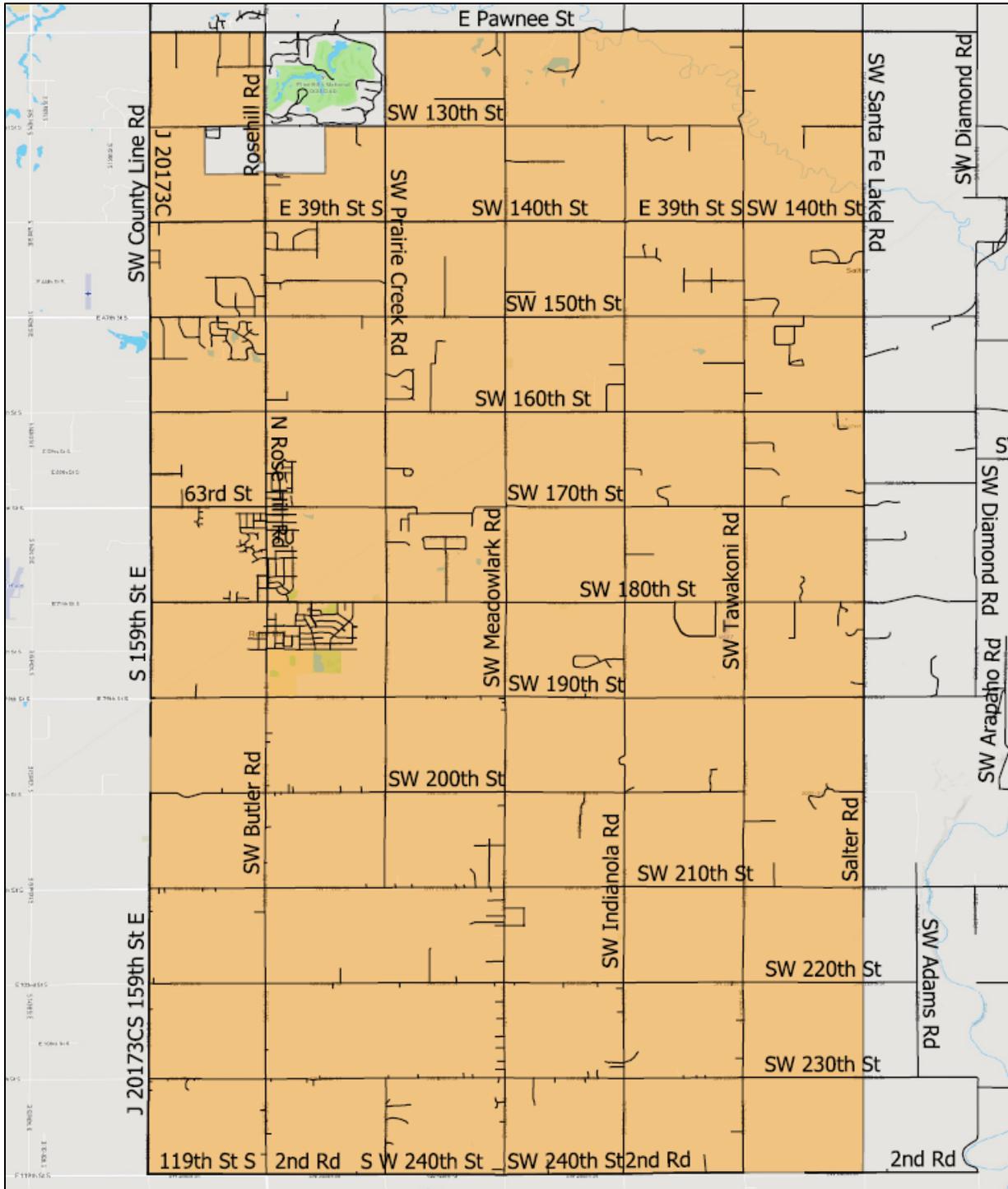


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BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3
ROSE HILL, KANSAS

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Butler County Fire District #3 Boundary Map

INTRODUCTION

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

We have automatic aid agreements with Andover Fire-Rescue to our north, Butler County Fire District #8 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 fire department, utilizing both career personnel and dedicated volunteer firefighters to fulfill our mission of protecting life and property.

PAID CAREER PERSONNEL

- (1) Fire Chief
- (1) Deputy Fire Chief
- (3) Shift Lieutenants
- (3) FT Firefighters
- (3) PT Firefighters



VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL

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

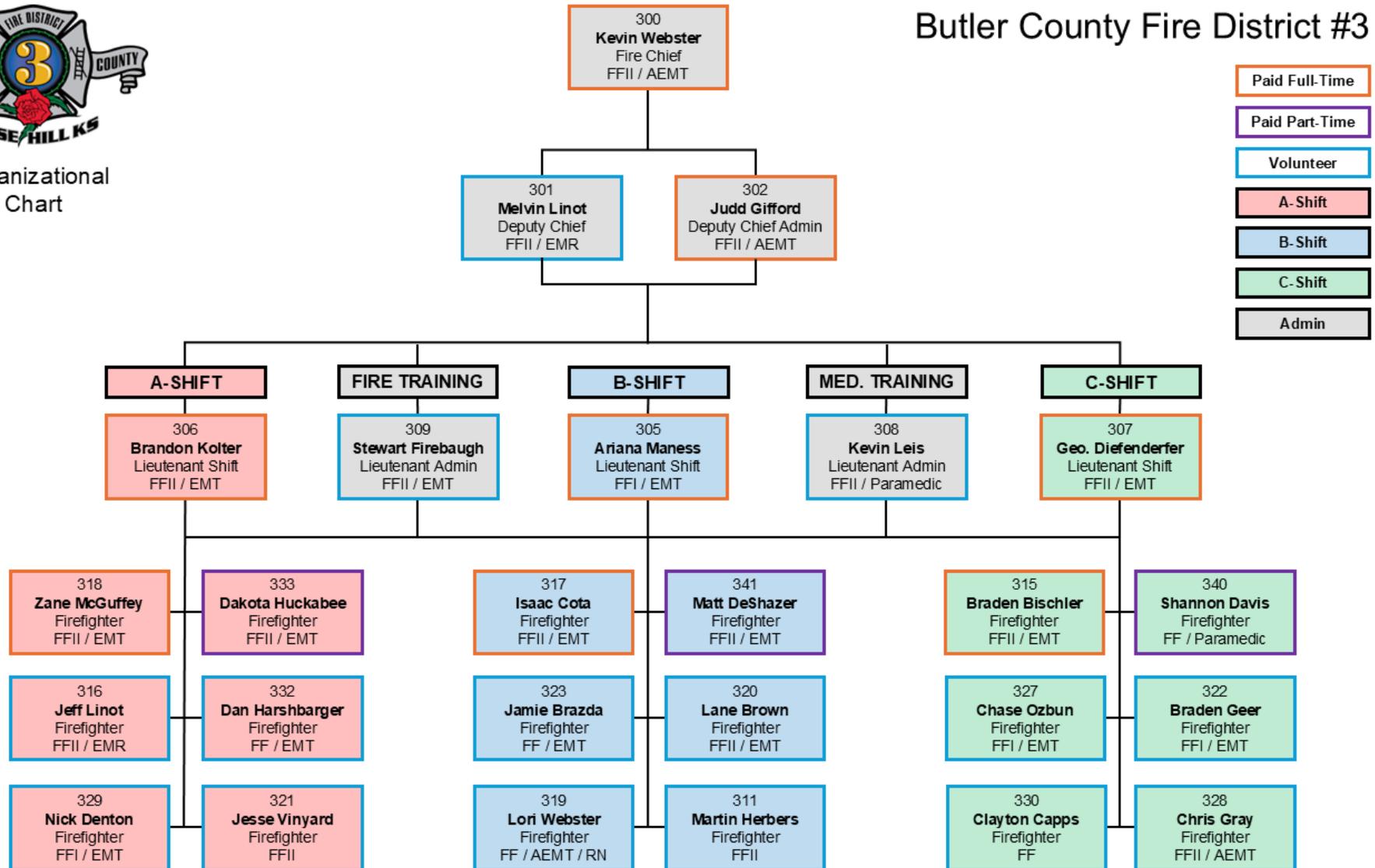


ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Organizational Chart

Butler County Fire District #3



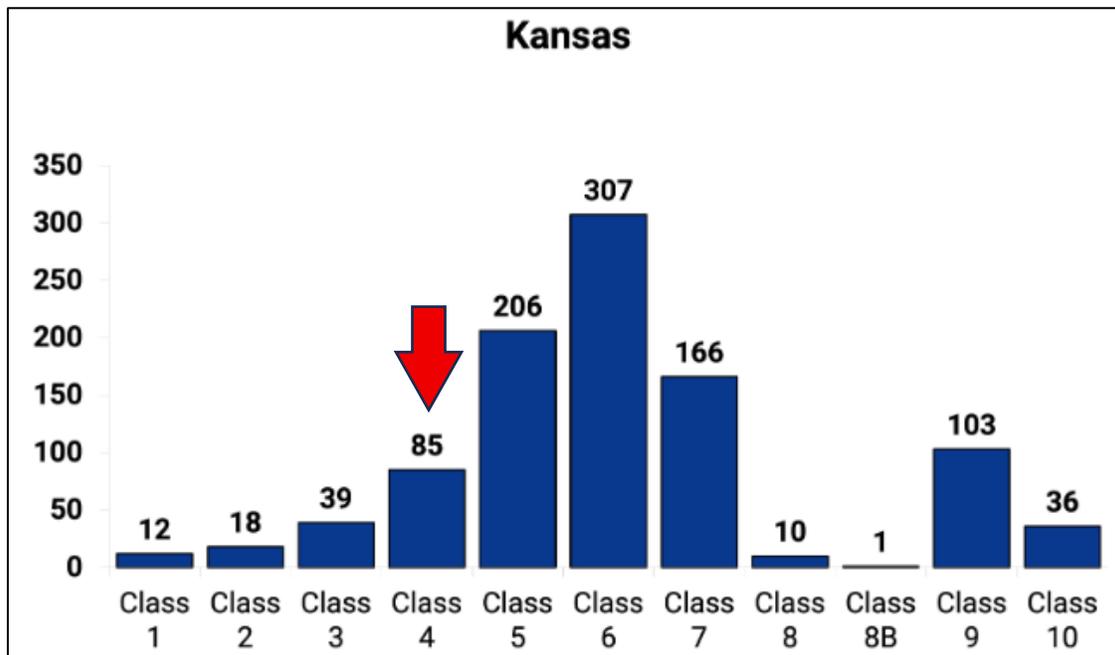
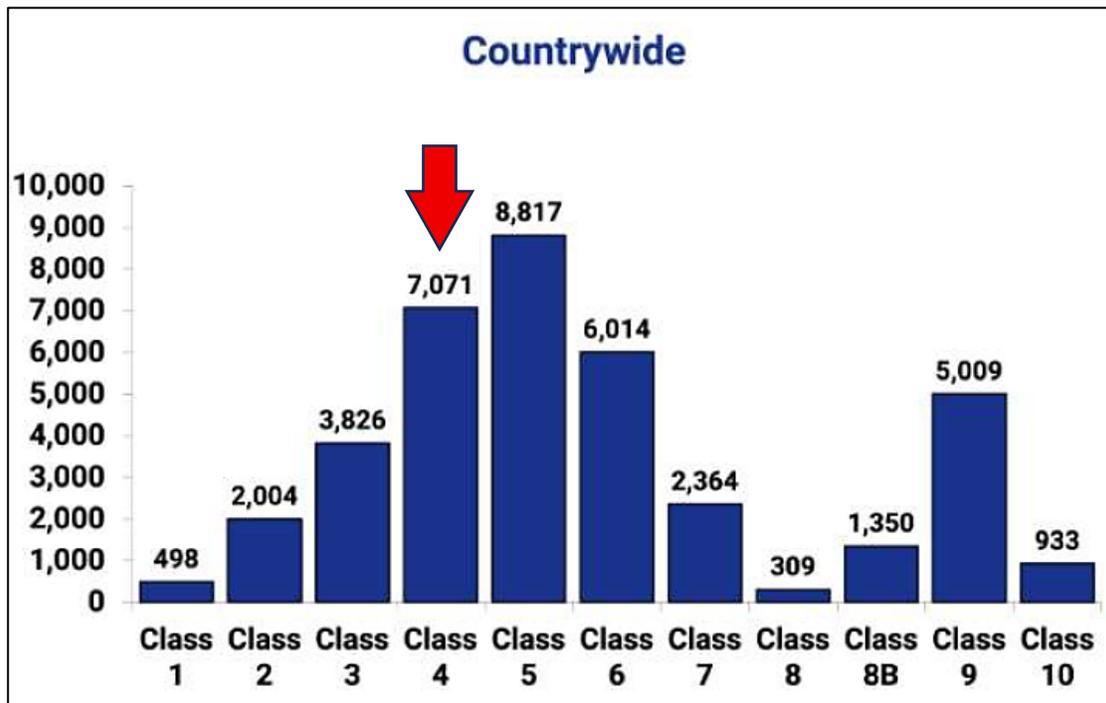
- Paid Full-Time
- Paid Part-Time
- Volunteer
- A-Shift
- B-Shift
- C-Shift
- Admin

YEAR IN REVIEW

- 68th year of providing service to the citizens of Pleasant & Richland Townships and the city of Rose Hill (1957 - 2025).
 - Placed in service the 1996 Pierce Lance 105-ft aerial ladder truck which was donated to us by Derby Fire & Rescue. L31
 - Hired two additional firefighters which increases full-time staffing to four personnel during the weekdays and two personnel on nights and weekends.
 - District reorganization
 - Created three new full-time shift Lieutenant positions.
 - Promotion of the full-time Captain to Deputy Chief.
 - Placed volunteer personnel under either A, B or C shift.
 - Applied for and received a \$4,739.00 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.
 - Implemented the HAAS alert system in two vehicles.
 - Ordered a new Fire Engine. (Station #1 Engine will move to Station #2, replacing the 40-year-old Engine 32)
 - Service Awards
 - Deputy Chief Melvin Linot 50 years!
 - Firefighter Martin Herbers 45 years!
 - Firefighter Chris Gray 25 years
 - Firefighter Chase Ozbun 10 years
 - Firefighter Nick Denton 5 years
 - Firefighter Dakota Huckabee 5 years
 - Firefighter Braden Geer 5 years
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PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION

The **PPC classification for the City of Rose Hill is a Class 4.**
The rating for unincorporated areas is a Class 06/10.



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

STRUCTURE FIRE – February 20, 2025. Responded to a report of a structure fire at 13242 SW 140th St. Upon arrival, they found a home with heavy fire involvement in the attic and first floor living space. Firefighting efforts were hampered due to several apparatus freezing up due to **15-degree F temperatures**. Aiding agencies were Andover Fire, Augusta Fire, Douglass Fire, Benton Fire, Derby Fire, Sedgwick County Fire and Butler Co. EMS. The structure was a total loss.



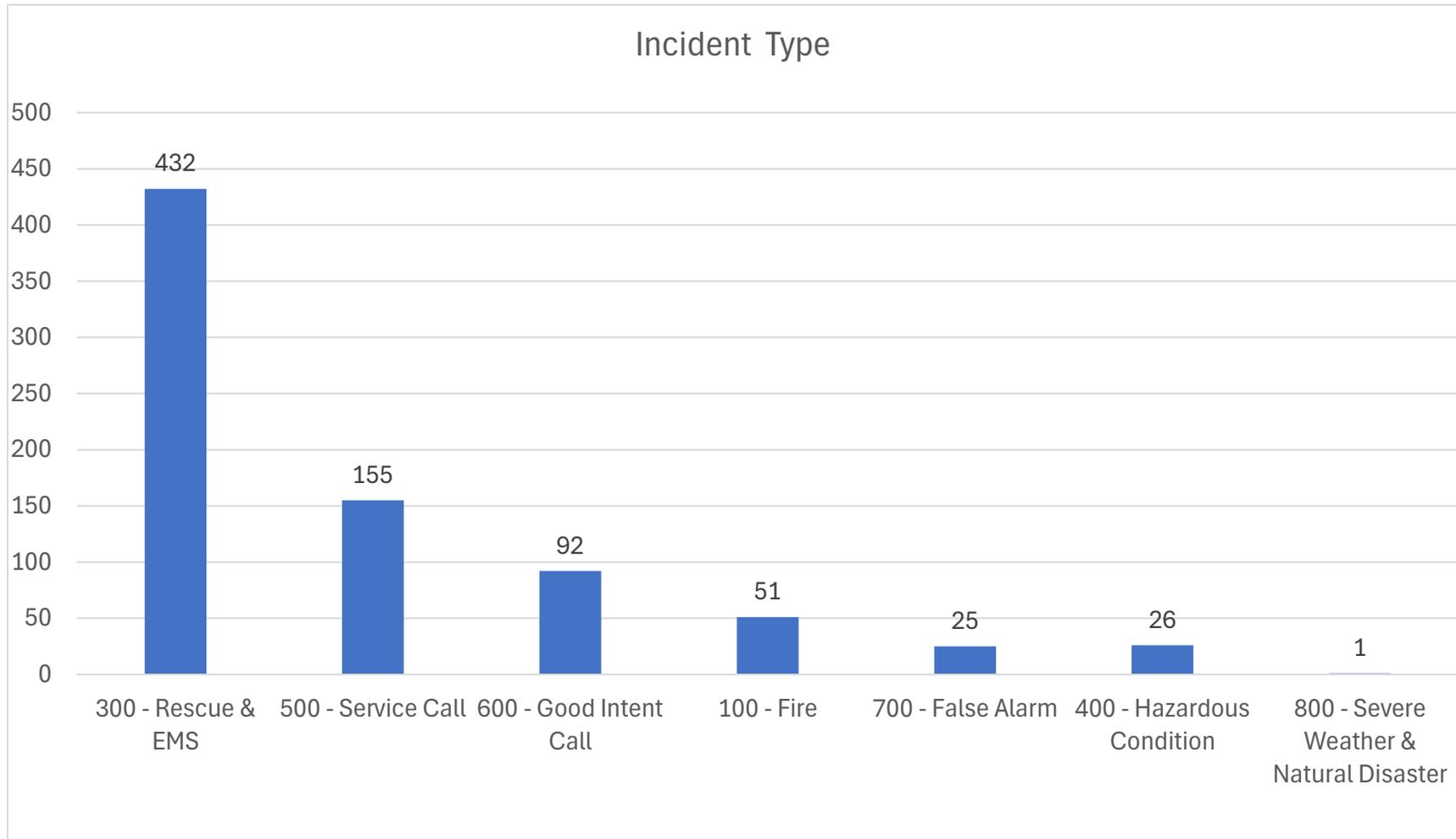
STRUCTURE FIRE – September 8, 2025. Responded to a report of a structure fire at 11405 SW 143rd St. Upon arrival, firefighters found a home with heavy smoke showing. Due to **excessive storage conditions** inside and outside and multiple roof and room additions to the structure, interior conditions deteriorated rapidly, resulting in offensive operations moving to defensive operations for firefighter safety. Assisting agencies were Andover Fire, Augusta Fire, Benton Fire, Douglass Fire, Sedgwick Co. Fire and Butler Co. EMS. Firefighters were on scene for approximately seven hours.



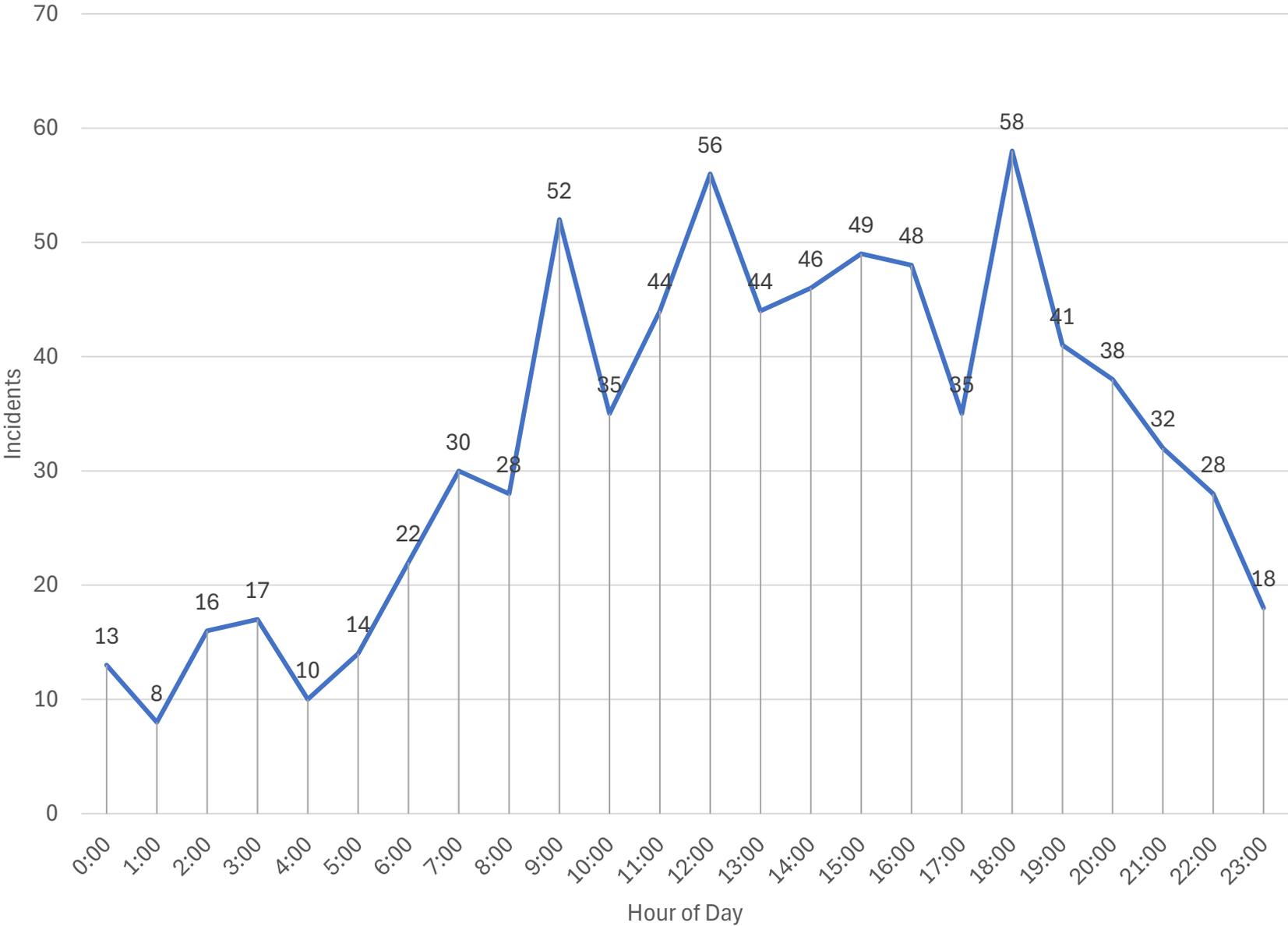
STATISTICS

Total Incidents

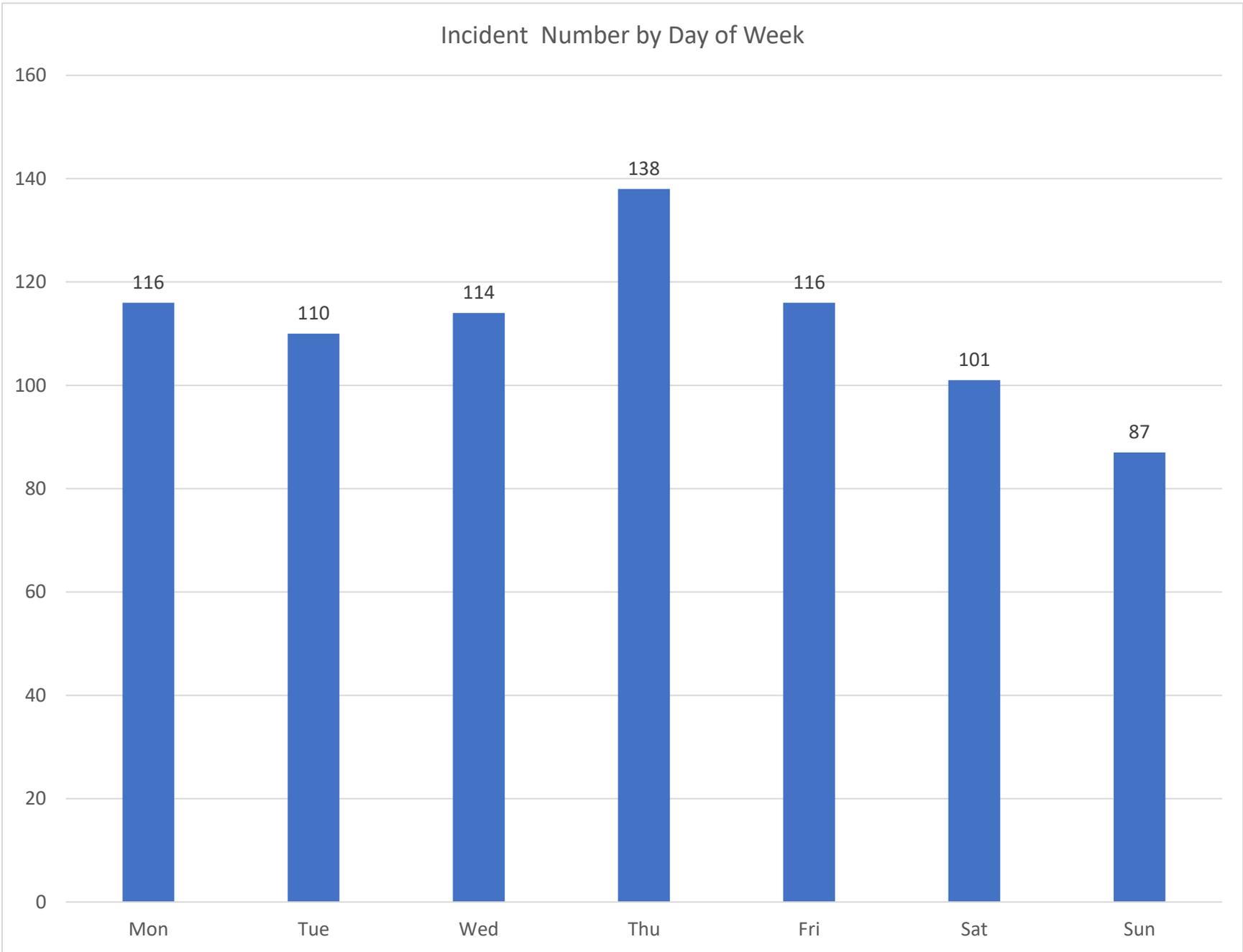
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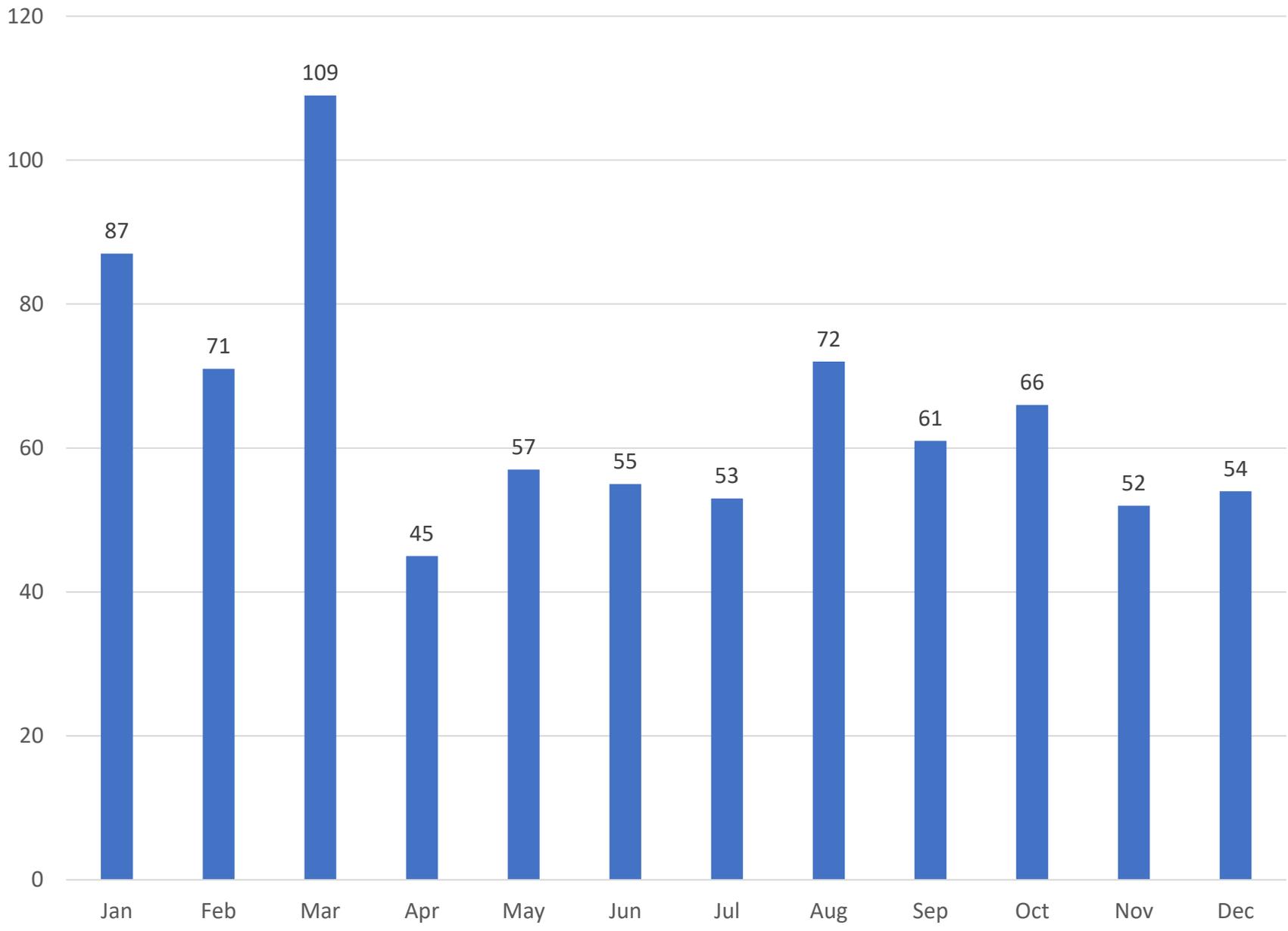
Incidents by Hour of the Day



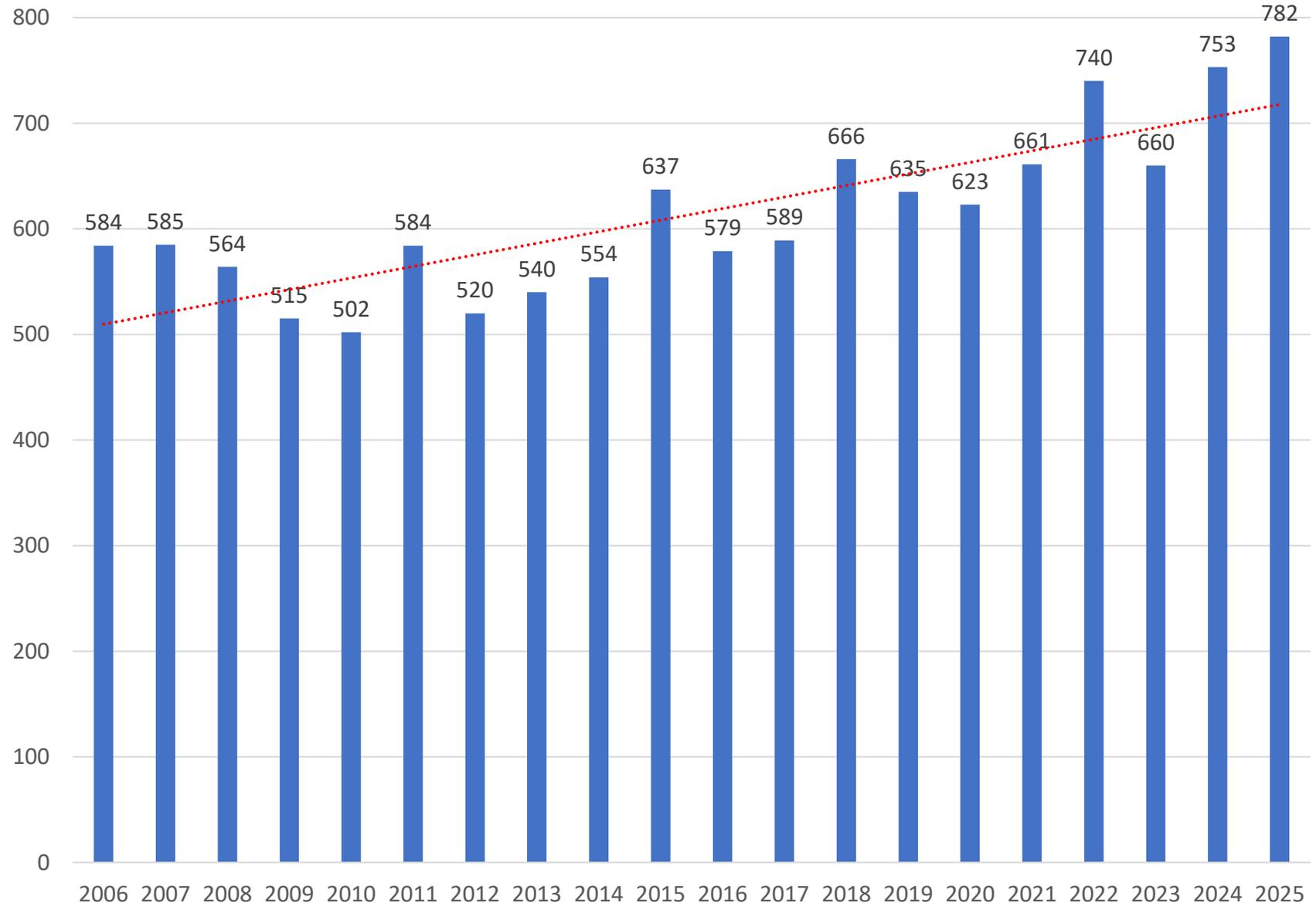
Incident Number by Day of Week



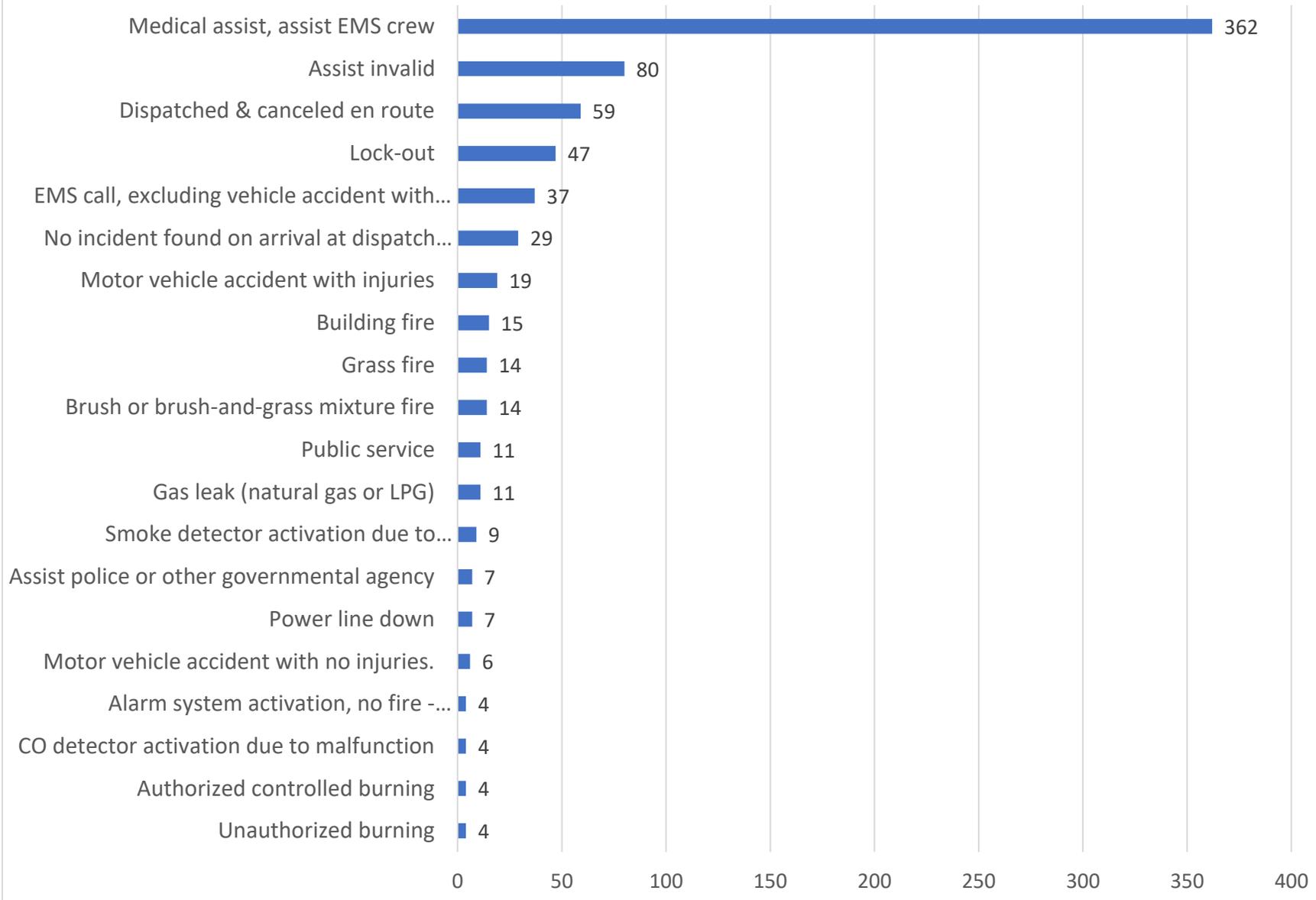
Incident Number by Month



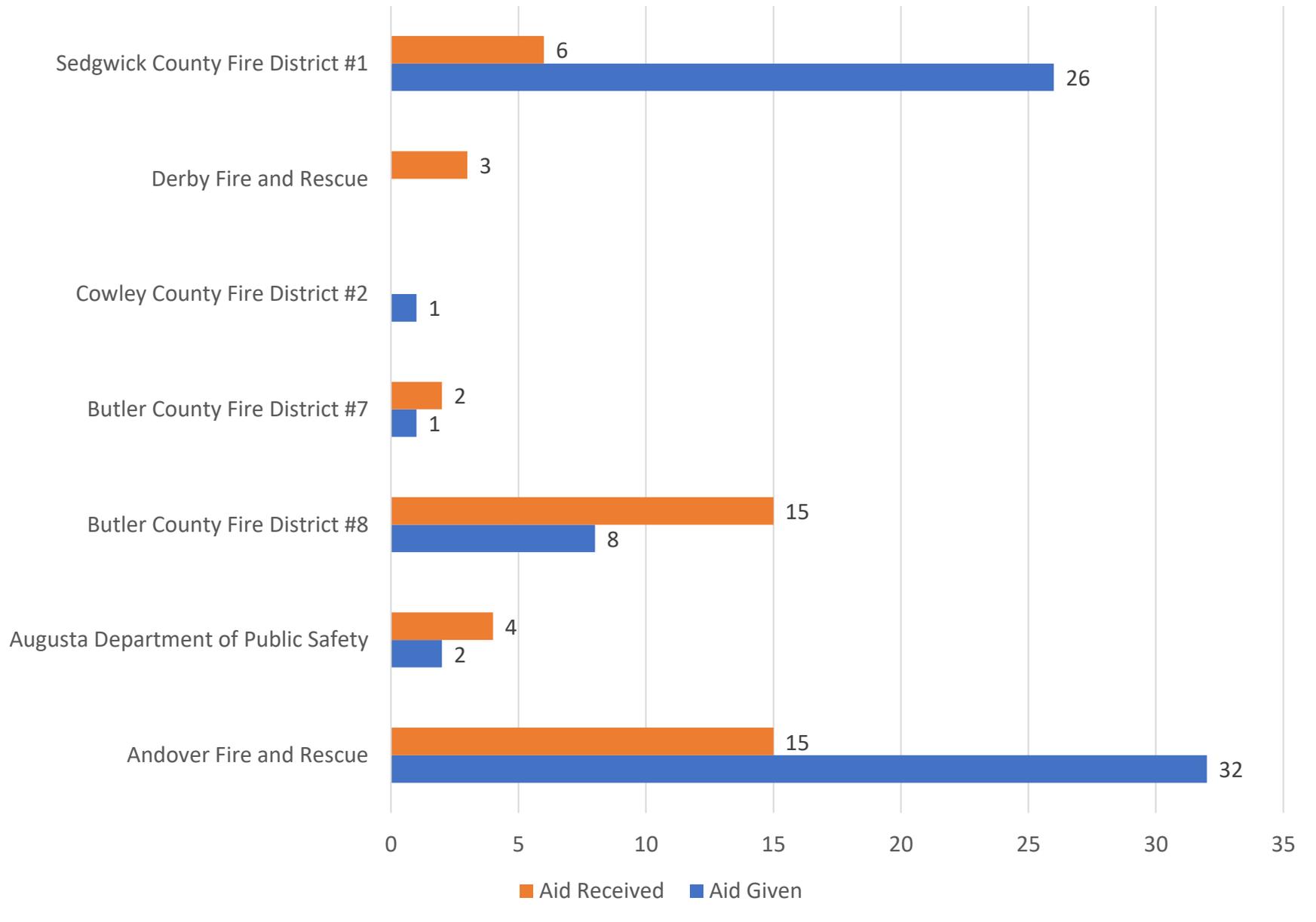
Total Incidents 2006 - 2025



Top 20 Incidents



Auto/Mutual Aid Received & Given



Estimated Property Losses

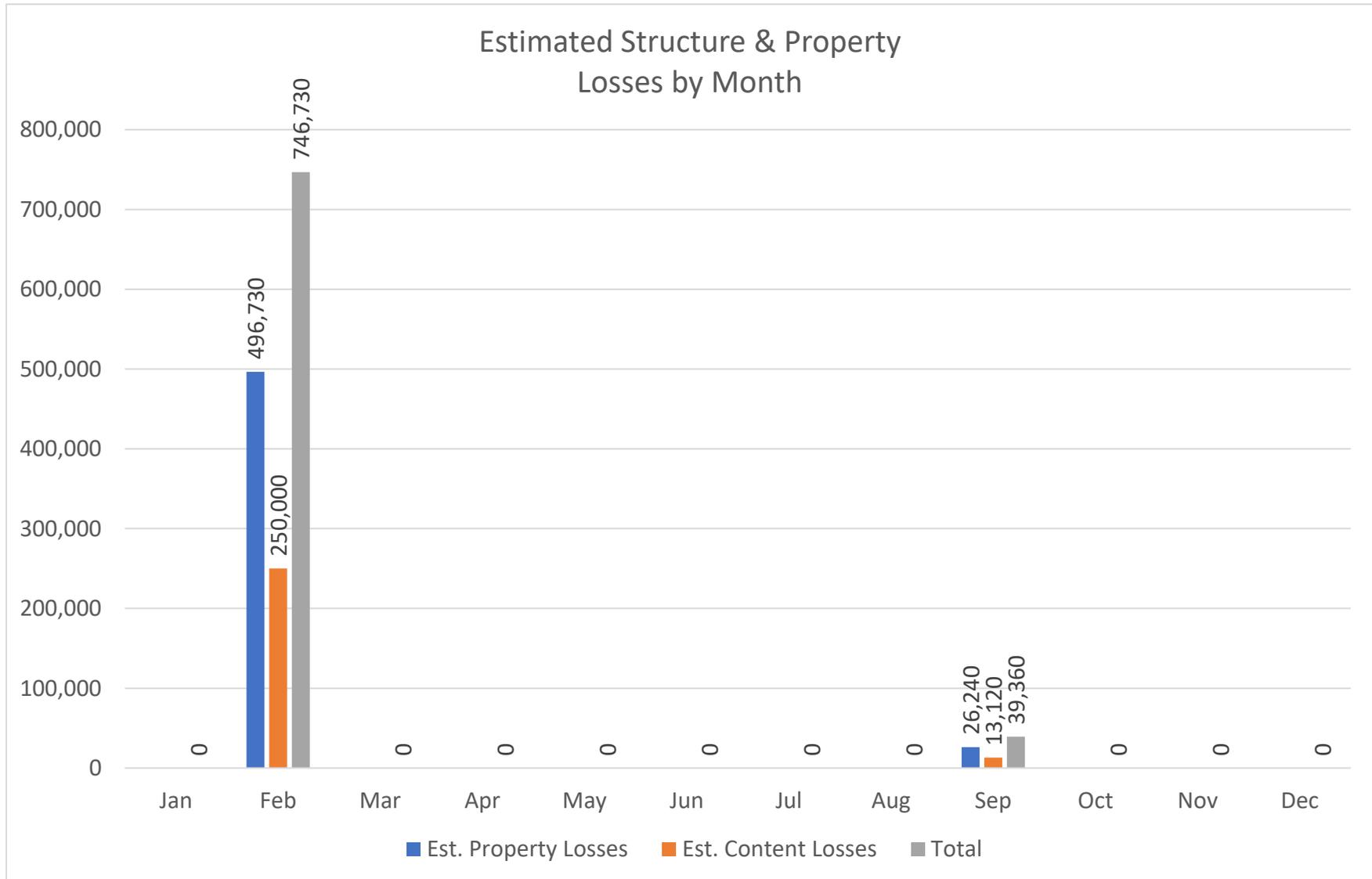
\$522,970

Estimated Content Losses

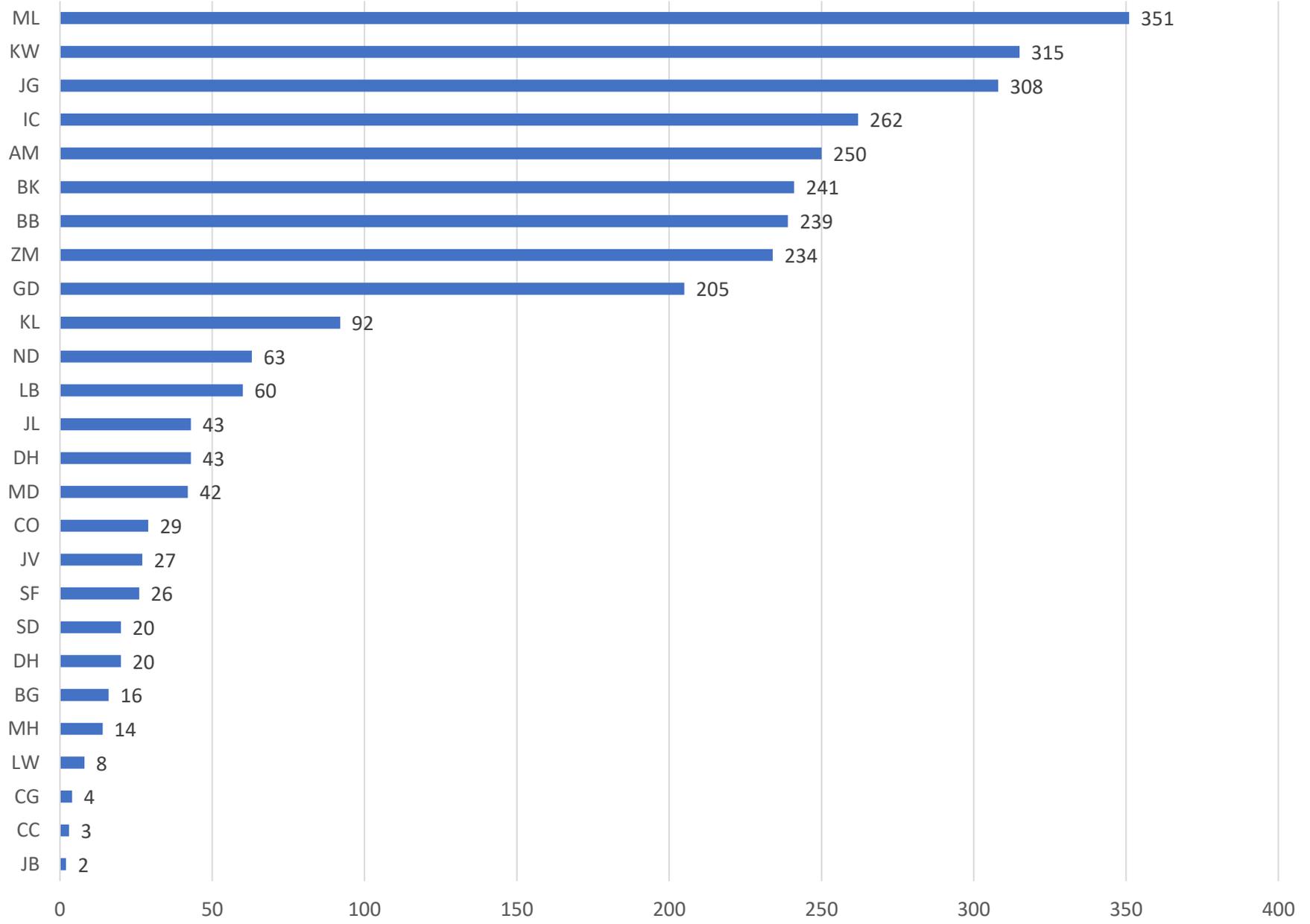
\$289,360

Total Estimated Losses

\$812,330



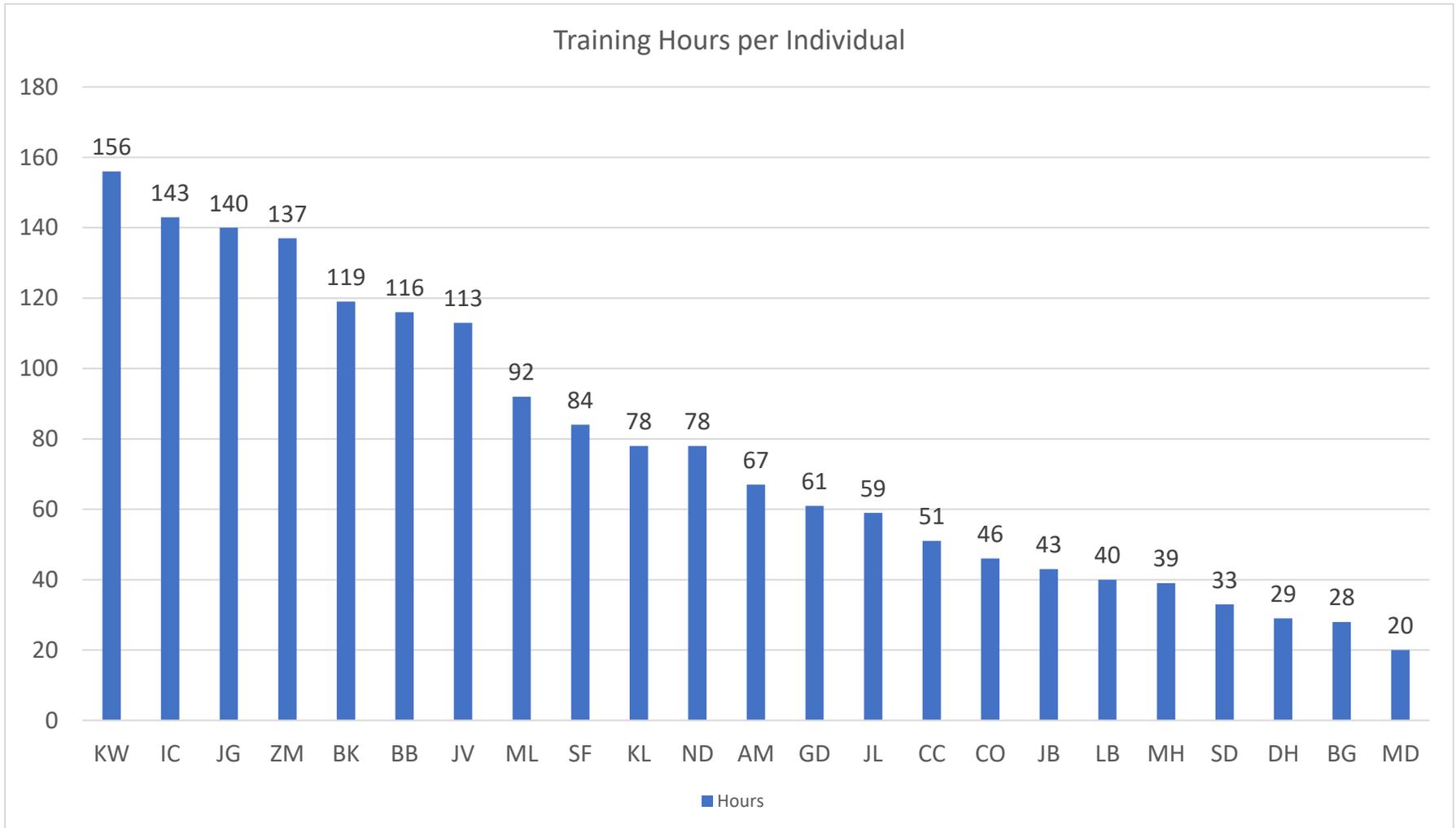
Incidents per Individual



TRAINING

Personnel Total Training Hours

1,772



FIRE PREVENTION & PR EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
March 13th	Hosted the public event "Storm Fury on the Plains" storm spotter training
March 20th	Hosted a Butler County Emergency Services Association meeting at Station #1
May 9th	Sprayed kids at the Intermediate School Fun day
June 2nd	Participated in the PAT "Big Truck Night" displaying Engine 31 and Ladder 31
June 19th - 20th	Assisted with Butler County EMS "Kid's Camp" in El Dorado
June 25th	Sprayed kids at Kid's Klub
June 26th	Gave a station tour to kids from Wee Rockets
June 28th	Sprayed kids at "OK Kid's Day"
July 18th	Sprayed kids at the United Methodist Church VBS
July 31st	Sprayed kids at Wee Rockets
August 9th	Hosted the Butler County Animal Response Team annual dog wash at Station #1
September	Provided medical standby for home football games
September 14th	Had a team participate in the Wichita 9/11 stair climb
September 23rd	Gave a fire prevention talk & tour to kids from Wee Rockets
September 27th	Attended the annual Chaplain's Appreciation Picnic
October	Provided medical standby for home football games
October 11th	Participated in the Fall Festival Parade & operated the Kid's Spray House
October 14th	Ran all Kindergarten - 2nd grade kids through the Smoke House
October 14th	Hosted a drive-through flu clinic put on by the Butler County Health Department
October 27th	Gave fire prevention tours to two preschool groups
October 31st	Passed out candy to trick-or-treaters at Station #1
November 13th	Gave a fire prevention talk & tour to kids from PAT
November 18th	Assisted with setting up the new Community Christmas Tree
November 21st	Gave a year-in-review talk at the Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner
December 5th	Attended former BCFD#3 FF Cap Bunyard's funeral
December 6th	Participated in a Food Drive Competition with RHPD with proceeds to food bank
December 13th	Co-hosted with RHPD a "Movie Night in the Park" at the Rose Hill REC center



CONCLUSION

As we close out 2025, Butler County Fire District #3 continues to demonstrate what it means to serve a community with professionalism, pride, and purpose. This year brought steady call volumes, complex incidents, and new opportunities to strengthen our capabilities. From emergency medical responses and structure fires to hazardous conditions and public safety outreach, our personnel answered the call every time.

BCFD#3 remains committed to maintaining a high level of readiness through training, equipment upgrades, and strong partnerships within Butler County and surrounding departments. While evolving regulations continue to present challenges, our members, both volunteer and career, have shown resilience and dedication to meeting those demands head-on.

The success of our district is built on teamwork: the firefighters who respond at all hours, the families who support them, and the community that stands behind us. We are grateful for that continued support and trust.

Looking ahead, we will remain focused on preparedness, responsible stewardship of resources, and delivering dependable emergency services to the citizens we proudly serve. Our mission remains clear.

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