

VIOLET TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL

Report

2023



Arranged By  
FIRE CHIEF MIKE LITTLE



## FOREWARD



The Violet Township Fire Department is committed to exceeding our community's expectations. This mission is met every day by our dedicated personnel, both full and part-time. Each member strives to provide a world-class service to the community while upholding our Core Values: Integrity, Humility, Professionalism and Compassionate.

The past year has been exciting due to changes and personnel movement. We promoted Lt. Jim Birdwell to Battalion Chief. We also promoted Battalion Chief Brett Bowen to Assistant Chief. We received the SAFER grant which allowed us to hire three more Firefighters to increase our staffing: Derrick Robbins, Zephaniah Harvey and Garrick Keiffer. Unfortunately, we also lost some of our former members including FF Rob Knode and Volunteer FF Lee Daniels. Debbie Taylor, the wife of Battalion Chief Kenn Taylor, lost her battle with cancer. Debbie was well known to many of us at the department and she was always a staunch supporter of all we did.

The department again saw a slight increase in run volume over last year completing 8,169 runs. This was a 0.3% increase from 2022. We also celebrated the opening of Pickerington Methodist Hospital in December. With this opening, OhioHealth made a strong commitment to the community and the department by providing more than 60 inpatient bed spaces and increasing their service offerings. We look forward to a long, beneficial relationship with OhioHealth.

While diligent budgeting has allowed the Department to thrive since our last tax levy request in 2014, the time has come to request additional funds. To complete the projects mentioned below and, to secure the needed operating funds for the coming years, we will ask our community for their support in 2024. Our goal is to be on the March 2024 ballot asking for new funds. We are asking for an additional 3.6 mills that will generate \$6.55 million for the department. In 2014, our community overwhelmingly supported us. We stated the levy would support us for five (5) years and by next year we will have extended the 2014 levy funds to ten (10) years. Our plan is to use the same premise in 2024 when discussing the need for new funds. Our hope is the community will recognize the value received and support us once again.

As the community evolves, our needs also continue to change and grow. Station 593 has been in existence for nearly 20 years. When it was originally built, the area in which it sits was the single busiest in the Department. Over the past years, that has changed along with the inability to expand on our current site. It is time to re-locate this station. Re-location will allow us to adjust our run cards to decrease some of the volume from Station 592. A larger station will allow us to add an Engine company and personnel to staff it so we can provide increased service to our community. This would add immediate relief to Station 592 which is experiencing the largest effects of the increased growth. We foresee this happening immediately if the proposed tax levy passes in March. The Chief and Assistant Chief have been actively looking for land that can accommodate our needs. Additionally, there will be a need for Station 594 in the next 2-4 years. Again, our desire is to have a full-service station with an engine, a medic and the personnel to staff both vehicles. The growth in the southwestern portion of our Township has necessitated the need for this station. Luckily the Township already has a site in this area that will accommodate a new station. Our hope is to design a building that is able to be used at both sites.



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This Annual Report reflects the service provided by the Department. Absolutely none of this happens without the dedication of our personnel. Even with the challenges faced, the Department experienced many successes. In 2023, we celebrated the retirement of Assistant Chief Jim Paxton. Chief Paxton leaves the department with over 35 years of dedicated service to the community. His knowledge and skills will be missed. The Department hired Battalion Chief Brett Bowen as his replacement. Brett has been with the department for more than twenty years and has steadily worked his way through the ranks. He brings a fresh perspective to the position. His experience as the Union President the past years will be of great value to the position and the department.

I hope you find this report interesting and informative. . The data in this report was pulled from the RCOG Dispatching CAD, ImageTrend Reporting System, Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) and the Fire Department Monthly Reports. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me by phone (614-837-4123) or e-mail ([mike.little@violet.oh.us](mailto:mike.little@violet.oh.us)).

In the Interest of Public Safety,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael G. Little".

Fire Chief

## 1. INCIDENT STATISTICS

### a. EMS RUNS

- i. 2019 – 4586
- ii. 2020 - 4462
- iii. 2021 – 5211
- iv. 2022 – 5461
- v. 2023 – 5350

### b. EMS TRANSPORTS

- i. 2019 – 2728
- ii. 2020 - 2510
- iii. 2021 – 2994
- iv. 2022 – 3288
- v. 2023 – 3138

### c. COMMUNITY MEDIC RUNS

- i. 2019 – 1285
- ii. 2020 - 1346
- iii. 2021 – 1443
- iv. 2022 – 1481
- v. 2023 – 1695

### d. TEMS (TACTICAL EMS) MISSIONS

- i. 2019 – 04
- ii. 2020 - 34
- iii. 2021 – 25
- iv. 2022 – 15
- v. 2023 – 16

### e. VIOLENT INCIDENTS (includes Assault, Attempts, Behavioral, OD, Shooting, Stabbing, SWAT, Unknown Emergencies)

- i. 2019 – 340
- ii. 2020 - 300
- iii. 2021 – 413
- iv. 2022 – 447
- v. 2023 – 346

### f. FIRE INCIDENTS

- i. 2019 – 1023
- ii. 2020 - 953
- iii. 2021 – 982
- iv. 2022 – 1202
- v. 2023 – 1124

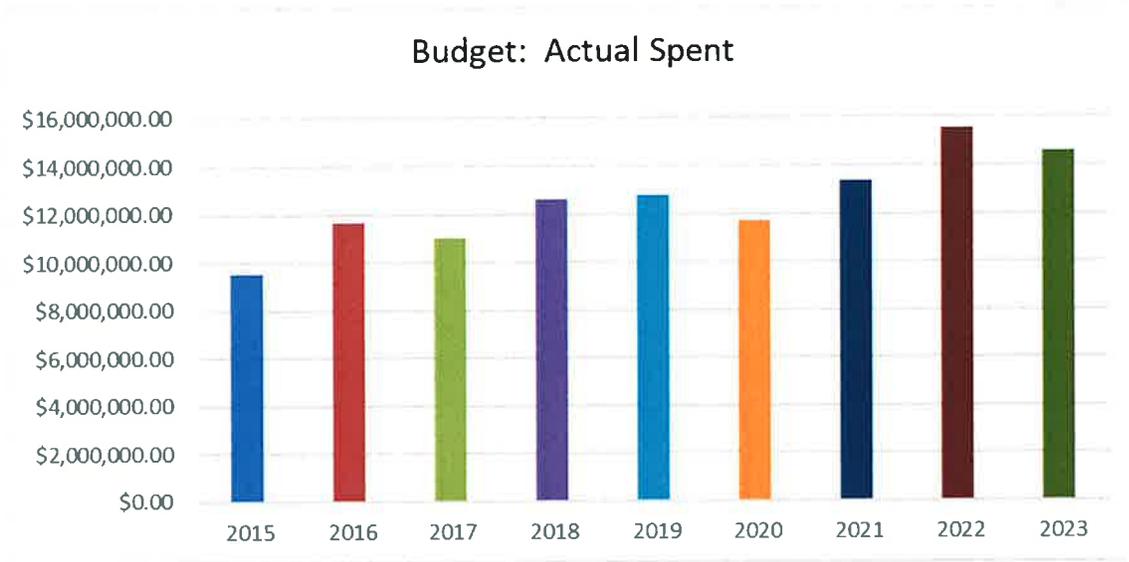
### g. FIRE LOSS (Includes Structure and Contents)

- i. 2019 – \$1,038,080
- ii. 2020 – \$843,315
- iii. 2021 – \$839,308
- iv. 2022 - \$1,352,265 (Also incurred a \$1,200,000 loss due to MVA, no fire, into structure)
- v. 2023 - \$1,175,250

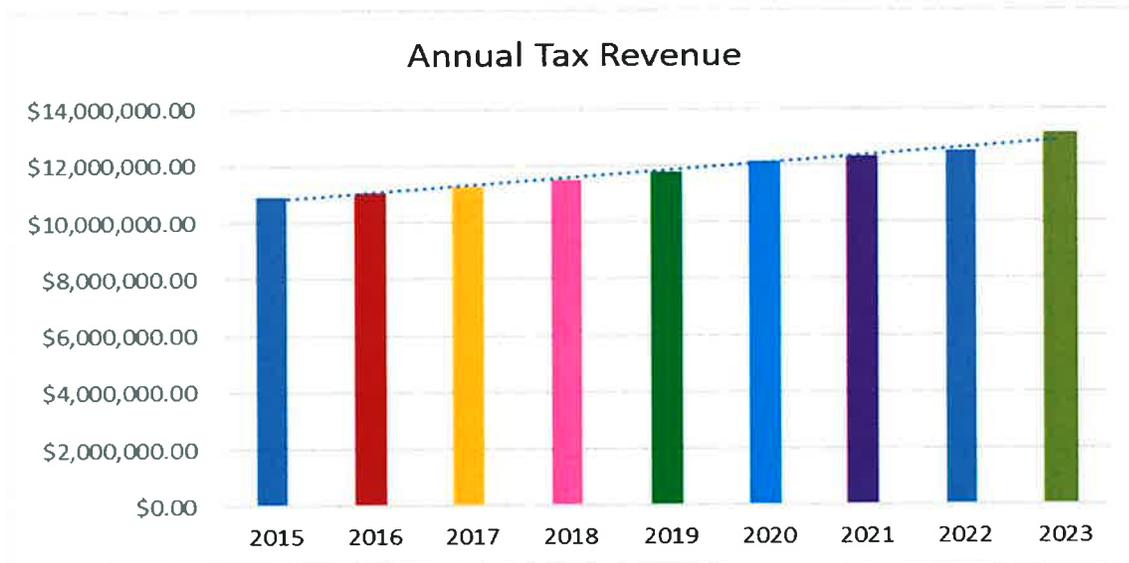
**h. TOTAL INCIDENTS**

- i. 2019 – 6897
- ii. 2020 - 6762
- iii. 2021 – 7636
- iv. 2022 – 8144
- v. 2023 – 8169

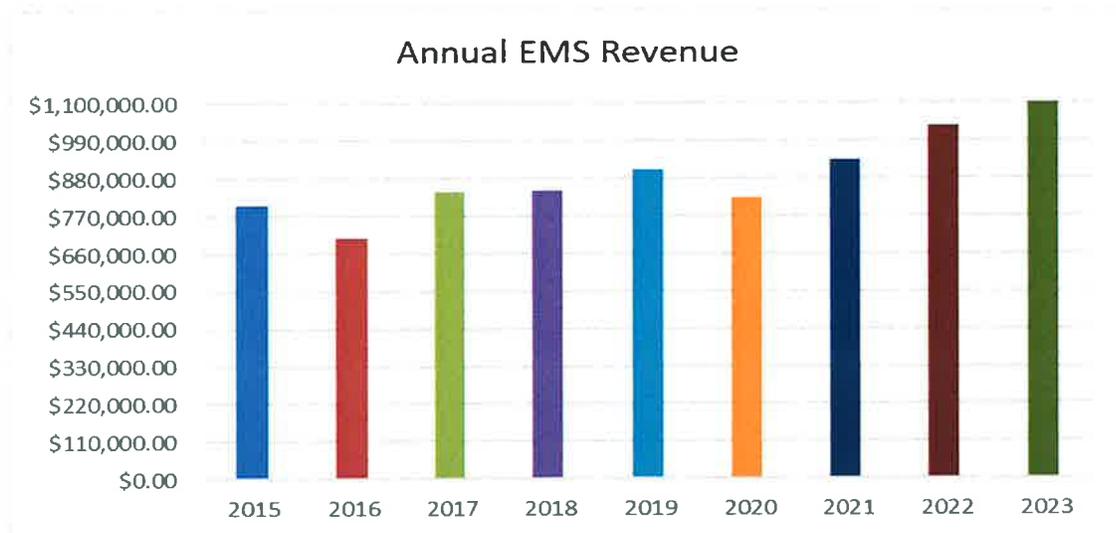
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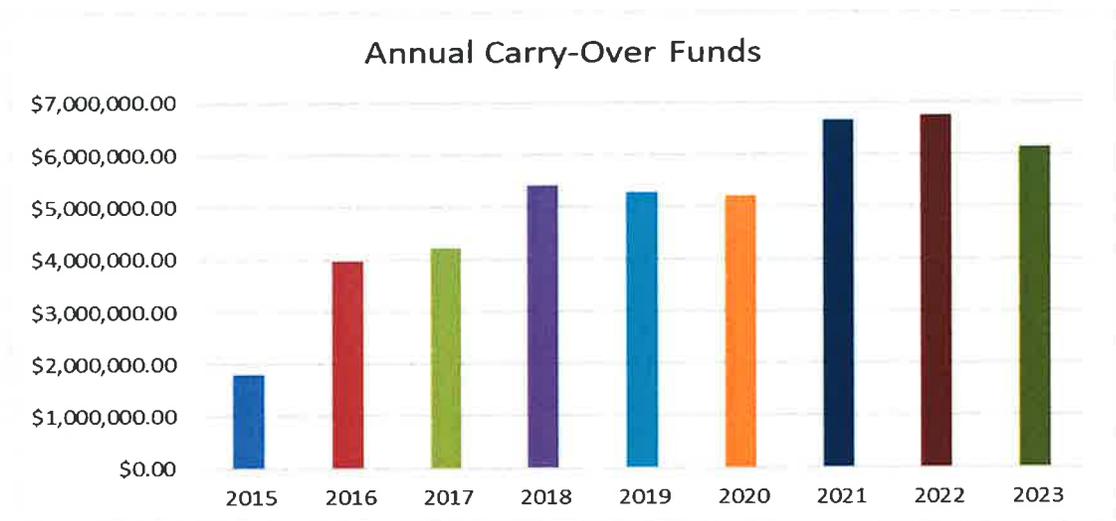
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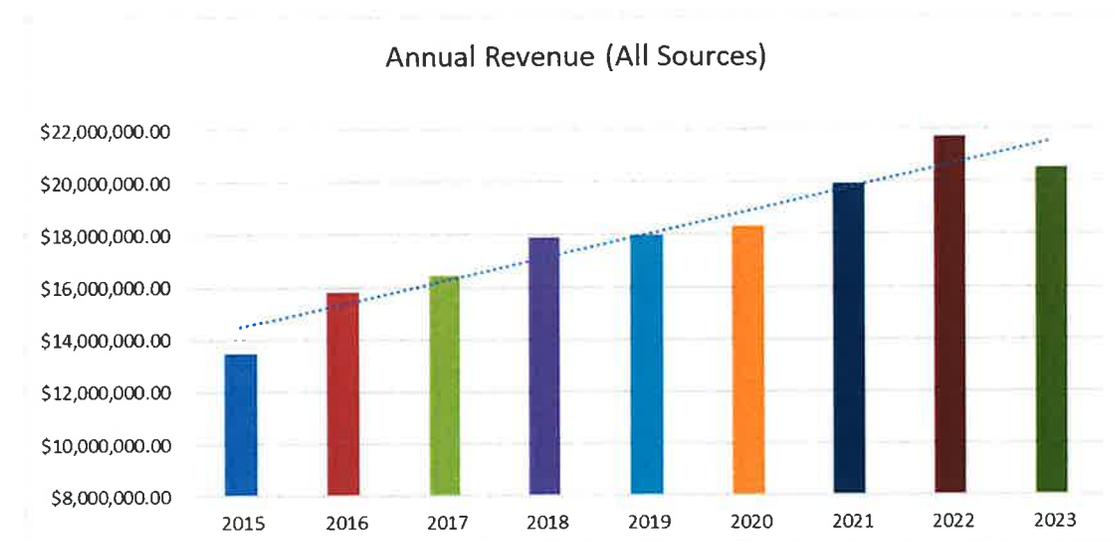
#### 4. ANNUAL EMS REVENUE



#### 5. ANNUAL CARRY-OVER FUNDS



#### 6. ANNUAL REVENUE (ALL SOURCES)



## 7. RESPONSE TYPES

### COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

HOPE/FORT VISIT	3
INITIAL VISIT	50
STANDARD VISIT	1642
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<b>Total for CP</b>	<b>1695</b>

### EMS

ABDOMINAL PAIN	110
ALARM MEDICAL	135
ALLERGIC REACTION	23
ANIMAL BITE	14
ASSAULT	71
ATTEMPT JUMPER	1
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	60
BARIATRIC EMERGENCY	2
BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY	121
BREATHING PROBLEMS	481
BURNS	3
CHEST PAIN	233
CHILDBIRTH / OB	24
CHOKING	18
CO POISONING	2
DIABETIC PROBLEMS	93
DROWNING	1
HEART PROBLEMS	136
HEAT / COLD EXPOSURE	4
HEMORRHAGE / LACERATION	130
NON BREATHING / ARREST	84
OVERDOSE	53
PERSON DOWN	14
PERSONAL ASSIST	367
POISONING	5
SEIZURE	175
SHOOTING	5
SICK PERSON	1366
SPECIAL EVENT	1
STABBING	1
STROKE / CVA	115
SWAT STANDBY	3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	284
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT HIGH SPEED / ENTRAPMENT	137
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT MOTORCYCLE	7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PEDESTRIAN STRUCK	13
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VEHICLE IN STRUCTURE	12
TRAUMATIC INJURIES	808
UNCONSCIOUS PERSON	201
UNKNOWN EMERGENCY	31
WELL BEING CHECK	6
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<b>Total for EMS</b>	<b>5350</b>

**FIRE**

ALARM COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	145
ALARM LIMITED RESOURCE	3
ALARM RESIDENTIAL	204
ALARM WATERFLOW	19
CO ALARMS / CHECK	78
FIRE BARN	3
FIRE BRUSH	15
FIRE COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	57
FIRE MULCH	11
FIRE OUT	9
FIRE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	84
FIRE TRASH	5
FIRE UTILITIES	4
FIRE VEHICLE	18
FIRE VEHICLE COMMERCIAL	6
FOREIGN ODOR	45
FUEL SPILL	9
HAZMAT INCIDENT GENERAL	1
INVESTIGATION / SERVICE RUN	218
LOCK IN / OUT	33
NATURAL GAS LEAK	84
POLICE ASSIST	8
RESCUE ELEVATOR	3
RESCUE EXTRICATION / ENTRAPMENT	3
RESCUE HIGH ANGLE	1
RESCUE WATER	5
RESCUE WATERCRAFT IN DISTRESS	1
SMOKE ODOR COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	6
SMOKE ODOR RESIDENTIAL	10
WIRES DOWN	10
WORKING 2ND ALARM COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	1
WORKING FIRE BARN	2
WORKING FIRE COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	7
WORKING FIRE RESIDENTIAL	16

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**Total for Fire 1124**

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**8. RESPONSE BY RUN CARD ZONE**

<b>Run Card Zone</b>	<b>Runs to Zone</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
33 CORRIDOR	63	0.85%
591 AMANDA	2	0.03%
591 BUSEY EAST	52	0.70%
591 CANAL	32	0.43%
591 CENTRAL PICKERINGTON	1046	14.11%
591 DILEY	95	1.28%
591 FOX	71	0.96%
591 GRANT	27	0.36%
591 HAVENS	11	0.15%
591 JEFFERSON	111	1.50%
591 KERR	11	0.15%
591 KINGY	229	3.09%
591 LOCKVILLE	6	0.08%
591 LONG	800	10.79%
591 PRESTON	301	4.06%
591 SETON	381	5.14%
591 SYCAMORE	206	2.78%
591 WATERLOO	57	0.77%
591 WATERLOO EASTERN	5	0.07%
592 BENTWOOD	210	2.83%
592 CAMELOT	44	0.59%
592 CHEVINGTON	282	3.81%
592 EAST	491	6.63%
592 FULLERS	137	1.85%
592 GRANT	43	0.58%
592 HAAF	153	2.06%
592 MELROSE	670	9.04%
592 STONECREEK	697	9.40%
592 TOLLGATE	198	2.67%
593 CENTRAL (Includes I-70 & NW Violet Twp.)	342	4.61%
593 WESLEY	638	8.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7411</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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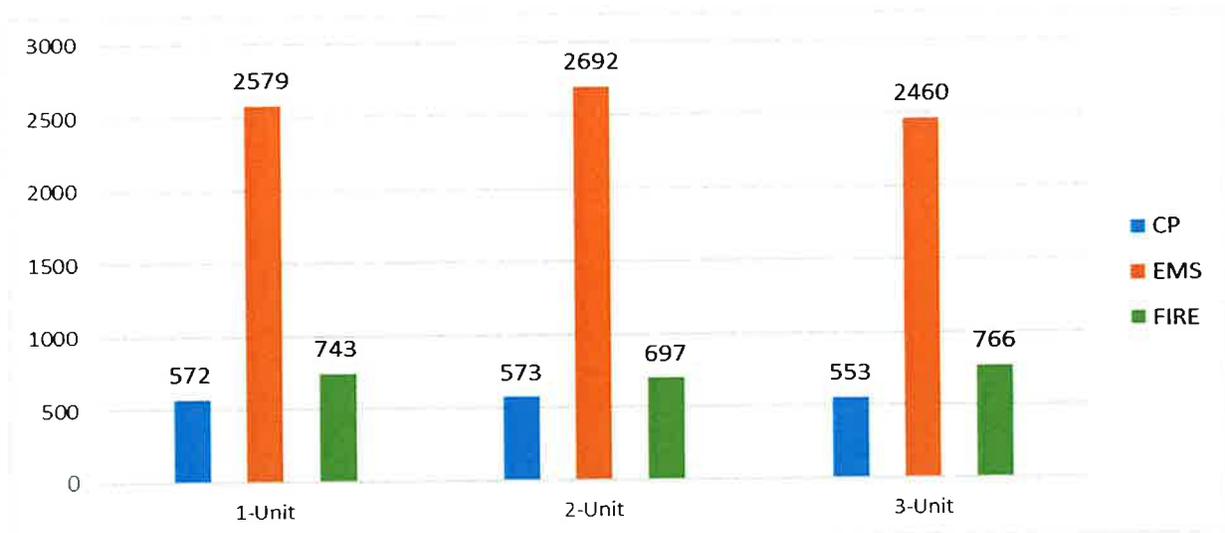
**9. AUTOMATIC AID GIVEN**

Fire Department	Automatic Aid Given	% of Total Automatic Aid Given
Basil Joint Fire District	21	2.97%
Bloom Township Fire Department	18	2.55%
Columbus Division of Fire	216	30.55%
Greenfield Township Fire Department	10	1.41%
Jefferson Township Fire Department	4	0.57%
Lancaster Fire Department	1	0.14%
Madison Twp Fire Dept	10	1.41%
Mifflin Township Fire Department	2	0.28%
Truro Township Fire Department	307	43.42%
Walnut Township Fire Department	17	2.40%
West Licking	99	14.00%
Whitehall Division of Fire	2	0.28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

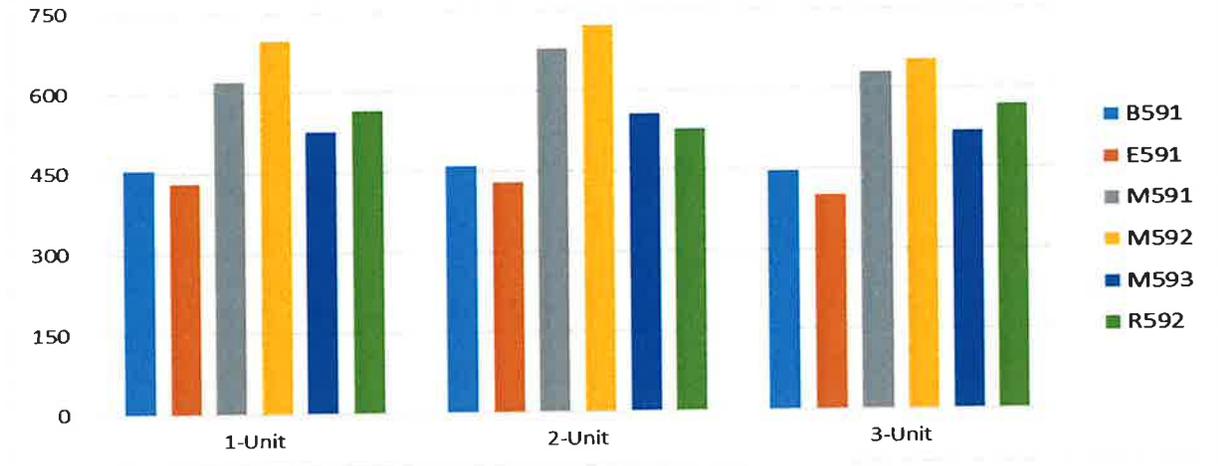
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Fire Department	Automatic Aid Received	% of Total Automatic Aid Received
Amanda Fire Department	1	0.43%
Basil Joint Fire District	34	14.66%
Bloom Township Fire Department	34	14.66%
Columbus Division of Fire	18	7.76%
Greenfield Township Fire Department	9	3.88%
Madison Twp Fire Dept	35	15.09%
Millersport Fire Department	1	0.43%
Truro Township Fire Department	93	40.09%
West Licking	7	3.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

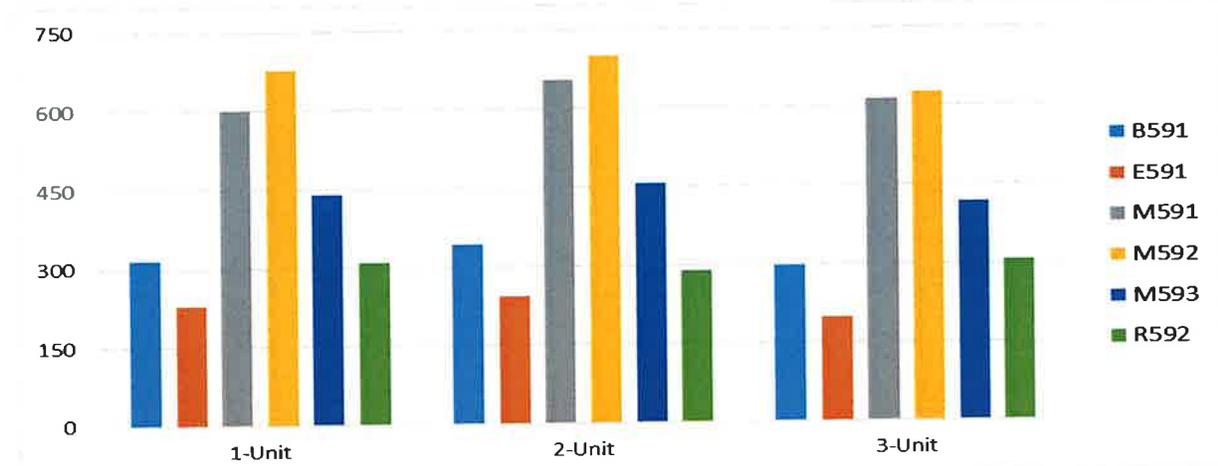
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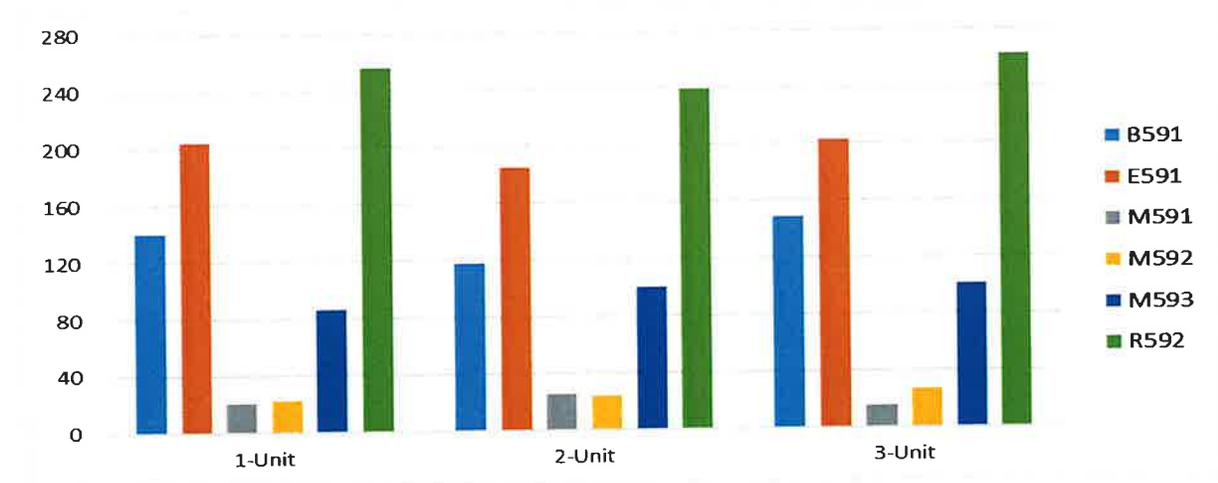
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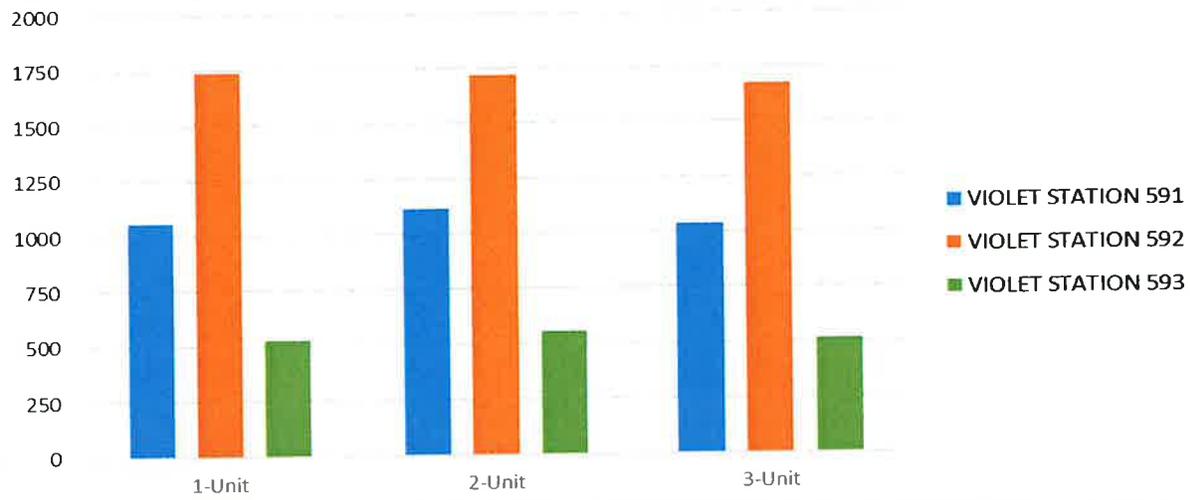
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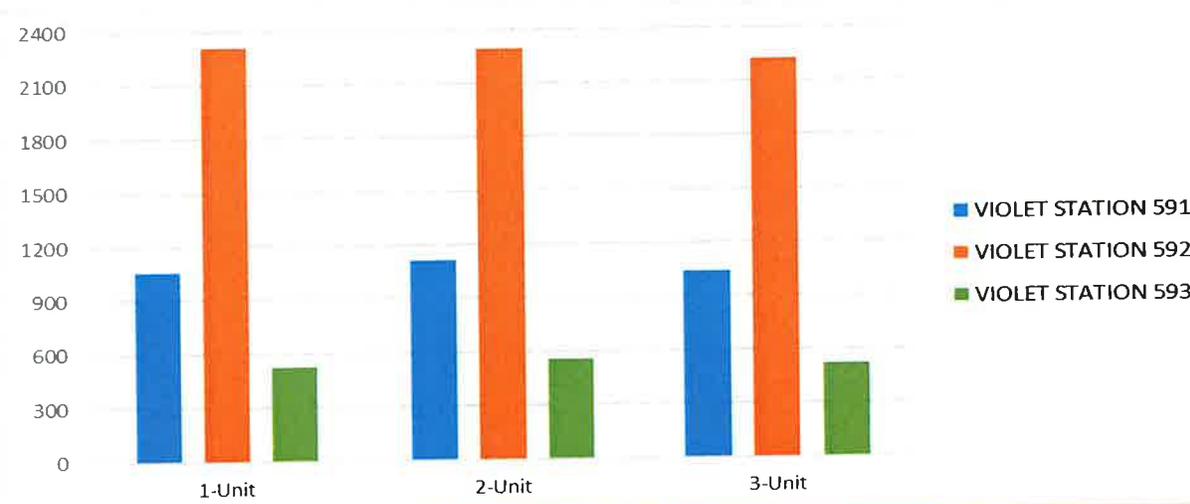
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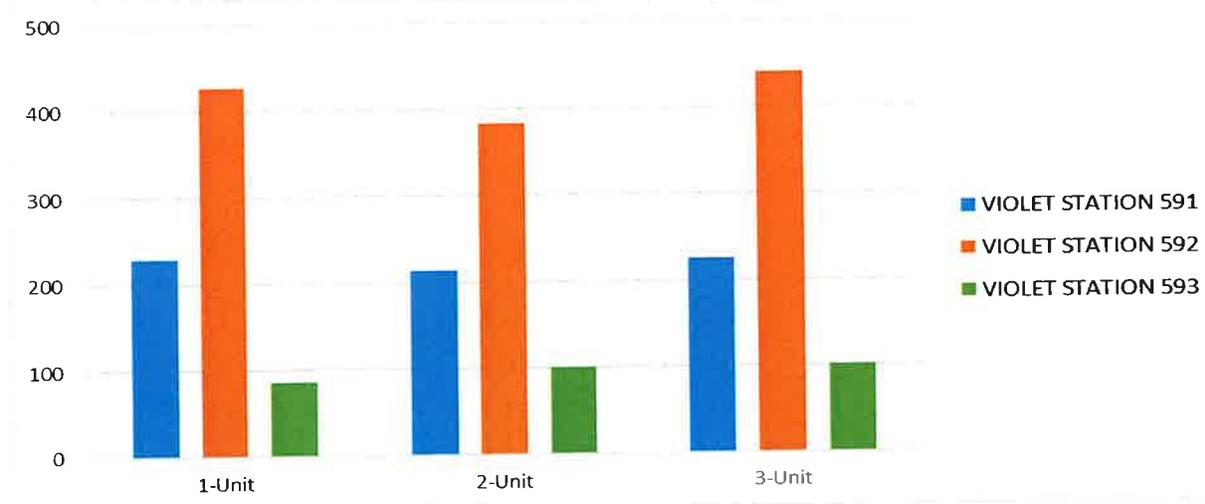
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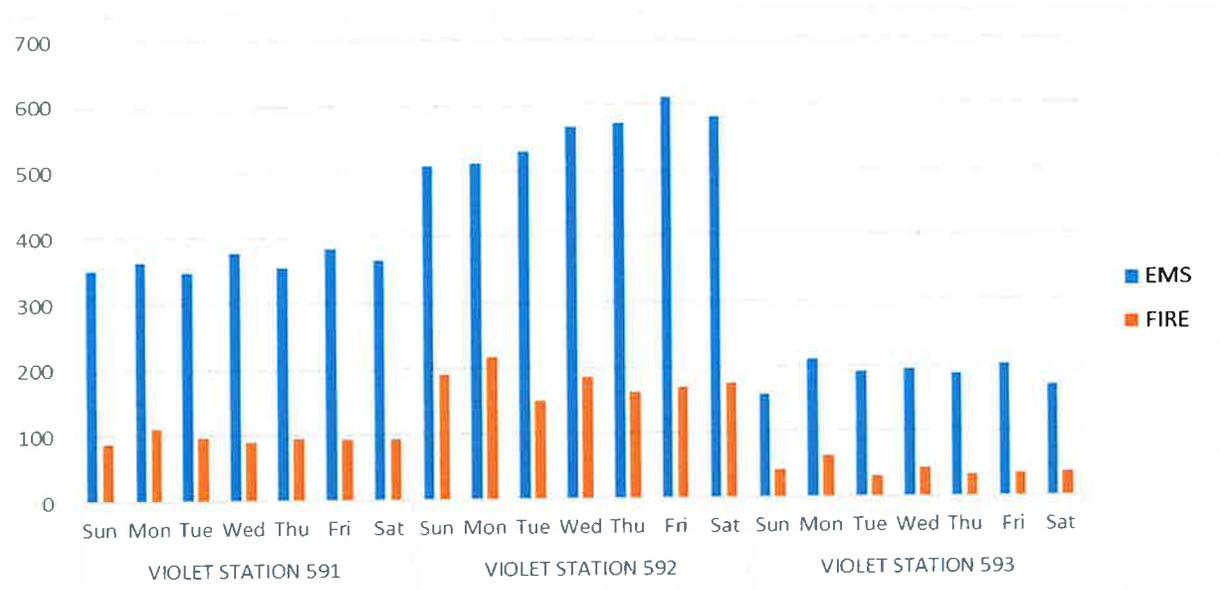
### 16. EMS RUNS BY STATION AND UNIT INCLUDING COMMUNITY MEDIC (FROM CAD)



### 17. FIRE RUNS BY STATION AND UNIT (FROM CAD)



### 18. EMS & FIRE RUNS BY STATION AND BY DAY WITHOUT COMMUNITY MEDIC (FROM CAD)



### 19. MEDIC/EMS STATISTICS (FROM IMAGETREND)

#### a. Medic Run Breakdown

EMS Unit	Number of Runs	Percent of Runs	Transports	Percent of Transports
M592	1873	38.32%	1237	39.23%
M591	1798	36.78%	1160	36.79%
M593	1217	24.90%	756	23.98%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4888</b>		<b>3153</b>	

#### b. Hospital Transports

Hospital Destination	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs
Mount Carmel East Hospital	1,046	33.12%
Ohio Health Pickerington Emergency Care Center	800	25.33%
Diley Ridge	391	12.38%
Mount Carmel Reynoldsburg	274	8.68%
Nationwide Children's Hospital	217	6.87%
Grant Medical Center	146	4.62%
Ohio State University Medical Center	106	3.36%
Riverside Methodist Hospital	85	2.69%
OSU East	25	0.79%
Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital	15	0.47%
Fairfield Medical Center	13	0.41%
Mount Carmel Grove City	11	0.35%
Ohio Health Reynoldsburg	11	0.35%
Fairfield Medical Center River Valley	5	0.16%
Dublin Methodist Hospital	3	0.09%
Licking Memorial Hospital	2	0.06%
Columbus Springs East	1	0.03%
Doctor's Hospital West - Columbus	1	0.03%
Ohio Health New Albany	1	0.03%
RiverVista Behavioral Hospital	1	0.03%

c. Treatments/Procedures Performed (7,828 treatments/procedures performed)

<b>Procedure Performed</b>	<b>Times Performed</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Medications Administered	3,131	40.00%
4 Lead EKG	1,397	17.85%
IV	1,280	16.35%
12 Lead EKG	1,002	12.80%
Blood Glucose Level	255	3.26%
ETCO2 Digital Capnography	139	1.78%
General Wound Care	138	1.76%
Cervical Collar Applied	59	0.75%
Ice Pack	45	0.57%
BVM without Airway	41	0.52%
BVM with Airway	35	0.45%
IO Cannulation	32	0.41%
CPAP	31	0.40%
Suction Airway	31	0.40%
Intubation	27	0.34%
CPR, Manual	26	0.33%
Splinting, Vacuum Splint	22	0.28%
Defibrillation, Manual	20	0.26%
CPR, Mechanical Compressions	19	0.24%
I-Gel	13	0.17%

d. Top Fifteen (15) Personnel EMS Runs Taken

<b>Crew Member Name</b>	<b>Number of Runs</b>
Steve Wernert	506
Leo DeMastry	379
Andy Smith	377
Zephaniah Harvey	365
Thurman Rohrbaugh	348
Kevin Haines	347
Josh Payne	333
Derrick Robbins	331
Evan Martin	320
John "JD" McDowell	311
Lee Little	309
Ryan Heavner	296
Jake Yaraschuk	295
Garrick Keiffer	294
Patrick Kauble	286

## 20. FIRE PREVENTION

- a. Inspections Completed
  - i. 2019 – 1530
  - ii. 2020 – 1359
  - iii. 2021 – 1665
  - iv. 2022 – 1875
  - v. 2023 – 2203 (Includes non-logged items in Mobile Eyes Software)
  
- b. 2023 Activities

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>% of TOTAL</b>
Above Ceiling Hydro. & Arrangement	54	2.49%
Annual	626	28.85%
Complaint	14	0.65%
Construction Progress	51	2.35%
Consult	129	5.94%
Final - Occupancy (Canal Winchester)	6	0.28%
Final - Occupancy (Pickerington)	30	1.38%
Final - Occupancy (Reynoldsburg)	5	0.23%
Final - Occupancy (Violet Twp)	11	0.51%
Fire Alarm Final	40	1.84%
Fire Alarm Report	144	6.64%
Home Inspection	31	1.43%
Hood Suppression Final	7	0.32%
Incident Follow-Up	110	5.07%
Kitchen Exhaust Acceptance	6	0.28%
Knox Box	93	4.29%
Life Safety	24	1.11%
Plan Review Commercial	62	2.86%
Plan Review Residential	3	0.14%
Pre Plan Update	36	1.66%
Pre-Final	1	0.05%
Public Education	14	0.65%
Random / Unscheduled	94	4.33%
Re-inspect	301	13.87%
Semi-Annual	86	3.96%
SFMO	27	1.24%
Special Event	28	1.29%
Tri-Annual	41	1.89%
Underground Hydro. & Flush	96	4.42%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2170</b>	

## 21. TRAINING

- a. 7,295.4 Training Man Hours – equates to 6.4% of on-duty time
- b. Spent \$78,528 on travel and training expenses in 2020 for personnel
  - i. FDTN, FRI, EMS World, NFA (no cost), OFA, IAFC, Rescue Tech School

**22. TEMS (TACTICAL EMS)**

- a. Training Hours – 225.50
- b. Sixteen (16) SWAT Missions

**23. ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

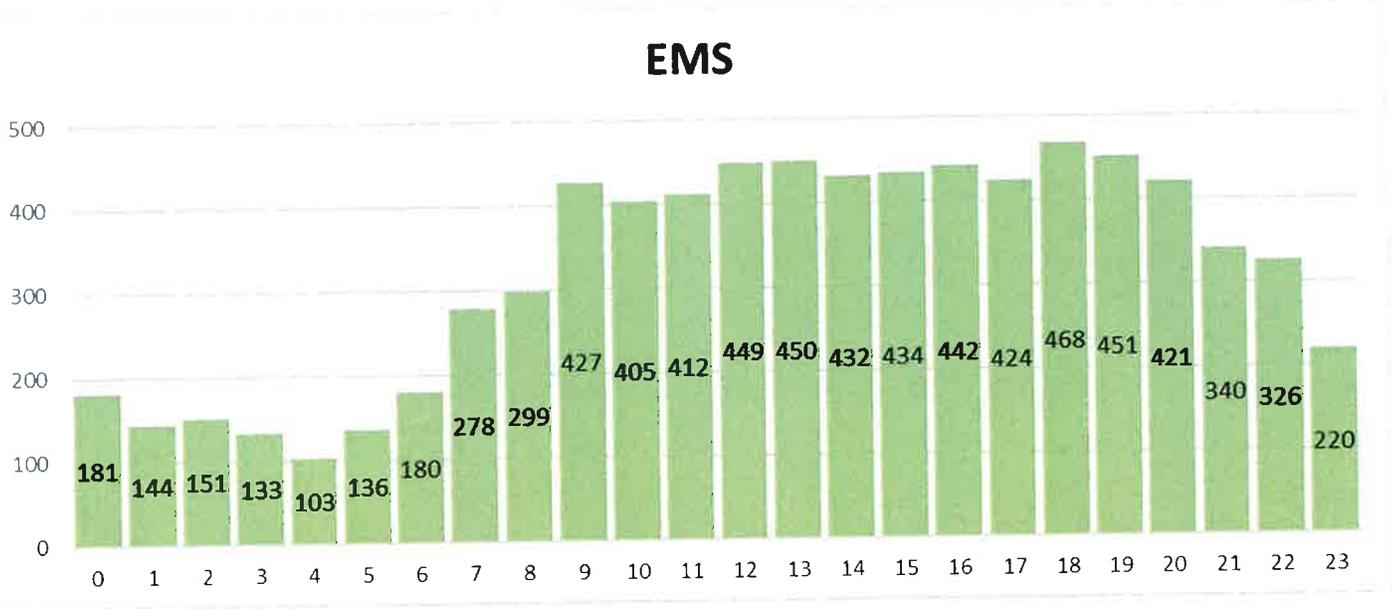
- a. Served 200 families in the Pickerington Local School District (475 kids in PLSD) & Fairfield County
- b. Donations totaled \$23,095.95 and another \$3,040 in gift cards; Expenditures totaled \$19,887.63

**24. PUBLIC EDUCATION**

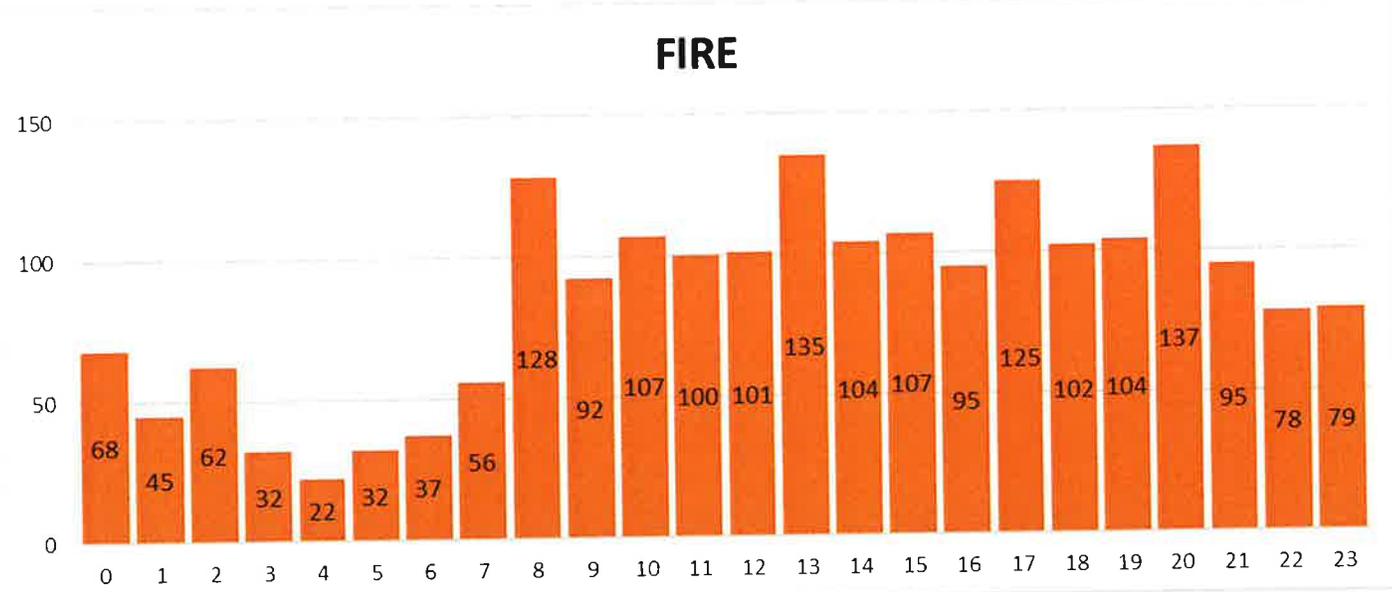
- a. 176 CPR trained through VTFD; our Training Center issued 782 total cards
- b. 80 Public Events attended

**25. RESPONSE BY HOUR OF THE DAY**

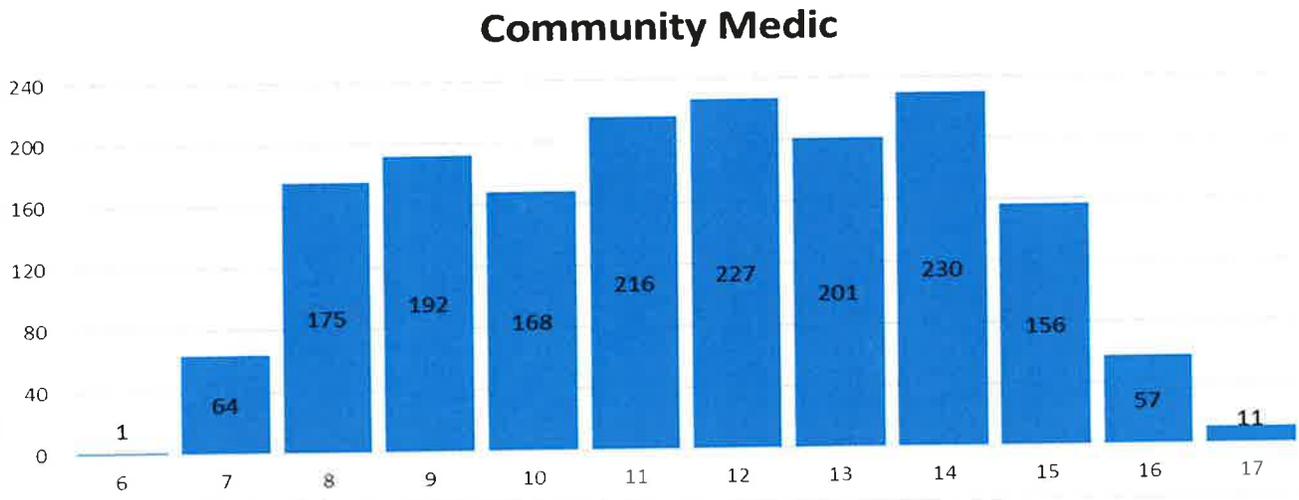
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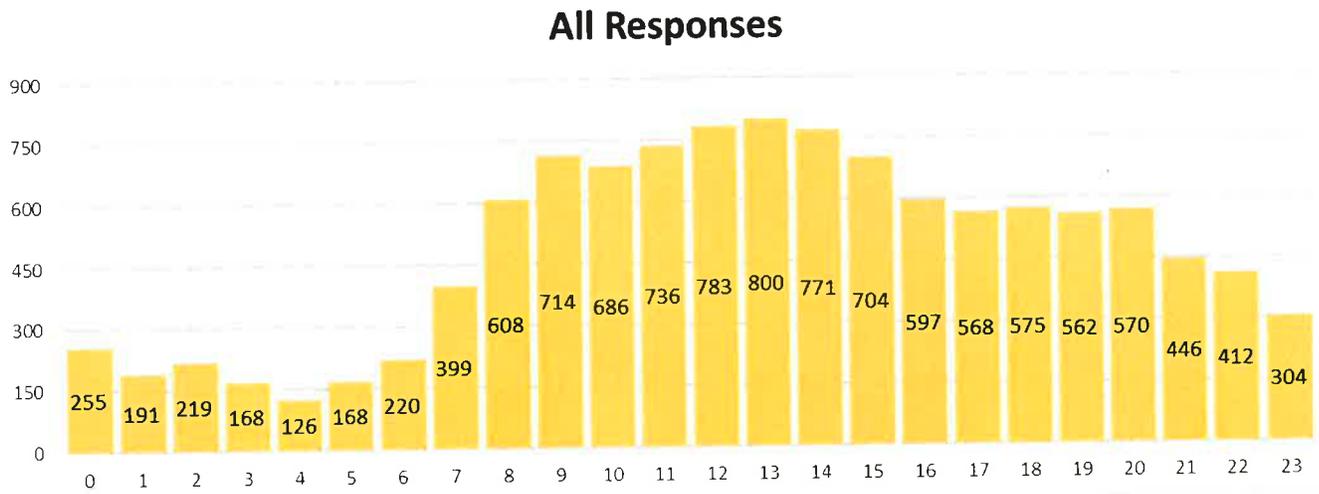
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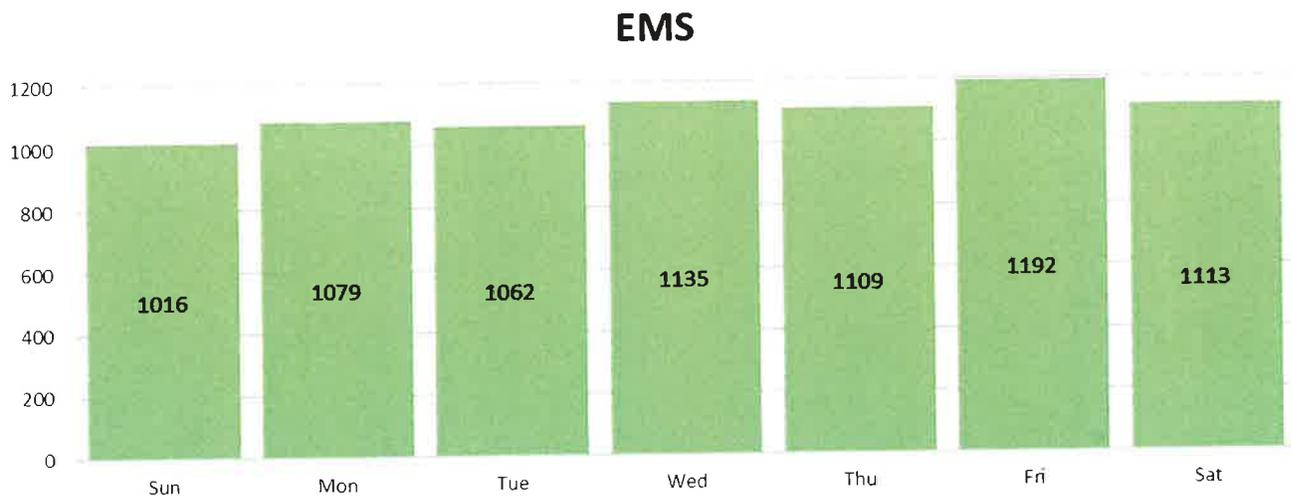


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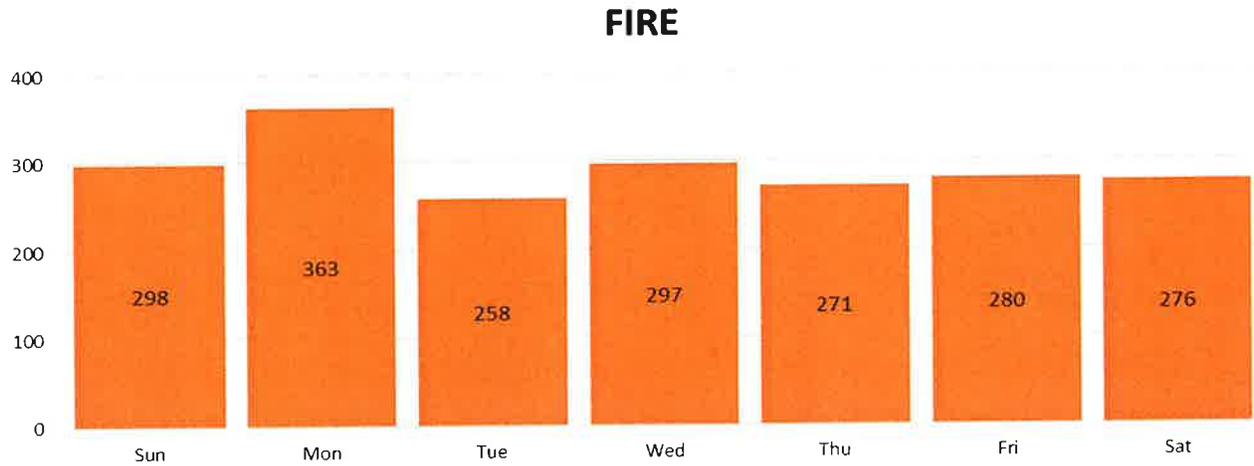


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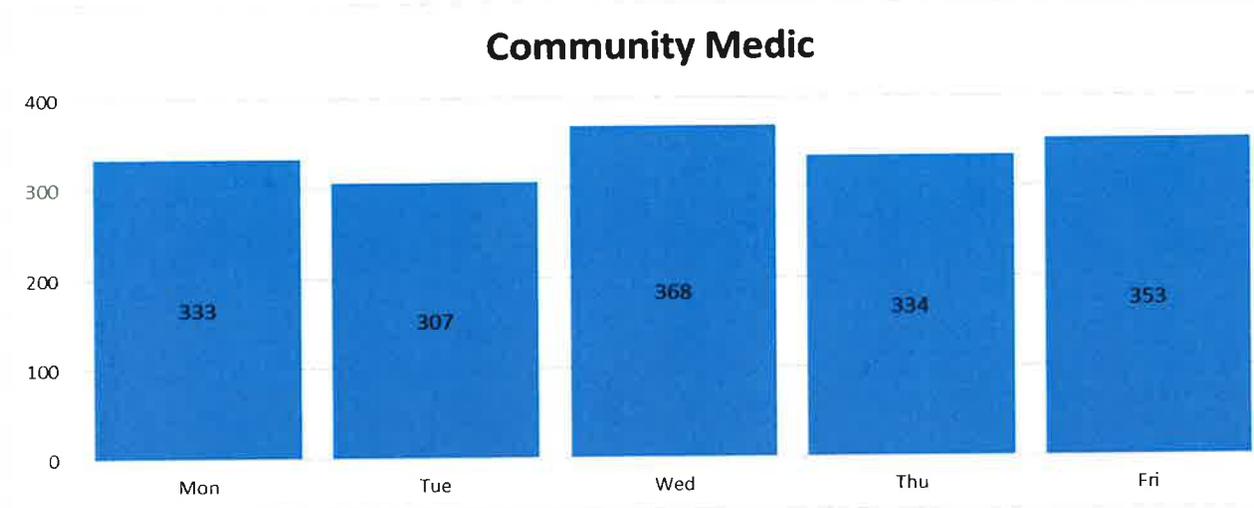
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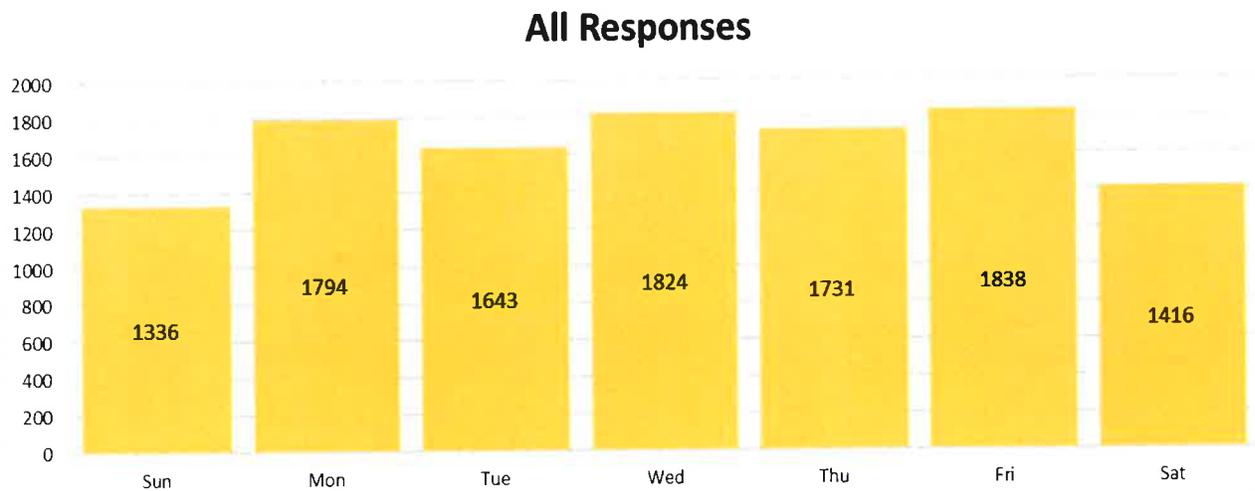
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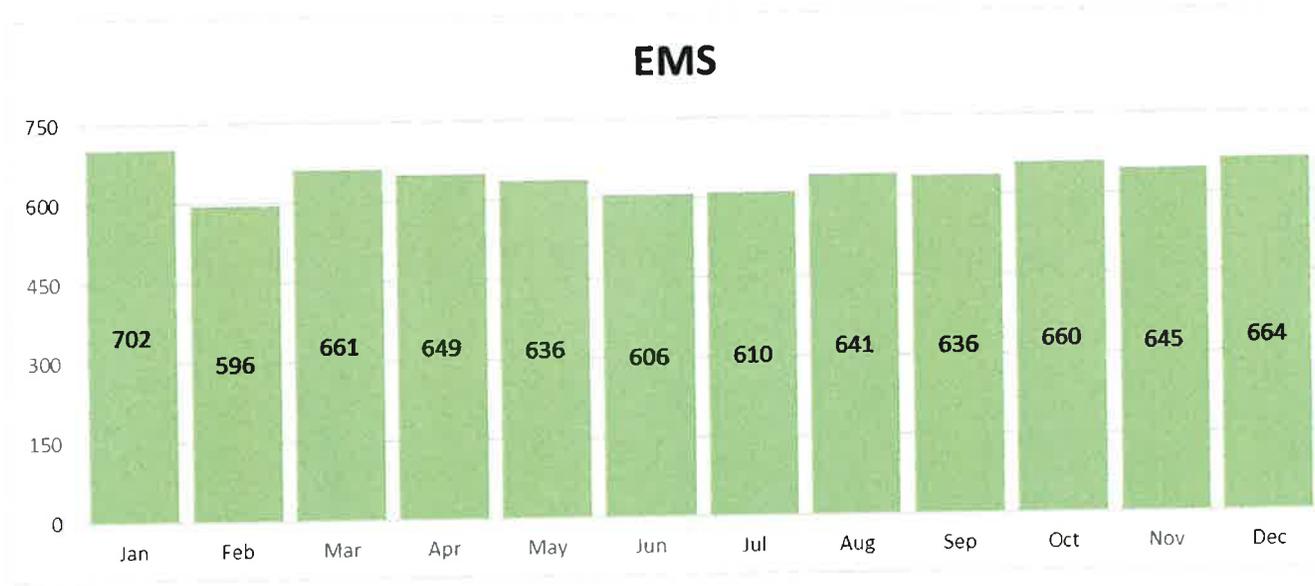


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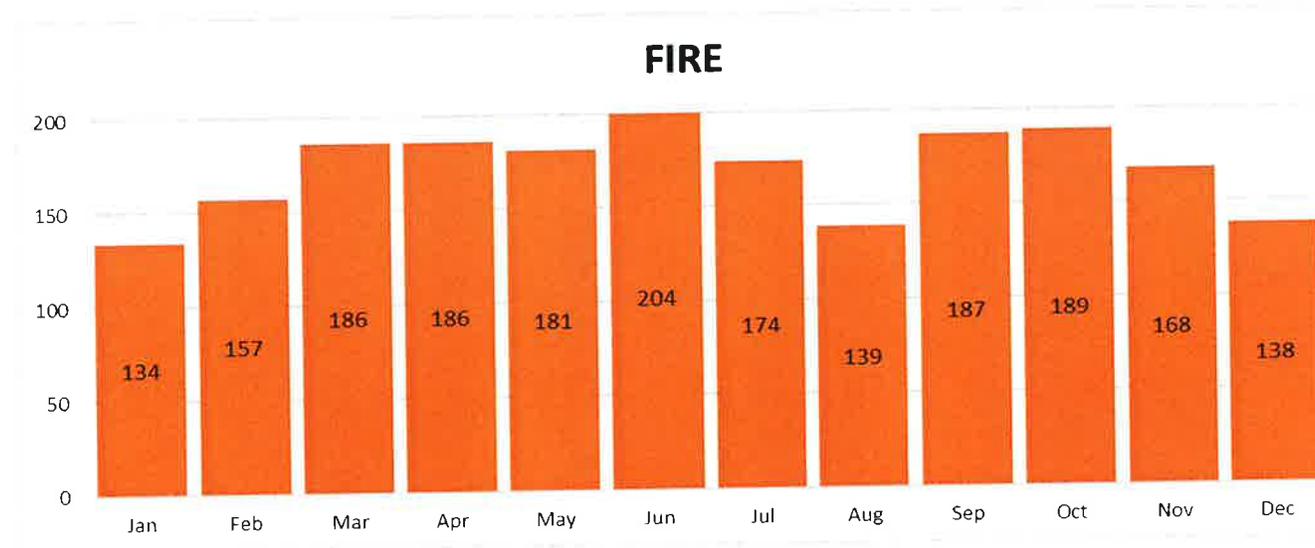


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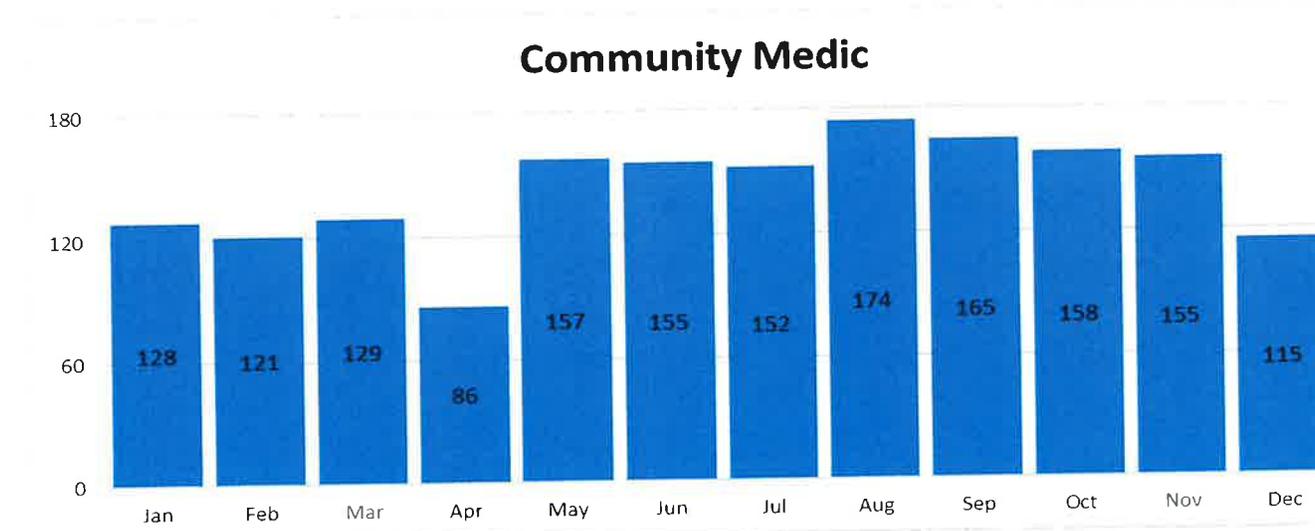
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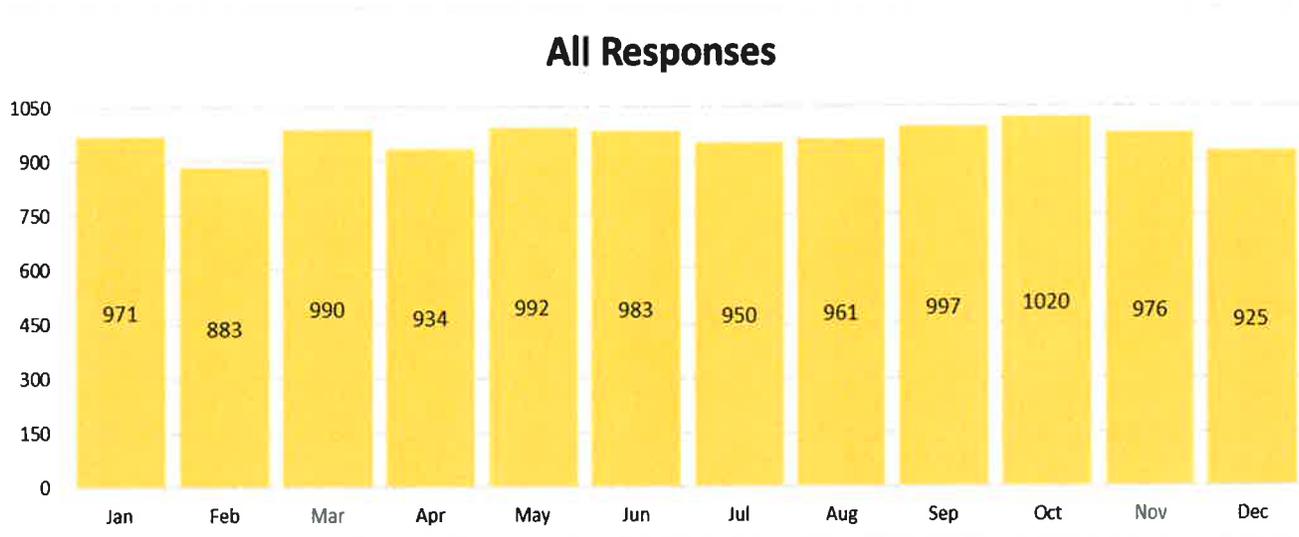
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### c. Community Medic



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