

VIOLET TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL

Report

2024



Arranged By
FIRE CHIEF MIKE LITTLE



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The Violet Township Fire Department undertook a strategic development initiative in 2024. This initiative reviewed our mission, vision and core values as well as our future planning for the department. Every member of the department was involved in discussions to help develop this new strategic vision. Through this process, we developed a new mission and vision statement that better reflects the direction of our department. We also have a new set of core values that further define our beliefs for the department and the community.

Mission: Provide professional public safety services and outreach for risk reduction to promote a safe and healthy community.

Vision: We strive to be trusted leaders in public safety and the community through accountability and loyalty to those we serve. Our commitment is to empower professional firefighters and EMS personnel to excel through training, development and innovative resources. Internally, we aim to create an environment fostering a family-like atmosphere where everyone is valued.

Core Values: **Selfless Service:** Mission-Team-Me

Ownership: Taking full responsibility with an "ALL-IN" attitude

Professionalism: Consistently performing with competence/composure/courage

Integrity: Trusted to do the right thing

Again in 2024 we had a number of personnel changes and additions. Battalion Chief Kenn Taylor retired in January after more than 40 years in the fire service. Lt. Jason Smith was promoted to Battalion Chief to replace him. FF/Medic Tony Traster was promoted to Lieutenant to fill the spot vacated by Lt. Smith. Lt. Jason Belleau accepted the EMS Coordinator position and FF/Medic Josh Cook was promoted to Lieutenant to fill his spot. As the department continued to evaluate staffing a number of FF/Medics were hired: Adam Lake, Luke Hunnaman, Zach Slade, Jason Pitre, Keaton Phillips, Derek Peters, Troy Kurtz, Joe Armintrout, Ian Fellers and William Barr. This brings our staffing up to 65 total full-time personnel.

The department completed 8,690 runs in 2024. This was a 6.4% increase from 2023. As the community grows, we will continue to see increases in run volume year after year. Our peak run time ranges from 9 AM through 5 PM. Our busiest day of the week was Wednesday and our busiest month was May.

In March we asked the community for additional tax finds to support the department in the coming years. The tax levy was for 3.6 mills which will generate an additional \$6.5 million dollars for department operations. This levy was passed by the community and we greatly appreciate their support. Besides operations, the cornerstone of this levy request was to re-locate Station 593. Since March, we have been diligently working on this promise. Land was acquired on Yarmouth Road from the American Motorcyclist Association. We are currently working with our criteria architect, KZF Design, to develop the specifications for this new station. Once built, this station will house a medic and an engine which will improve our service to this portion of the township. As for operations, we have ordered one new medic and we have another in the refurb process. We continue to evaluate the



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department's operations to make sure we provide the highest level of service to the community in the most cost-effective ways.

This will be my last Annual Report as the Fire Chief. I have made the decision to retire effective September 8, 2025. Assistant Chief Brett Bowen will move into this position effective that same day. I firmly believe he is the right person to lead this department forward. He has shown the requisite skills and abilities needed to be an effective leader for the future. I look forward to the transition later this year as well as having more time to spend with my family.

I hope you find this report interesting and informative. 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).

In the Interest of Public Safety,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael G. Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fire Chief

1. INCIDENT STATISTICS

a. EMS RUNS

- i. 2020 – 4462
- ii. 2021 – 5211
- iii. 2022 – 5461
- iv. 2023 – 5350
- v. 2024 – 5561

b. EMS TRANSPORTS

- i. 2020 – 2510
- ii. 2021 – 2994
- iii. 2022 – 3288
- iv. 2023 – 3138
- v. 2024 – 3266

c. COMMUNITY MEDIC RUNS

- i. 2020 – 1346
- ii. 2021 – 1443
- iii. 2022 – 1481
- iv. 2023 – 1695
- v. 2024 – 1948

d. TEMS (TACTICAL EMS) MISSIONS

- i. 2020 – 34
- ii. 2021 – 25
- iii. 2022 – 15
- iv. 2023 – 16
- v. 2024 – 25

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

- i. 2020 – 300
- ii. 2021 – 413
- iii. 2022 – 447
- iv. 2023 – 346
- v. 2024 – 340

f. FIRE INCIDENTS

- i. 2020 – 953
- ii. 2021 – 982
- iii. 2022 – 1202
- iv. 2023 – 1124
- v. 2024 – 1180

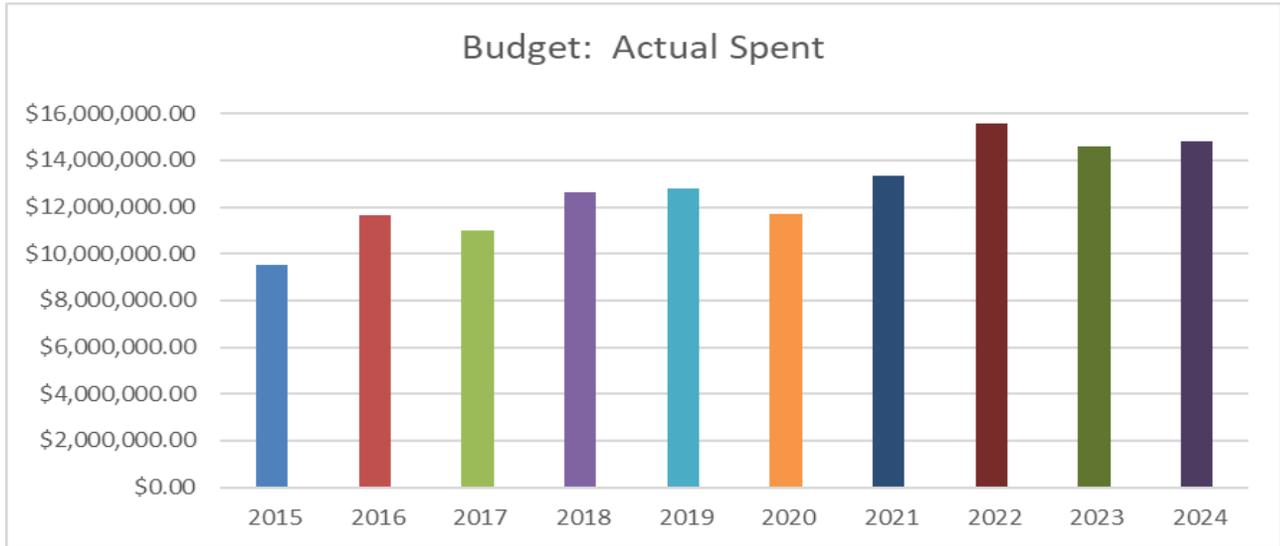
g. FIRE LOSS (Includes Structure and Contents)

- i. 2020 – \$843,315
- ii. 2021 – \$839,308
- iii. 2022 - \$1,352,265 (Also incurred a \$1,200,000 loss due to MVA, no fire, into structure)
- iv. 2023 - \$1,175,250
- v. 2024 - \$1,652,061

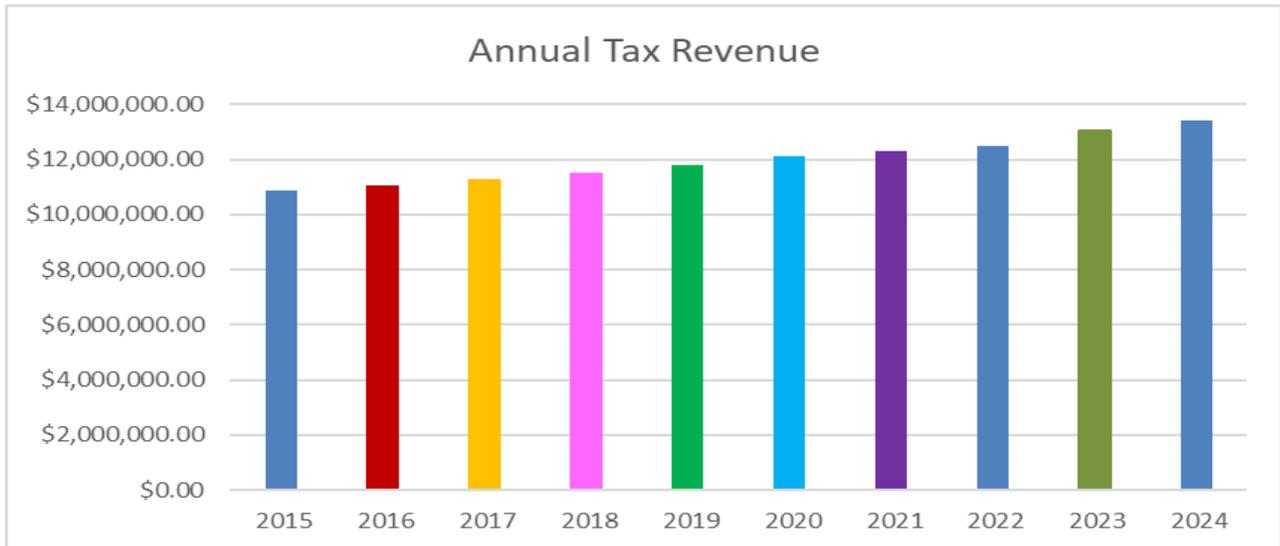
h. TOTAL INCIDENTS

- i. 2020 – 6762
- ii. 2021 – 7636
- iii. 2022 – 8144
- iv. 2023 – 8169
- v. 2024 – 8690

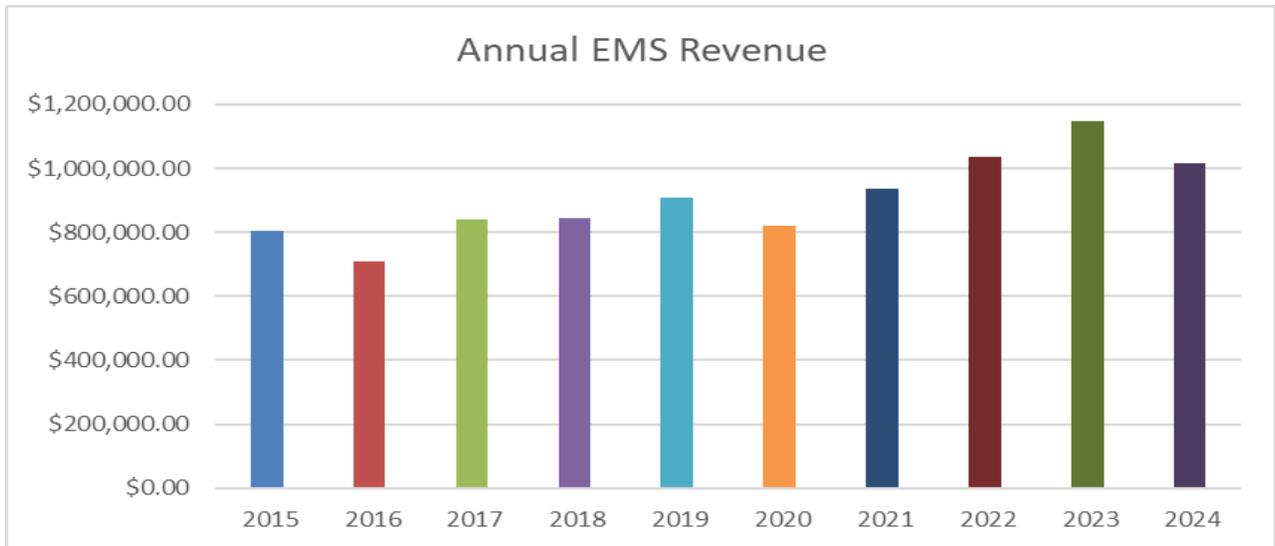
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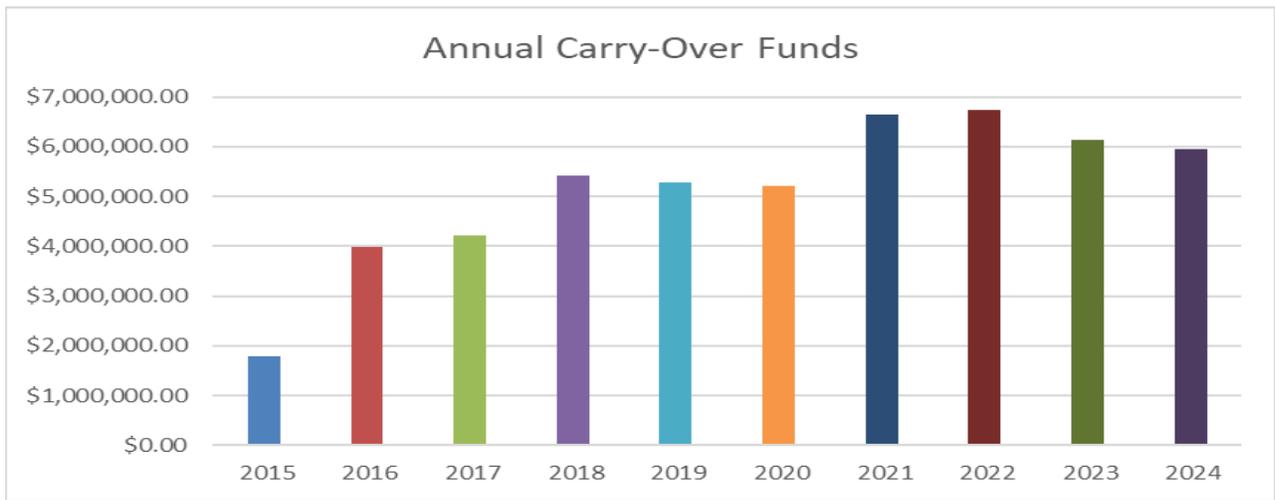
3. ANNUAL TAX REVENUE INCLUDING TAX ALLOCATION FUNDS



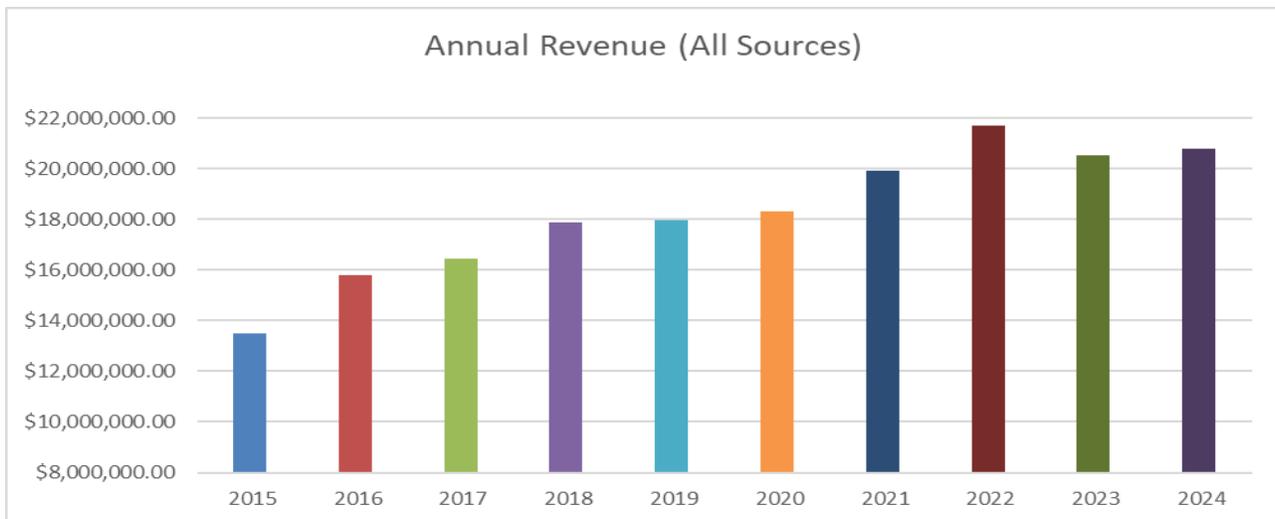
4. ANNUAL EMS REVENUE



5. ANNUAL CARRY-OVER FUNDS



6. ANNUAL REVENUE (ALL SOURCES)



7. RESPONSE TYPES

LIMITED RESOURCE STATUS	
ALARM WATERFLOW LIMITED RESOURCE	3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LIMITED RESOURCE	9
Total for Limited Resource Status	12
COST	
CENTRAL OHIO STRIKE TEAM ACTIVATION	1
Total for COST	1
COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC	
HOPE/FORT VISIT	1
INITIAL VISIT	46
STANDARD VISIT	1,901
Total for CP	1,948
EMS	
ABDOMINAL PAIN	104
ACTIVE SHOOTER	1
ALARM MEDICAL	196
ALLERGIC REACTION	26
ANIMAL BITE	14
ASSAULT	67
ATTEMPT SUICIDE	53
BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY	151
BREATHING PROBLEMS	534
BURNS	5
CHEST PAIN	199
CHILDBIRTH / OB	20
CHOKING	13
CO POISONING	2
DIABETIC PROBLEMS	89
HEART PROBLEMS	129
HEAT / COLD EXPOSURE	5
HEMORRHAGE / LACERATION	159
NON BREATHER / ARREST	85
OVERDOSE	40
PERSON DOWN	9
PERSONAL ASSIST	464
POISONING	2
SEIZURE	147
SHOOTING	4
SICK PERSON	1,405
SPECIAL EVENT	1
STABBING	3
STROKE / CVA	102
SWAT STANDBY	3
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	280
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT HIGH SPEED / ENTRAPMENT	116
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT MOTORCYCLE	10
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PEDESTRIAN STRUCK	13
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VEHICLE IN STRUCTURE	20
TRAUMATIC INJURIES	860
UNCONSCIOUS PERSON	197
UNKNOWN EMERGENCY	18
WELL BEING CHECK	3
Total for EMS	5,549

FIRE	
ALARM COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	174
ALARM LIMITED RESOURCE	9
ALARM RESIDENTIAL	164
ALARM WATERFLOW	37
BOMB DEVICE FOUND	2
CO ALARMS / CHECK	80
FIRE BARN	2
FIRE BRUSH	11
FIRE COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	64
FIRE MULCH	33
FIRE OUT	7
FIRE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	84
FIRE TRASH	8
FIRE UTILITIES	5
FIRE VEHICLE	17
FIRE VEHICLE COMMERCIAL	6
FOREIGN ODOR	32
FUEL SPILL	3
INVESTIGATION / SERVICE RUN	245
LOCK IN / OUT	15
NATURAL GAS LEAK	68
POLICE ASSIST	19
RESCUE ELEVATOR	7
RESCUE EXTRICATION / ENTRAPMENT	2
RESCUE WATER	4
RESCUE WATERCRAFT IN DISTRESS	1
SMOKE ODOR COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	14
SMOKE ODOR RESIDENTIAL	7
WIRES DOWN	22
WORKING FIRE BARN	2
WORKING FIRE COMMERCIAL / HIGH LIFE	10
WORKING FIRE RESIDENTIAL	26
Total for FIRE	1,180

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8. RESPONSE BY RUN CARD ZONE

Run Card Zone	Runs to Zone	% of Total
591 33 CORRIDOR	160	1.45%
591 AMANDA	7	0.06%
591 BUSEY EAST	125	1.13%
591 CANAL	46	0.42%
591 CENTRAL	1193	10.83%
591 DILEY	189	1.72%
591 FOX	146	1.33%
591 GRANT	157	1.43%
591 HAVENS	8	0.07%
591 JEFFERSON	93	0.84%
591 KERR	13	0.12%
591 KINGY	311	2.82%
591 LOCKVILLE	22	0.20%
591 LONG	1163	10.56%
591 PRESTON	481	4.37%
591 SETON	529	4.80%
591 SYCAMORE	231	2.10%
591 WATERLOO	113	1.03%
591 WTRLESTN	37	0.34%
592 BENTWOOD	273	2.48%
592 CAMELOT	74	0.67%
592 CHEVY	394	3.58%
592 EAST	795	7.22%
592 FULLERS	195	1.77%
592 HAFF	154	1.40%
592 MELROSE	1046	9.50%
592 STONECREEK	1098	9.97%
592 TOLLGATE	309	2.81%
593 CENTRAL (Includes I-70 & NW Violet Twp.)	631	5.73%
593 WESLEY	1021	9.27%
TOTAL	11014	100.00%

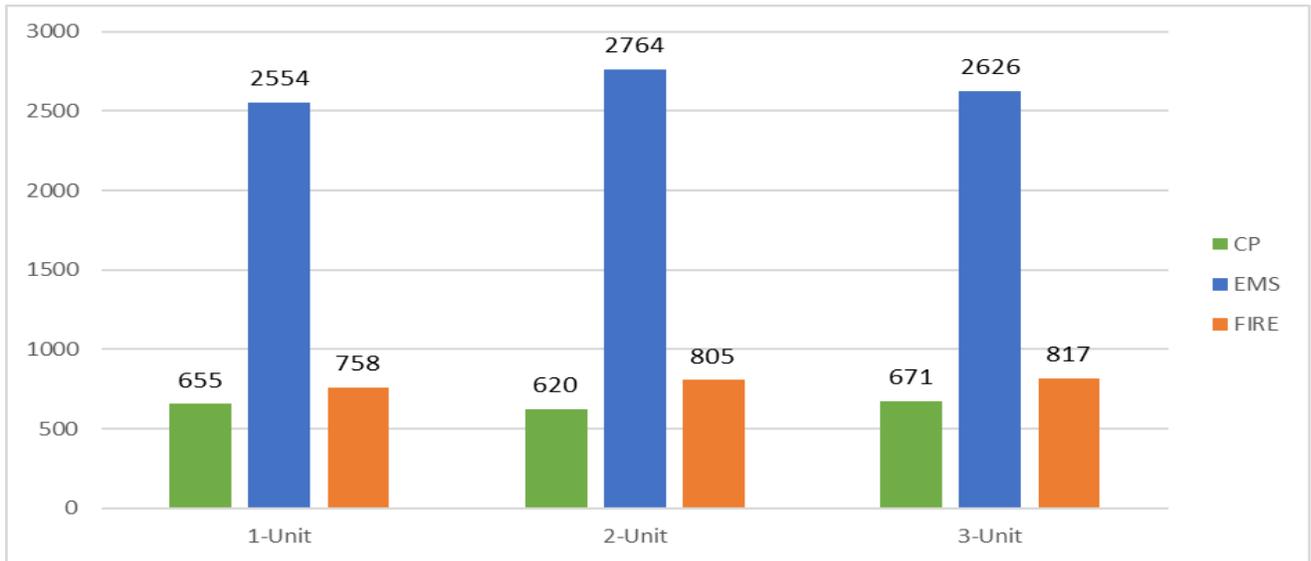
9. AUTOMATIC AID GIVEN

Fire Department	Automatic Aid Given	% of Total Automatic Aid Given
Basil Joint Fire District	50	5.88%
Bloom Township Fire Department	29	3.41%
Columbus Division of Fire	215	25.29%
Greenfield Township Fire Department	2	0.24%
Jefferson Township Fire Department	3	0.35%
Lancaster Fire Department	6	0.71%
Madison Township Fire Department	11	1.29%
Truro Township Fire Department	361	42.47%
Walnut Township Fire Department	16	1.88%
West Licking Joint Fire District	157	18.47%
TOTAL	850	100.00%

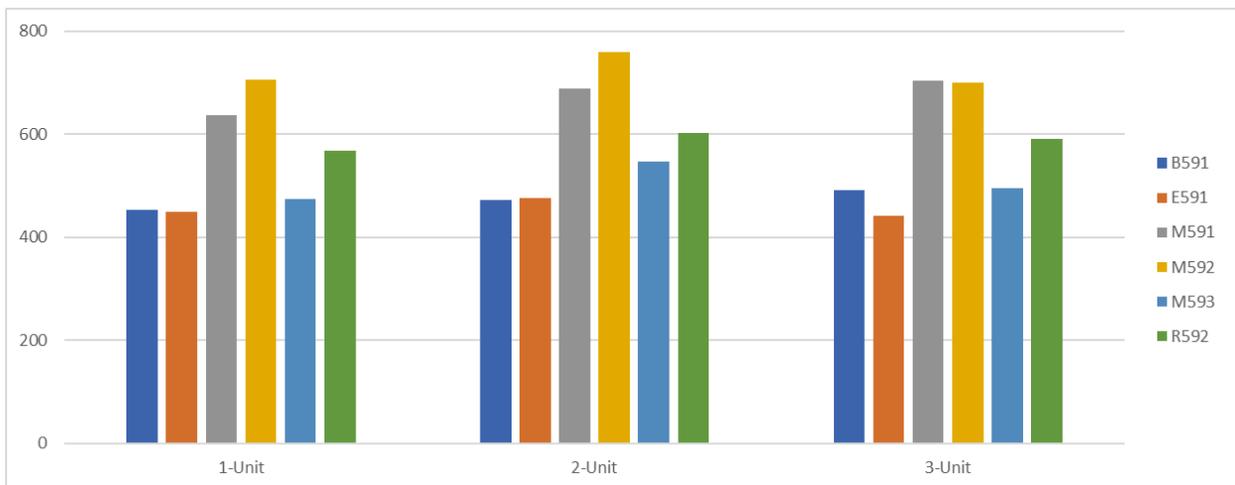
10. AUTOMATIC AID RECEIVED

Fire Department	Automatic Aid Received	% of Total Automatic Aid Received
Basil Joint Fire District	47	7.77%
Bloom Township Fire Department	65	10.74%
Columbus Division of Fire	59	9.75%
Greenfield Township Fire Department	5	0.83%
Madison Township Fire Department	98	16.20%
Truro Township Fire Department	331	54.71%
TOTAL	605	100.00%

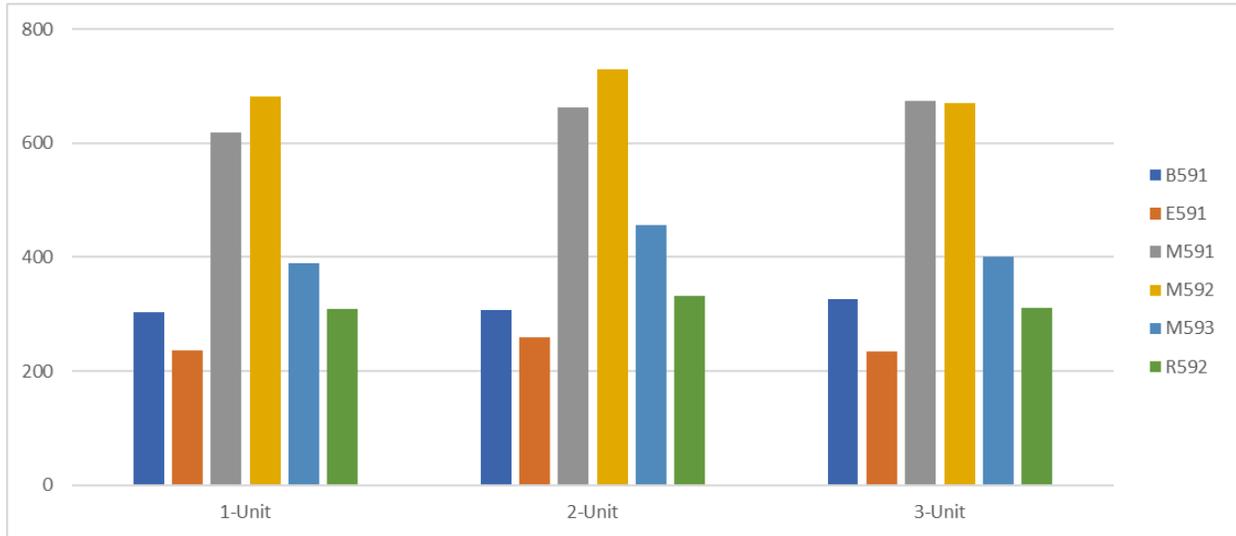
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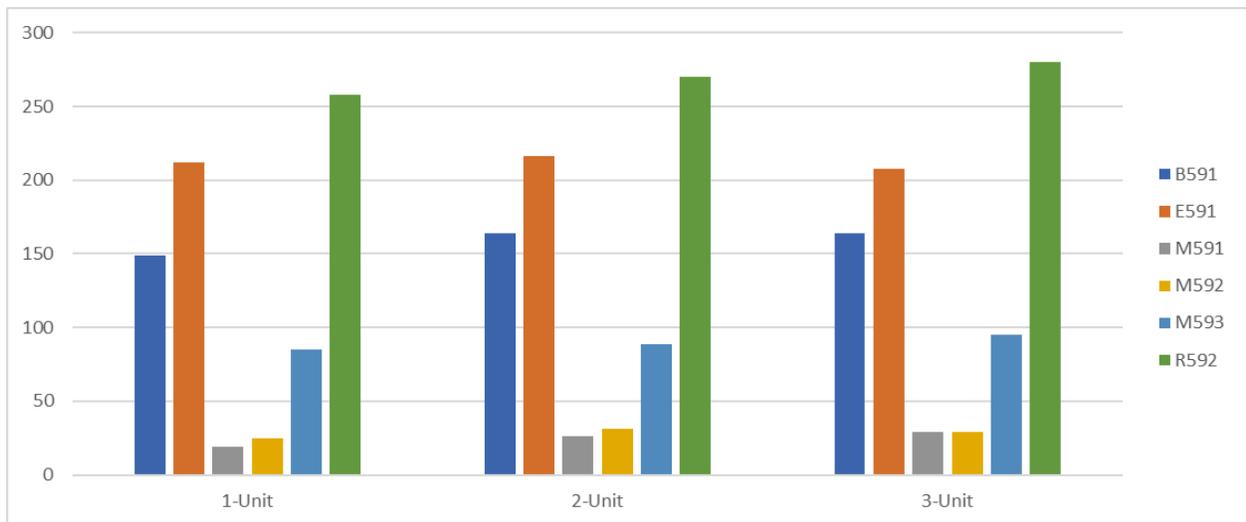
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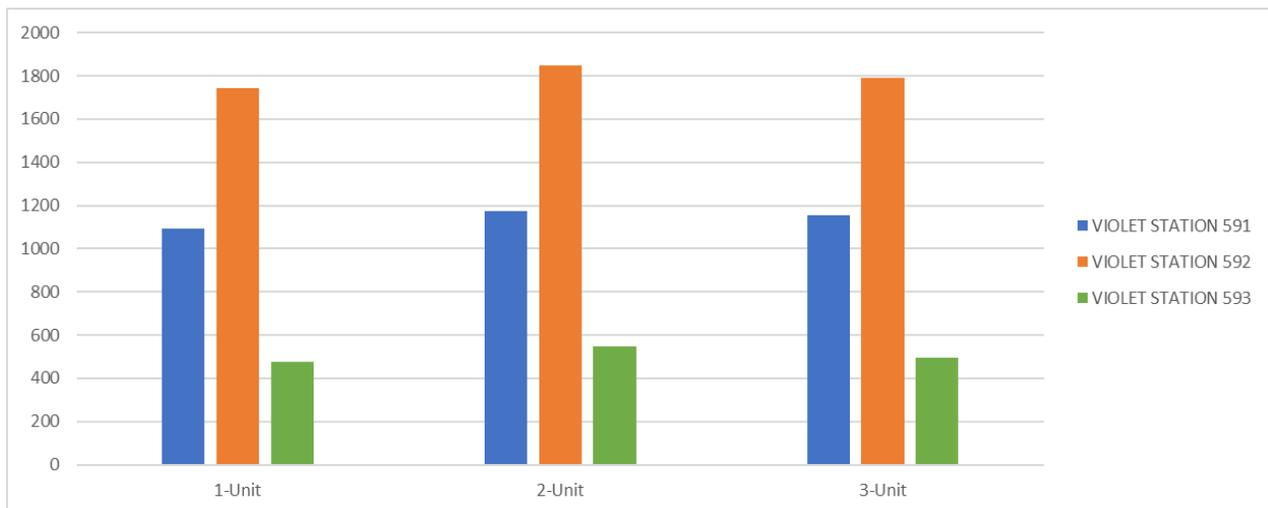
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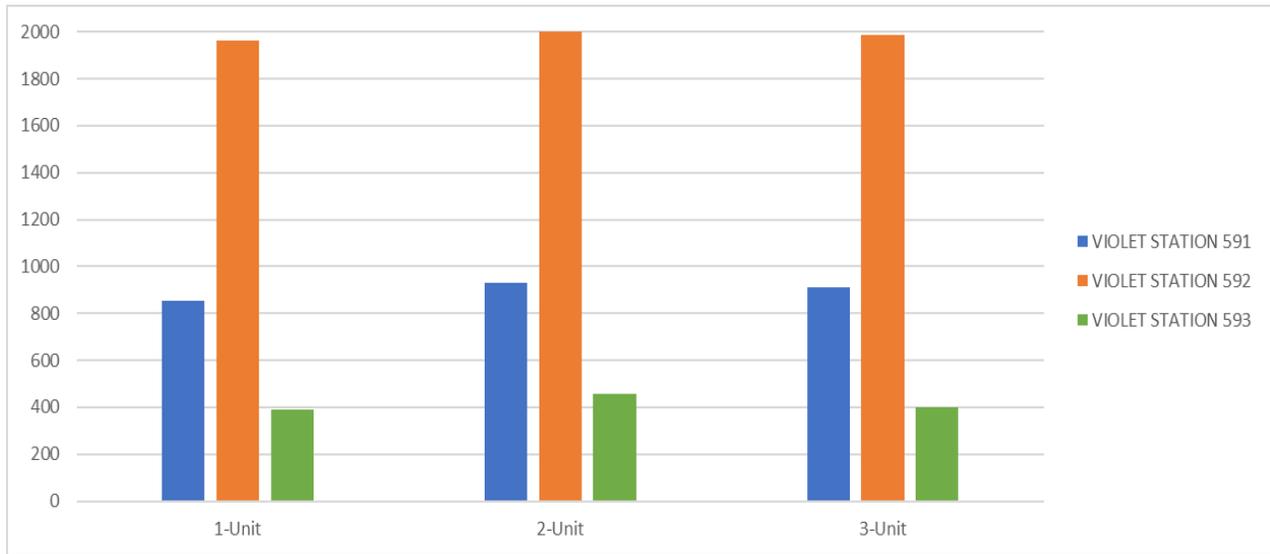
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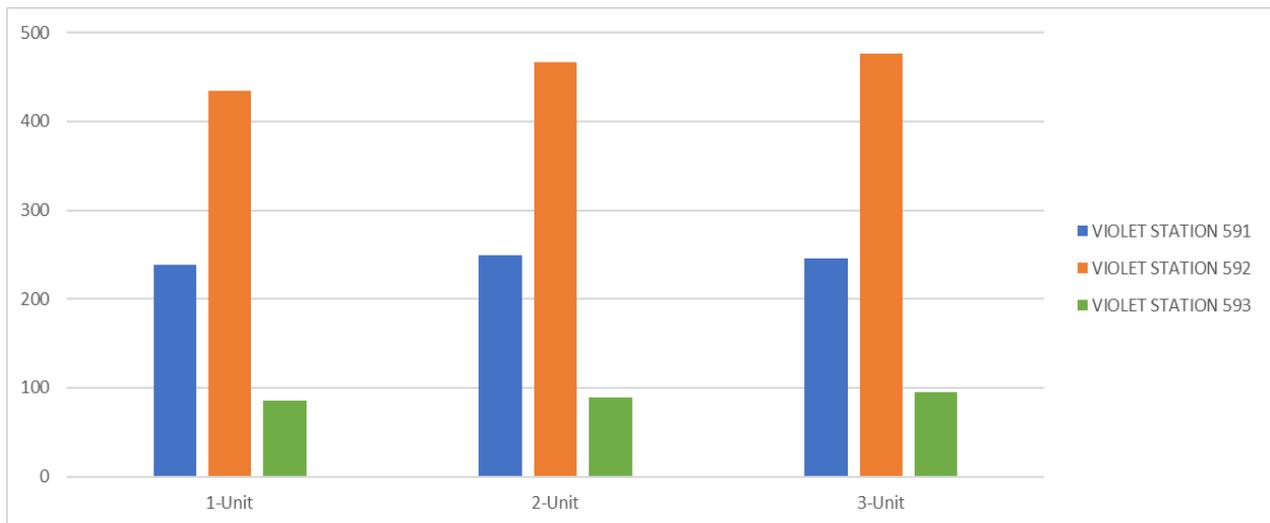
15. EMS & FIRE RUNS BY STATION AND UNIT WITHOUT COMMUNITY MEDIC (FROM CAD)



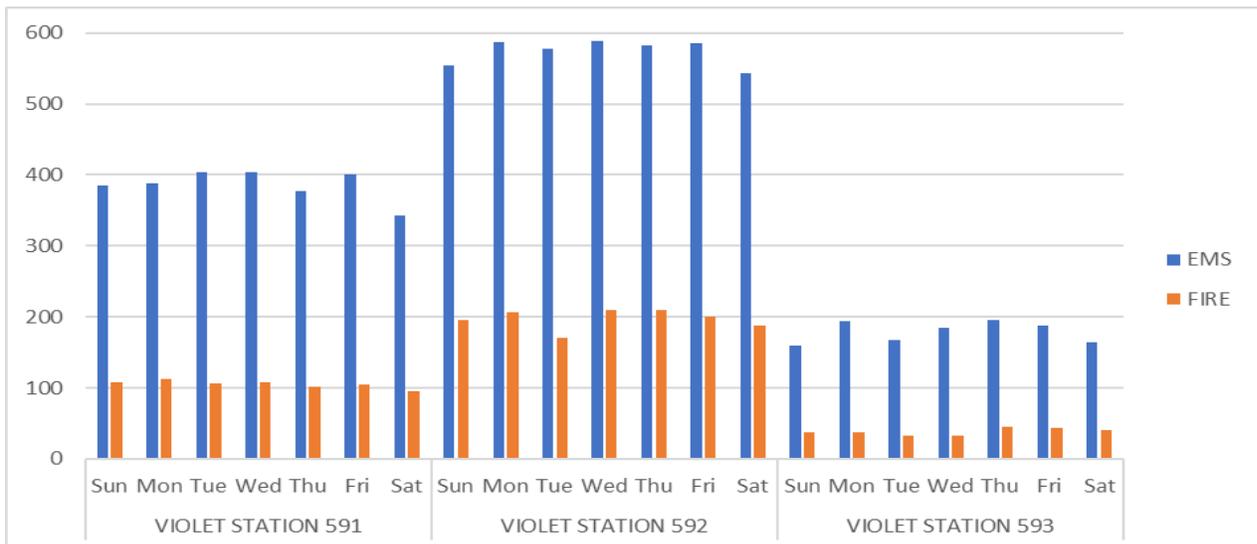
16. EMS RUNS BY STATION AND UNIT INCLUDING COMMUNITY MEDIC (FROM CAD)



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	1978	39.21%	1318	39.93%
M591	1900	37.67%	1277	38.69%
M593	1166	23.12%	706	21.39%
TOTALS	5044		3301	

b. Hospital Transports

Hospital Destination	Transports	% of Transports
Ohio Health Pickerington Methodist Hospital	1,416	42.83%
Mount Carmel East Hospital	795	24.05%
Diley Ridge	315	9.53%
Nationwide Children's Hospital	252	7.62%
Mount Carmel Reynoldsburg	219	6.62%
Ohio Health Pickerington Emergency Care Center	85	2.57%
Ohio State University Medical Center	78	2.36%
Grant Medical Center	53	1.60%
Riverside Methodist Hospital	31	0.94%
Fairfield Medical Center	14	0.42%
OSU East	14	0.42%
Ohio Health Reynoldsburg	13	0.39%
Mount Carmel Grove City	7	0.21%
Fairfield Medical Center River Valley	5	0.15%
Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital	3	0.09%
Columbus Springs East	1	0.03%
Ohio Health Grove City	1	0.03%

c. Treatments/Procedures Performed (7,861 treatments/procedures performed)

Procedure Performed	Times Performed	Percent of Total
Medications Administered	3,415	43.44%
IV	1,308	16.64%
4 Lead	1,284	16.33%
12 Lead EKG	929	11.82%
General Wound Care	165	2.10%
Blood Glucose Level	140	1.78%
ETCO2 Digital Capnography	126	1.60%
Cervical Collar Applied	102	1.30%
Defibrillation, Manual	45	0.57%
Blood Glucose	42	0.53%
BVM without Airway	40	0.51%
Ice Pack	40	0.51%
Intubation	45	0.57%
CPR, Manual	30	0.38%
BVM with Airway	26	0.33%
IO Cannulation	32	0.41%
Splinting, Vacuum Splint	21	0.27%
Suction Airway	19	0.24%
CPR, Mechanical Compressions	17	0.22%
Splinting, General	12	0.15%
CPAP	10	0.13%
CPR, Mechanical	13	0.17%

d. Top Fifteen (15) Personnel EMS Runs Taken

Crew Member Name	Number of Runs
Steve Wernert	516
Keaton Phillips	413
Brandon Metzger	401
Kevin Haines	401
Jeffrey "Luke" Hunnaman	341
Leo DeMastry	332
Derrick Robbins	331
Zephaniah Harvey	324
Shane Carr	312
Bill Carr	309
William Gottke	309
Chris Lee	296
Jacob Dempsey	296
Josh Payne	295
Thurman Rohrbaugh	295

20. FIRE PREVENTION

- a. Inspections Completed
 - i. 2020 – 1359
 - ii. 2021 – 1665
 - iii. 2022 – 1875
 - iv. 2023 – 2203 (Includes non-logged items in Mobile Eyes Software)
 - v. 2024 – 2256

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b. 2023 Activities

ACTIVITY	TOTAL % OF TOTAL	
Above Ceiling Hydro. & Arrangement	56	2.50%
Annual	568	25.33%
Complaint	11	0.49%
Construction Progress	44	1.96%
Consult	153	6.82%
Final - Occupancy (Canal Winchester)	9	0.40%
Final - Occupancy (Pickerington)	58	2.59%
Final - Occupancy (Reynoldsburg)	4	0.18%
Final - Occupancy (Violet Twp)	10	0.45%
Fire Alarm Final	18	0.80%
Fire Alarm Report	189	8.43%
Home Inspection	21	0.94%
Hood Suppression Final	4	0.18%
Incident Follow-Up	141	6.29%
Kitchen Exhaust Acceptance	1	0.04%
Knox Box	198	8.83%
Life Safety	8	0.36%
Plan Review Commercial	105	4.68%
Plan Review Residential	7	0.31%
Pre Plan Update	25	1.12%
Pre-Final	1	0.04%
Public Education	14	0.62%
Random / Unscheduled	127	5.66%
Re-inspect	269	12.00%
Semi-Annual	91	4.06%
SFMO	9	0.40%
Special Event	43	1.92%
Tri-Annual	38	1.69%
Underground Hydro. & Flush	20	0.89%
TOTAL 2242		

21. TRAINING

- a. 5,767.8 Training Man Hours – equates to 4.92% of on-duty time
- b. Spent \$90,000 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 – 220
- b. Twenty-five (25) SWAT Missions

23. ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

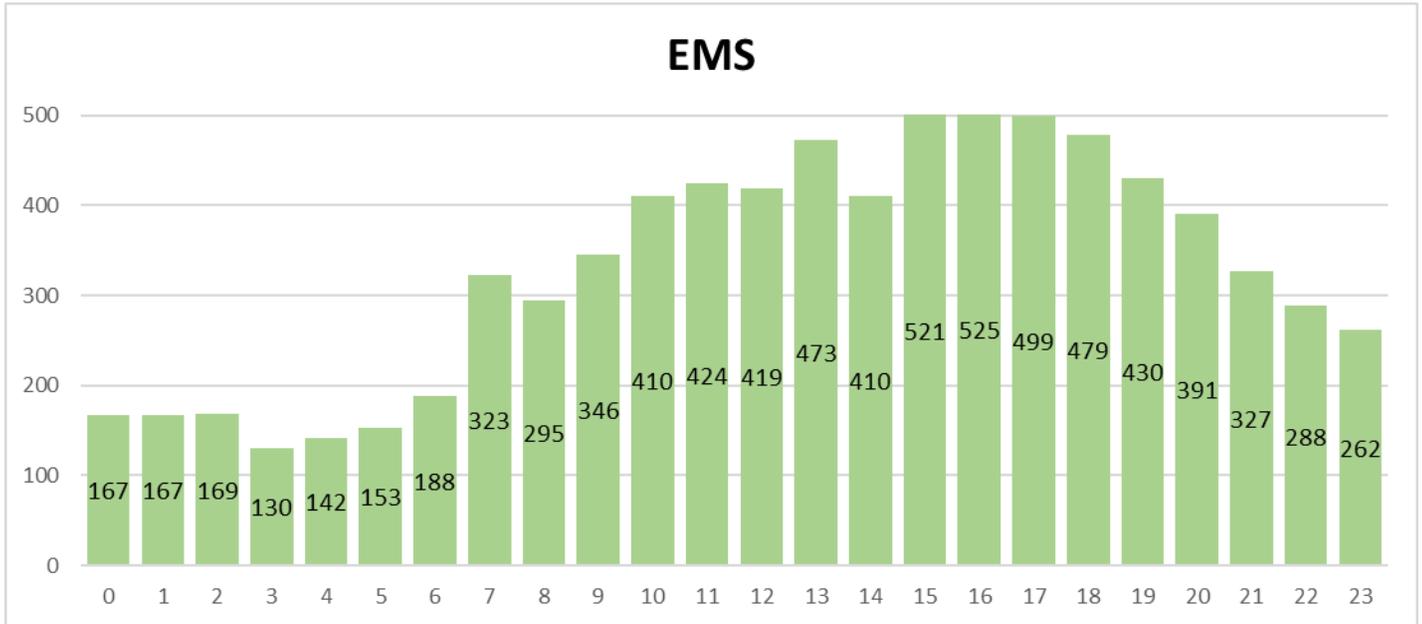
- a. Served 209 families in the Pickerington Local School District & Fairfield County

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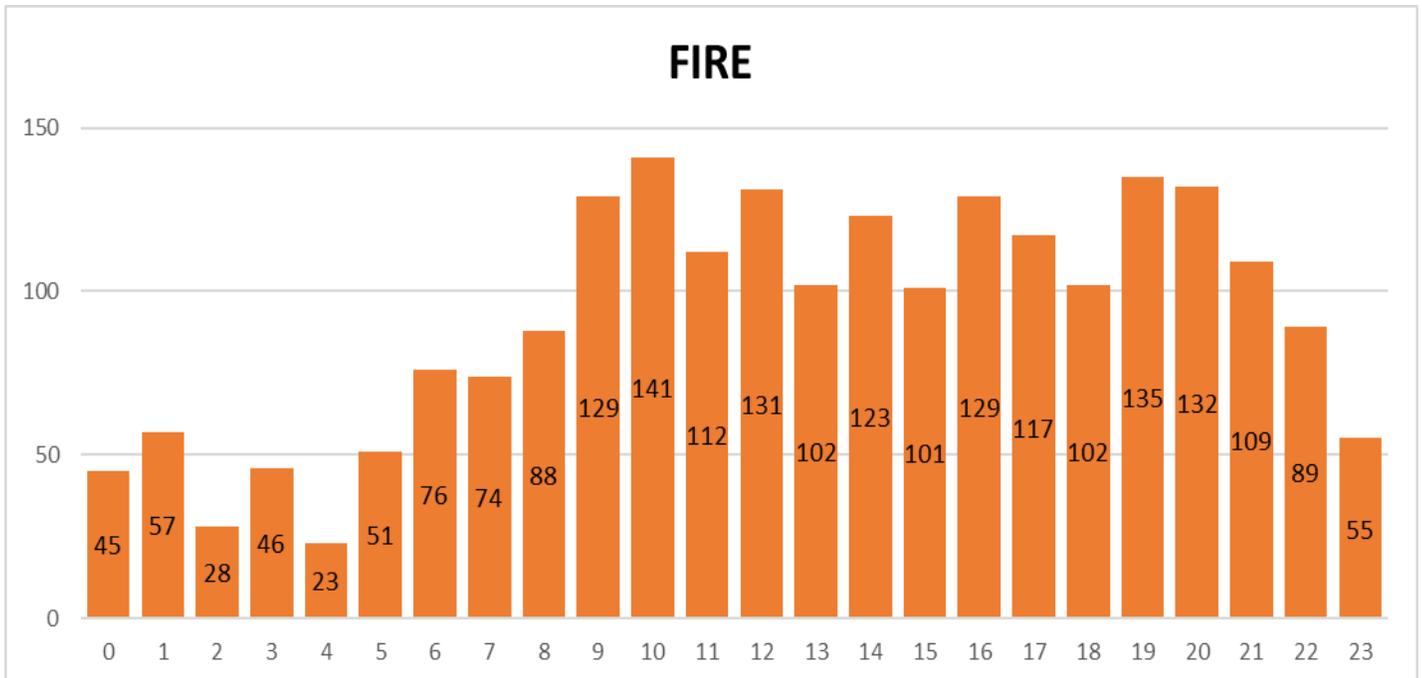
- a. 278 CPR trained through VTFD; our Training Center issued 724 total cards
- b. 90 Public Events attended

25. RESPONSE BY HOUR OF THE DAY

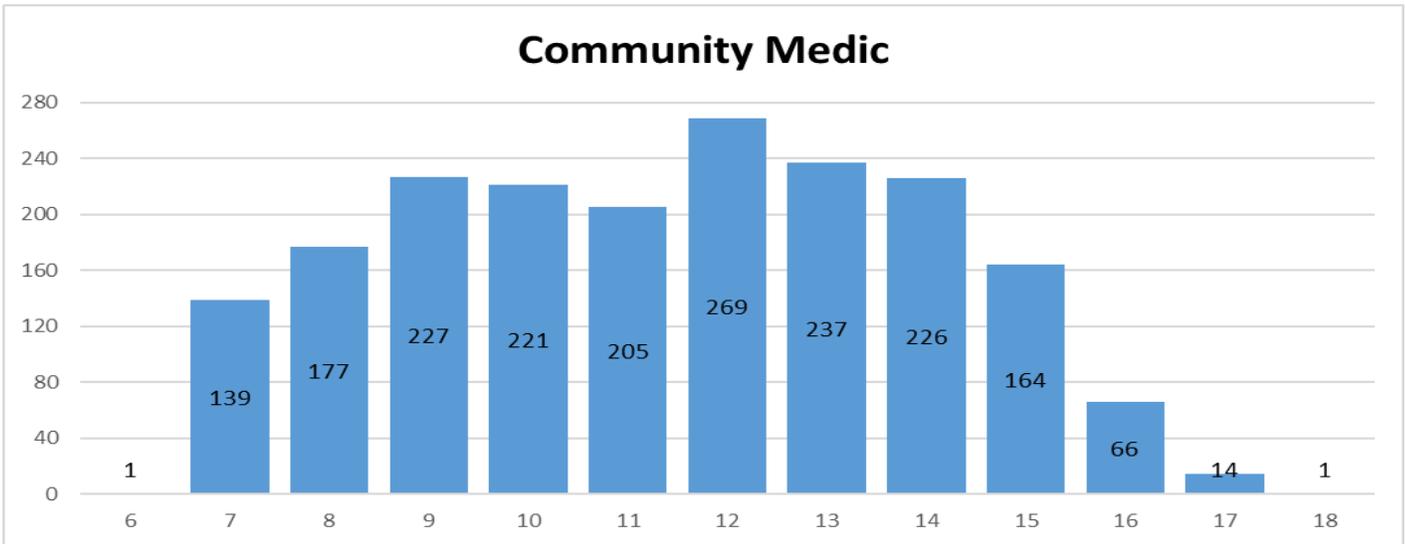
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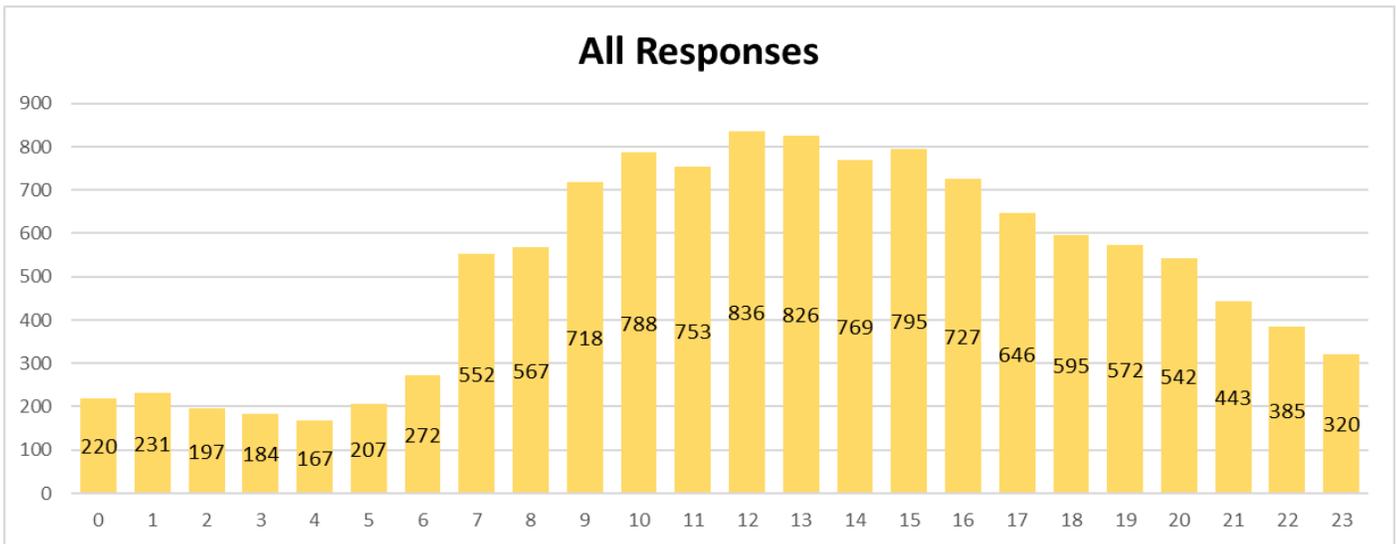
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c. Community Medic

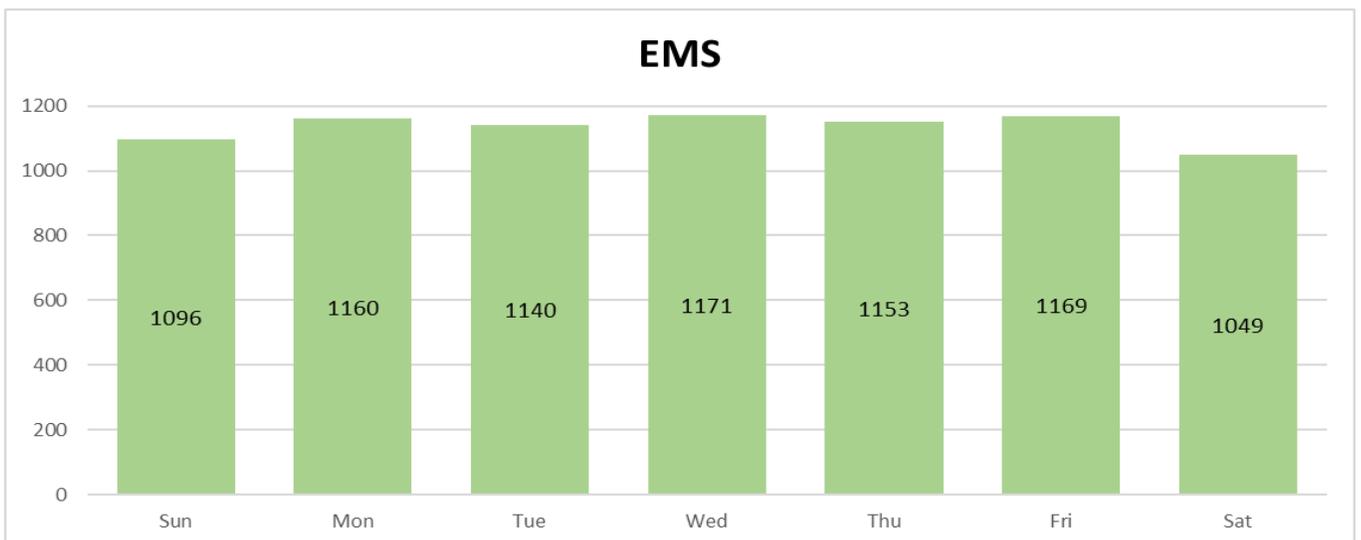


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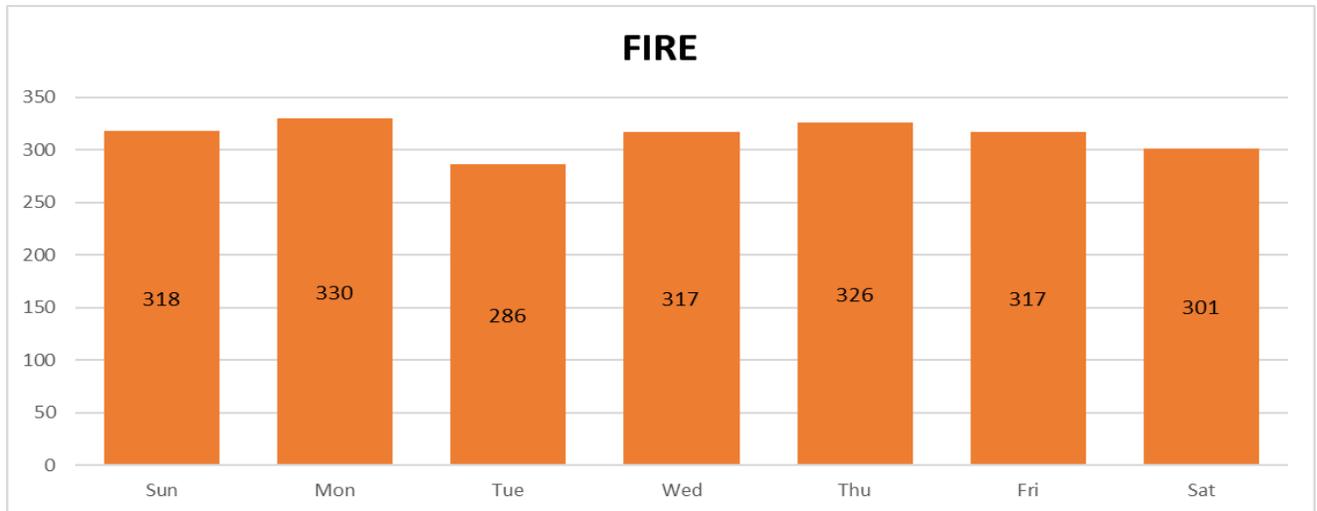


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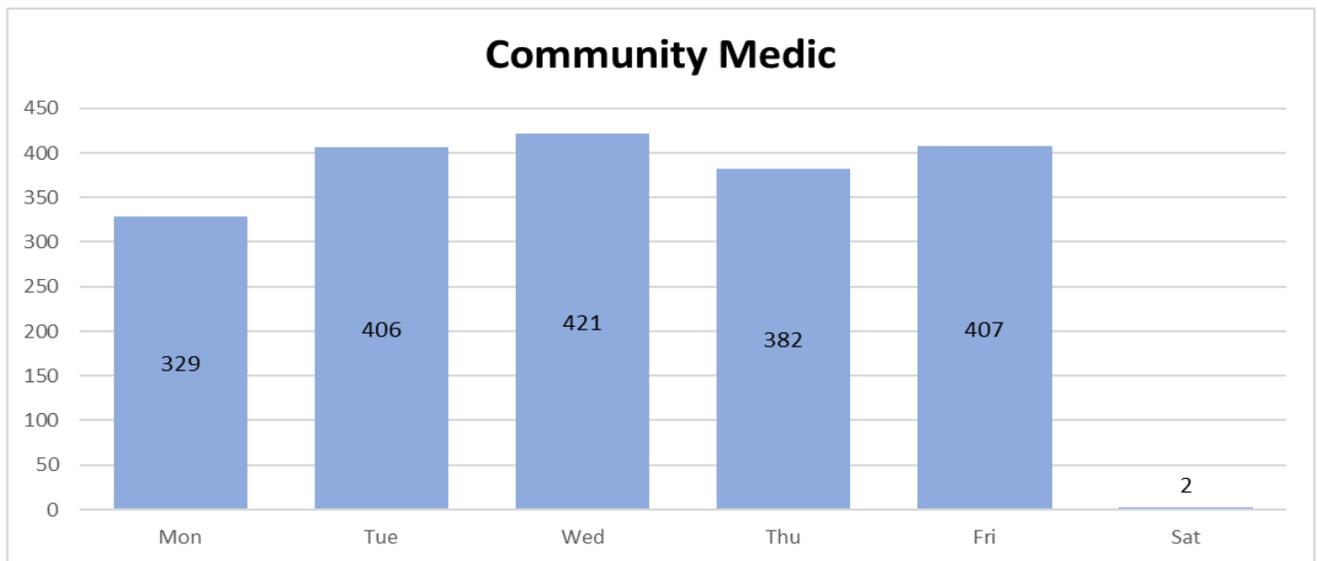
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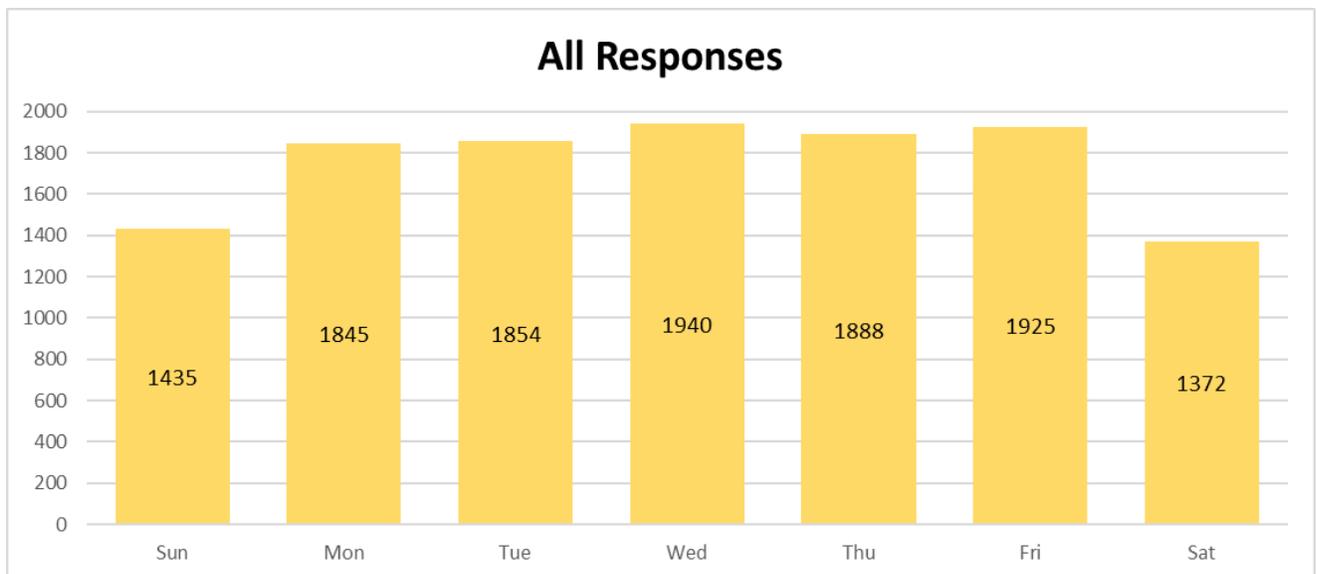
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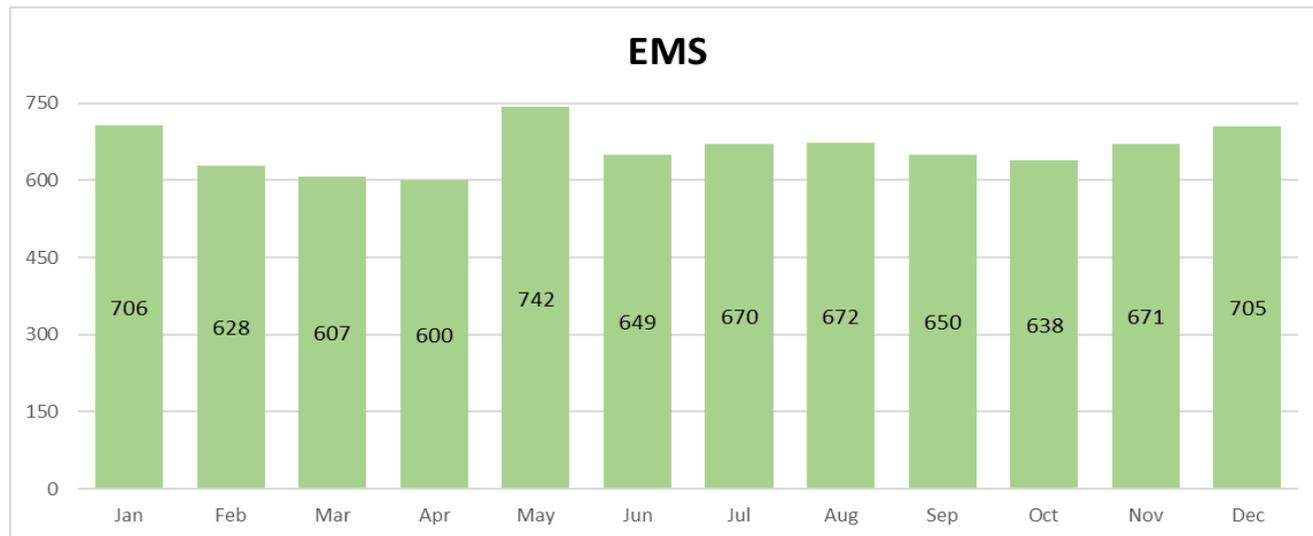


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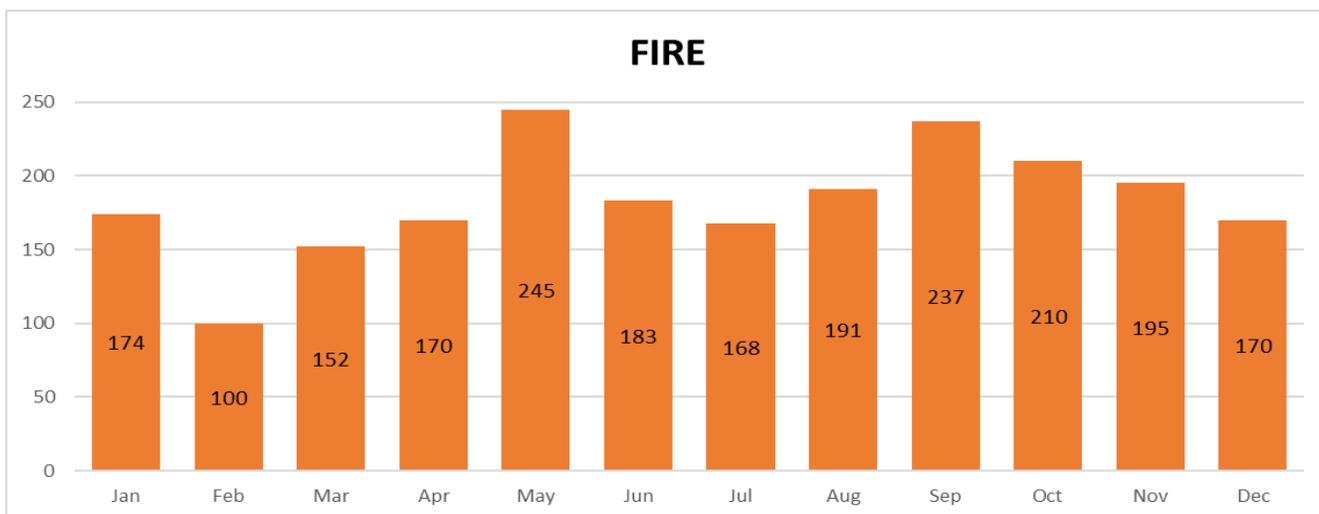


27. RESPONSE BY MONTH OF YEAR

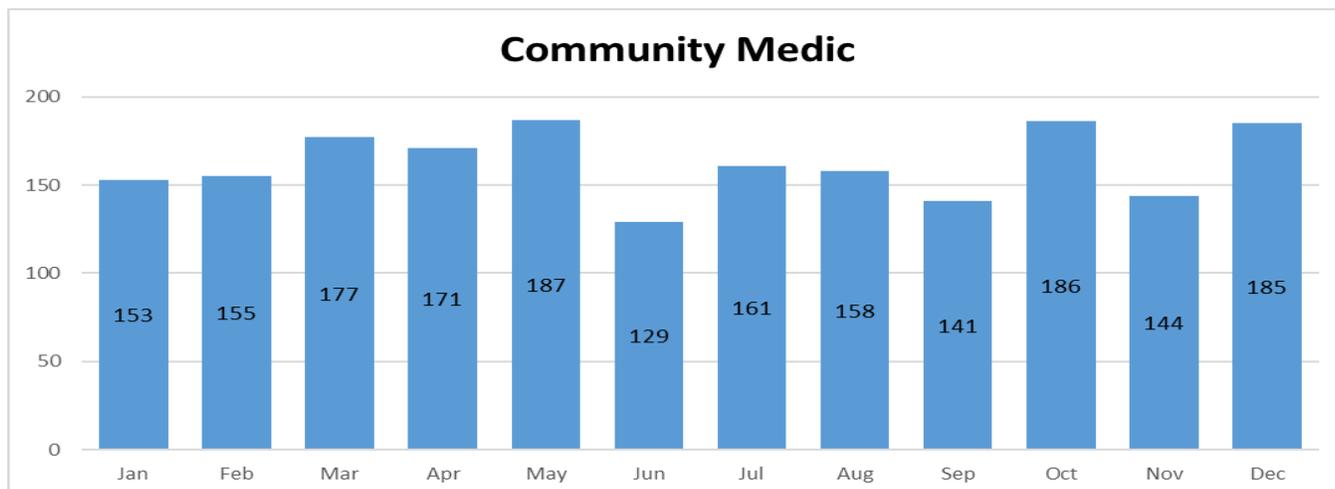
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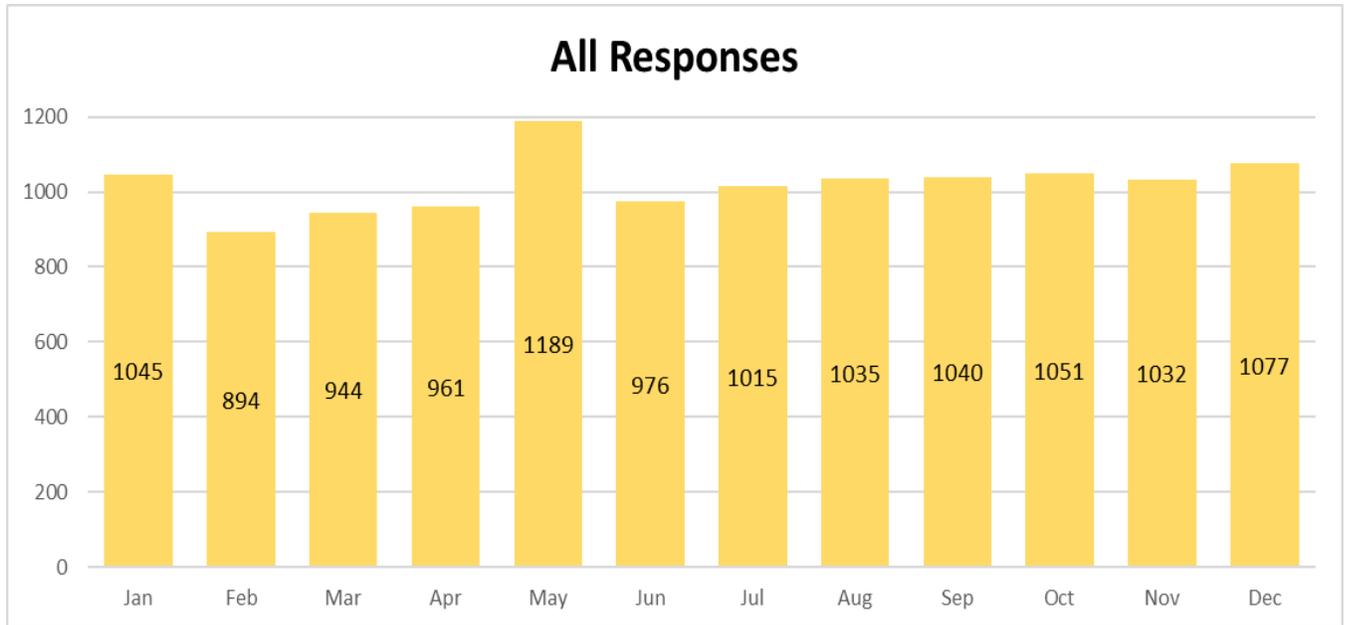
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