

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL REPORT



FEBRUARY 2019

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**2/3 - Residential Fire:** AFR crews were dispatched to the 3500 block of 12th St. NW in fire district 6. On arrival, fire was visible from the rear of the single story home. The family had already evacuated and the fire was quickly extinguished but the home suffered major smoke and water damage.

**2/4 - Explosion:** AFR members were shopping at a Smith's near Coors and Central when they heard a loud explosion from outside. It would later be determined that a male had ended his life with an IED in the back alley of the strip mall. This incident caused a large scale investigation including FBI and Homeland Security in addition to local authorities.

**2/5 - Residential Fire:** Flame and smoke were reported on the 8400 block of Vista Serena Ln SW in fire district 14. AFR arrived to find light smoke showing from the single story home. Crews made entry and quickly extinguished the fire but unfortunately found a deceased male in a wheelchair.

**2/5 - Residential Fire:** AFR crews responded to the 1300 block of Summerfield Pl NW in fire district 14 for reports of heavy smoke from a single story home. AFR Engine 14 found smoke and flame from the rear of the house and performed an offensive attack. The fire was contained to the exterior with mutual aid from BCFD.

**2/12 - Commercial Fire:** AFR was dispatched to the 5200 block of Sequoia Rd NW in fire district 17 for a fire alarm. Battalion 1, Engine 17, and Ladder 17 recognized a room and contents fire that had been partially extinguished by staff with a dry chem extinguisher and called for a first alarm dispatch. Crews were able to control the fire with a water can and clear the building of smoke so faculty and residents could safely return.

**2/17 - Mountain Rescue:** Crews responded Embudo Canyon in fire district 8 for reports of an injured hiker. Station 8 arrived first on scene to find the hiker that sustained injuries to both legs. Albuquerque Mountain Rescue, BCFD and APD Open Space were also dispatched as mutual aid. The patient was safely extricated by Metro 2 helicopter for transport to UNMH.

**2/24 - Apartment Fire:** AFR arrived at to the 4000 block of Spanish Bit St NE in fire district 16. Crews found moderate smoke and flame from an apartment and began an offensive attack. A second alarm was dispatched. The fire was extinguished and contained to the one unit with multiple units suffering smoke and water damage. No injuries were reported.

**2/24 - Apartment Fire:** AFR was dispatched to the 400 block of 14th St NW in fire district 1 for a possible structure fire. Crews found smoke and flame from the roof and set up the ladder. The fire was quickly extinguished and contained to a void space above the bathroom from a heating appliance.

**2/28 - Residential Fire:** AFR crews were dispatched to the 2500 block of Zena Lona St NE in fire district 8 for a residential structure fire. Crews found a fully involved garage fire home and were able to put out the fire preventing the rest of the home from damage. One occupant was treated and transported for smoke inhalation.

**2/31 - Apartment Fire:** AFR was dispatched to an apartment with reports of a fire on the 8900 block of Northeastern NE in fire district 9. Crews found the source and extinguished the fire. The cause was determined to be from maintenance being performed at the time. Crews worked hard to ventilate smoke away from other apartments.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- AFR PARAMEDIC SCHOOL MCI DRILL
- AFR WILDLAND PACK TESTING BEGINS
- VO2 MAX TESTING AND MASK FITTING COMPLETE
- RETIREMENTS/TRANSFERS  
EMILIANO CHAVEZ  
TOM DONAHUE  
DANIEL SANCHEZ



1. Engine 16 arrives on scene of an apartment fire at Alta Vista and prevented extension to other apartments.
2. Station 17 responds to a two car MVA involving a trapped person.
3. Station 8 treating and helping prepare a hiker for an air lift transport to UNMH with help from Albq. Mountain Rescue, APD open space and BCFD.
4. Capt. Ortega, Lt. Blakemore and Capt. Martinez working with legislature in Santa Fe to improve language on an arson bill.
5. Crews extinguish a residential house fire in Station 6 district.
6. Engine 7 battles a vehicle fire.
7. Multiple west side units put out a garage fire before it spread further into the home and saved a cat in the process.

### TOURS | SCHOOLS



**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division** reported performing 6 Risk Assessments for January. This program engaged/trained 21,065 people. **The Fire Marshal's Office** reported training 945 adults and 50 children in fire safety and prevention. **AFR** hosted 4 car seat clinics, gave 20 station tours, and 4 show-and-tells, and 4 standby events.

1. AFR station 16 Firefighter Shannon Crawford leads a station tour for a group of kids.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

1. AFR members attend "Coffee with a Badge" event at UNM Student Union Building with APD and UNM PD to engage with students and staff (left). AFR demonstrates how we STEM in our profession at the City of Albuquerque Super STEM Saturday.
2. AFR arson k9 "Wheezy" pays a special visit to the Mayor's Office.
3. Team AFR wins the the annual 4x200 relay vs. APD.
4. Station 8 was visited by residents from Brookdale Senior Living on Valentine's Day.
5. Mayor Tim Keller speaks at an event to recognize the efforts of those who helped the AFR H.E.A.R.T. program find a permanent home at the John Marshall building.
6. AFR responded to complaints of medical waste containers found at an intersection. The containers were from an unknown source and deemed accidental.
7. Station 19 members help pack up a hot air balloon after responding to one of the crew members for a medical complaint.



### TRAINING | PUBLIC SAFETY



1. AFR crews were given an opportunity to train on an abandoned building before it is demolished. Forcible entry and rescue drills were among the several aspects of fire ground tactics practiced.
2. The AFR Training Academy hosted a large MCI drill for Paramedic students and APS CEC students to apply their training in a live scenario. UNM EMS Academy, Lifeguard, and APD joined AFR in this annual training.
3. 16 AFR members completed a Trench Rescue Technician course hosted by NM Gas Co. and assisted by the AFR HTR Team from Station 3.
4. Station 8 and APD Open Space spend some down time training on mountain rescue operations.

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE FACES OF AFR



**EDDIE MIRELES**

Captain Eddie Mireles has been a member of AFR since 1999 of the 60th Cadet Class. Eddie has served AFR in several roles including a Pipeman and a Driver at stations 4 and 13, and as a Lieutenant Instructor at the Fire Academy. Eddie was promoted to Captain in 2013 and has served several years as an incredible leader on Ladder 1 in downtown Albuquerque Station 1. Eddie has been a member of the AFR Color Guard for over 10 years helping honor and represent all that AFR stands for. He is the epitome of honor, courage, and commitment. Thank you Captain Mireles for your service to AFR and the community

**JUSTIN SPAIN**

Lieutenant Justin Spain has been serving AFR since 2006 as a member of the 72nd Cadet Class, was promoted to Lt. in 2014 and has an Associates Degree in Emergency Medical Services. Justin has spent a significant amount of his career at Station 3 and is currently assigned as a Paramedic Lieutenant on Rescue 8 C-Shift. Justin is an integral part of teaching AFR's Heavy Technical Rescue program as well as heading up many mountain rescue operations not just in our city but statewide. He has created a program that improved the efficiency from 40% to 99% at which every fire hydrant is checked and maintained throughout the city. These programs that Lt. Spain diligently works on keeps not only our citizens but also firefighters safe. Justin plays a vital role in the success of AFR and we are honored by his dedication and commitment to the community.



## RETIREMENTS



**EMO CHAVEZ**

Driver Emiliano (Emo) Chavez began his career in 1999 as a member of the 60th Cadet Class. Emo spent his early years in the fire service at Fire Stations 7, 1 and 29. He was promoted to Driver in 2009 and has spent the last 10 years as a Fire Inspector in the Fire Marshals Office. Emo was a valuable asset to the FMO office and he will be missed. Thank you Driver Emo Chavez for your commitment to AFR and the community.

**TOM DONAHUE**

Lieutenant Tom Donahue (plaid shirt) started in 1995 with the 56th cadet class. Lt. Donahue proudly served 23 1/2 years. Tom started his career at station 5 and worked at station 11 and station 19. He was later promoted to the Alarm Room where he spend the remaining 17 years of his career. Tom served with great dedication and pride throughout his entire career. Thank you Lt. Tom Donahue for your years of dedication to AFR.



**DANIEL SANCHEZ**

Lieutenant Daniel Sanchez started his career in 1991 out of the 50th cadet class and is the last remaining member of the 50th to retire. He started his career at station 16 before getting promoted to the Alarm Room where he spent 18 years as a shift lieutenant. As customary in the fire service Lt. Sanchez chose to be driven home in a fire engine to finish out his last shift. Thank you for your service Lt. Sanchez.

**Fire Marshal's Office** – The Fire Marshal's Office continues to improve the knowledge of all personnel in the office and the consistency of their inspections. Recently, 13 of AFR's Fire Marshal Inspectors completed the IFSAC Inspector I course offered by the State Fire Academy. Adding the IFSAC Inspector I certification to their current ICC certification is one of the first steps in our continuing effort to move the division forward by increasing its knowledge base and improving the consistency in our customer service. The Fire Marshal's Office is also creating multiple SOG's and checklists that are currently being evaluated by personnel in the office to help maintain the comprehension that each has gained and guarantee the experience is not lost. We have also started our training with the new Image Trend Elite Inspection software that will allow us to share information with AFR's field units, provide for more efficient and consistent inspections, and improve customer service.

**Arson** – The Fire Investigation Division is excited to continue to build our working relationship with the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives). This month the ATF deputized two new AFR members, Investigator Joshua Jaramillo, and Investigator Ron Gunderson as United States Marshall TFO's (Task Force Officers). Investigator Jaramillo will be working with the ATF on active ATF investigation and be a liaison for AFR on any fire investigation where the ATF is involved. Investigator Gunderson is recognized as a specialty canine team, utilized by AFR and the ATF to investigate the potential use of an accelerant on a fire. AFR is proud of our members for stepping up to the challenge of these roles.

**New Apparatus** – In the spring of 2018, AFR and the Department of Family & Community applied and received funding for a new fire engine through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to replace old Engine 5. The CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs – including fire apparatus. Engine 5 is here in Albuquerque and will be in service shortly. We have also applied for another fire engine this year through the CDBG program.

**Fire Academy** - I am proud to say that after completing a course in February, the entire AFR Training Academy Staff is certified to the level of Fire Service Instructor II. Each of them is now also a Certified Adjunct Instructor for the New Mexico State Fire Academy. This is the first time in our departments' history that we have had an entire training staff with these credentials.

**Washers/Dryers** – In our continued efforts to reduce our firefighter's exposure to carcinogens, we have completed the first phase of installing washers and dryers in each AFR fire station. Phase 1 includes facilities with existing hookups: Fire Stations 2, 5, 7, 8, 14, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Phase 2 will continue throughout the year.

**FIRE CHIEF** PAUL W. DOW



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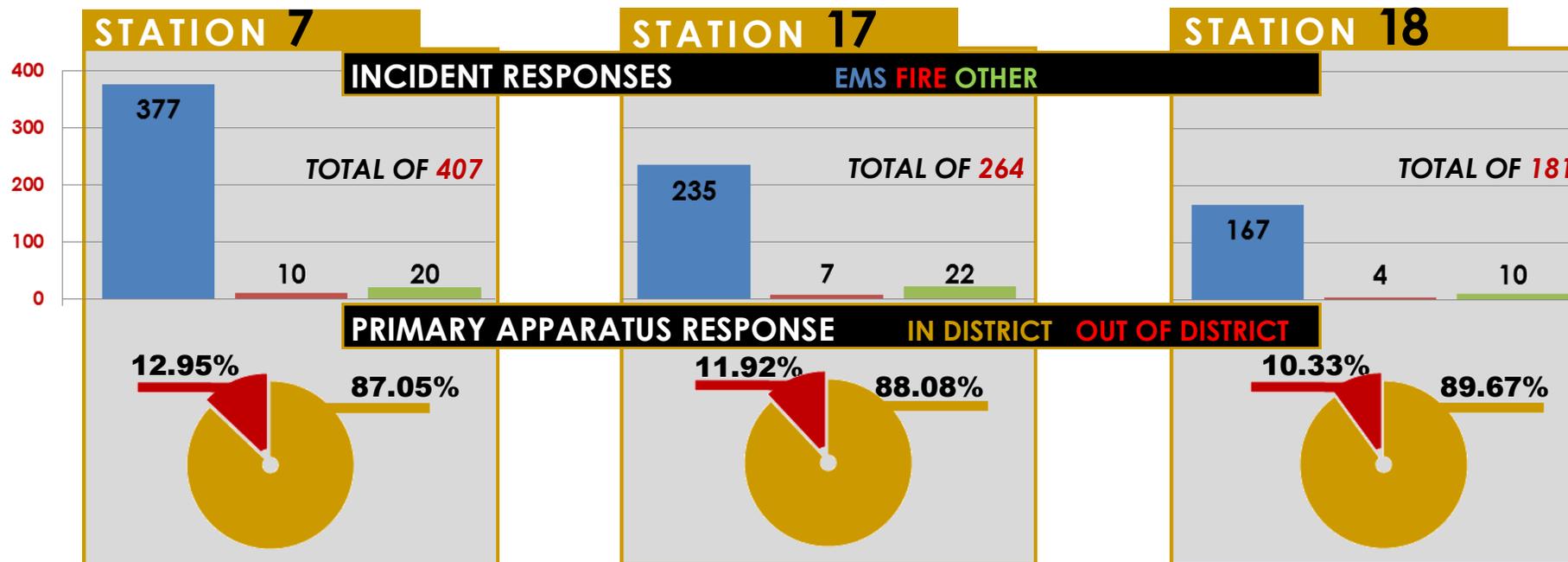


## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS

**INCIDENT RESPONSES** is the number of calls dispatched to a specific station in one of three categories; EMS, FIRE, and OTHER. The total incident responses is the sum of the three categories and not to be confused with the sum of specific apparatus calls. One response may include more than one apparatus. For example: Engine 13, Rescue 13 and Ladder 13 may respond to the same call but will be counted as 1 incident. The next dispatch might only assign Rescue 13 and will be counted as 1 incident. Therefore, the total incident number will be less than the sum of all apparatus calls for the month.

**PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE** is the amount of calls taken in a specific fire district by that station's apparatus and is represented as the **IN DISTRICT** percentage (a fire district is defined by the number of the fire station and has a fixed geographical boundary). There are times when the in district apparatus is unavailable and an out of district apparatus must be dispatched, represented by **OUT OF DISTRICT** percentage. For example, Station 7 responded to 84.60% of the calls located in fire district 7.

KEN SANCHEZ | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1





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STATION 2

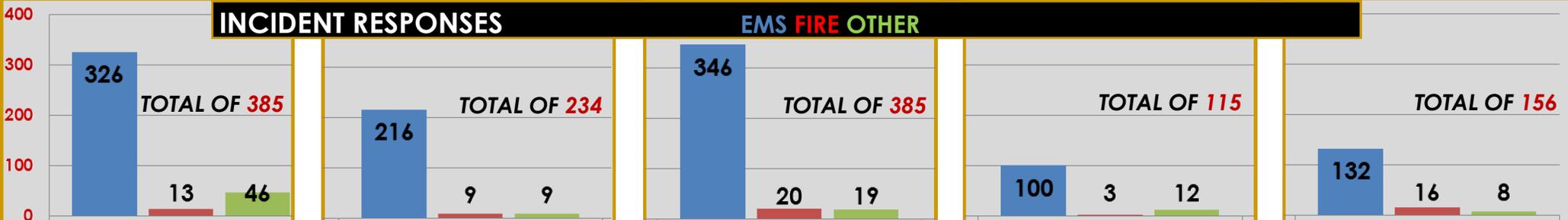
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STATION 6

STATION 10

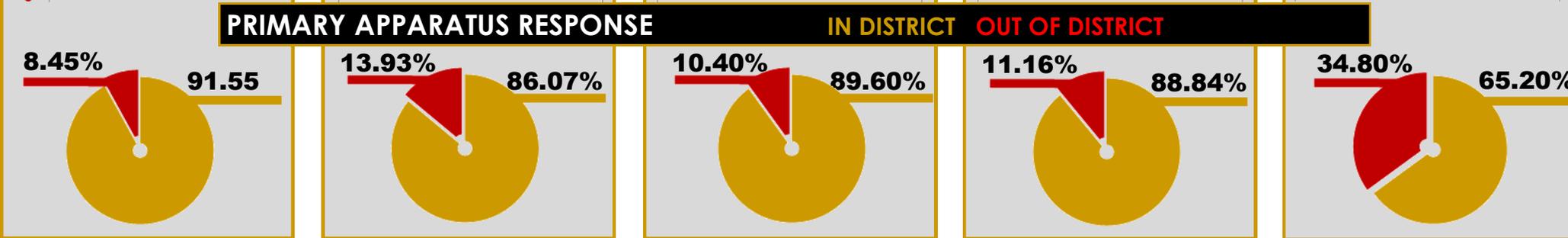
### INCIDENT RESPONSES

EMS FIRE OTHER



### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT



PRESIDENT KLARISSA PEÑA | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

STATION 7

STATION 14

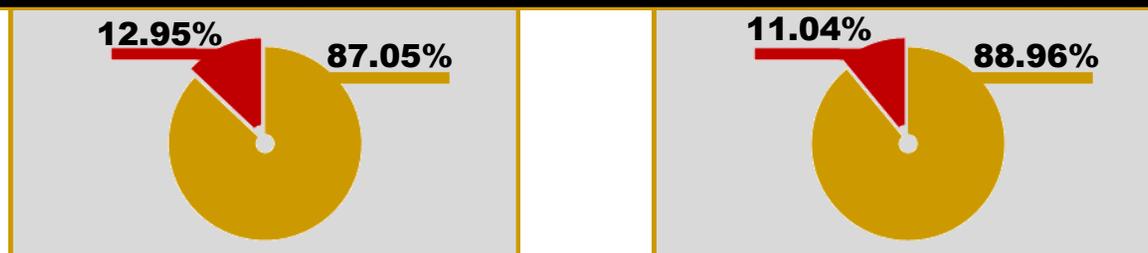
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### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT UNITS





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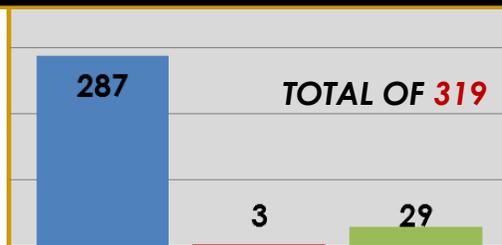
BRAD WINTER | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

## STATION 15

## STATION 20

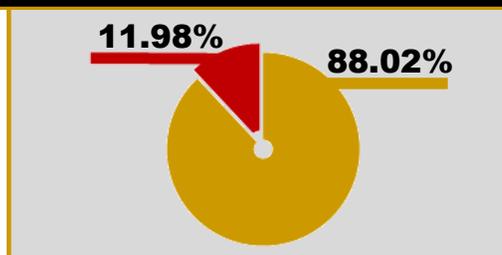
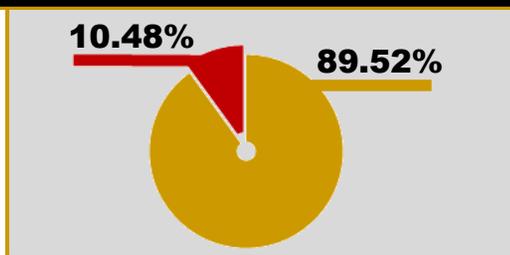
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EMS FIRE OTHER



### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT



VICE-PRESIDENT CYNTHIA BORREGO | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

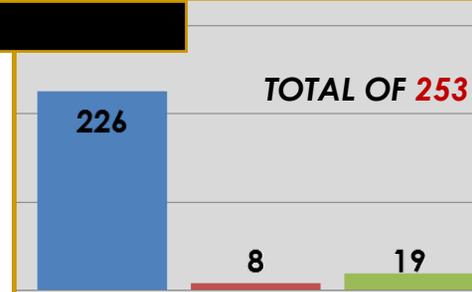
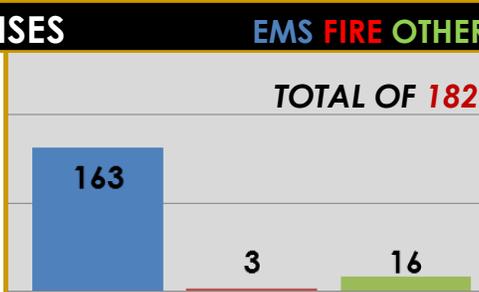
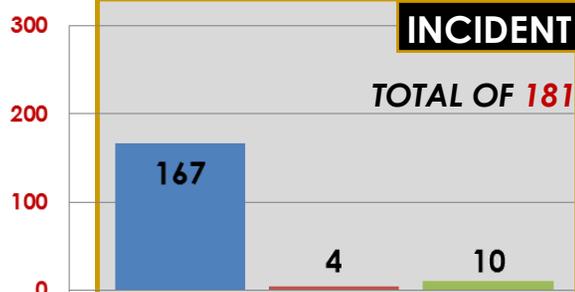
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## STATION 21

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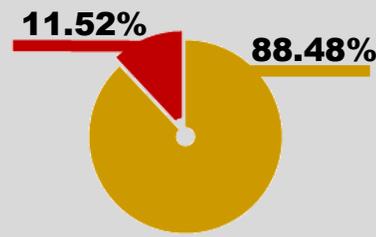
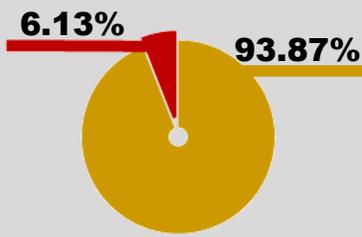
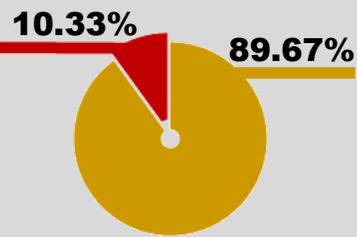
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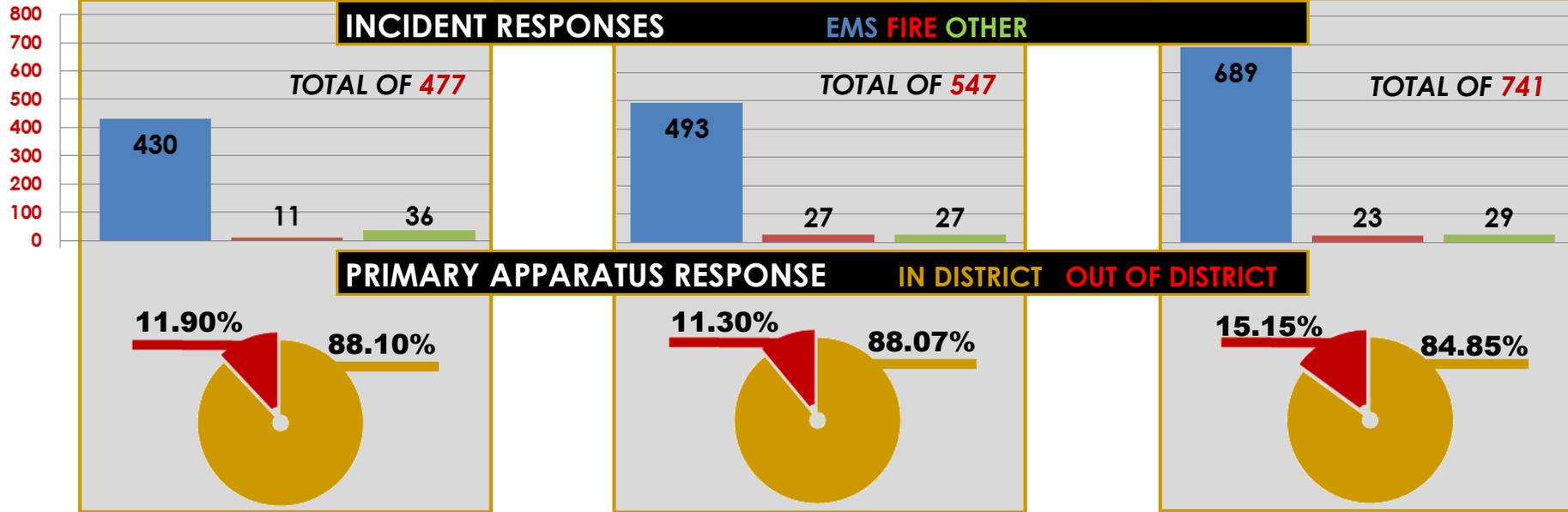


PAT DAVIS | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

## STATION 3

## STATION 5

## STATION 11

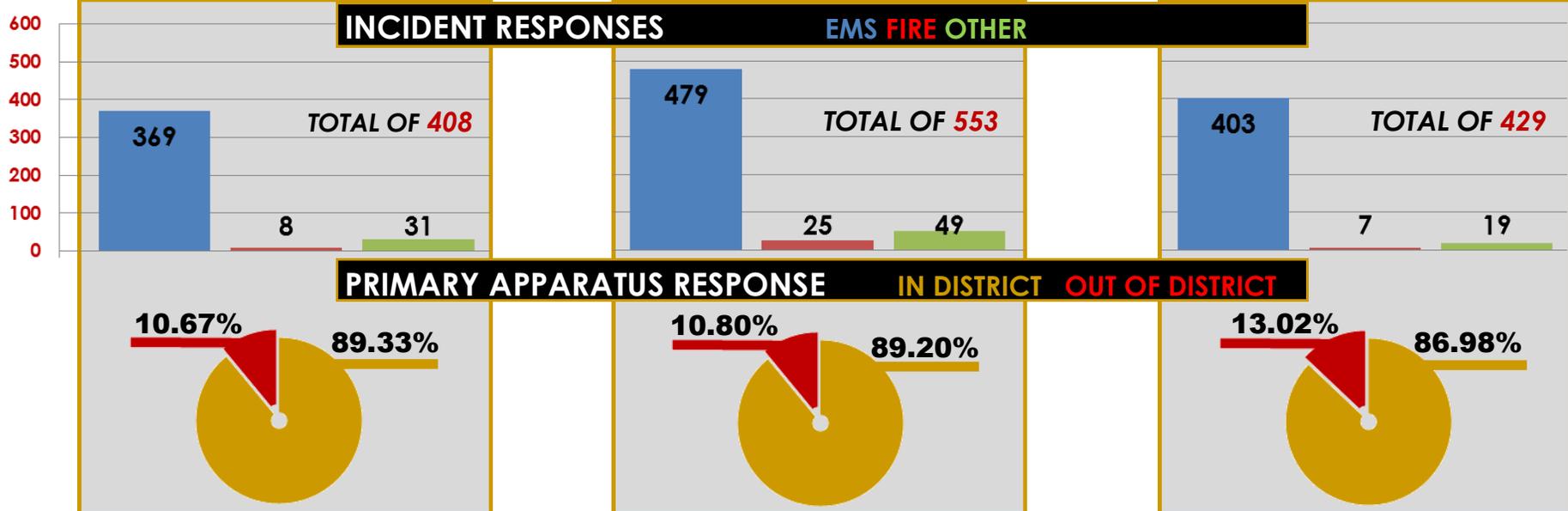


DIANE GIBSON | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

## STATION 9

## STATION 13

## STATION 19





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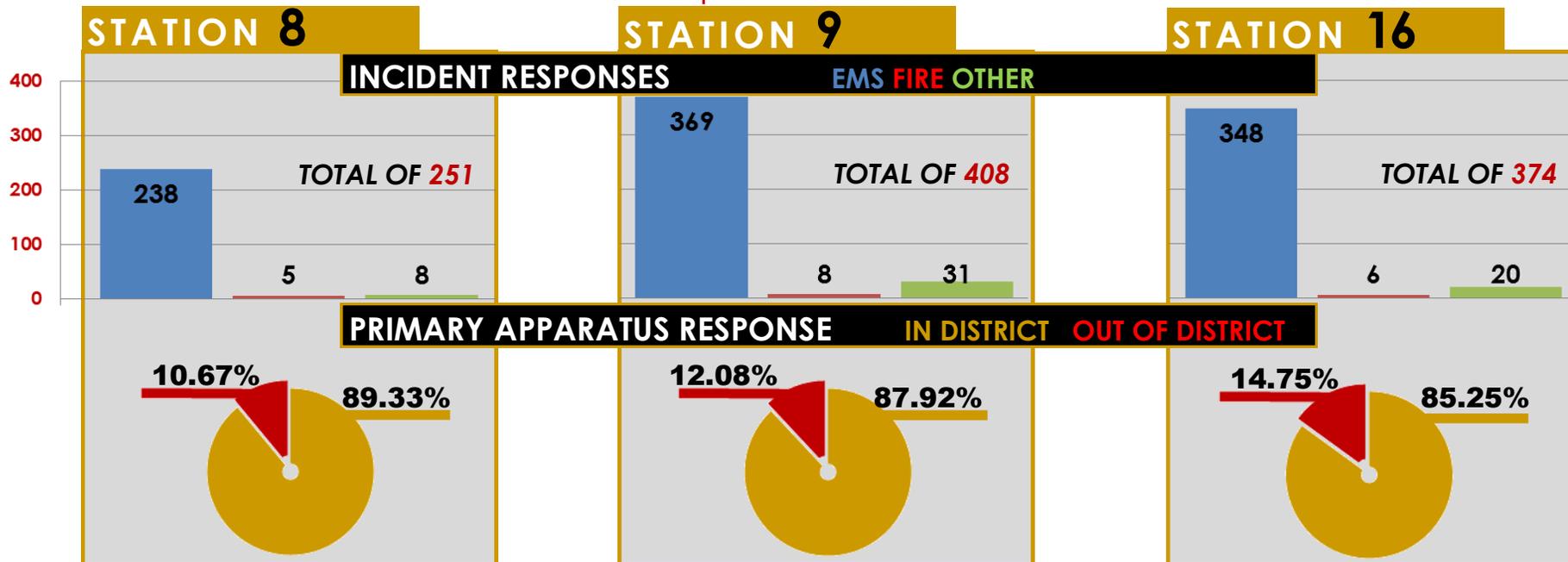
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TRUDY JONES | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8



DON HARRIS | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

