

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL REPORT



MAY 2019

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**5/1 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to a residence on the 900 block of Arizona SE in fire district 11 for reports of a shed fire. Crews found a shed in the backyard with heavy flames and quickly extinguished it before the fire could extend to the house.

**5/5 - Residential Fire:** AFR crews were dispatched to the 4500 block of Cactus Hills Pl NW in fire district 21. Units arrived to find a garage fire with two cars fully involved. The fire was extinguished with moderate damage to the home and no injuries.

**5/6 - Commercial Fire:** AFR responded to an asphalt manufacture plant on the 6200 block of Chappell Dr NE in fire district County 36 for a possible fire. Crews arrived to find fire venting from a silo and quickly developed a plan with on site employees. County Tower 36 was set up and extinguished the fire, no injuries were reported.

**5/10 - Apartment Fire:** AFR was dispatched to the 2600 block of Chelwood Park NE in fire district 8 for reports of a working fire in one of the apartment units. Engine 9 made an aggressive attack and prevented the fire from extending to other units. Several oxygen bottles had ignited during the fire and one patient was transported with minor injuries.

**5/12 - Residential Fire:** AFR was dispatched to an apartment fire on the 2000 block of Maywood Dr SE in fire district 12. Upon arrival, crews found smoke and flames from the garage. The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes and contained to only the garage, no injuries were reported.

**5/20 - Commercial Fire:** AFR responded to a duplex home in fire district 2 on the 2000 block of Louisiana Blvd NE. Units arrived on scene to find smoke and flame coming from the roof of the restaurant. The fire was difficult to access because of the structural design but was successfully extinguished and believed to have started near the kitchen vent.

**5/27 - Residential Fire:** Crews were dispatched to the 6600 Block of Lamy St NW in fire district 18 for reports of a residential structure fire. AFR crews arrived on scene to find smoke from the interior of the residence and were able to extinguish the fire before it could progress.

**5/27 - Apartment Fire:** AFR responded to the 4800 block of McMahon NW in fire district 22 for a possible apartment fire. A small fire was found on a balcony and was quickly extinguished before other units were affected.

**5/29 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to the 10000 block of Calle Alba NW in fire district 21 for a reported garage fire. Crews found heavy smoke and flames from the garage and quickly worked to extinguish the fire. One vehicle was a total loss but the fire was contained to the garage.

## MAY EVENTS

- INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY
- MOTHER'S DAY
- EMS WEEK
- NEW RESCUE 12, BRUSH 22 AND BLS 2
- RETIREMENTS

MATT ORTEGA

CHRIS QUINTANA

ART MARTINEZ

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1. AFR and BCFD respond to an asphalt plant for a silo that had caught on fire but was successfully extinguished using Tower 36.
2. Firefighters extinguishing a kitchen vent fire at Macaroni Grill in Uptown.
3. Stations 17, 18, 21, and 22 battle a large garage fire in NW Albuquerque.

4. AFR crews along with APD Open Space officers help an injured hiker down from the foothills near Spain and High Desert.

### MAY BY THE NUMBERS

- STATION TOURS & SHOW AND TELLS** **8** OVER 100 PEOPLE ENGAGED
- FMO FIRE SAFETY CLASSES** **10** 1892 ADULTS AND 2 KIDS REACHED
- RISK ASSESSMENTS** **7** 3624 CITIZENS ENGAGED INCLUDING 1 HIGH SCHOOL, 3 COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND 2 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
- FAMILY PREPAREDNESS SURVEYS** **253** TOTAL SURVEYS COMPLETED AS OF MAY 30TH

AFR ENGINE 15 VISITED GEORGIA O'KEEFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A SHOW AND TELL AND TO TALK ABOUT FIRE SAFETY.



### TRAINING | PUBLIC SAFETY



### IN THE COMMUNITY

1. AFR and Open Space held a press conference announcing implementation of new Brush 22 that was purchased with funds from district 5 City Councilor Cynthia Borrego.
2. Station 15 crews reunite with a patient that had suffered a cardiac arrest and was successfully resuscitated by the first responders who also utilized the LUCAS device.
3. BLS 2 is now in service based out of Station 5 and will help address low acuity calls to keep more units available for emergencies.
4. Thanks to funding from District 9 City Councilor Don Harris, new Rescue 12 was placed in service along with other recent purchases of Rescues 5 and 8.
5. Station 4 crews and Albuquerque Area Random Acts helped a resident in their district with some home repairs that were desperately needed in order to help reduce her frequent falls.
6. AFR Engine 22 stopped to help wish a 3 year old happy birthday while on their way back to the station.



1. AFR Crews participate in annual Flood Channel Rescue Training.
2. Drivers Doug Padilla and Oscar Vasquez graduate the NMSF Academy and join AFR Arson Division as Arson Investigators.
3. BCSO and Metro Air Support training with Station 8 and Squad 2 on foothill rescues and learning how to approach the helicopter.
4. PNM offered electrical safety training for first responders from AFR and several other agencies.
5. AFR graduated 10 lateral firefighters from the 93rd Cadet Class and held the ceremony at the Historic Kimo Theatre.



**MIGUEL TITTMANN**

**LIEUTENANT MIGUEL TITTMANN** has been a member of AFR since 2004, graduated from the 67th Cadet Class and has a Bachelors Degree from NM Highlands University. Miguel began his career as a firefighter at stations 2, 1 and 4. After being promoted to the rank of Driver, Miguel served as an Instructor at the Fire Academy for 3 years and also assisted with the Professional Development Division. Miguel was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014 and is currently assigned as the Officer on Ladder 4 A-Shift. Miguel has served on the Apparatus Spec-Committee, Rules and Regulations Committee, he has been a member of the Peer Support Team as well as a Subject Matter Expert for Promotional Exams. He has proudly served on the Executive Board of the IAFF Local 244 Union for 5 years as the Sergeant at Arms and was involved in the Political Action that lead to the recent signing of House Bill 324 (PTSD Bill). Most recently Miguel was instrumental in the production of the IAFF Local 244 Union Year Book. Miguel along with his mother Carmen Martinez-Tittmann, have worked tirelessly in providing Mindfulness Stress Reduction classes for firefighters with the Mind Body Fire Program. Thank you Lieutenant Miguel Tittmann for your commitment to AFR and the community.



**AARON GARCIA**

**PARAMEDIC DRIVER AARON GARCIA** has been a member of AFR since 2004, graduated from the 67th Cadet Class and has an Associates Degree from CNM. Aaron began his career at Station 13 and was quickly recruited to go to paramedic school in 2005. After Paramedic School, Aaron was the Driver on Rescue 13, one of the busiest districts in the city. Aaron was promoted to Driver in 2007 and was assigned to Rescue 4 where he spent 5 years. Aaron is currently assigned to Rescue 6 which serves the North Valley portion of our city. Aaron's continuously positive, hardworking, and meticulous dedication to his position at every point in his career makes him a valuable asset to every rescue he serves. In addition to being an stellar member of AFR, he has been an outstanding support for his partner in recent years. Partners since 2008 and rotating to several stations together they have formed the quintessential firefighter brotherly bond beyond measure. His partner has spoken highly of Aaron's support in his journey through grief and the healing power his friendship and partnership. Driver Aaron Garcia our department is better for your dedication, empathy, and honor. Thank you Driver Aaron Garcia for your service to the citizens of Albuquerque.

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE RETIREMENTS



**ART MARTINEZ**

Albuquerque Fire Rescue would like to recognize **CAPTAIN ART MARTINEZ** on his retirement after 26 years of service with AFR. Captain Martinez began his career with AFR in 1993 as part of the 54th Cadet Class after 4 years of previous experience with the US Forest Service working as a wildland firefighter in Southern California. Art worked his first 5 years at Station 1 and with his wildland fire experience, was able to contribute to the newly developed AFR Wildland Division. Art promoted to the rank of Driver and not long after was trained as an inspector where he would spend the next 5 years working in the Fire Marshal's Office. Upon promoting to the rank of Lieutenant, Art worked at various stations as well as FMO again. At the rank of Captain, Art worked briefly as the FMO Captain, then Stations 8 and 11, before being hand picked to fill the roll of Special Operations Captain at the Fire Academy where he was instrumental in developing a new operations plan for the International Balloon Fiesta event. Art retired out of Station 16, and was able to work with his son, Firefighter Mateo Martinez, on his last shift. Thank you Captain Martinez for your 30 years of dedication to the fire service and the decades of experience that you have shared with the newer generations of firefighters. Good luck on your future endeavors, you will be missed!



**MATT ORTEGA**

**CAPTAIN MATT ORTEGA** completed his last tour at Station 15, after 26 years with Albuquerque Fire Rescue! The course of Matt's long career took him through several stations around the city, including many years at the Fire Academy. Matt also served as an integral part of the Color Guard. Known for his calm demeanor and steadfast composure, his leadership will be greatly missed. Congratulations Brother Ortega, on an honorable retirement from a career to be proud of! We thank you for your service, and wish you good health and all the best for whatever comes



**CHRIS QUINTANA**

Congratulations to **RESCUE LIEUTENANT CHRIS QUINTANA**, who retires out of AFR Station 22 after 20 years in the fire service! Brother Quintana started his career with Rio Rancho Fire Department, and then came over to Albuquerque Fire with the 63rd Cadet Class. Of his 18 years with Albuquerque Fire, Chris served 15 of them as a paramedic. He spent time in stations ranging from the Central corridor to the edge of the city, and those who worked with him know that throughout, he kept his sense of humor and was always smiling. Thank you for your service and years of service to your community.

## ADDRESSING OUR CALL VOLUME

In 2018, Albuquerque Firefighters responded to 109,816 emergency calls (87 percent medical in nature) making us one of the most active fire departments in the country. From 2013 to 2018, the call volume for AFR has increased by 35 percent, and since 2005 it has risen by over 51 percent. Albuquerque Firefighters respond to more calls than many larger cities throughout the country, such as Oklahoma City, El Paso and Austin, TX.

When our Albuquerque Firefighters are not responding to emergencies they are tasked with a multitude of other duties, including; nearly 290 hours of annual training for each Firefighter, physically inspecting over 16,000 fire hydrants in the city, patrolling the Bosque and open spaces during wildland fire season, and providing community risk reduction training & public education.

Over the last sixteen months, AFR has been provided the resources to plan and implement several solutions to improve our response times and lower the annual call per apparatus. We now have two Basic Life Support (BLS) Rescues responding to low acuity calls seven days a week in SE Albuquerque. These apparatus respond to one of our more common calls, which are 'down and outs' or public intoxication incidents. During the first week of operation, they ran an average of 10 calls per day and transported 26 times. We also have the HEART division, dedicated to working with residents to decrease their reliance on the 911 system, and we will soon implement a fall prevention program for seniors.

In an effort to maximize the time our apparatus are available, AFR has recently reduced the time each field apparatus is out-of-service. All mandatory medical evaluations and a portion of our EMS training is now conducted off-duty. In the fall of 2019, AFR will move into a new Fleet facility on the city's west side. A drop program will then be implemented for preventative maintenance and repairs will be completed while firefighters are attending class at the Fire Academy. Over the last few weeks, we have improved some of our dispatch practices, including reevaluating the type and number of apparatus we were sending to emergencies. We are already seeing results of these changes, from January through May of 2019, our 911 call process times have been reduced by 20 seconds for EMS calls and 16 seconds for non-EMS calls.

While the number of emergency incidents AFR responds to have increased, so have the number of non-emergency incidents. Reducing the non-emergency incidents AFR responds to is a shared responsibility between AFR and this community. AFR is committed to offering community risk reduction training and education that is effective and relevant. The more prepared and educated this community is, the less likely they will need to rely on 911 for non-emergency services.

Regardless of the challenges they face, Albuquerque Firefighters continue to provide outstanding professional fire and EMS services. We are fortunate to have such motivated and professional firefighters, and I am proud of the service they provide to this community. We are committed to implementing practical solutions to decrease our call volume and improve response times.

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## FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

We are excited to build working relationships with other city departments and the community. Early this month, members of the new program ADAPT (Abandoned and Dilapidated Abatement Property Team) met with concerned citizens on abandoned homes in their area that have known criminal activity. The program, once implemented on July 1, 2019, is designed to focus on vacant and dilapidated properties that have been identified as hot spots for criminal activity. The team will work with the owners to bring their property up to code to increase the safety of the community around it. This will be a collaborative effort with Code Enforcement and APD. ADAPT is eager to make a difference in the city.

## ARSON

Two of our Firefighters graduated from the 198th Cadet Class of the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe on May 15. Lt Doug Padilla began his career with our department in 2008 and four years later was promoted as a Suppression Driver. He then went on to paramedic school and achieved the rank of Lieutenant in 2016. Doug proudly carried the guidon for the 198th class and served as the Class Leader for over half of the academy. Our other new member is Dr. Oscar Vasquez, who joined our department in May of 2005. Dr. Vasquez was a household fixture in station 13 over the past decade and will return to them when his on the job training is completed. Dr. Vasquez will bring with him a bilingual skill set that is lacking within the division. Not only did Dr. Vasquez get awarded the "Top Driver" award for the 198th cadet class, but he also served as a mentor to the younger cadets. Both of these individuals did an exceptional job and represented our department and division very well. Following the graduation ceremony, the lead instructor, Officer Greg Ortiz stated that "your two men were the backbone of the class, and you should be proud to have them." I am happy to say we are proud of them, and we look forward to the work ethic and professionalism that they will bring with them to the fire investigation division.

## TECHNICAL SERVICES

Each AFR field unit's Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) has been replaced with the new Panasonic CF-33 computer. I would like to recognize Captain Kris Romero for successfully finding alternative funding through another city department, to ensure each of our field units is equipped with a functioning MDT. This project started almost two years ago would not have been possible if not for the commitment and professionalism of the entire AFR Technical Services staff – thank you!

## WILDLAND DEPLOYMENT

Our new Rapid Extraction Module (REM) Team was requested to the Elk Fire in southern NM. This is the first deployment for our REM Team. These five firefighters have advanced training in both wildland firefighting, EMS and technical rescue. For the duration of the fire, they will ensure the safety of other firefighters as they work to contain the over 500 acre forest fire in the Gila National Forest.

**FIRE CHIEF PAUL W. DOW**



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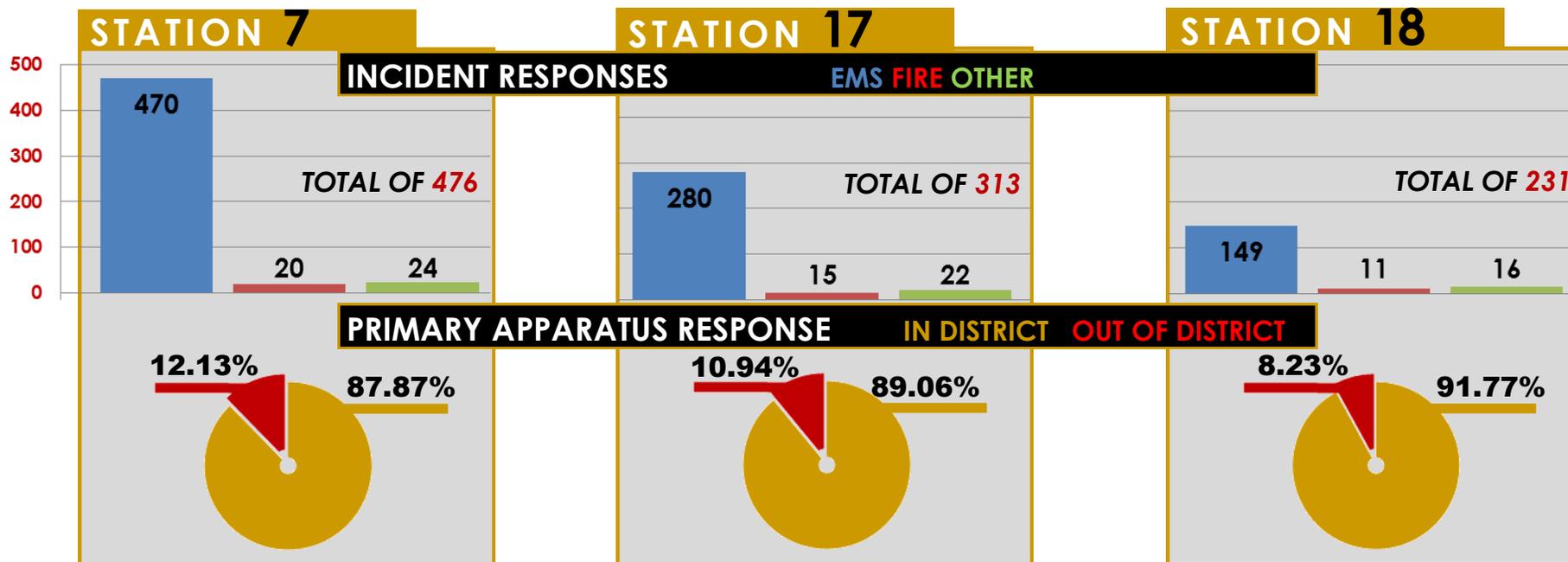


## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS

**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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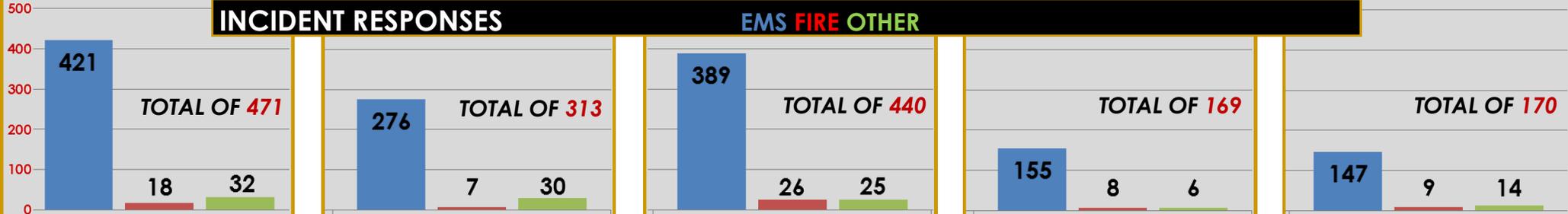


ISAAC BENTON | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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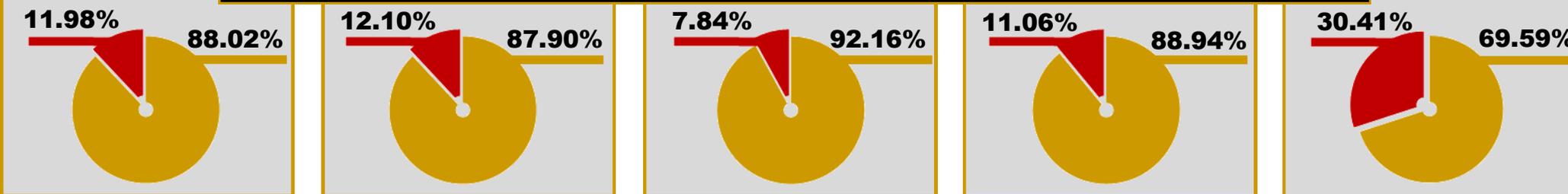
### INCIDENT RESPONSES

EMS FIRE OTHER



### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT      OUT OF DISTRICT



PRESIDENT KLARISSA PEÑA | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

## STATION 7

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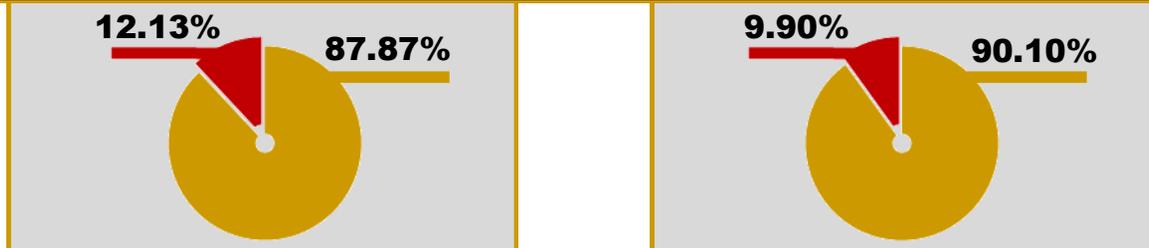
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### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

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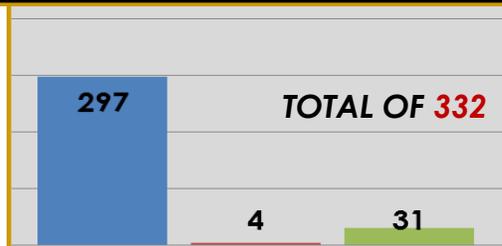
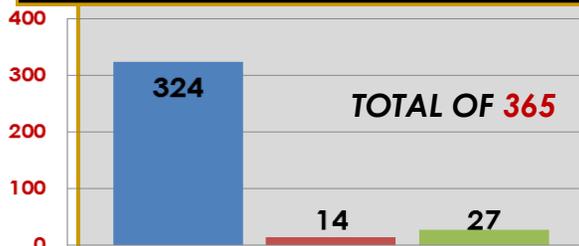
BRAD WINTER | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

## STATION 15

## STATION 20

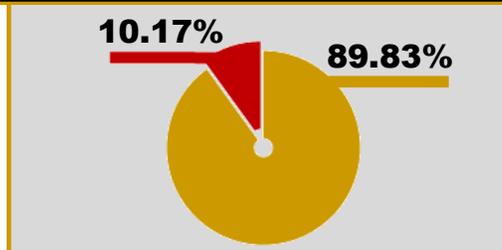
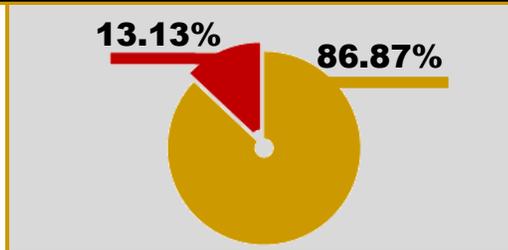
### INCIDENT RESPONSES

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### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT



VICE-PRESIDENT CYNTHIA BORREGO | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

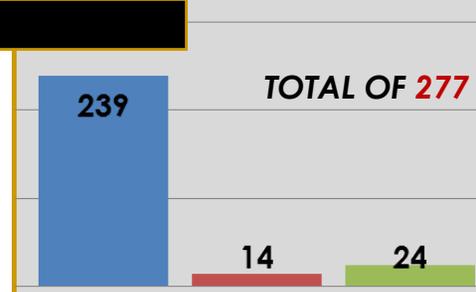
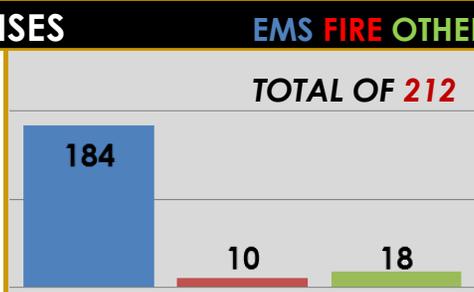
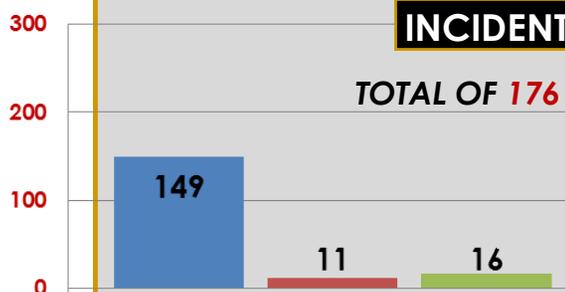
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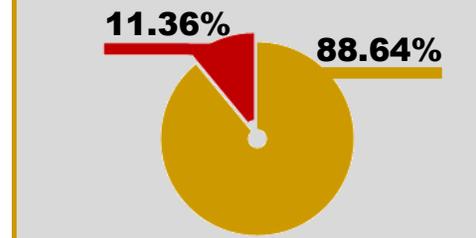
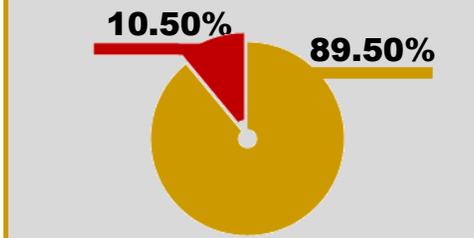
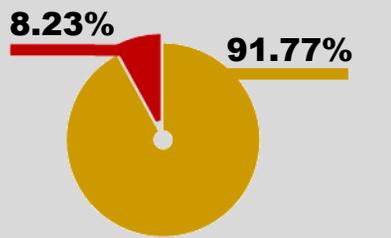
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### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

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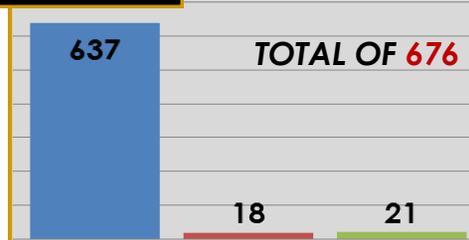
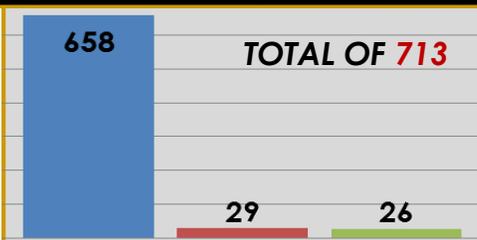
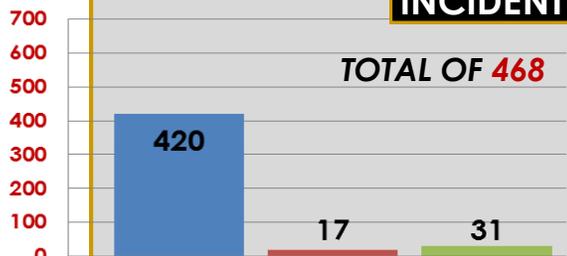
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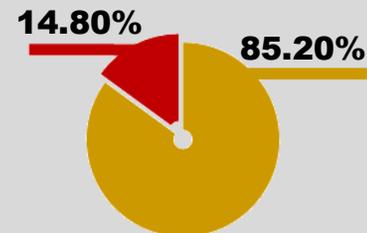
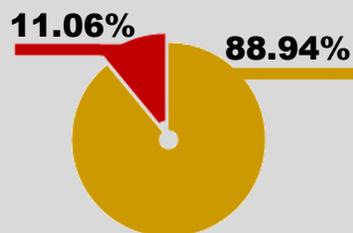
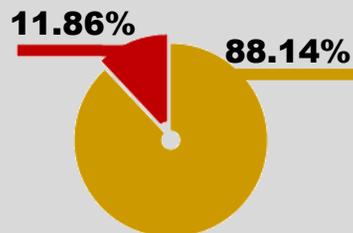
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### PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE

IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT



DIANE GIBSON | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

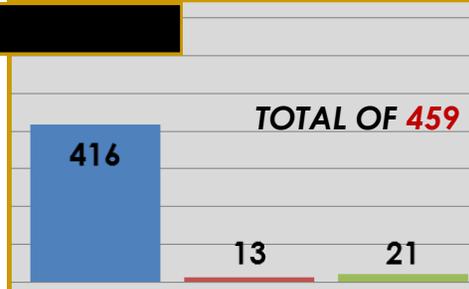
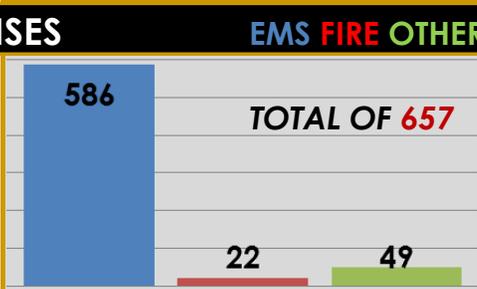
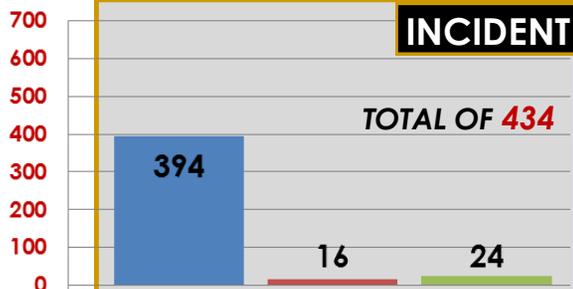
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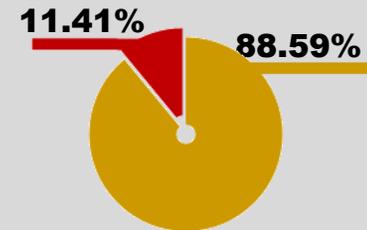
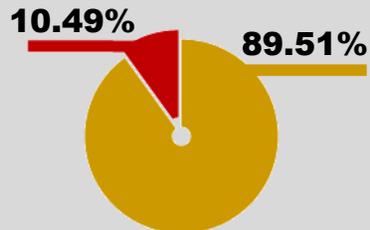
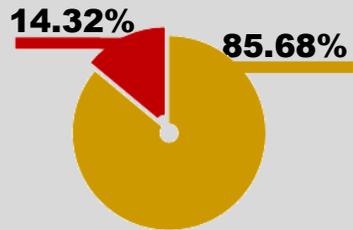
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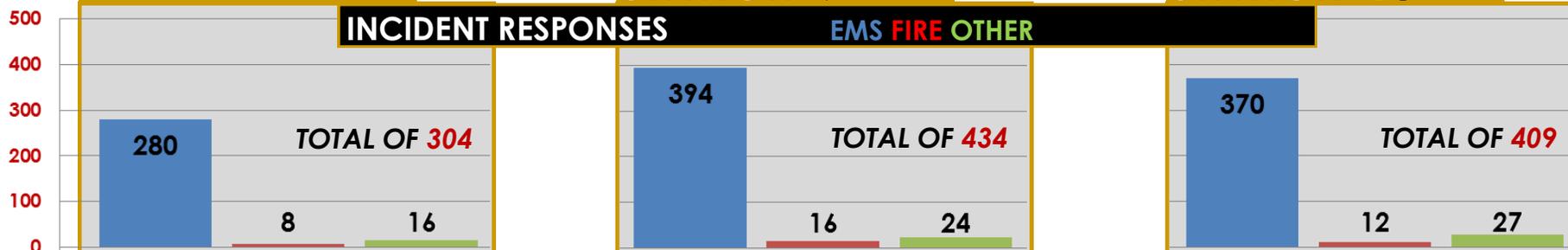


TRUDY JONES | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

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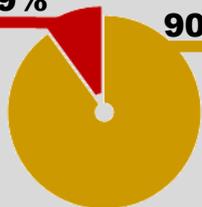
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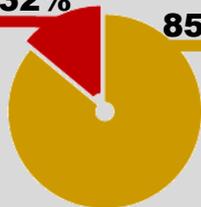


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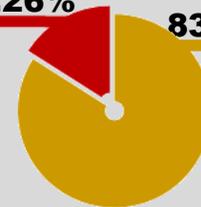
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14.32% IN DISTRICT  
85.68% OUT OF DISTRICT



16.26% IN DISTRICT  
83.74% OUT OF DISTRICT



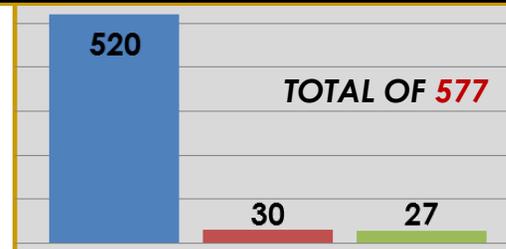
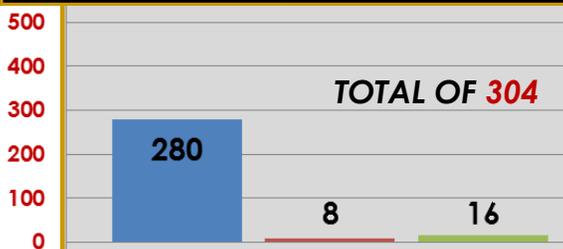
DON HARRIS | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

## STATION 8

## STATION 12

### INCIDENT RESPONSES

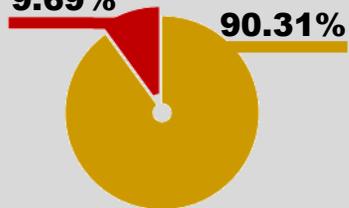
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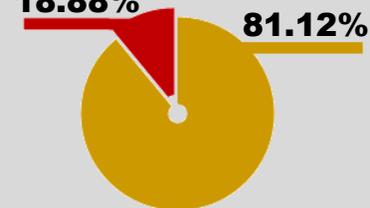
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IN DISTRICT OUT OF DISTRICT

9.69% IN DISTRICT  
90.31% OUT OF DISTRICT



18.88% IN DISTRICT  
81.12% OUT OF DISTRICT



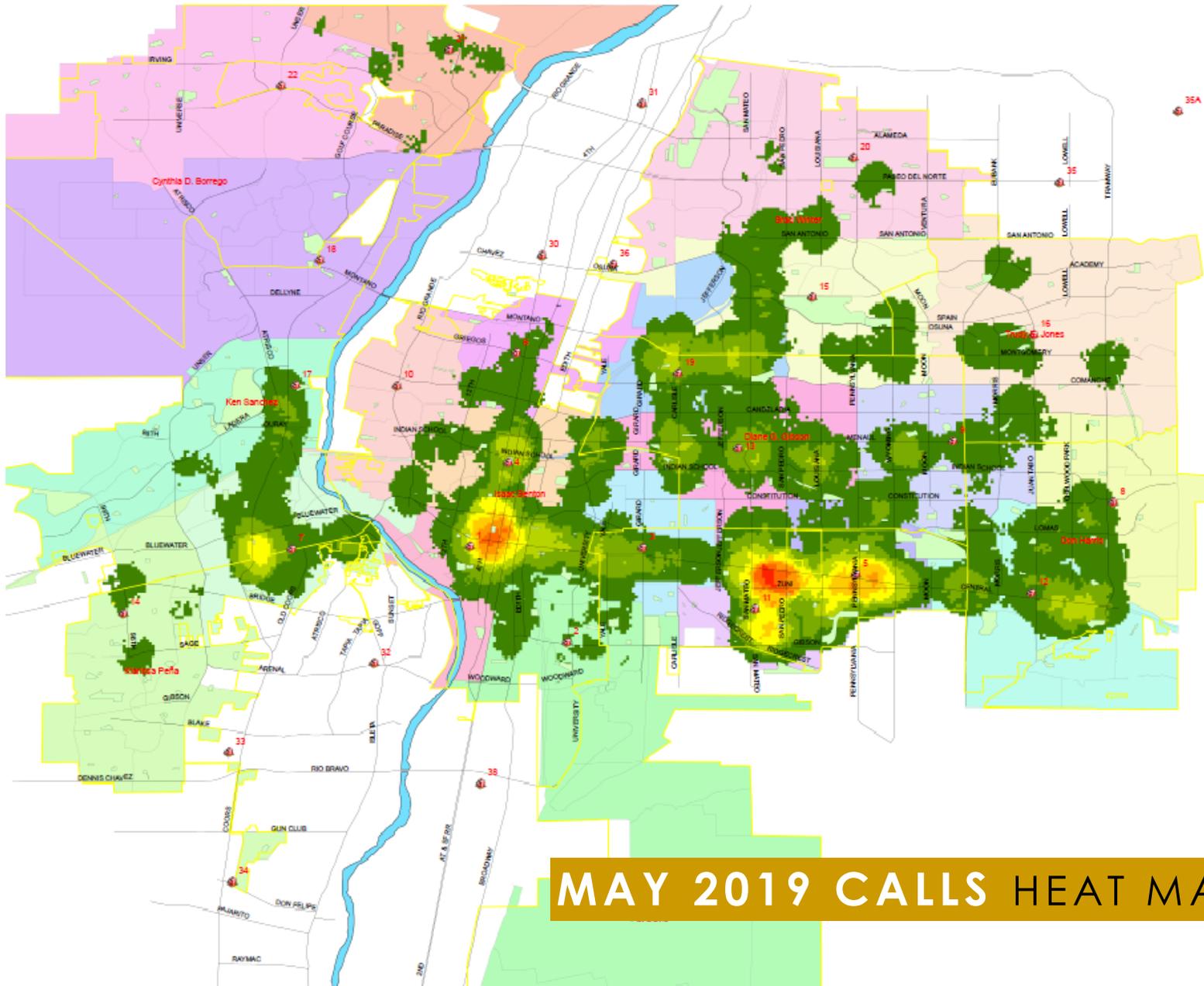


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