

ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL REPORT



JULY 2019

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

7/1 - Swift Water Rescue: AFR responded to the intersection of the Rio Grande River and Avenida Cesar Chavez in fire district 1 for reports of several people stranded in the water. 6 AFR units and BCFD crews were able to extract three individuals from the water. No injuries were reported.

7/3 - Railroad MVA: AFR responded to the intersection of Candelaria Rd NW and the railroad tracks for reports of a vehicle struck by the RailRunner. 10 Units from AFR responded to find a single vehicle severely damaged with a deceased victim inside. No other injuries were reported.

7/6 - Flood Channel Rescue: Two people were rescued from a flood channel near Juan Tabo and I-40 and near the 2600 block of Menaul after being overtaken by flash flooding in the area. AFR crews from multiple stations, including 12 and 4, were quick to respond and rescue the victims. Both patients were treated for mild hypothermia.

7/10 - Residential Fire: AFR responded to the intersection of Marquette and Tennessee NE in fire district 5 for reports of a residential fire that Rescue 5 witnessed while in the area. Smoke and flames were seen from the front of the home and was extinguished within minutes of arrival.

7/11 - Apartment Fire: AFR was dispatched to an apartment fire on the 300 block of Dallas St NE in fire district 5. Crews witnessed flames form one of the three apartment units and were able to extinguish the fire and contain it to the apartment where the fire originated.

7/12 - Apartment Fire: AFR responded to the 4300 block of Topke Pl NE in fire district 19 for reports of an apartment fire with possible trapped victims. Crews arrived to find heavy smoke and flame coming from the window and roof in one of the buildings. A second alarm was requested and ultimately the fire had to be fought defensively. A total of 30 units engaged in extinguishing the fire and all people were accounted for with minor smoke inhalation. No other injuries were reported and the building was a loss with 24 apartments affected. Red Cross was called for resident assistance.

7/13 - Residential Fire: Crews were dispatched to the 700 block of San Pedro SE for a possible structure fire in fire district 11. Units arrived to find an abandoned home with smoke and flame but were able to quickly extinguish it. No injuries reported.

7/16 - Apartment Fire: AFR responded to the 600 block of San Pedro SE in fire district 11 for reports of a structure fire. Crews witnessed smoke and flame from one of the duplex apartments and were able to get the fire under control within 15 minutes with no reports of injuries.

7/17 - Residential Fire: AFR responded to the 2900 block of William St SE for reports of a mobile home fire. On arrival, crews found smoke coming from the rear of the home. Crews were able to make entry and quickly extinguish a small room and contents fire. In the process, three small dogs were rescued with one needing oxygen therapy after suffering smoke inhalation.

7/18 - Structure Fire: Crews responded to a possible structure fire in a church on the 3700 block of Silver Av NE. AFR units arrived to find smoke showing and were able to make entry and extinguish a small room and content fire. The church was abandoned and no injuries were reported.

7/21 - Residential Fire: AFR crews were dispatched to the 600 block of Walter St SE in fire district 2 to find flames coming from the back porch area. Crews were able to extinguish the fire within 3 minutes.

7/26 - Explosion: AFR responded to the 3000 block of Central Ave SE in fire district 3 for reports of an explosion. On arrival, crews found a room with extensive damage and one patient needing transport for injuries. The explosion is under investigation.

7/29 - Residential Fire: Crews responded to reports of a house fire on the 4900 block of Chisolm Trl NW in fire district 18. AFR units arrived to find smoke and flame from the garage and quickly worked to extinguish it. The homeowner was transported and treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation.



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1. AFR battles a two alarm apartment fire near San Pedro and Montgomery.
2. Paramedic Driver Mike Kolbusz provides oxygen to a small dog suffering from smoke inhalation after a house fire.

3. AFR provided Hazmat mutual aid with BCFD for a fuel truck rollover that spilled some of its contents.

JULY BY THE NUMBERS

STATION TOURS & SHOW AND TELLS **8**

OVER 300 PEOPLE ENGAGED INCLUDING 5 STANDBYS, 5 TOURS, 2 SHOW AND TELLS, AND 5 FOURTH OF JULY PARADES

FMO FIRE SAFETY CLASSES **12**

OVER 1400 CITIZENS REACHED

RISK ASSESSMENTS **5**

421 CITIZENS ENGAGED INCLUDING 3 HIGH SCHOOL, EQUITY AND INCLUSION, AND 1 DEVELOPMENT CENTER

LIFESAVER CLASSES **2**

50 CITIZENS TRAINED INCLUDING CABQ EMPLOYEES AND ISOTOPES STAFF

ENGINE 22 DISPLAYED THE TRUCK AND TALKED ABOUT FIRE SAFETY TO CHILDREN AT VENTANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FIREFIGHTERS VISIT SCHOOLS LIKE THIS EVERY MONTH IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE AND REDUCE HAZARDS AMONG THE YOUNG CITIZENS OF ALBUQUERQUE.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

1. AFR participated in a neighborhood July 4th Parade.
2. AFR members helped pay respects to City of Roswell Firefighter Jeff Stroble who passed away from injuries sustained while on duty.
3. The 2019 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive kicked off this month. Team Fire won the trophy last year.
4. Mayor Keller and City leaders educate the public on 4th of July fireworks hazards and prevention.
5. While on their way back to the station, AFR Ladder 15 stopped by this young boy's lemonade stand and took the opportunity to connect with the community.
6. Paramedics Quentin Andes and Eric Jaramillo were spotted helping a citizen change a flat tire.



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1. AFR cadets learn to manage stress with yoga techniques by Mind, Body, Fire guest instructor Stephanie Martin.
2. The AFR Rapid Extrication Module team returned home from the Pine Lodge Fire. While on the road home, the crew encountered a vehicle fire and were able to extinguish it.
3. Firefighter Jason Ward was presented with an award from his crew at fire station 19 for outstanding performance.

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MELVIN MARTINEZ



LIEUTENANT MELVIN MARTINEZ has been with AFR since 2004 and was a member of the 69th cadet class. Lt. Martinez has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science and worked as an electro-mechanical tech at Los Alamos National Laboratory and was an electronics tech at Intel for five years prior to joining AFR. Lt. Martinez began his career at Stations 7 and 17 and then went to Paramedic school in 2008. In 2010, Lt. Martinez was promoted to a Paramedic Driver. He was recruited to AFR Records Management Services (RMS) to help build out, implement, and train on AFR's first electronic documenting program (Zoll). Lt. Martinez was promoted to a Paramedic Lieutenant in 2013 and has since been involved in building two other report writing systems (Image Trend V2 and Elite). Lt. Martinez is an asset to AFR as he works with the DA's office, City Legal, APD, and other agencies to fulfill requests and assist with investigations. He also plays a huge role in AFR's data mining and analysis to help identify trends. Lt. Martinez believes that building strong working relationships between field and support personnel is a key element to quality patient care. He feels that all AFR employees are customers to each other and it is important to work hard for our fellow brothers and sisters from other AFR divisions. When he's not at work, Lt. Martinez enjoys spending time with his wife, and they both love watching their children grow. After the death of their youngest child, Lt. Martinez says that they realize that life is very fragile and his family never takes their time together for granted. Lt. Martinez is a critical member of RMS and the Emergency Services Division at AFR. His unparalleled positive attitude and work ethic play a key role in the day to day support of field operations. Thank you Lieutenant Melvin Martinez for your commitment to AFR and the community.

RETIREMENTS



PAT ROMERO

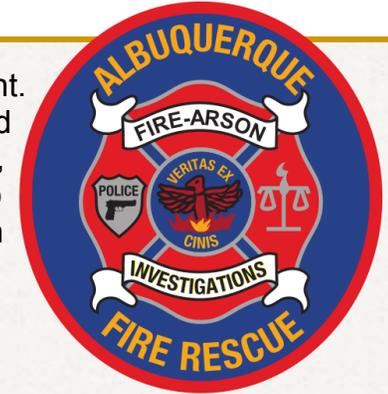
CAPTAIN PATRICK ROMERO began his career in 1996 and was a member of the 57th Cadet Class. Early in Pat's career he was assigned to Engine 18 as a Pipeman. Pat was promoted to the rank of Driver in July of 2000 and was assigned to drive Engine 16. Pat promoted to Lieutenant in 2003 and was assigned to the Fire Academy as an Instructor. He also spent time as a Lieutenant on Engine 13 and on Engine 1 in downtown Albuquerque. In 2008 Pat promoted to the rank of Captain and was assigned to Ladder 21 and also served as a Captain at Engine 22. His last assignment was back at Ladder 21 where he has served the Albuquerque's west side with pride and dignity. Throughout Pat's career he has served with dedication to his peers and the community, a great career that has lasted 23 years. Pat is looking forward to spending his time with his wife Heather of 25 years, as well as his two children and grandson. Thank you Captain Pat Romero for your dedicated service to AFR and the community. Congratulations on your retirement and good luck in your future endeavors!

RESCUE DRIVER JULIAN ALDERETE pulled his final shift after 21 years of service. He graduated with the 59th Cadet Class in the summer of 1998. Eight years later he went to paramedic school, and has faithfully ridden the rescue ever since, for the last 13 years. Jules worked downtown at 1's and 4's. He also served at 7's, 14's, 18's, 21's, and 22's, putting him in every house in Battalion 4 with the exception of Station 17. It was during his time on the West Side that he and his longtime partner, Rescue Lieutenant Rob Spella, once had the ultimate duty and the ultimate honor to treat one of our own, a fellow firefighter who had a critical medical emergency, fell fortunately under their care, and ultimately made a full recovery and complete return to work. Prior to joining the fire department, Jules worked at BCDC (now MDC) for three years. He follows his father, Charles Alderete, who retired from AFR not once, but twice (first as a firefighter and then this year as a civilian employee in Logistics/Supply). Julian's brothers Joe and Andrew continue to serve our city, piping at 18's and 21's respectively. Thank you Brother Alderete to you and your family for your noble tradition of serving our community and keeping us all safe, civilians and fellow firefighters alike.



JULIAN ALDERETE

YOUTH FIRE AWARENESS PROGRAM



The **YFAP or Youth Fire Awareness Program** is an old program that is coming back to life within our department. The YFAP is a program that will be used throughout the Albuquerque Metro area to include Bernalillo County and Rio Rancho Fire/Rescue Departments. The program is intended to deal with youth between 3 and 17 years old, and it will be addressing children that range from the “curious kid” to the extreme fire setter. Our goal is to help educate all participants that come through our program. We want to become the conduit that connects these youth with the additional resources that they need to become positive contributing members of our community.

The progression through our program consists of four essential components: Intake, Interview/Screening, Intervention/Education and Follow up/Evaluation.

Our **intake** will happen in the form of referrals; these referrals can come from just about anybody. A concerned caretaker, teacher, Police Officer, or family member can make contact with any AFR Officer and provide some necessary demographic information on the child in question. This information is forwarded to an Intervention Specialist. Once the Intervention Specialist receives the information, he/she will make contact with the child’s legal guardian and set up an appointment to conduct a formal interview/Screening. The **interview/screening** will be for BOTH the child and the legal guardian to ensure we get the big picture of the potential problem. The tool we are utilizing is FEMA approved and is designed to help us determine the level of risk in each child we interview. Through the screening process, we will identify potential problems in the child and his/her environment. We will then use this information to create an individual plan for each child. Intervention/education is based on the results of the screening. What did we identify? What is the child lacking or suffering? How can we best educate this child to prevent any future fire sets? Our goal is to fix the issues around the child and not just the fire setting. There are **three categories of intervention**, which include **Educational, Clinical or Social Services, and Juvenile Justice System**. The **educational** portion is taught by our Fire Marshals Office and will be age-appropriate and individualized for each child. The Clinical or Social Services needs are fulfilled by Carelink NM, the ADOBE program, and CYFD. If the child has committed a crime and charges are filed, they will proceed through the Juvenile Justice System. The two previous components are still part of the intervention; however, we will be working with the Juvenile Justice System as to the sequence of the resources mentioned above. We will **follow up** with the child and his or her family between four and six months to identify any further intervention needs and evaluate the success of the program up to that point.

- **IN THE UNITED STATES, CHILDREN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 54% OF ALL PURPOSEFULLY SET FIRES.**
- **THE CRIME OF ARSON HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF JUVENILE INVOLVEMENT COMPARED TO ALL OTHER CRIMES.**
- **1 IN 7 DEATHS DUE TO PURPOSEFULLY SET FIRES IS SET BY A CHILD UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE.**
- **FROM 2012-2017, AFR FIRE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION INVESTIGATED 35 FIRES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED AS YOUTH FIRE SETS AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR \$1,702,524.00 IN DAMAGES.**
- **WITHOUT INTERVENTION, 85% OF YOUTH FIRESETTING BEHAVIOR WILL CONTINUE.**

APPLICANTS FOR THE 95TH CADET CLASS

On August 5, 2019, we started the testing process for the 95th Cadet Class, which is scheduled to begin January 6, 2020. We had 278 qualified candidates scheduled to take the written exam, and 113 of the applicants have passed. This number does not include the nearly 30 out of state applicants who will test next week. The applicants must still pass the arduous level wildland pack test and a structured oral interview before they may make it to the Fire Chiefs Selection Committee. Our next open enrollment process is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2020.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

We recently received a batch of XG-75Pe radios and accessories. Once these radios are programmed, we will be distributing them to a few stations and divisions within the department. With the addition of these new radios, we will increase the number of spare radios that we have in our inventory.

Department of Technology and Innovation (DTI) is in the final stages of the configuration of a new version of SharePoint. DTI is planning on upgrading the entire City of Albuquerque to SharePoint 2013 during August. Tech Services has been in contact with the administrator and is in the process of testing the new version to ensure that it meets AFR's needs.

We will begin the process of refreshing computers in our department through the city's "Refresh Program." DTI is compiling a list of refreshable computers for all City departments, and we should start to receive these new PCs very soon. Placement on the priority list depends on the age of the PC and its function within the department.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Albuquerque Fire Rescue Fire Marshal's Office is excited to add three additional members to our team. Over the last month Lt. Jacob Goevelinger, Driver Weston Zehnder, and Driver Ryan Klein have started their training to become certified inspectors. Over the next few months, the Fire Marshal's Office will continue recruiting AFR Drivers interested in becoming inspectors. As part of the FY20 budget, the Fire Marshal's Office has added nine positions to its ranks. By adding new Firefighters and implementing new computer software, the office continues to become more efficient.

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FIRE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Just like the rest of the department, July was a busy month for the Fire Investigations Division. Several members of the division worked to apply the finishing touches as we prepared to launch our new Youth Fire Awareness Program (YFAP). Captain Martinez and Lieutenant Blakemore attended a Crisis Intervention Team ECHO presentation. They had the opportunity to discuss youth fire setting as well as arson charges as they pertain to specific individuals with psychiatric disorders in the downtown area. Fire Investigations Division responded to a total of 9 fires, 6 of which were (arson) intentionally set, two were determined to be accidental, and one classified as undetermined. A massive fire at the Courtyards Apartments was determined to be arson, and the responsible party arrested at the scene. AFR and ATF worked together to process the scene and will be prosecuting the suspect through the Federal Court system. The Arson Division appreciates the professionalism of all personnel who responded, especially the first due companies who were able to preserve the scene for the investigators. Fire Investigations also responded to the explosion at the Highway House and were forced to conduct a limited scene exam due to collapse potential. We reached out to our partners assigned to the APD Bomb Squad and requested the use of one of their robots. They obliged us and sent into the structure a miniature device with cameras and articulating arms. With the help of this robot and the APD operator, we were able to safely obtain several high-definition shots of the culprit of the explosion. We want to thank APD Bomb Squad for all of their help.

FIRE CHIEF PAUL W. DOW



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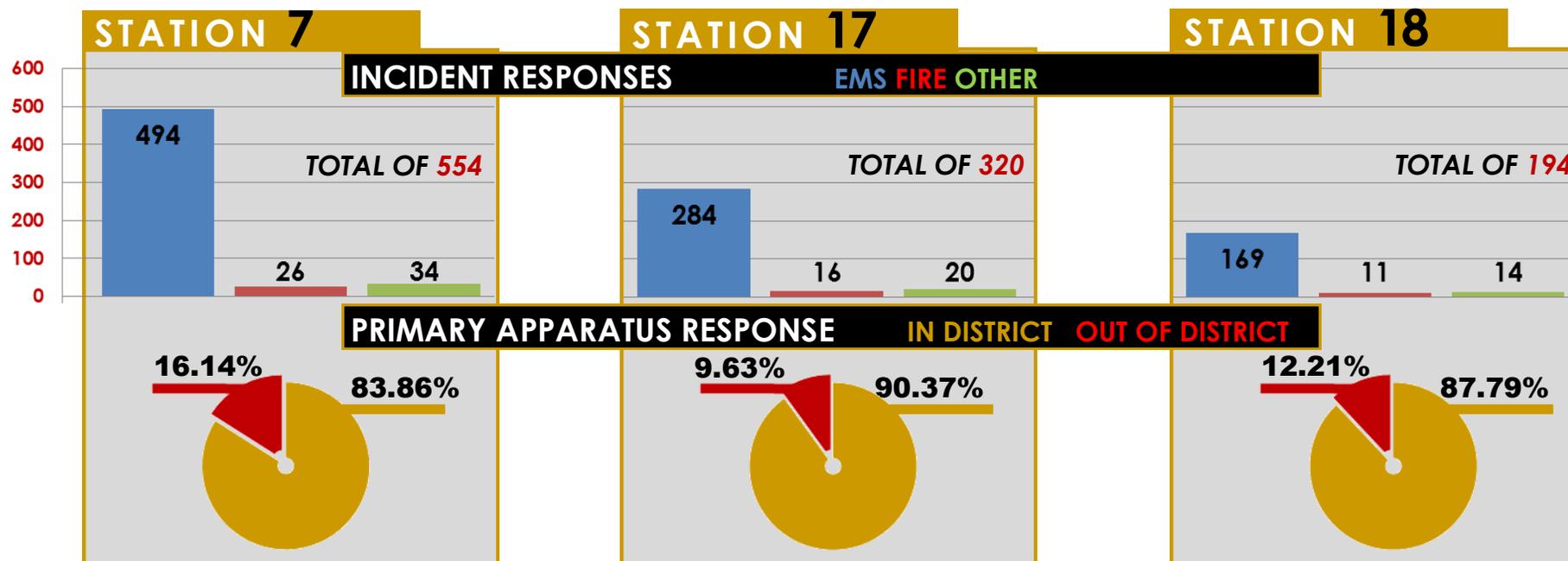


CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS

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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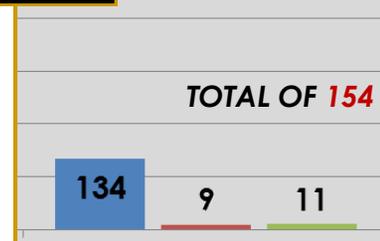
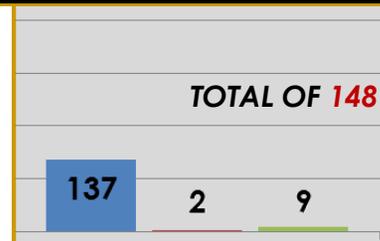
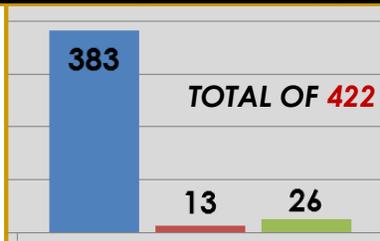
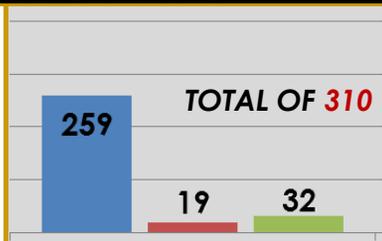
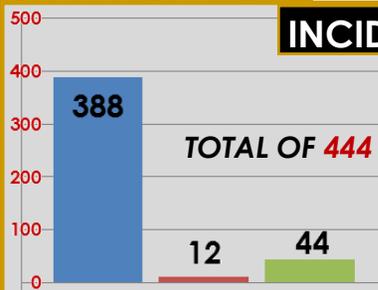
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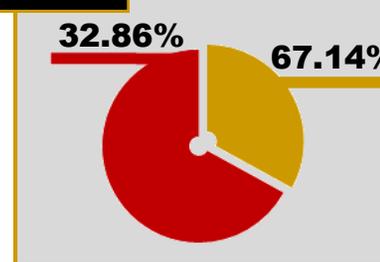
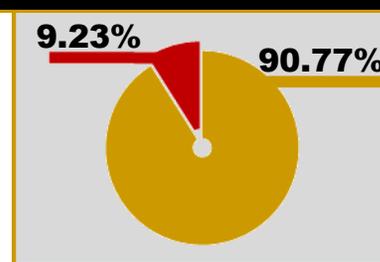
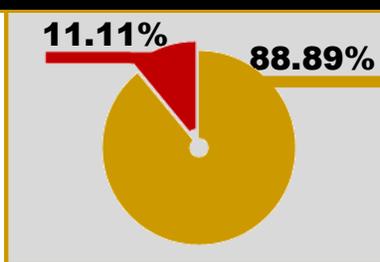
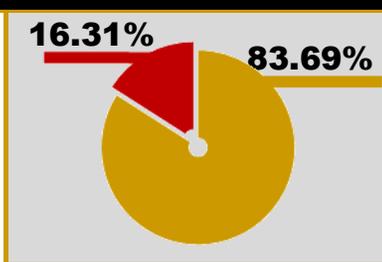
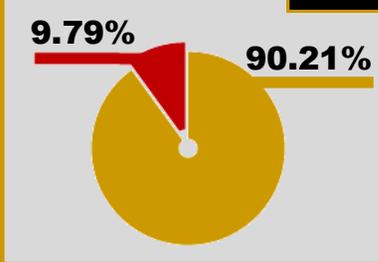
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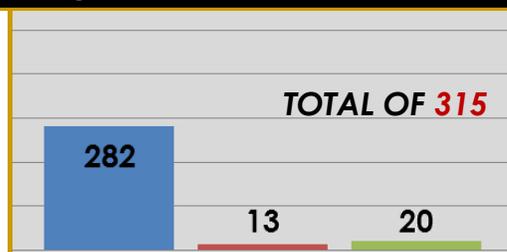
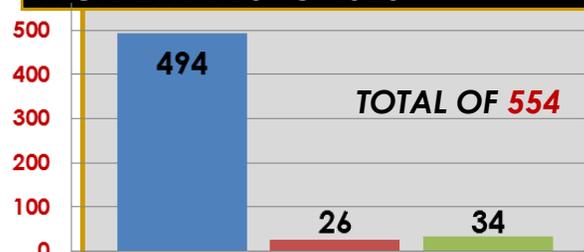
PRESIDENT KLARISSA PEÑA | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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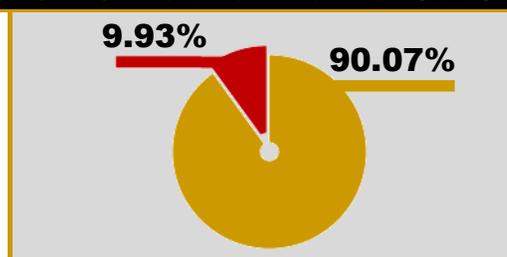
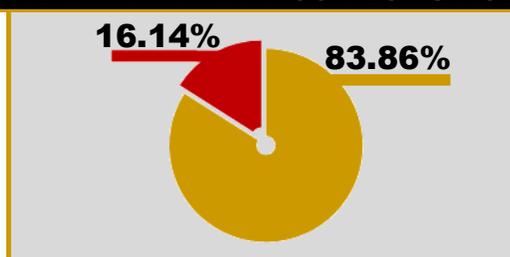
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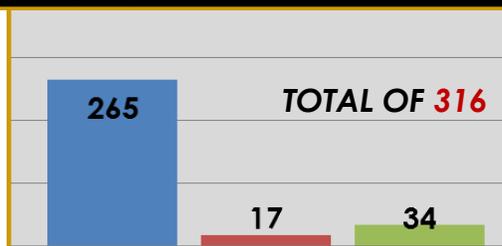
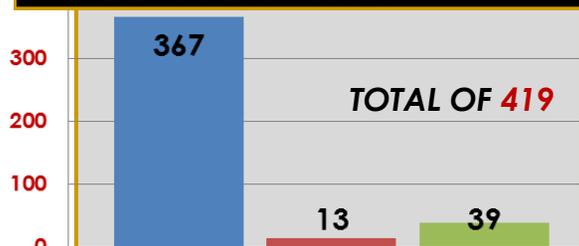
BRAD WINTER | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

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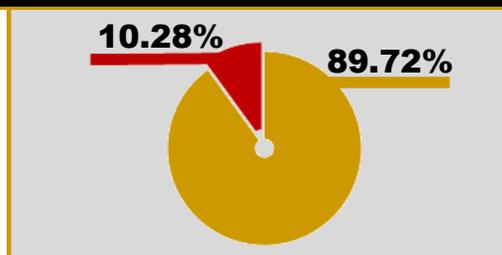
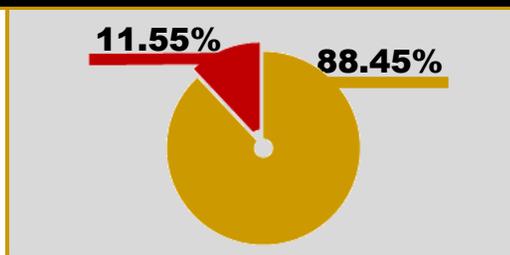
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VICE-PRESIDENT CYNTHIA BORREGO | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

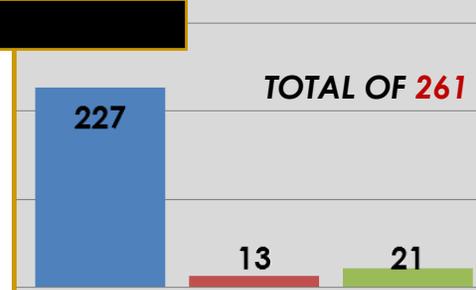
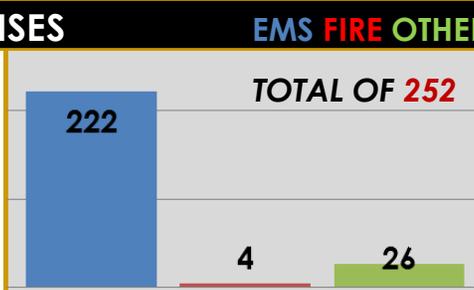
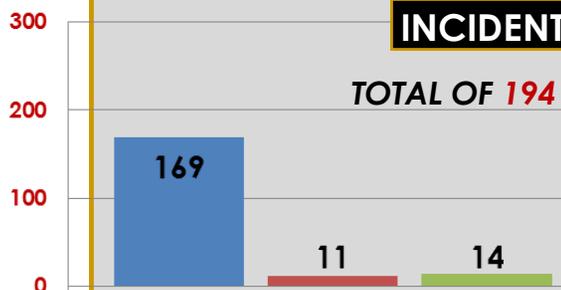
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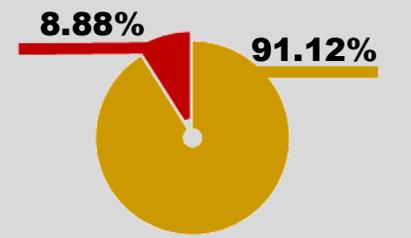
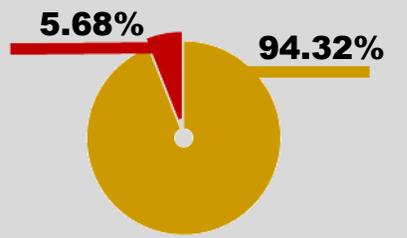
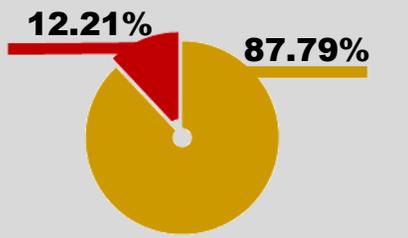
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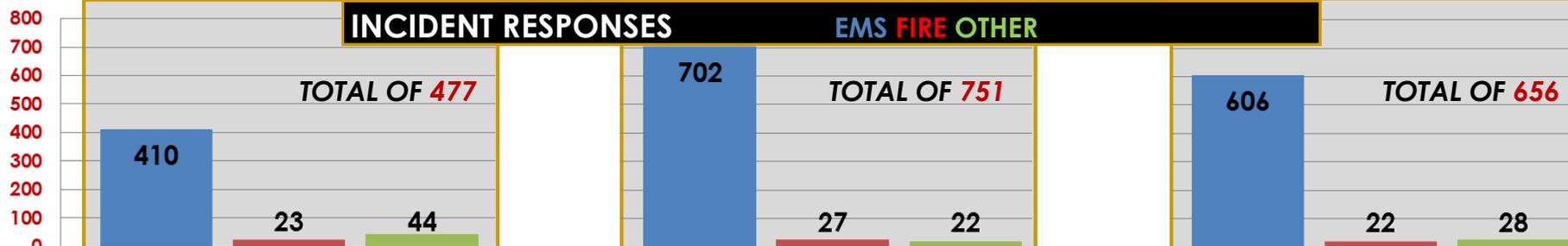


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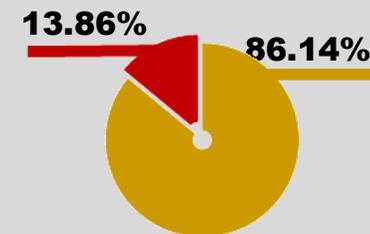
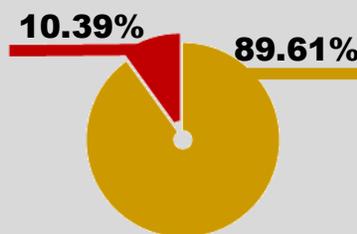
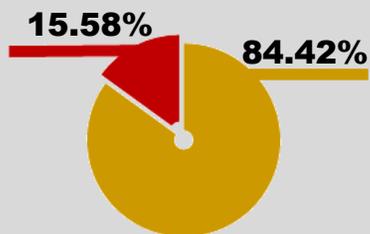
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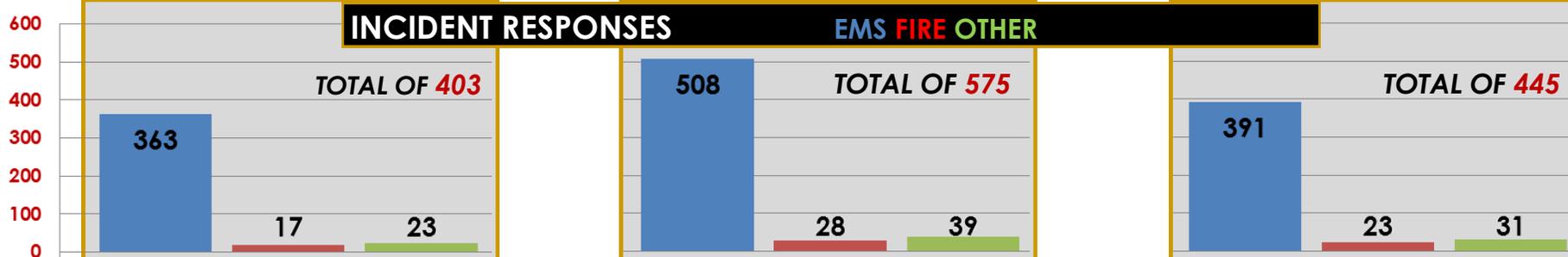


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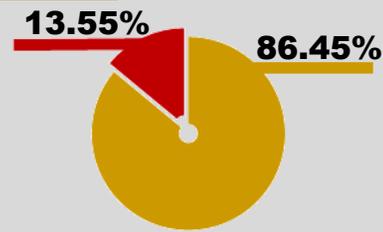
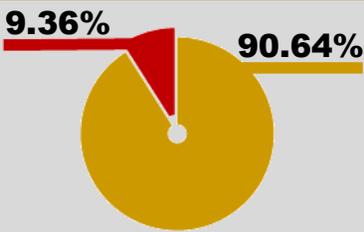
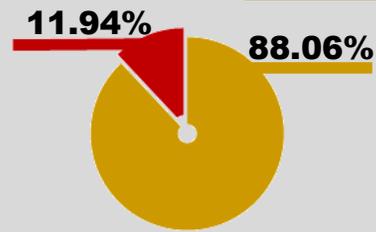
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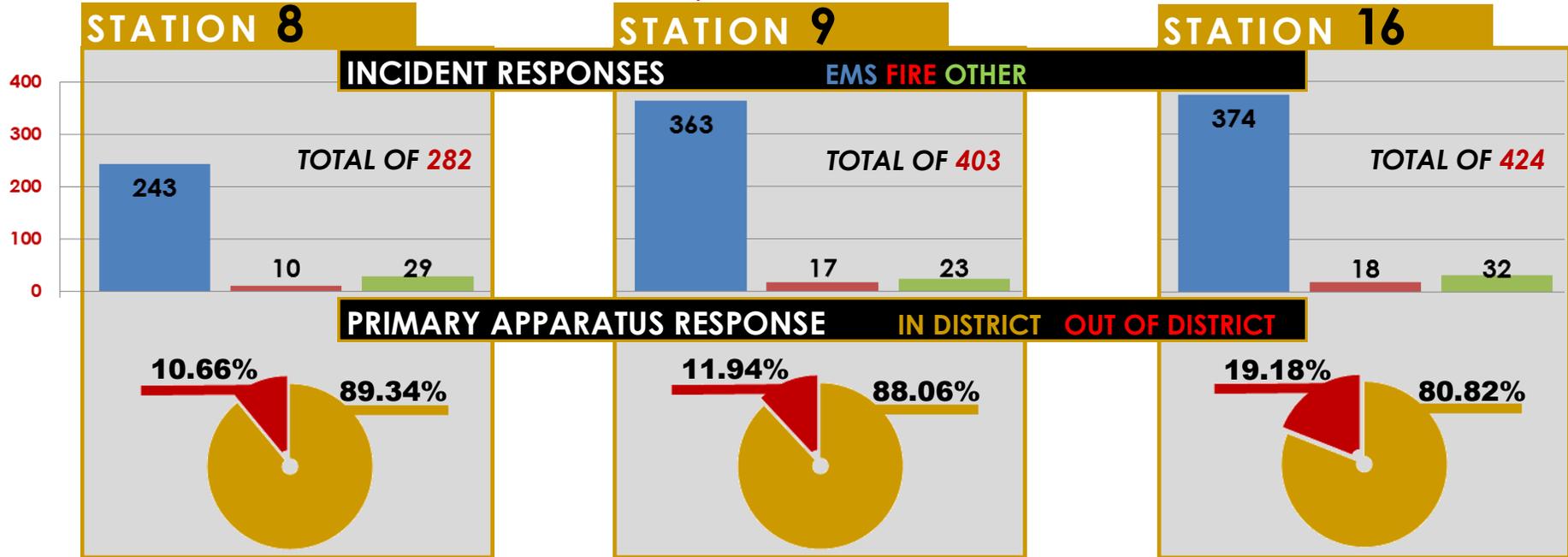
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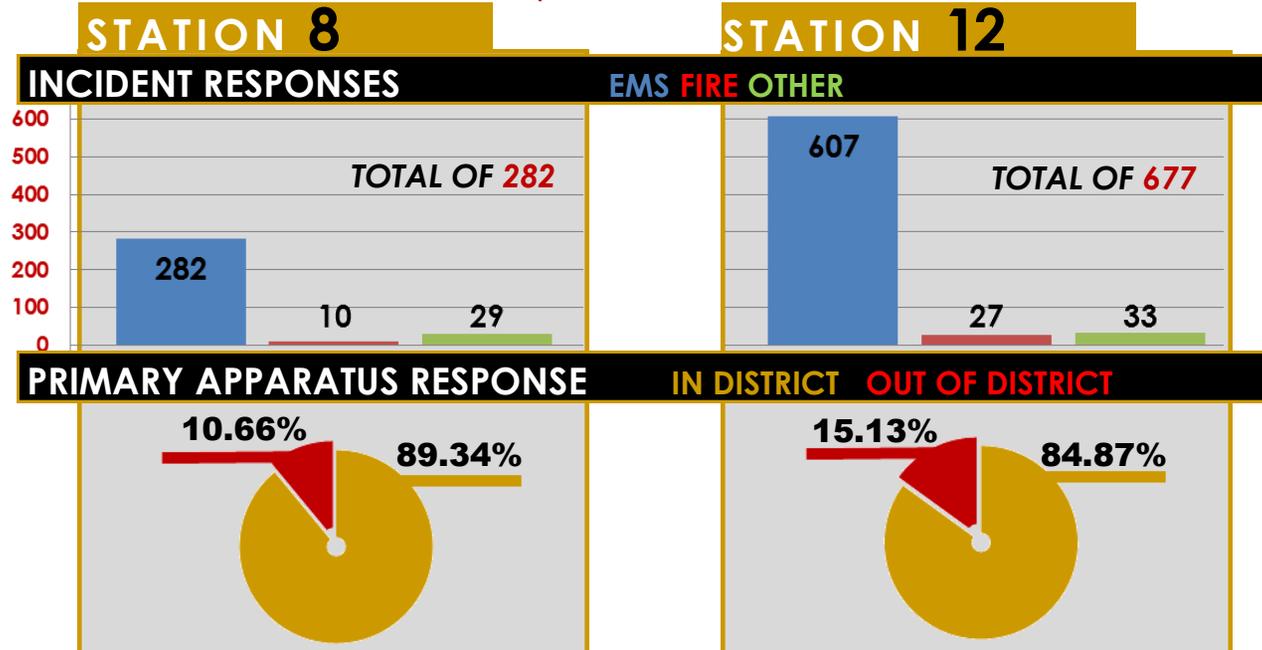
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