

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL REPORT



OCTOBER 2018

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**10/1 - Foothill Rescue:** Crews from AFR Station 16, Squad 2, B3, AFR QI 78, APD Open Space, Albuquerque Mountain Rescue, BCSO, BCFD, BCSO Metro 1, and PHI responded to a hiker complaining of chest pain approximately two miles into the trail system in the Elena Gallegos area. The hiker was successfully extricated and transferred to PHI for transport to the ED.

**10/1 - Residential Structure Fire:** AFR crews responded to the 1000 block of Indiana St. SE in fire district 11 to a residence with heavy smoke and flame from the rear of the house. Initially crews deployed for a fast attack but had to switch to defensive strategy due to untenable conditions. After conditions cleared, crews were able to enter the structure to get the fire under control, no injuries were reported.

**10/9 - Residential Chimney Fire:** Rescue 16 was returning to the station from a previous call and saw an unusual amount of smoke from a residential chimney on the 9100 block of Hendrix NE and stopped to investigate. A confirmed fire was located within the chimney and crews were able to extinguish the fire before further damage occurred and thanks to successful salvage and overhaul, the homeowner was not displaced.

**10/12 - Apartment Fire:** Crews arrived on scene to a single story duplex apartment on the 1900 block of Edith in fire district 2 to find smoke and flames showing from the roof. Defensive strategy was used and both apartments had already sustained heavy damage before crews arrived. A dog was rescued and two families were displaced but no injuries were reported.

**10/13 - Commercial Fire:** AFR crews responded to the Texas Roadhouse restaurant at 5900 Pan American Frwy NE in fire district 15 and after a quick three minute response time, found flames showing from the roof. The fire was quickly extinguished and appeared to be caused from a grease fire in the ducts.

**10/13 - Apartment Fire:** AFR Crews responded to a two story apartment complex on the 5500 block of Eastern SE in fire district 11. The building was fully engulfed with flames and heavy smoke. Crews initiated a fast attack

to extinguish the fire and kept it from extending to any of the surrounding apartments. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

**10/16 - Small Plane Crash:** At approximately 4:20pm AFR was dispatched to the Double Eagle II Airport for reports of a small aircraft that was in distress. The initial report stated that the aircraft was going to attempt to land on I-40 and was not going to make it to Double Eagle II Airport. Several AFR units responded as well as resources from APD, BCSO, BCFD, NM State Police, and air support from AIR Care. AIR Care was first to arrive at the scene and reported a small Cessna Aircraft had indeed crashed approximately 5 Miles SW of Double Eagle II Airport and that two passengers in the plane were deceased. There was no need for fire protection and as a result fire crews cleared the scene. At that time the scene was turned over to NM State Police, APD, and BCSO for further investigation.

**10/23 - Flood Channel Rescue:** At approximately 6:52 a.m., AFR crews were dispatched to North bound Pan American Frwy for a flood channel rescue involving several civilians. Fire crews arrived on scene to find a total of 5 people in the arroyo that runs parallel to the Pan American Frwy, between Menaul and Candelaria. Two of those people were able to get themselves out of the arroyo on their own. Engine 19, Rescue 19, Ladder 4 and Rescue 4 were able to deploy a life safety rope attached with a flotation device and were able to successfully rescue the remaining three adults from the arroyo. A total of 21 units were dispatched to the incident site along with their perspective staging areas for this event. The 5 people that were extracted reported no injuries and they were all transported for observational purposes. There were no injuries to firefighters.

**10/28 - Low Level MCI MVA:** MVA at Lomas and Louisiana NE in fire district 5 involving 1 red, 2 yellow, and 7 green categorized patients.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

- 2018 INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA
- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
- NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6 - OCT. 12
- AFR STATION 5 COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE

1. STATION 16 HELPS EXTINGUISH A CHIMNEY FIRE.
2. STATION 5 ON SCENE OF A CAR FIRE.
3. MULTIPLE AGENCY FOOTHILL RESCUE IN ELENA GALLEGOS.
4. STATION 5 HELPS FIGHT A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE FIRE

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# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

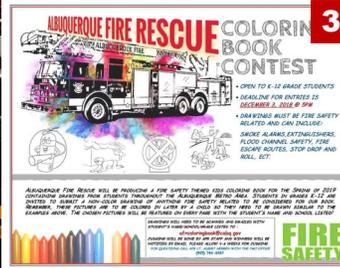


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1. STATIONS 17 AND 22 VISIT TIERRA ANTUQUA ELEMENTARY TO TEACH FIRE SAFETY.
2. STATION 20 GIVES CUB PAK 491 A STATION TOUR.
3. AFR WILL BE CREATING A NEW FIRE SAFETY COLORING BOOK USING DRAWINGS FROM ALBUQUERQUE STUDENTS.

### TRAINING | PUBLIC SAFETY



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### IN THE COMMUNITY

1. AFR AND APD HELP KICK OFF THE ANNUAL CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN.
2. AFR DOING ITS PART TO HELP KEEP THE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA SAFE FOR ALL VISITORS.
3. AFR AND IAFF LOCAL 244 SUPPORTED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS BY HELPING RAISE MONEY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WITH T-SHIRT SALES AND PROUDLY WORE THEM THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.
4. AFR STATION 5 HOSTED A "HAUNTED FIRE STATION" AND, WITH MANY DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS, WERE ABLE TO HAND OUT FREE COSTUMES TO CHILDREN WHILE PROVIDING A SAFE AND WELCOMING EVENT TO THE CITIZENS OF ALBUQUERQUE.
5. AFR MEMBERS HOSTING A RECRUITMENT TABLE AT LACUEVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR CAREER DAY.



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1. AGENCY LEADERS FROM ACROSS NM DEVELOPING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES PRIOR TO THE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA.
2. AFR PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING WITH PNM ON BALLOONING HAZARDS.
3. AFR STATION 8 REFRESHING ON FOOTHILL RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS, THEY ARE ALWAYS PREPARED.
4. AFR EXECUTIVE STAFF USING SIMULATORS AT THE AFR TRAINING ACADEMY FOR BLUE CARD CERTIFICATION FOR INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING.
5. A NEEDLE/SHARPS KIOSK PUT IN PLACE BY SEVERAL CITY AGENCIES IS CHECKED AFTER ONE MONTH OF SERVICE AND INDICATES THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING KEEP IMPROPERLY DISPOSED NEEDLES OFF THE STREETS AND OUT OF PUBLIC SPACES.

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE CHIEF'S MONTHLY BRIEFING

OCTOBER 2018 UPDATE BY FIRE CHIEF PAUL W. DOW

**Cadet Classes:** The 91st (Lateral Paramedic/Firefighter) Cadet Class graduated four new Firefighters on Friday, November 9th. The 92nd (Regular) Cadet Class has eighteen cadets that are scheduled to graduate on December 14th. We anticipate starting the next open enrollment period for the 93rd Cadet Class in January of 2019.

**Fleet Building:** While the loan to purchase a new Fleet Building was approved by the NM Finance Authority and City Council several weeks ago, the project has been delayed due to a utility easement dispute. However, we are optimistic that we have found a way around the issue and will continue to move forward with the purchase of this property.

**Grant Applications:** AFR has received several grants over the past few months and continues to apply for others.

- Captain Martin Salazar and Lt. Miguel Tittmann wrote an AFG grant for fifty SCBAs and the “Mind.Body.Fire” firefighter resiliency program. The total award for this grant was \$313,746. Captain Salazar also wrote a grant and was awarded \$44,652 from Andeavor. The scope of this grant is to enhance hazard air monitoring for hazardous materials and technical rescue. New monitors will be placed on all three squads, and the grant will also cover all necessary training requirements.
- Captain Jackie White, Lt. Mark Jaquez, and Driver Mike Schum wrote the 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant, and AFR was awarded \$116,806 for hazardous materials team typing. This project and the items requested will give the AFR Hazmat Team the ability to respond immediately within the jurisdiction as a Type I resource to a terrorist incident or catastrophic event. The threat of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) terrorist incident or catastrophic event is a high risk-low frequency incident in which we must be prepared. An immediate response is vital to the safety and protection of our first responders and the citizens we serve. A Type I Hazmat team’s quick response will enhance lifesaving capabilities, property conservation and environmental stabilization capabilities following a terrorist attack or catastrophic hazardous materials event. Several outside agencies also helped with this grant including FBI SA Green, 64th CST Capt Heather Bush, and NMDHSEM Donald Mathieson.
- BC Christopher Ortiz wrote a grant for the FY19 EMS Fund Act and received \$19,941 for the purchase of a new simulation manikin for the AFR Training Division.
- We also received the FY19 NM Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$89,824.50. With this funding, AFR will purchase 800 PGI Cobra Barriare Gold complete particulate flash hoods and 145 structural helmets. Every member of AFR will be issued a new flash hood, and the remainder will be placed into the flash hood exchange program. The helmets will be used to replace helmets that have reached their expiration per NFPA 1851. Several members worked on this grant including Capt. Kris Romero, Capt. Jarred Baldwin, Lt. Daniel French, DC Adam Eakes, and DC Emily Jaramillo.

**New Apparatus:** Using money from our 2017 GO Bond, we recently purchased Pierce Velocity Custom 105` Heavy-Duty aerial apparatus. This truck will replace Ladder 5, as a much-needed addition to our fleet. The configuration of this apparatus will provide consistency with our existing Pierce aerials of this type and the confidence of durability that we have experienced from this manufacturer. New Ladder 5 will arrive with a Cummins X15, 600 horsepower engine to meet the demands of the district in which it will serve. The expected build time is approximately 11-months. We are also in the process of finalizing the purchase for an Engine apparatus that will replace Engine 17.

**Fire Station Interstitial Spaces:** One of our primary goals is to improve firefighter safety within the Albuquerque Fire Rescue. With cancer becoming more prevalent in the fire service, we felt it was appropriate to identify and address any preventable carcinogen exposure to AFR personnel. Utilizing money from our 2017 GO Bond, we constructed interstitial spaces between the apparatus bay and station living quarters in each of our 22 firehouses. This will further help to contain apparatus exhaust outside of crew quarters. We started this project several months ago and will complete the last firehouse in the next few days.

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**Fire Marshal's Office:** Throughout the year, the Albuquerque Fire Rescue Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) performs over 7,000 initial and re-inspections of businesses and reviews over 3,500 initial building plans for new businesses. These inspections and plan reviews are done while continuing to work with the community and provide public education programs. FMO is a significant component of the city's business community, and our goal is to improve our ability to serve the community. Over the last few months, we implemented the following improvements to advance the service we provide:

- **Improved Communication** – FMO has issued cell phones to each inspector. Before this, each inspector only had a landline at the central office. This made communication with the business community frustrating and confusing. Our inspectors now can communicate and answer questions from business owners in a timely manner. They are also able to download building plans, confirm payments and reference documents away from the central office. FMO will also change the process to notify each business before an inspection. We will provide them with a list of the most common types of violations and the form that will be used to inspect the building. We are optimistic this will decrease the minor violations found during the inspection and improve our relationship with the business community.
- **New Software Program** – Our current process of completing fire inspections on paper and then handing the customer a carbon copy is archaic. Often times, the business owner misplaces these documents, and there is a lack of accountability by both parties. The post inspection instructions provided to the business owner may be confusing to read on the paper copy, and it is problematic to track the inspections in our current database. FMO will move away from the current paper copies to a digital inspection software program. We are beta testing programs now and will select one soon. With today's technology, there is no reason that a business owner should not receive a professional document, via email, that explains any fire code violations and how to correct them properly.
- **Improved Consistency and Standardization** – While the men and women assigned to FMO perform at a very high level, the majority of the day-to-day operational knowledge is not written down. There is little to no process for which new members can learn from or for reference, other than the Fire Code itself. This results in some inconsistencies in the application of the Fire Code and the subsequent frustration from the public. By relying so heavily on institutional knowledge, it has become difficult to remain consistent over time and to identify areas of improvement. With eighteen inspectors visiting businesses throughout the city on a daily basis, maintaining consistency is something that is hard. Each business has its own set of unique problems and challenges. The best way to be as consistent as possible is by placing systematic checklists and guidelines for all inspectors to follow. The office is currently working on building over 40 different checklists and SOGs to improve our efficiency.
- **Billing** – Currently the Fire Marshal's Office sends inspection and permits bills out by mail and the businesses are expected to pay by check or money order. This is not efficient or business-friendly. We are currently working with City IT to provide an online payment platform that will improve our ability to track payments and simplify the payment process for our businesses.

**Fire Investigation Division (Arson):** Over the last year, the AFR Fire Investigation Division has been working closely with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to provide additional resources to the division. By the end of this year, we will have a K9 as a member of AFR and assigned to the Arson Division. This K9 will be trained to detect even the minutest traces of accelerants that may have been used to start or accelerate the process of fire. As part of the K9 team, we will be gaining two federal commissions for Investigators that are already assigned to our Arson Division. This federal commission will come via the ATF and will enhance our already robust division.

In November, the Office of the Super Intendant will swear in the entire office. With this commission, we will become part of the statewide auto theft task force. We will be utilized to assist on large loss vehicle fires, as well as used as eyes and ears for potential "fire for hire" (arsonist for hire) suspects. Within the past few months, vehicle insurance rates throughout the state have gone down as a result of this team's hard work.

Another program we are incredibly excited about is the Youth Fire Awareness Program (YFAP), which will help us educate and correct behavior. While working with the Juvenile Probation, Parole Office, and APS Police, we will be able to provide counseling resources and services to the youth in need. The program is a referral-based program that intends to educate the troubled youth and keep close track of their progress throughout the program. Depending on the reason for the referral, a specific and focused intervention program will be created to match each individual's needs. This is a valuable program that our community needs. In just in the past five months, we have had several incidents caused by youth fire setters including: a 4-year-old that left himself and one other in the hospital due to lighting a fire, several playgrounds that have been damaged, a single-family dwelling that burnt to the ground, Heart Hospital was evacuated due to a youth fire setter, and classes were postponed at Manzano High School when a teen lit a bathroom on fire. There is a massive need for this program, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to educate and make a difference in these kids' lives.

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**Additional Fire Funding:** As you know, the annual NM Fire Fund distribution for AFR is over 2.3 million dollars. This funding is critical for the department’s operational needs. The NM FMO historically recognized fire Station 18 as a sub-station. By adding a third apparatus and making several modifications to the interior of the building, we believed Station 18 should qualify as a main-station. A few weeks ago, the NM FMO evaluated our changes and approved Station 18 to go from a sub-station to a main station. This will increase our annual NM Fire Fund distribution an additional \$71,800. We have also started the process to convert Fire Station 8 from a sub-station to a main station. While this will require extra planning to build a separate storage building on site for a third apparatus, we are optimistic that the changes will improve our operational response and annual funding.

**Real Men Wear Pink (RMWP) Campaign:** This was a very successful campaign, and our firefighters worked together to raise thousands of dollars for a worthy cause. I appreciate the support and leadership of our IAFF Local 244 Executive staff. It was incredible to see all of our Firefighters wearing pink t-shirts during the month of October. We will work to make this an annual tradition, and I encourage each of you to submit a t-shirt design for next year’s shirt.

**Wildland REM Team:** Utilizing the money AFR received from several wildland deployments this year, we will purchase new equipment for the wildland division. This includes equipment to implement a new Rapid Extraction Module (REM) Team and minor repairs to our current wildland fleet. REM Teams are essentially Rapid Intervention Teams for the wildland setting. This equipment consists of a pickup, ATV, trailer and technical rescue equipment. Members assigned to the REM team must meet specific wildland and technical rescue qualifications. More information on training opportunities will be forthcoming.

**New home for H.E.A.R.T.:** Two more members of the H.E.A.R.T. started this week. We will move the members of the H.E.A.R.T. team, which includes two Drivers, two Lieutenants, and the Captain from the Fire Academy to the John Marshall building at 1500 Walter SE. City Social Services are already provided out of this facility, and the team will benefit from the additional networking opportunities as well as the more centralized location.

**Social Media:** As many of you already know we have dramatically improved the way we market ourselves on social media. The men and women of AFR provide outstanding service to this community on a daily basis. We are proud to highlight this utilizing the regular media and our social media accounts. We now have over 2,000 followers on Instagram and 8,000 followers on Facebook.

**Fire Station 5 Haunted House:** This city’s Firefighters are a tangible example of this community’s compassion for one another. Last month’s Fire Station 5 Haunted House and Carnival was a perfect example of this. Once again, our Firefighters, along with their families and friends, demonstrated to this community that they are willing to share their time and resources to help those that are less fortunate. While I have always been impressed with the work that our Firefighters do every day – your efforts over the past few weeks blew me away. The hours of planning and organizing resulted in a memorable evening for those who attended. I appreciate everyone’s effort to make this happen, including; IAFF Local 244 for their generous donations, the surrounding stations covering for Station 5 to build and operate the event, the APD officers involvement and contributions, the local business donations, the firefighters who constructed sets and games, along with all of the other members of AFR and their families who made this event a success. I also would like to acknowledge the leadership and dedication of Lieutenant Will McMullen, Captain Carlos Otero, Battalion Chief Santos Garcia, and Battalion Chief Zar Horton. You inspire all of us to step outside of our comfort zones and attempt something new. Please continue to challenge yourselves to make this a better department and community.

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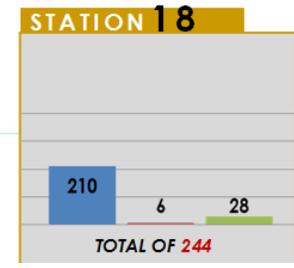
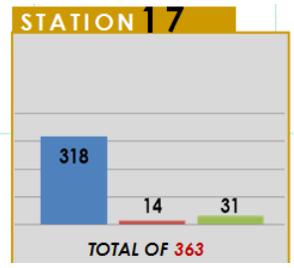
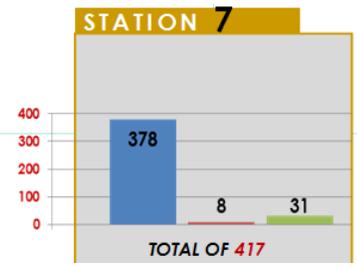
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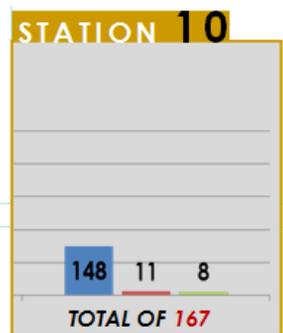
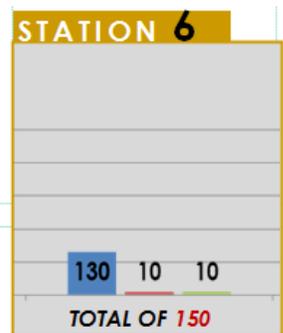
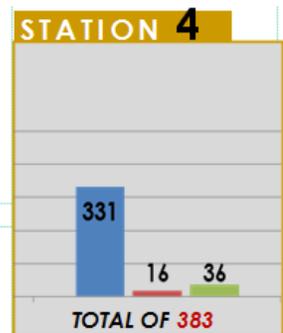
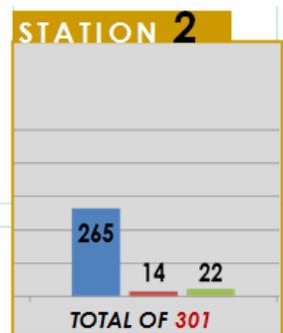
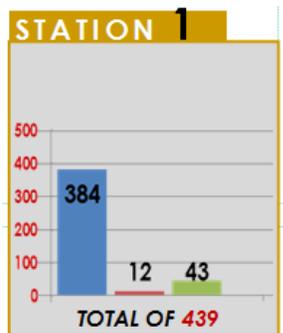
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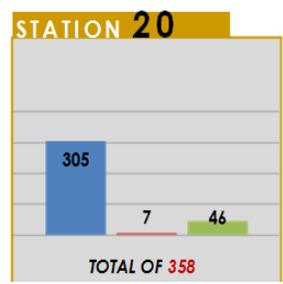
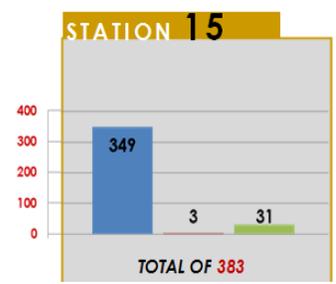
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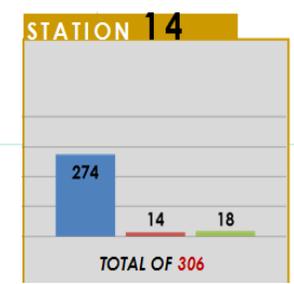
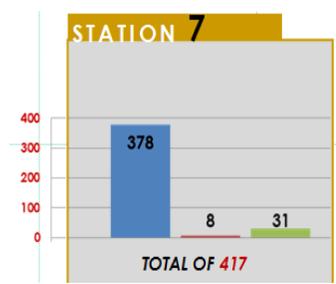
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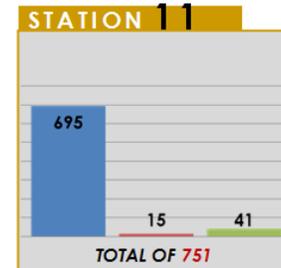
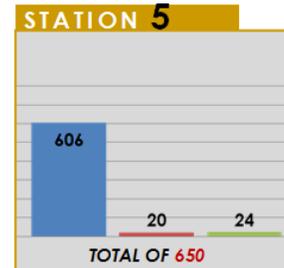
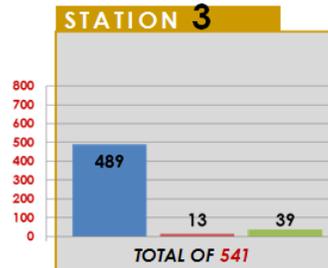




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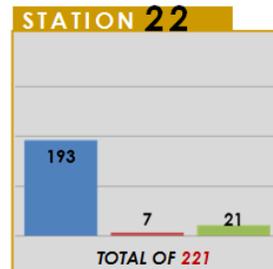
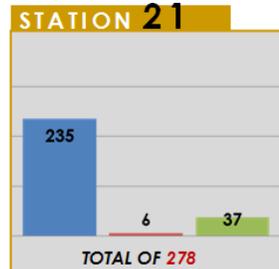
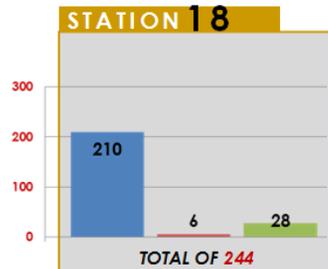
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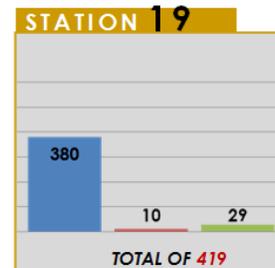
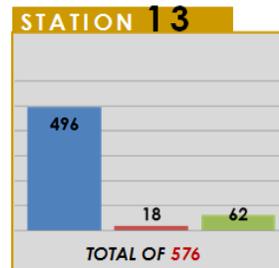
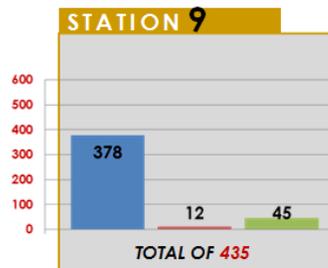
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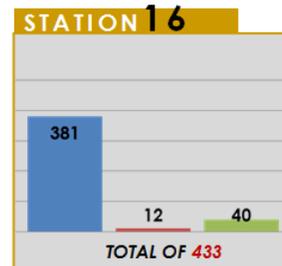
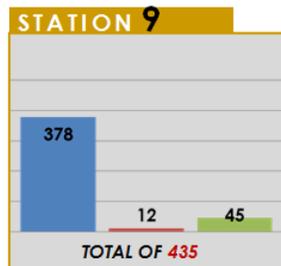
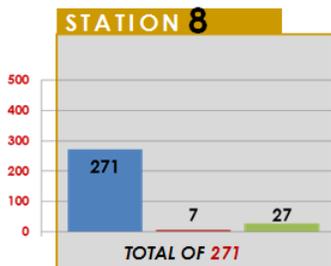
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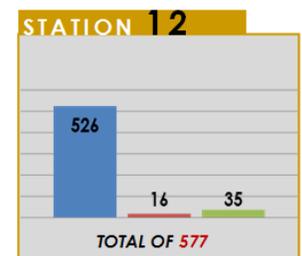
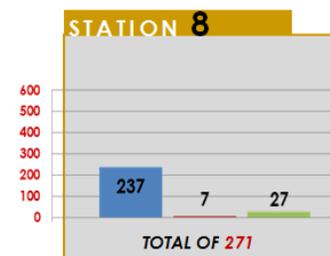


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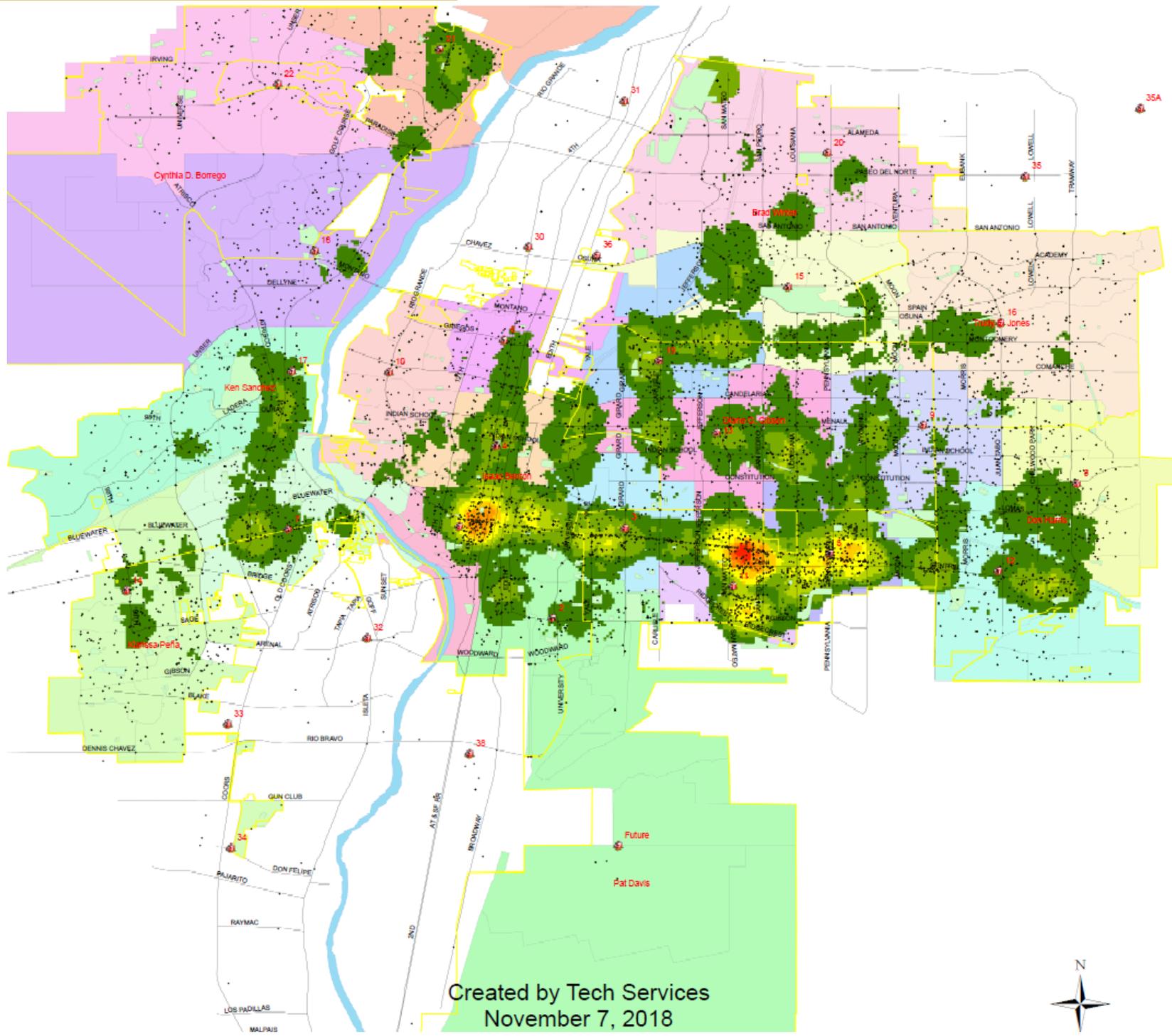
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