

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2016 ANNUAL REPORT





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Board Members:

On behalf of the members of the Rescue Fire Protection District, I am pleased to bring you our Annual Report for 2016.

As you review this report you will see that the Firefighting and Administrative Staff of the Rescue Fire Protection District continue to go above and beyond for the Citizens they serve. Even with continued financial pressures the personnel have overcome many obstacles to meet the challenges of increased call demand both locally and to our automatic aid neighbors.

To meet these ever increasing demands for service the Department continues to lead efforts in collaborating with El Dorado Hills Fire Department, and the County to enhance services for our residents, gain efficiencies for our operations, increase safety for our Firefighters, and advocate for sustainable funding solutions for our future.

The information provided in this report highlights the exceptional work accomplished by our firefighters and staff on a daily basis, but what is difficult to capture in statistics is the care, compassion, and Community pride that each member of the Department exhibit on each and every call for service. I am extremely proud to be part of this organization, and look forward to working collaboratively toward our future.

I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C Roberts, Fire Chief

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RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2016 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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Jodi Martin

INTERNS

FIREFIGHTERS

Geno D'Angelo

Aaron Darling

Kurtis Durnall

Ryan Fritzler

Alex Headley-Garcia

Tim Kerwood

Austin Reed

Jordan Schantz

Jonathan Szulman

Justin VanLeuven

Brad Willock

*Shared-Service Agreement with El Dorado Hills Fire Department

**Paramedic

ADMINISTRATIVE

In 2016, the District held a test for Firefighter/Paramedic due to Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Adams leaving for Sacramento City Fire. We had many qualified candidates and hired Isaac English as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in November. Isaac previously worked at Rescue as both a Volunteer and Apprentice/Firefighter. We were also able to establish a hiring list in anticipation of receiving funding from the County to hire Apprentice/Firefighters. The County has a workgroup dealing with long-term funding issues for local Fire Districts.

The District is seeing a slow recovery of the housing market which has led to an increase in Property Tax revenue. This increase is not enough to off-set the loss of "Aid-To-Fire" funding. The District also will see a 50% increase in CalPERS contributions over the next five years. The fiscal year 2015-2016 audit was completed and the District received no recommendations for corrections. The MOU with the Rescue Professional Firefighters Association was renegotiated and will run from July 2016 through June 2019.

The Rescue Historical Society held a Historical Faire in May and asked permission to hold the Faire on District grounds and have tours of Station 83 as well as the Rose Springs Literary Society Hall. Captain Jones and Firefighter Balak did an excellent job of cleaning up and clearing out the upstairs area in the R.S.L.S. Hall and the Historical Society and community members appreciated being able to tour the former meeting space.

On a sad note, retired Chief Bill Knoop passed away in 2016 and his family asked to hold his memorial service at Station 83. The District opened the station to the family and friends of Chief Knoop and his memorial service was well attended.

Administrative Assistant Highlights:

- ✓ Obtained EMT license.
- ✓ Provided 9 car seat checks at Station 83 as well as at community check-up events.
- ✓ Taught 24 BLS students, 21 Pediatric CPR/1st Aid students, 12 Heartsaver 1st Aid students, 5 Heartsaver CPR students.
- ✓ Continued to provide administrative services to the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council.
- ✓ Continued to act as clerk for El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association Fire Ops committee.
- ✓ Participated with the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Santa Run.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Annual maintenance was done on all District vehicles. E83 was out of service for many months for repairs due to issues from the accident it was involved in in 2014 it also received new tires.

Late in 2016 the responsibility for scheduling vehicle maintenance was moved to El Dorado Hills as part of our Shared Services agreement.

PREVENTION

El Dorado Hills Fire Department took over Prevention as part of our Shared Services agreement. While District staff continues to provide service to our community for things like Knox locks, smoke detector checks and public education El Dorado Hills is providing plan checks, tank inspections, driveway reviews and other services. Some of the services El Dorado Hills provided were:

- Eden Vale Inn
 - Conceptual Reviews for expansion approved by fire. These reviews will be a part of a sale package as the property is being sold.
- DeVille Parcel Split off of Sierra Vista Lane
- Rossbach Parcel Split off of Choopim Lane
- Mountain Express Office & Storage – New Building and expansion of existing garage/workshop
- Green Valley Mortuary – Solar, Fire Alarm, Building expansion, Hood system
- Arrowbee Lake Verizon Cell Tower
- Rescue Church of Christ – TI plan review
- 19 Water Tank & Draft Hydrant plan reviews and installations

Submitted by Jodi Martin, Administrative Assistant

INTERNS

The intern firefighters of The Rescue Fire Department saw another dynamic year in 2016. We have added some new faces to the roster. We have bid farewell to some old friends. We raised money for our program as well as for charity. We ran more calls than ever before and we did it all with professionalism, pride and integrity.



Even though recruitment was difficult, our new personnel have proven themselves as capable firefighters. Jordan Schantz joined the ranks in July. He came to us with experience and training from the US Air Force. Jordan hit the ground running. He was fireline tested on a hose lay straight up the side of the cut bank on Lotus Rd. He scaled the cliff and made access for the rest of the incoming crews. Jordan continues to earn his keep with hard work and dedication.

Ryan Fritzler was added to the lineup in September. His resume includes NFPA Firefighter I & II certifications from Portland Community College. Ryan also saw action early in his internship responding with C Shift to a vegetation fire near Greenwood. Ryan's motivation and strong interpersonal skills have landed him a paid spot on an ambulance working as an EMT in Tahoe. Despite working in Tahoe, Ryan manages to complete his monthly quota of hours with Rescue. His experience in Tahoe has made him a more valuable asset to Rescue Fire.



Alexander Headley-Garcia came to us in November with training through the Sacramento Fire Department's reserve program. Alex showed great promise as a firefighter. His training and experience proved valuable just before Christmas at a well involved barn fire on Old Rock Bridge. E383 was first in at 5am. Alex handled an attack line while Engineer Paper took command and Firefighter Balak maintained water supply and pump operations. Alex was offered a career spot at Sacramento Fire. He was granted a leave of absence from Rescue while he attends the academy.

2016 saw the end of a long time volunteer career when Donnie Wylie turned in his gear. Donnie spent over 20 years with Rescue as both a firefighter and Engineer. Donnie responded to countless fires at the helm of WT83. Whenever Donnie rolled in on the tender there was a little bit of relief. We had water and a capable operator. Donnie's service will be missed. We wish him well in his life after fire.

The Interns of Rescue Fire participated in several successful fundraisers in 2016. We sold Christmas trees and pumpkins to assist the RVFA. The parking lot behind the station was transformed into a food truck haven, and a thermal imaging camera was purchased with the proceeds. We were out in force for the Fill The Boot for Burns Boot Drive to benefit the FireFighters Burn Institute. Over \$10,000 was raised.

We will continue to strive for greatness in 2017, moving forward to train with the latest information to improve the service to the people of Rescue.

Submitted by Intern Coordinator Thomas Balak, Firefighter Paramedic

TRAINING



This year training was delivered through the El Dorado Hills Fire Department. The Training Division has committed to maintaining a high skill level of Department personnel and is committed to meeting industry standards for training. For example, the ISO (Insurance Service Office) industry standard requires twenty hours of fire based training per month. This is accomplished through single engine company and multi-company drills encompassing everything from hose evolutions and vehicle extrication to wildland fire drills. The division is also focusing on continuous medical training for the crews so they are current on new concepts and techniques.

Training is generated and assigned by the Training/EMS Chief with the assistance of the Training Administrative Assistant. With oversight by the Shift Battalion Chiefs, it is the Captains' responsibility to complete the training with their crews. The Training Division provides a global training calendar for the year to give the crews an idea of the scheduled training to come. Each month, a detailed list with instructions is assigned with specific training objectives. This schedule ensures the division is meeting the industry standards for training while meeting the crews personal training needs.

The El Dorado County Training Officers has opted not to host a volunteer academy this year, and going forward it seems that they will team with the Georgetown/Garden Valley academy.

Combining training with El Dorado Hills Fire Department has been of great benefit to the Department. I hope that this partnership continues to grow in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Submitted by Training Officer Brett Jones, Captain/Paramedic

Sample Monthly Calendar



Monthly Training Detail

August 2016



Company Officer Responsibility

Skills Proficiency: Assigned in Target Solutions

- Drill 1 – Extrication Review Assigned
 - Review the Power Point as a crew and discuss as you go. This should take 1 ½ - 2 hours to complete with adequate discussion. Review before any hands on training.
- Drill 2 – Vehicle Extrication Single Company (Location Station 86)
 - In full safety gear perform the following task.
 - Full door removal
 - Roof removal
 - Dash Roll or Dash Lift
- Drill 3 – Vehicle Stabilization Rescue 42's (Location Station 86)
 - In full safety gear, stabilize two of the given scenarios when you arrive at 86.
- Drill 4 – Vehicle Extrication Multi-Company (Location Station 86)
 - In full safety gear perform the following task.
 - Extrication needed for patient removal.
- Drill 5 – Crosslay Deployment for Vehicle Fire (Location TBD by Captain)
 - In full safety gear perform the following task
 - Deploy crosslay for fighting a vehicle fire on the freeway.
 - Deploy the line within the lane you are working in to reduce the danger to crews working on the road.
 - Provide for safest parking for given scenario. (uphill, upwind, traffic, etc.)
 - Repeat until proficient.

Policy Review: Auto-Assigned in Target Solutions

- Operational Priority
- Apparatus Storage/Deployment Plan
- Apparatus Out of Service
- Apparatus Maintenance & Property Accountability

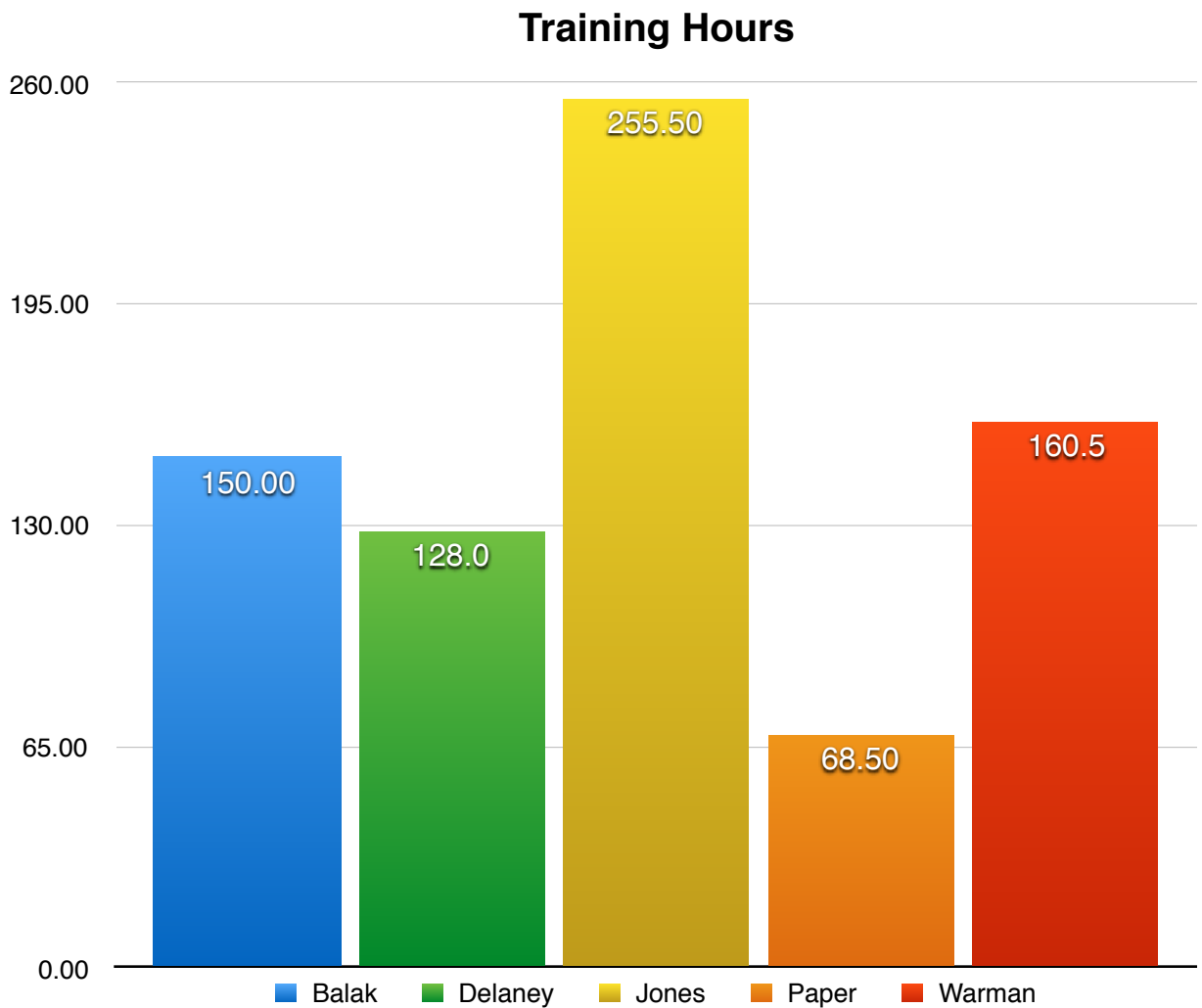
Safety Briefs: Auto-Assigned in Target Solutions

- Discuss safety concerns for vehicle shut down at accident.
- Discuss safety concerns for vehicle fires.

HIGHLIGHTS

Training Events Where Rescue Personnel Participated

- EDH/RES MCI Drill
- National Fire Academy attendance
- Auto extrication (EDH)
- River access familiarization in RES
- EDH/RES LARRO drill
- Annual Wildland Refresher RT130 Training along with wildland safety and fitness



FACILITIES

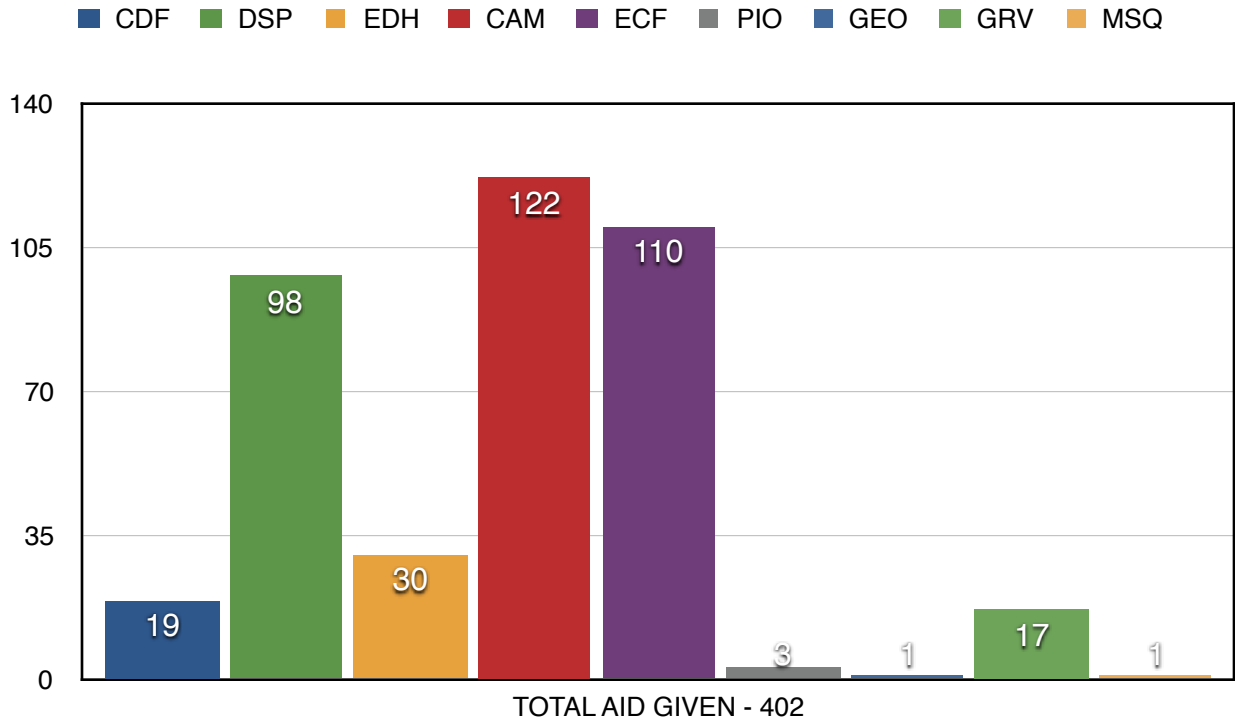
On Halloween night 2016, a large oak tree fell on the RSLS Hall causing approximately \$30,000 in damage to the building and also damaged one employee's vehicle. Since this incident we have had all the trees on the property inspected and pruned. We are planning to remove one large oak tree near the fire station flag pole in the spring.

Future plans for the District facilities include exterior painting, window replacement, new stair railing, and a new post office floor.

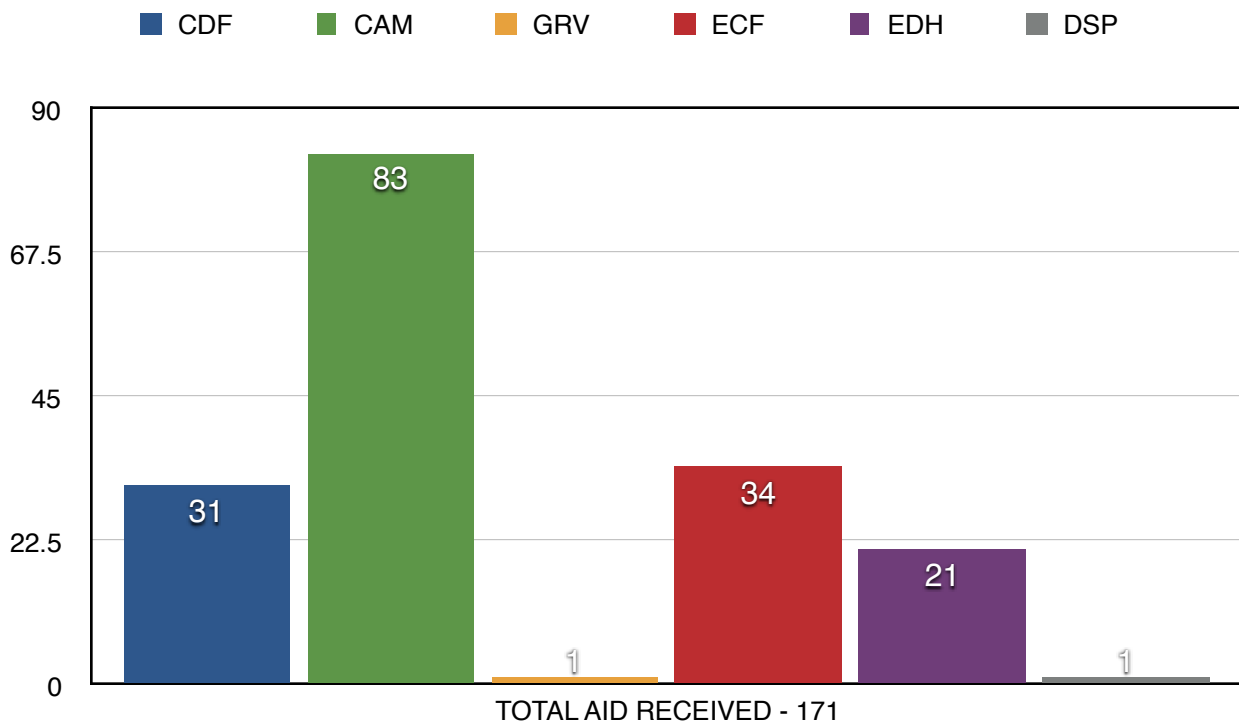


Submitted by Facilities Manager Chris Paper, Engineer/Paramedic

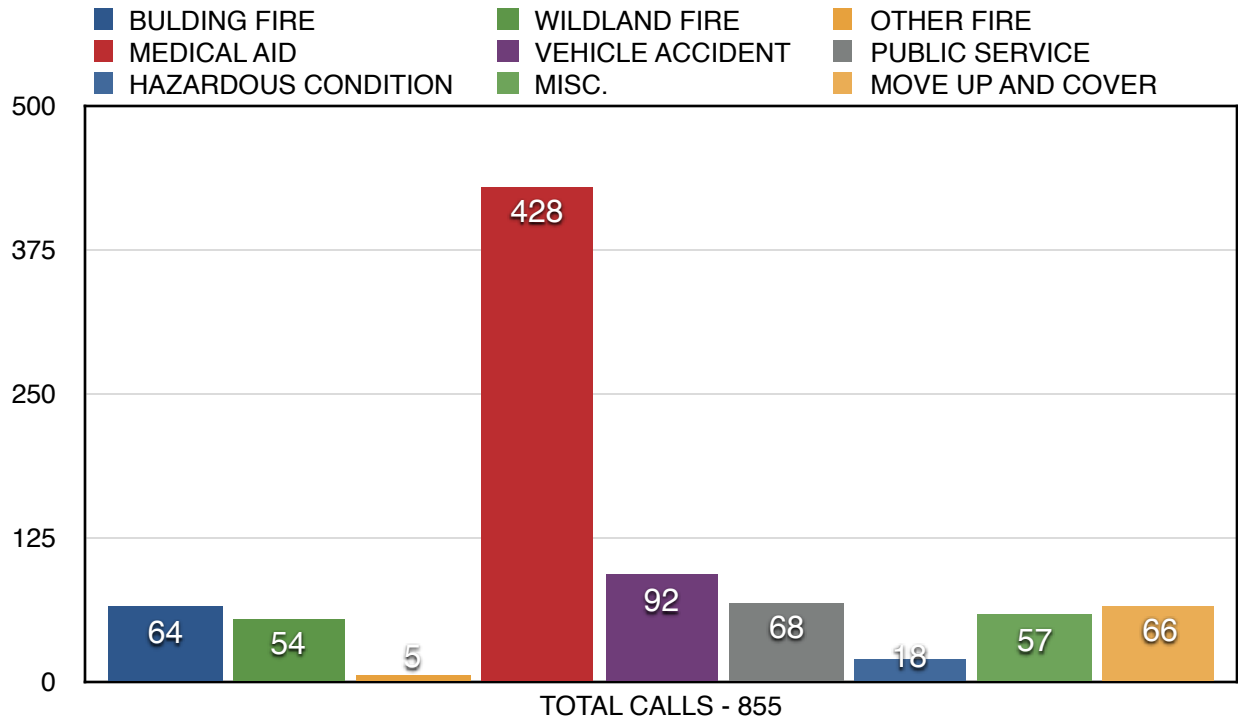
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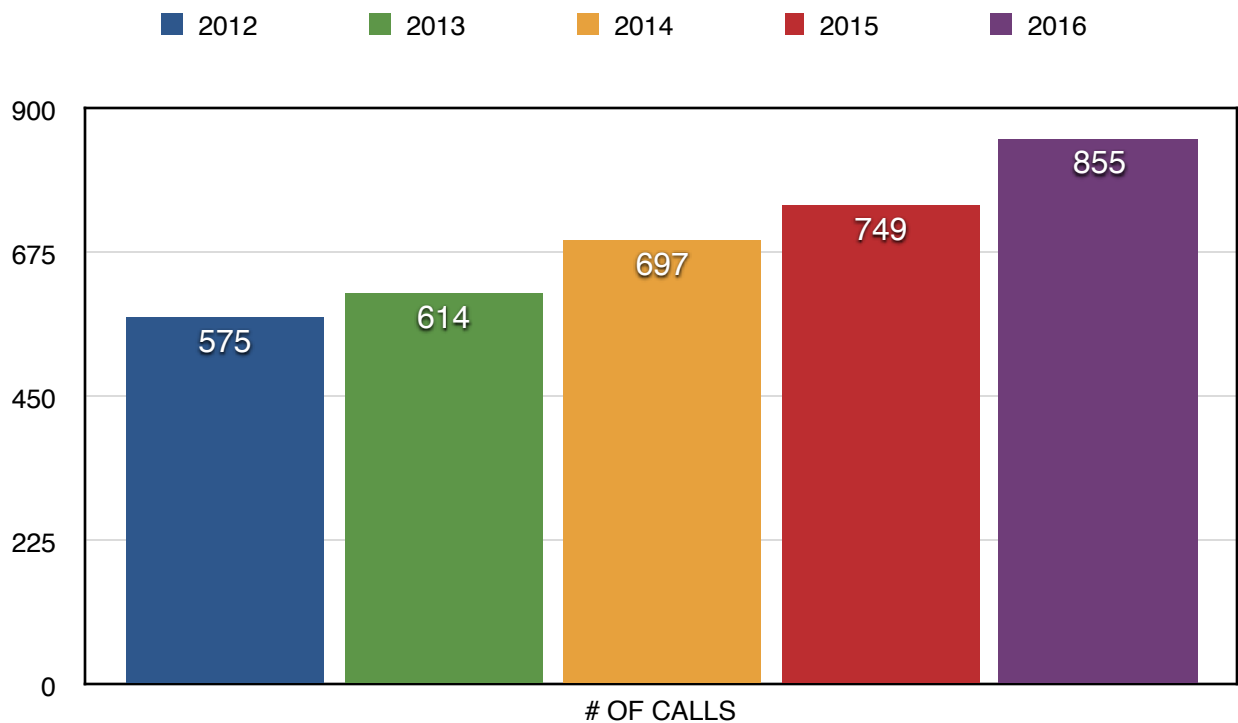
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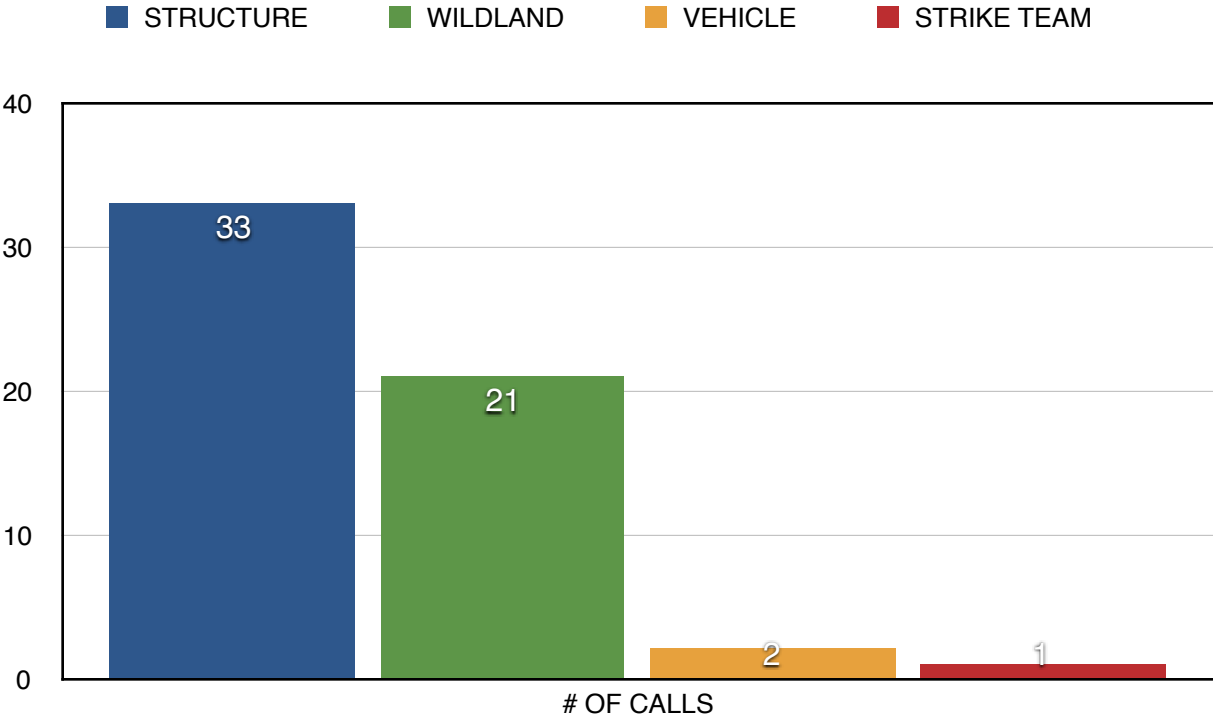
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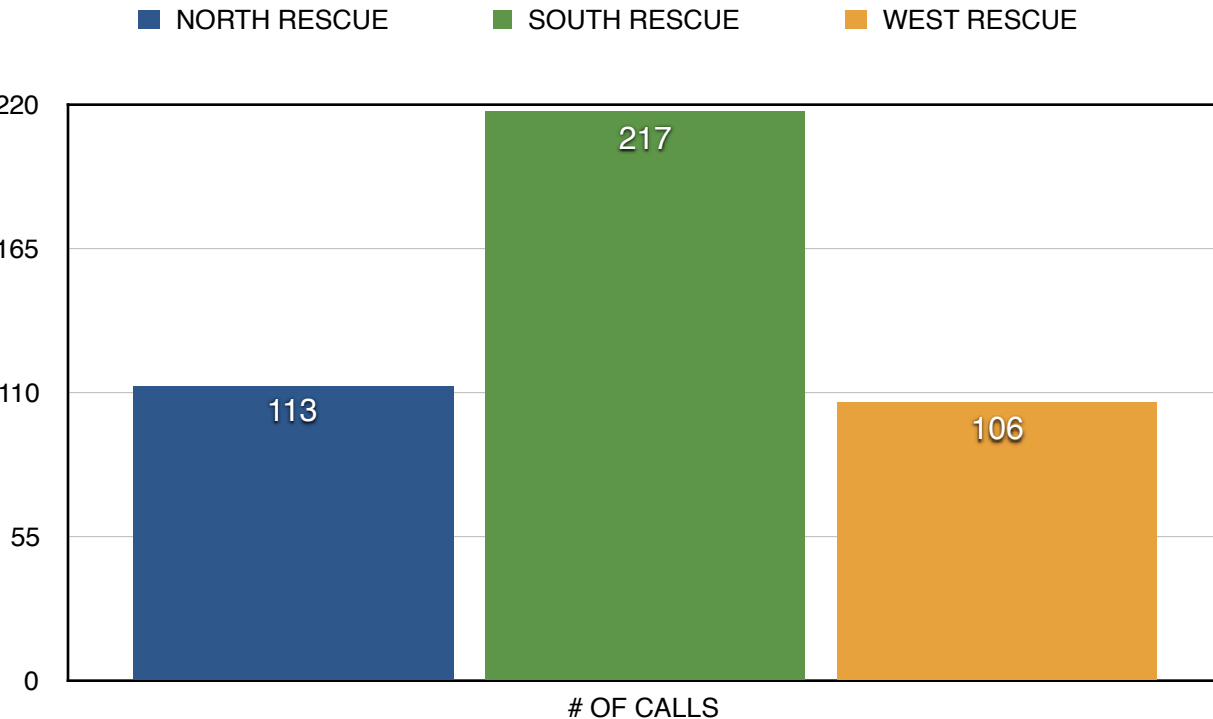
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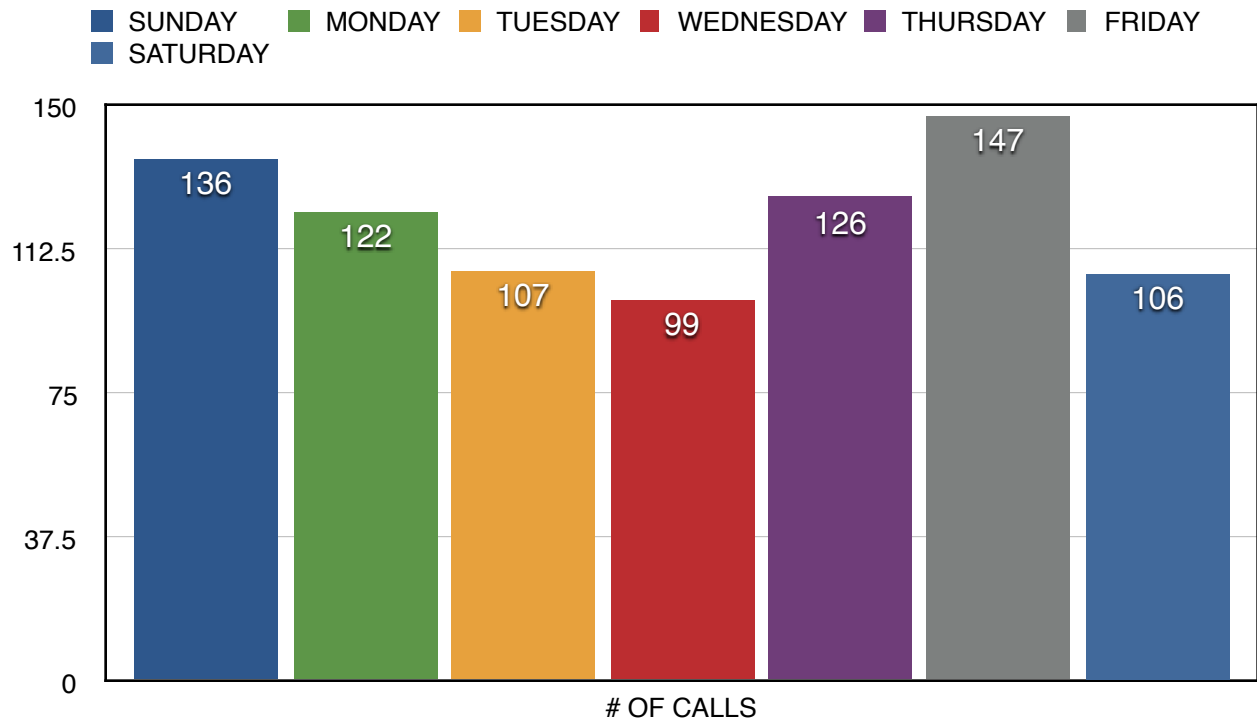
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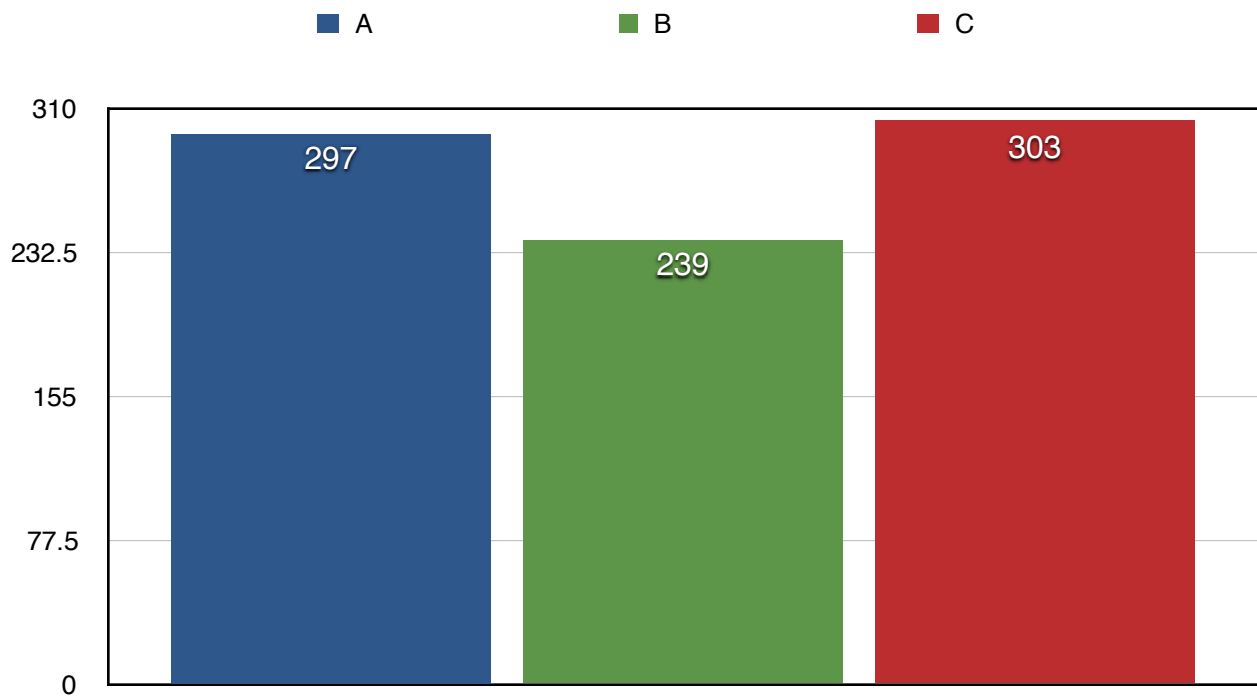
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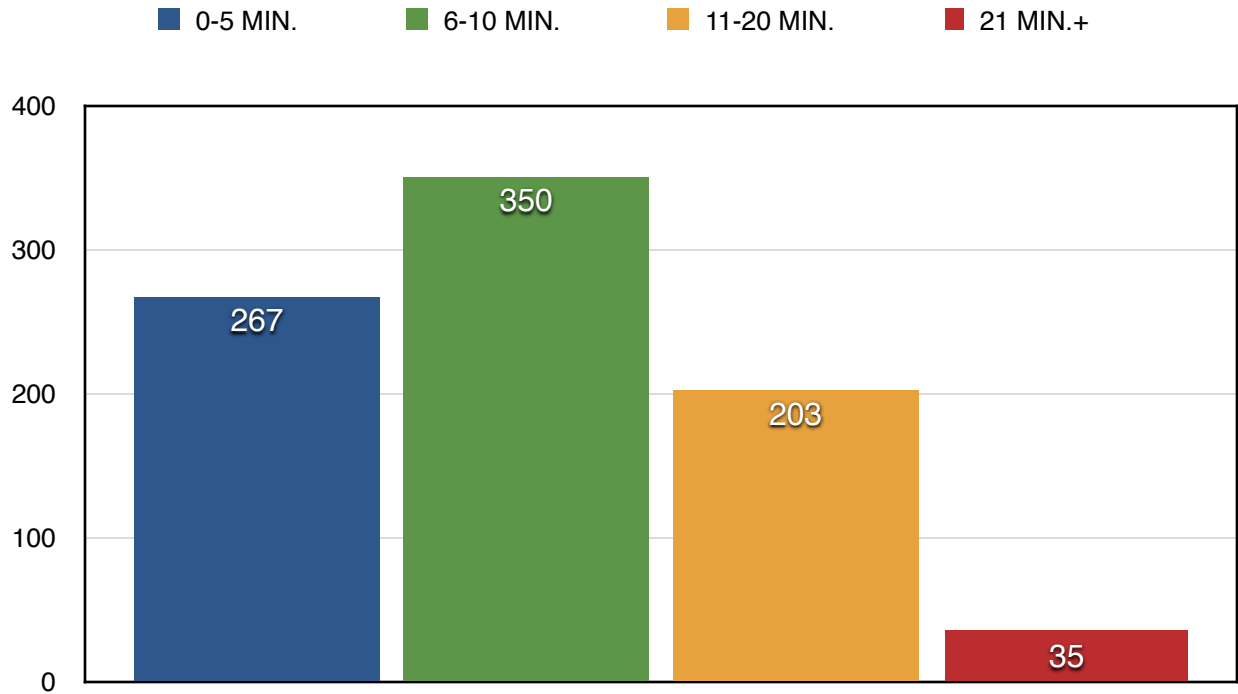
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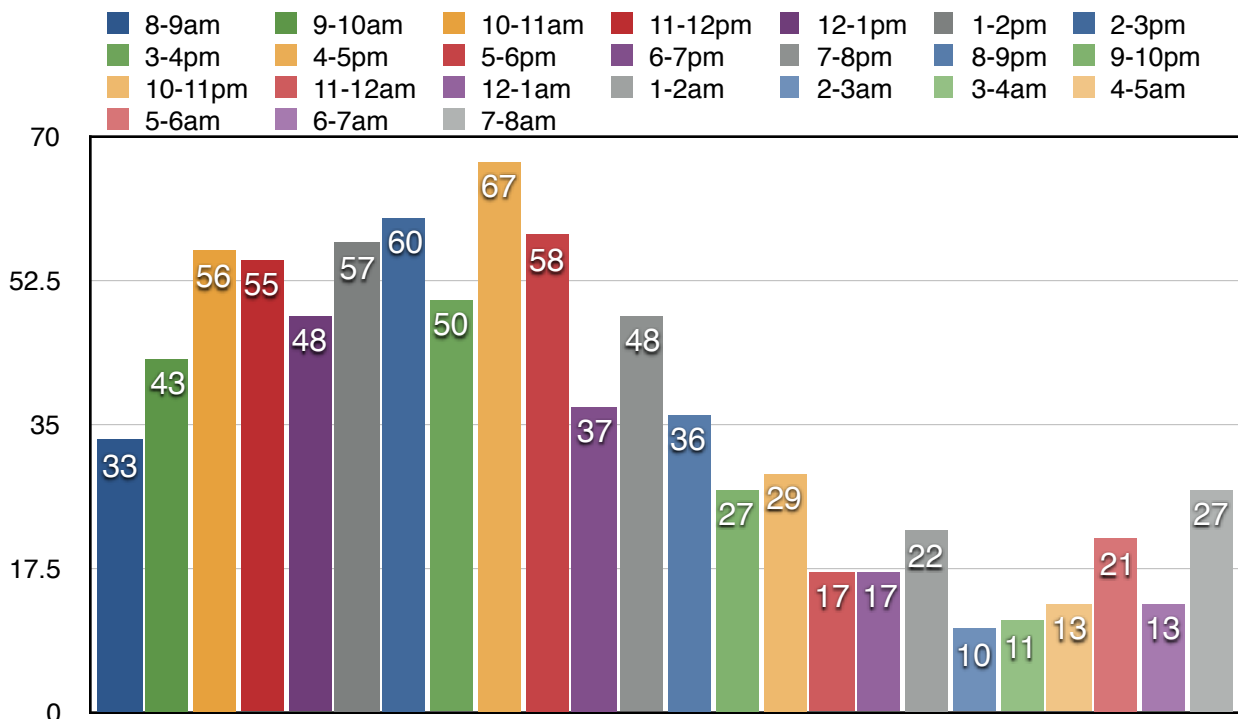
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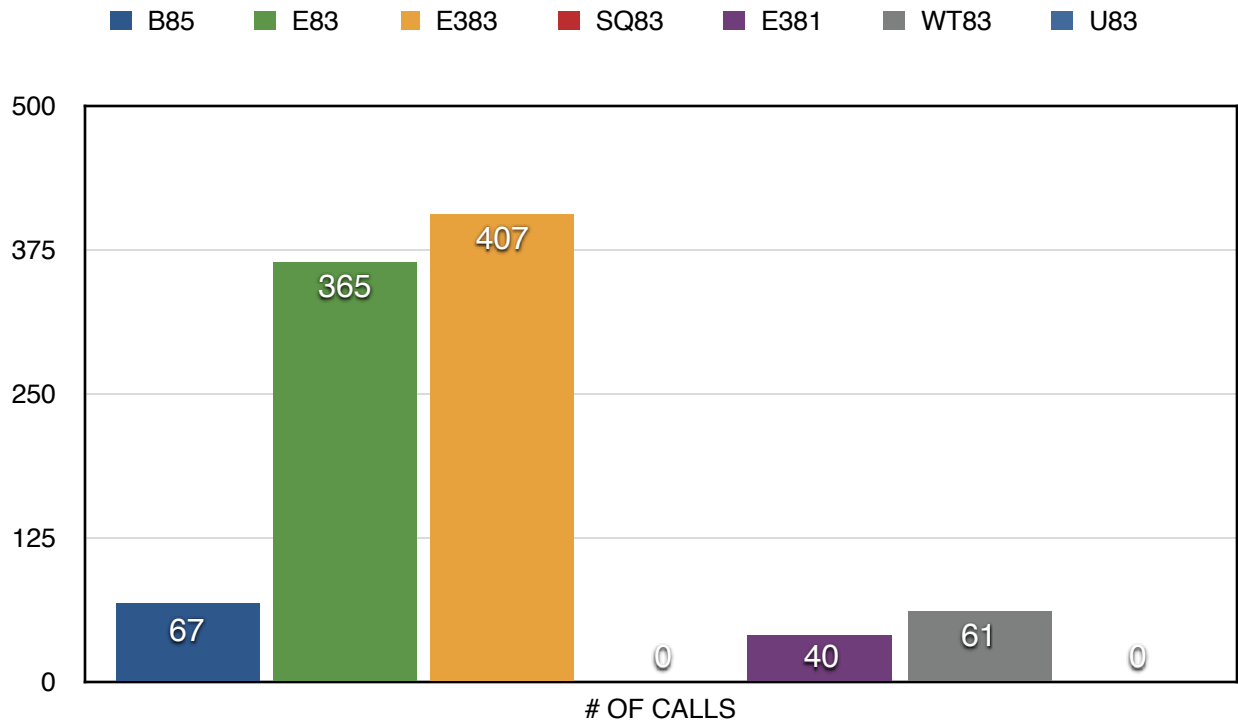
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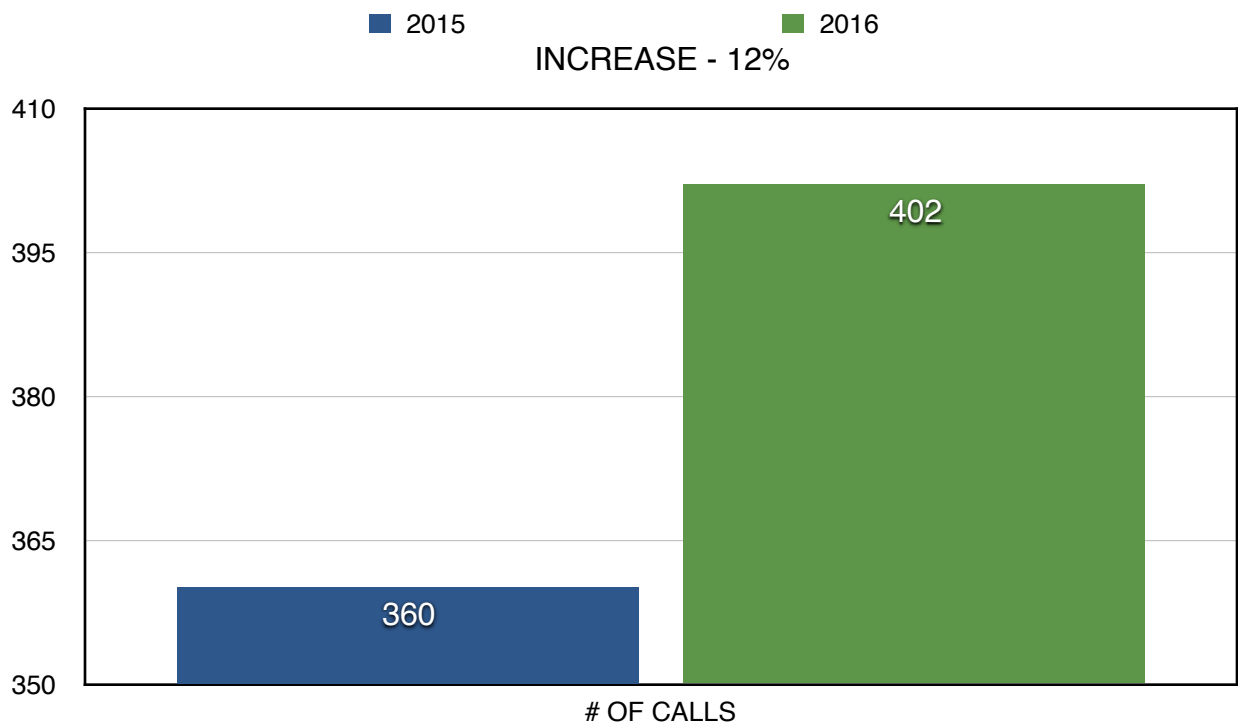
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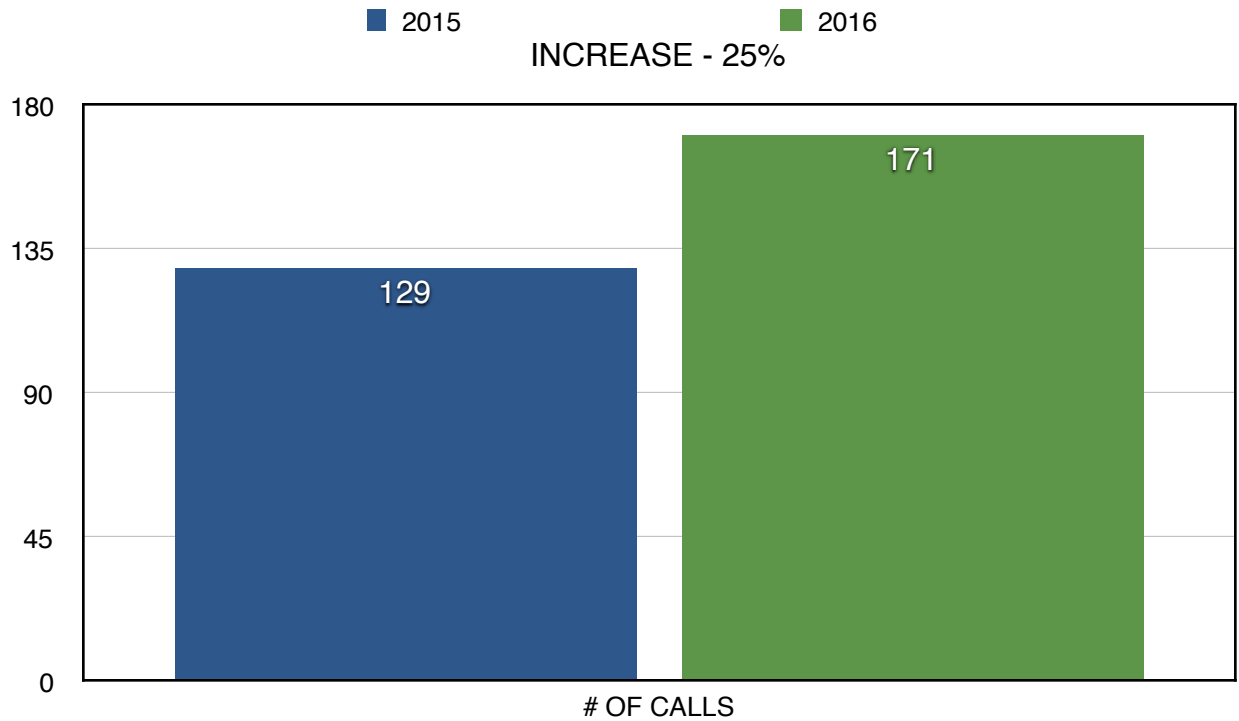
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2015/2016 AUTOMATIC AID RECEIVED



2015/2016 INCIDENTS BY AREA

