

Cleveland Fire Department

Monthly Report – July 2026

Executive Summary

The Cleveland Fire Department continued its momentum throughout July by responding to emergencies, investing in firefighter training, strengthening leadership, and serving the community through numerous outreach events. Personnel responded to **135 emergency incidents** during the month, bringing the year-to-date total to **922 responses**. While call volume has nearly matched the record pace set in 2025, the department continues to manage a significantly higher workload than just a few years ago.

July also marked several important organizational milestones, including the promotion of **Assistant Chief Stephen Sears** to a full-time leadership role, the successful completion of Georgia's first NPQ Vehicle Extrication Technician course, continued transition into the new fire headquarters, and several community service initiatives that reinforced the department's commitment to serving the citizens of Cleveland.

1. Emergency Response Statistics

Emergency Responses

- **135 incidents during July**
- **922 incidents year-to-date**
- EMS responses accounted for **61.5%** of all calls.
- Fire incidents represented **3.0%** of responses.
- Hazardous materials responses accounted for **5.9%**.
- Other service calls accounted for **29.6%**.

Response Area

July showed a positive shift in response distribution:

- **65.2%** of emergency responses occurred within the City of Cleveland.
- **23.7%** occurred in the Automatic Aid area outside city limits.

This represents a significant improvement from previous months and reflects a more balanced distribution of emergency responses while continuing to support our regional partners.

2. Operations

Apparatus Status

- Engine 21 remains the department's primary response engine and responded to **110 incidents** during July.
 - Truck 21 responded to **27 incidents** and remains fully operational.
 - Utility 21 responded to **2 incidents**.
 - Command vehicle responded to **2 incidents**.
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3. Personnel

One of the department's most significant accomplishments this month was the promotion of **Stephen Sears** to **Assistant Chief of Training / Fire Marshal**.

Assistant Chief Sears has played an instrumental role in expanding department training, establishing the Fire Marshal Division, and enhancing community risk reduction efforts. His promotion reflects both his dedication and the department's continued investment in developing strong leadership from within.

Congratulations to Assistant Chief Sears on this well-earned promotion.

The department also proudly recognized **Firefighter Will LaPree** as the **2026 Cleveland Fire Department Firefighter of the Year**.

Will's commitment to the department, professional development, and willingness to serve wherever needed exemplify the values of the Cleveland Fire Department. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

4. Training

Training remained a major priority throughout July.

Department personnel completed approximately **399 documented training hours**, including:

- NPQ Vehicle Extrication Technician
- Officer Development
- Driver/Pump Operations
- Company Training

- Fire Inspections
- Building Construction
- Aerial Operations
- Confined Space Awareness
- Handling Flammable and Combustible Liquid Incidents

A major highlight was the successful completion of the **NPQ Vehicle Extrication Technician** course.

This nationally recognized certification further strengthens the department's rescue capabilities and prepares personnel to safely and effectively respond to complex vehicle accidents.

5. Fire Marshal Division

Assistant Chief Sears continues leading the development of the Fire Marshal Division.

Planning continues for expanded fire prevention activities, inspections, plan reviews, and community risk reduction efforts that will continue improving life safety throughout the City of Cleveland.

6. Community Engagement

July was another outstanding month of community involvement.

Department personnel proudly:

- Supported the City's **Independence Day Celebration** and fireworks.
- Assisted with **Stuff the Bus**, helping local students prepare for the upcoming school year.
- Hosted a community **car wash fundraiser** benefiting a local youth football team.
- Welcomed the youth group from **Friendship Baptist Church**, who graciously visited the station and provided dinner for our firefighters.

We sincerely appreciate Friendship Baptist Church for their generosity and continued support of our department.

7. Station Transition

Throughout July, department personnel dedicated several days to cleaning, organizing, and moving usable equipment from the former fire station into the new headquarters.

This effort required countless hours beyond normal emergency response duties and reflects the pride our personnel take in maintaining the department's facilities and equipment.

8. Looking Ahead

The department will continue focusing on:

- Fire Marshal Division implementation
 - Officer development
 - Advanced rescue training
 - Community risk reduction
 - Fleet readiness
 - Budget planning
 - Continued community outreach
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Chief's Closing Remarks

July was another outstanding month for the Cleveland Fire Department.

While the statistics tell part of the story, they cannot fully capture the dedication, professionalism, and pride demonstrated by our firefighters every day.

Whether responding to emergencies, completing advanced certifications, helping local students through Stuff the Bus, supporting community events, moving equipment into our new headquarters, or simply taking care of one another, our personnel continue to demonstrate what it means to serve with honor.

I would also like to congratulate **Assistant Chief Stephen Sears** on his promotion and **Firefighter Will LaPree** on being named our 2026 Firefighter of the Year. Both recognitions are well deserved and reflect the outstanding leadership and commitment found throughout this department.

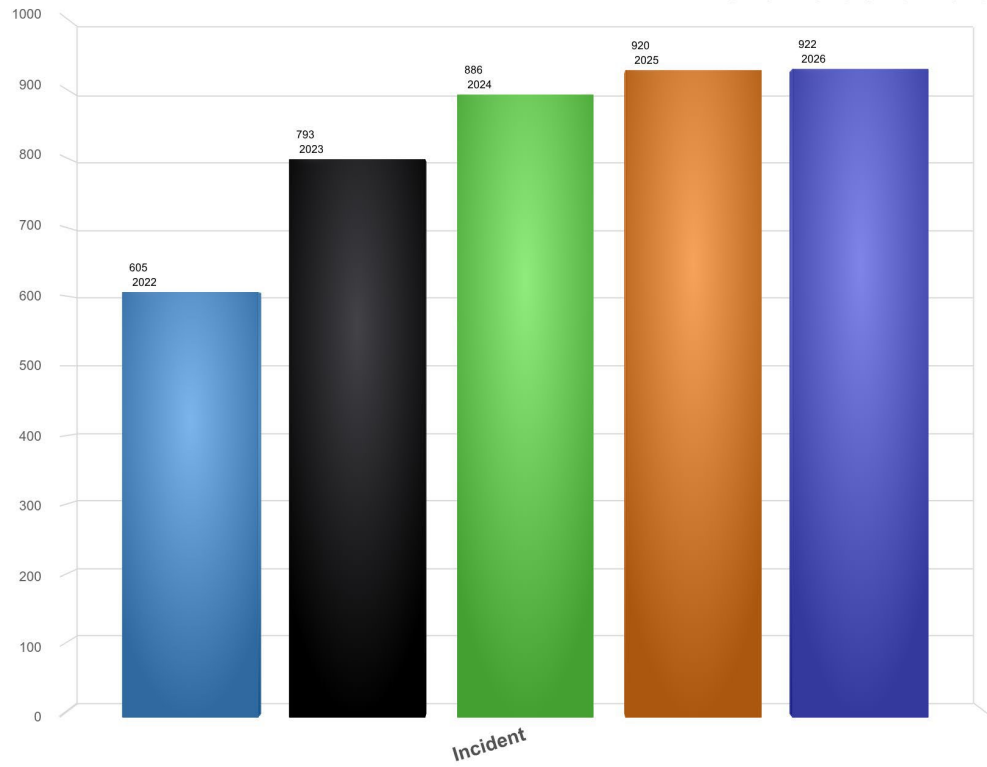
Most importantly, I want to thank every member of the Cleveland Fire Department. The progress we've made this year is not because of one individual—it is because of the collective effort of an exceptional team of firefighters, officers, and staff who continue to raise the standard every day.

As always, thank you to the Mayor, City Council, City Administration, and the citizens of Cleveland for your continued trust and support of the Cleveland Fire Department.



Year to Year Comparison (Until Current Day of Year) - 5 Years

07/01/2026-07/31/2026

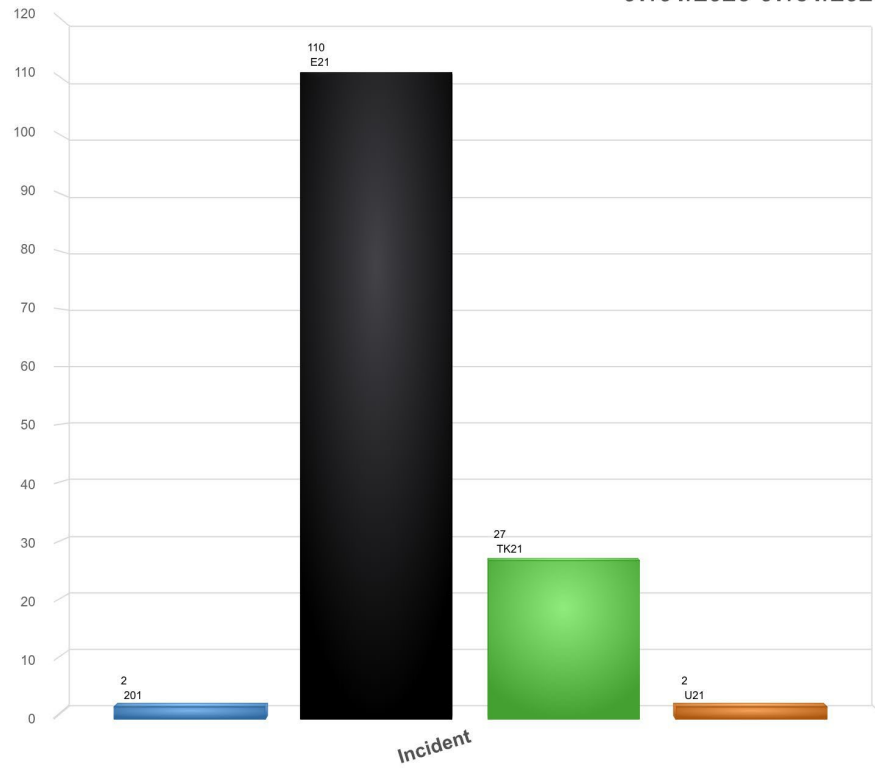


Total of Year: 4,126

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TK21
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Incidents by Apparatus (By Apparatus ID)

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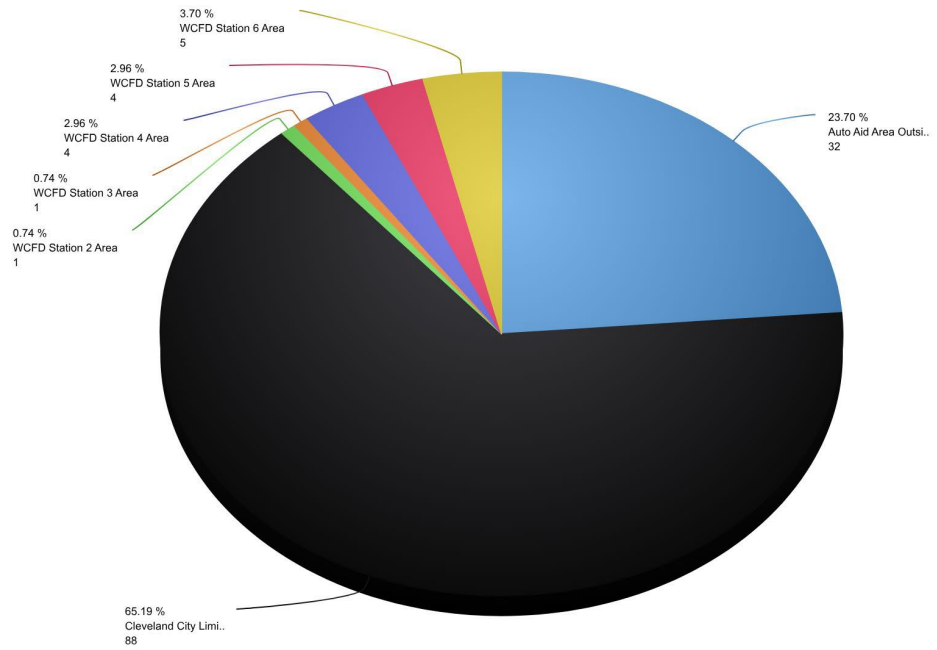


Total of Apparatus ID: 141

- Auto Aid Area Outside City Limits
- Cleveland City Limits
- WCFD Station 2 Area
- WCFD Station 3 Area
- WCFD Station 4 Area
- WCFD Station 5 Area
- WCFD Station 6 Area

Incidents by District

07/01/2026-07/31/2026

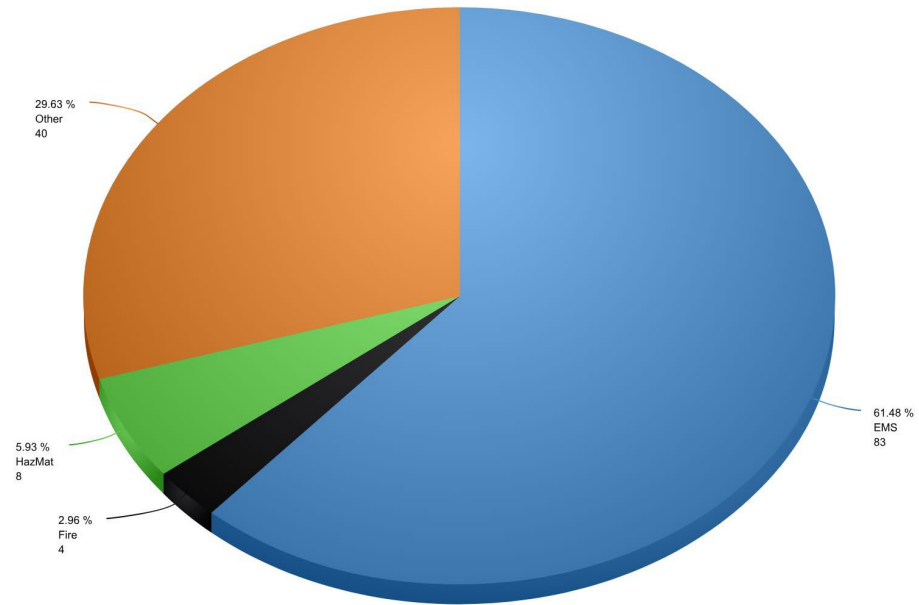


Total of District: 135



Analysis by Response Class

07/01/2026-07/31/2026



Total of Response Class: 135