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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Ryan Eggleston
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City of Cooper City

From: Mr. Gary Harrington
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Subject: Fire Chief's Report – Commission Meeting January 09, 2024

The following is the Fire Chief's report for the upcoming commission meeting. This report will follow the same flow of my prior reports, which is aimed at highlighting information pertinent to the city's main public safety concerns: Fire Rescue Incidents, Fire Apparatus/Station concerns, Fire Prevention, Community Outreach, and CERT.

I. Fire/Rescue Incident Report

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| a. Total Fire Related Incidents | 077 |
| b. Total Medical Related Incidents | 174 |
| c. Total Incidents for December | 251 |

Fastest Unit Response/Mutual Aid calls for December. Cooper City has responded outside its jurisdiction 25 times and has received outside emergency assistance 20 times.

The breakdown for each city is as follows:

	Pembroke Pines	Hollywood	Davie
BSO/Cooper City Responded outside its jurisdiction	08	00	17
Outside agencies responded to Cooper City	09	00	11

II. Incident Response Summary for December

Total responses	Incident responses < 6 min.	Incident responses 6 – 9 min.	Outliers > 9 min.	Incident responses canceled enroute
251	142	77	07	25

Fastest Response Time: 00:08 sec.

Longest Response Time: 12:20 min.

Average Response Time: 05:34 min.

OUTLIERS:

The outliers above represent a small percentage of the total responses. Outliers occur for a number of reasons, and those reasons vary with each call.

Besides Station 28 units responding from another call, they can also be responding from the hospital or another jurisdiction (as part of the fastest unit response agreement), all of which can result in an outlier. This month reflects the fastest unit response of 08 seconds. This incident occurred at 5620 S. Flamingo Road at the Ross clothing store. The responding apparatus, R228, was in the vicinity at the time it was dispatched. The longest response time was 12 minutes, 20 seconds. This incident was a response by Quint 28 for Ducklings in a drain. This was a code 1 response (no lights or sirens) in a warehouse district at 12277 SW 55 Street.

Outliers are not isolated to Cooper City; they occur in all fire departments regardless of jurisdiction. Outliers are also not new to Cooper City as they have always existed. This is not a new issue or a BSO issue. This is an issue that exists in every city no matter who is providing fire/rescue services.

As I have previously discussed with the former City Manager, current City Manager, and the City Commission, I believe that the main reason for outliers is distance. Station 28 covers 8.5 square miles which is one of the largest areas covered by any one fire station in Broward County. The average square mile coverage area per fire station is between 4 or 5 square miles. Some of the coverage areas per fire station in Broward County are as follows: 5.6 square miles for Pembroke Pines, 5.8 square miles for Davie, 5.4 square miles for Weston, 3.8 square miles for Lauderdale Lakes, 3.7 square miles for West Park/Pembroke Park, 2.0 square miles for Hallandale, and 4.0 square miles for Dania Beach. There are similar coverage areas for the remaining fire stations in Broward County; however, no fire station covers as large an area as Cooper City Fire Station 28.

The placement of fire stations and equipment dramatically impacts the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by the fire department. I am proud of the current services provided by the men and women of Broward Sheriff's Office, but I am open to improving the services wherever and whenever possible. I will gladly assist the City Manager and the City Commission in discussing potential projects towards improving the fire rescue services for the residents and businesses within Cooper City.

III. Fire Apparatus/Station Report

Fire Hydrant flushing project has been completed for 2023.

Total Hydrants:	1231
Flushed Hydrants:	1231
Out-of-Service Hydrants:	0
Pending:	0

IV. Apparatus Service Days for December

Unit	In-service days	Out-of-service days	Comments
Q28	28	3	Accelerator Issue
E28	31	0	
R28	31	0	
R228	29	2	AC Repair
DC28	31	0	

V. Fire Prevention Report

- Fire Inspections: (FY to Date)
 - i. Total Properties 867
 - ii. Completed Inspections 204
 - iii. Dec 1 – Dec 31, Percentage 23.5%

- Monthly Report for December
 - i. Annual Fire Inspections: 47
 - ii. New Construction Insp: 22
 - iii. Plan Reviews: 08
 - iv. Re-inspections: 20
 - v. Special Events: 00

VI. Community Outreach Report

- December 1, 2023, Station 28 fire rescue crews and Chief Harrington participated in Light Up Cooper City. E28 delivered Santa to Memorial Park. CERT also attended the event.

- December 7, 2023, Chief Harrington participated in the Light Up Chanukah in Memorial Park.

- December 10, 2023, E28 provided a Santa Drop off for Cooper's Grove.

- December 11, 2023, Q28 participated in the Gelt/coin drop at Embassy Lakes Clubhouse.

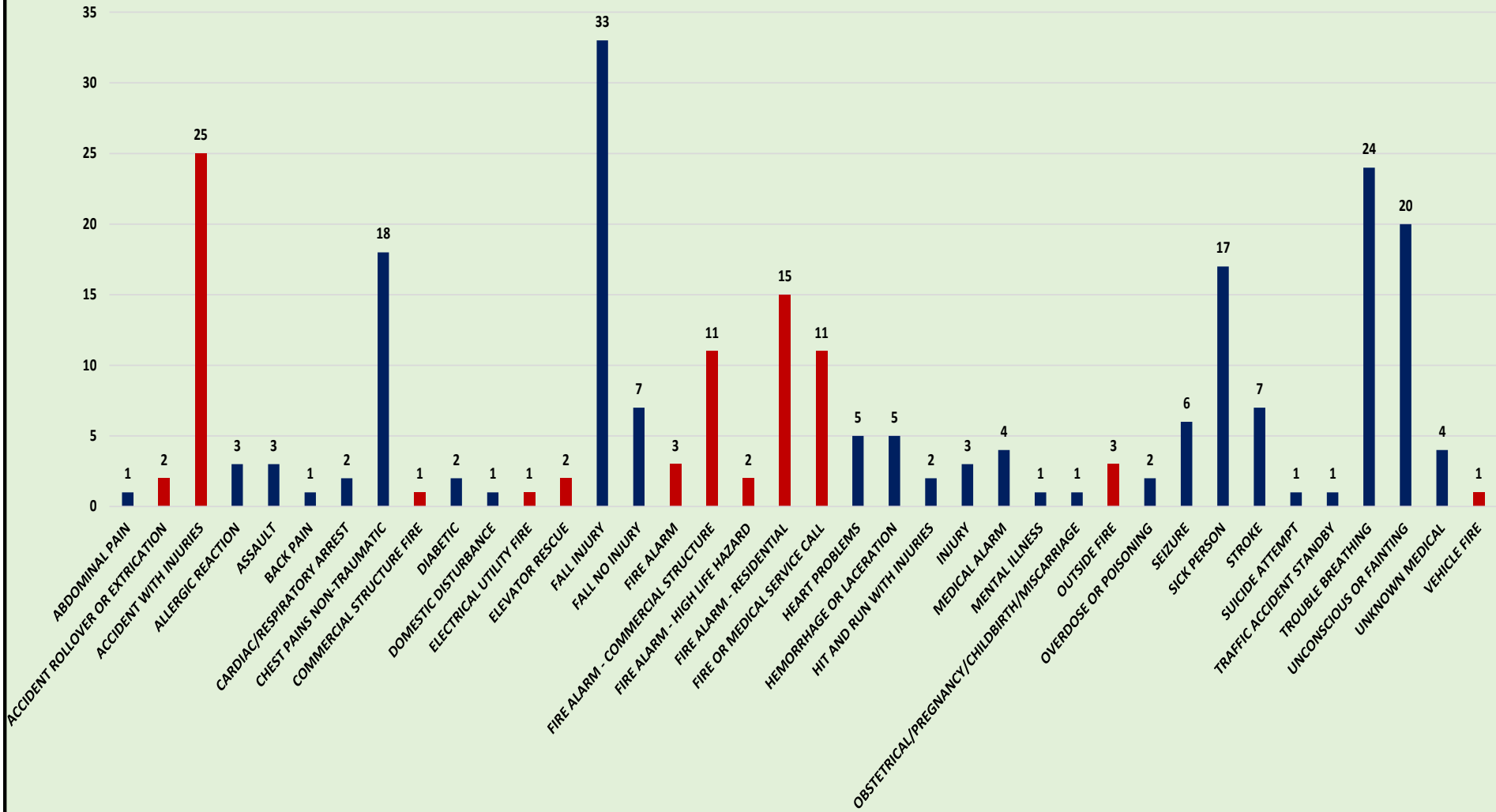
- December 13, 2023, Fire Truck Visit to Littlest Cowboys.
- December 17, 2023, E28 and Q28 participated in the Santa Visits for the residents that signed up this year. Approximately 50 houses were visited between 4:00pm and 9:00pm. Station 32 suppression units provided coverage for emergency calls in Cooper City.
- December 20, 2023, Cooper City Holiday Luncheon in the commission chambers
- December 23, 2023, E28 and Q28 participated in the Santa Visits for the residents that signed up this year. Approximately 50 houses were visited between 4:00pm and 9:00pm. Station 32 suppression units provided coverage for emergency calls in Cooper City.
- The CERT program manager, Donna Waskiewicz, has acquired a list of existing businesses within Cooper City. CERT members will be visiting each of these buildings to determine which building has an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). I anticipate that this project will take several months for the CERT members to provide the necessary documentation to have the AED information placed into the PulsePoint AED app.

FIRE HYDRANT DESIGN UPDATE:

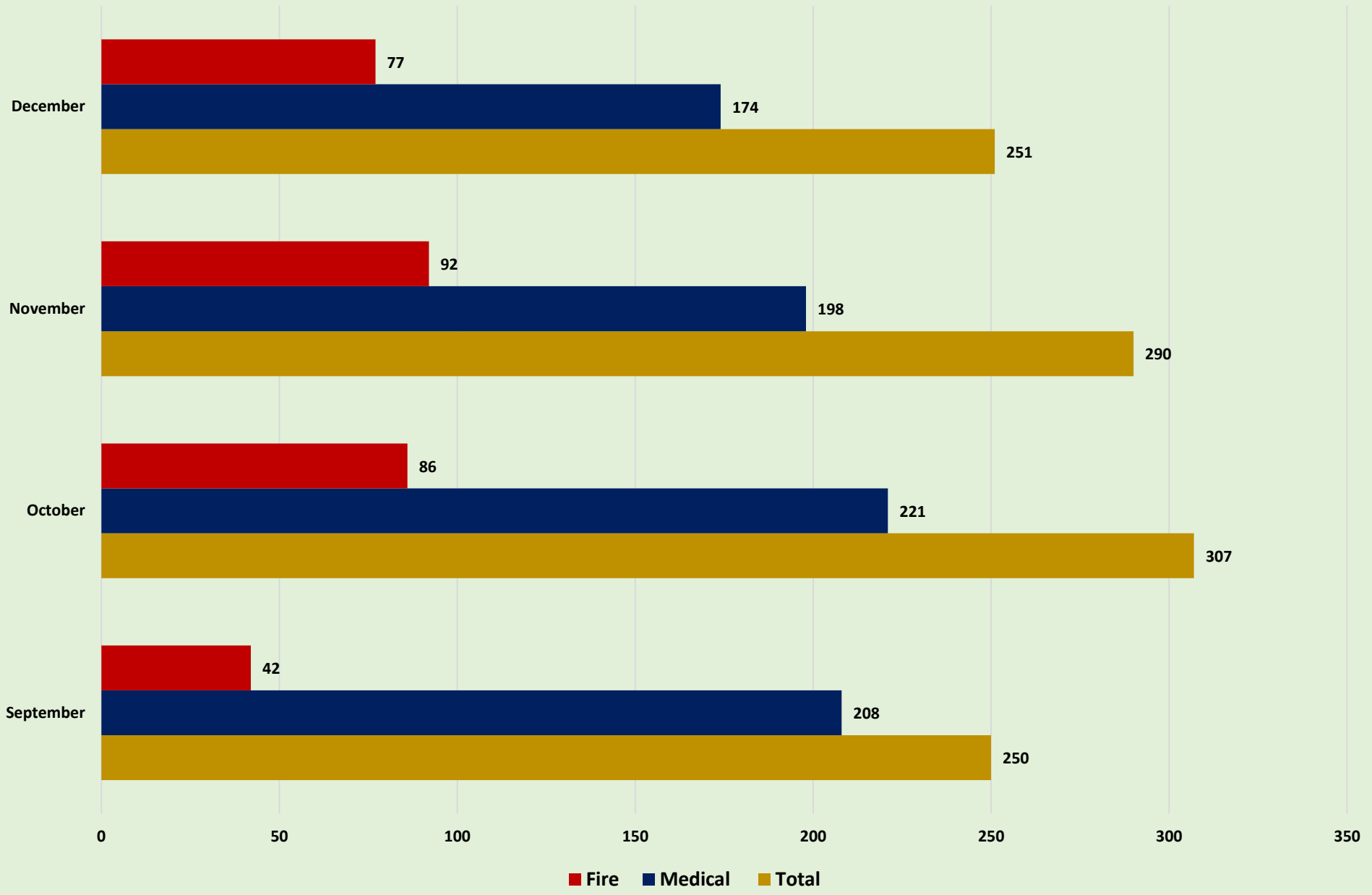
I have met with representatives from 5 schools and the utilities department is in the process of cleaning and painting the chosen hydrants white as a base coat. I have also met with the management of Sherwin Williams to secure the proper paint and supplies for the art students at a discounted rate.

- To date, Franklin Academy fire hydrant designs have been completed. Pictures have been forwarded to Mike Cobelo for posting in the newsletter/website.
- Currently, the students at Embassy Creek Elementary are in the process of painting designs on the fire hydrants surrounding the school.
- The Cooper City teen council has expressed interest in painting designs on the fire hydrants surrounding Memorial Park. Brandon Zickar will be coordinating this project and I will provide the teens with the paint and supplies.
- I will be working with the remaining schools to establish a schedule for their students to participate in the program. The staff and students at all the schools I met with are very enthusiastic about this program. I am looking forward to this initial program being a success and then we will consider a possible expansion of this program.

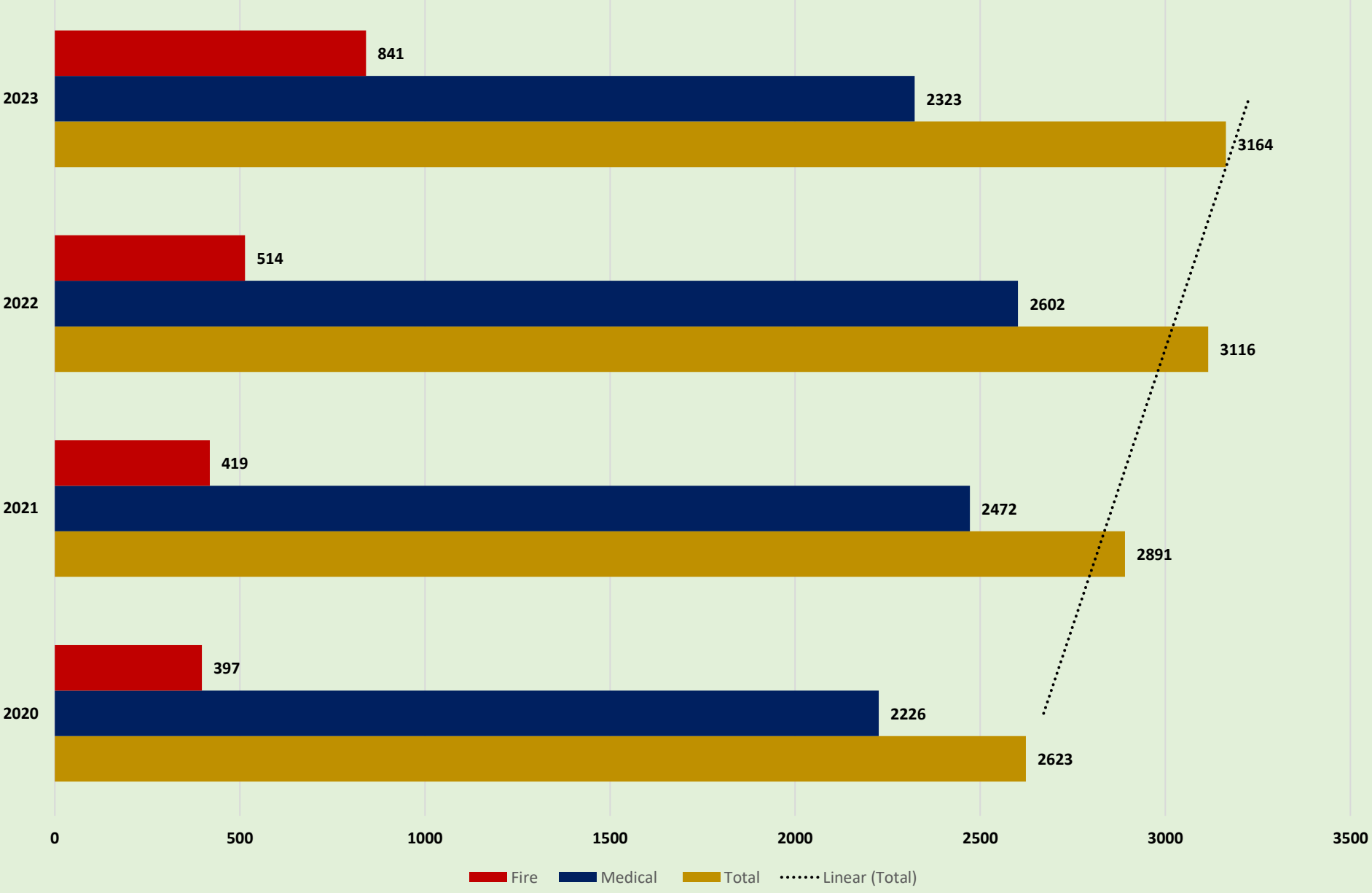
Fire and Medical Incidents



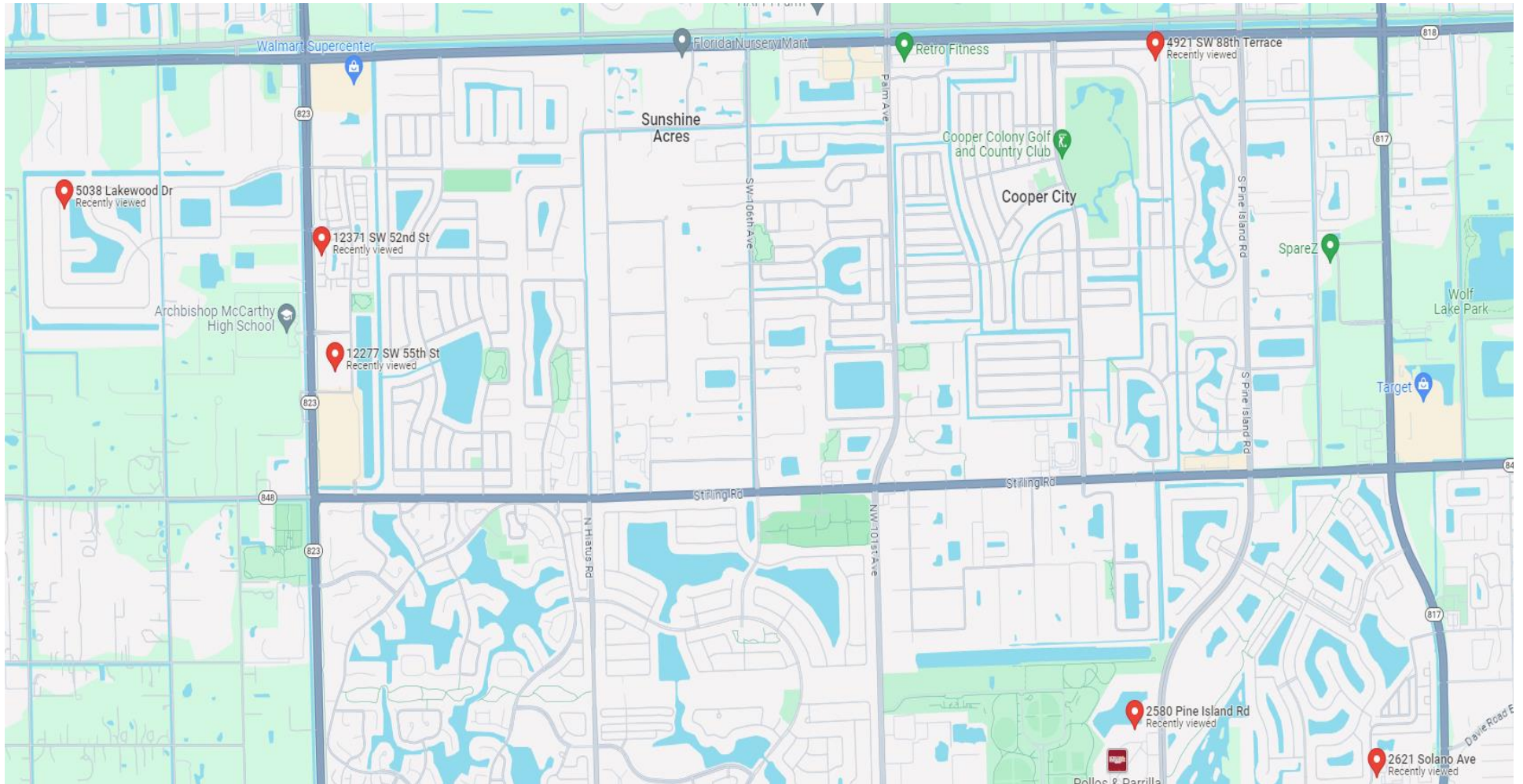
Monthly Fire and Medical Call Volumes



Annual Fire and Medical Call Volumes



OUTLIERS



Address	Response time	Address	Response time
12277 SW 55 Street	12:20	5038 Lakewood Drive	10:06
2580 Pine Island Road	10:56	2621 Solano Avenue	09:56
12371 SW 52 Street	10:24	4921 SW 88 Terrace	09:15
2580 Pine Island Road	10:11		