



**Broward Sheriff's Office  
Cooper City District  
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## **EXTERNAL MEMO**

Date: 02-02-24

To: Mr. Ryan Eggleston  
City Manager  
City of Cooper City

From: Mr. Gary Harrington  
Cooper City District Chief  
Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services

Subject: Fire Chief's Report – Commission Meeting February 13, 2024

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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 for January**

- a. Total Fire Related Incidents 073
- b. Total Medical Related Incidents 189
- c. Total Incidents for January 262

Fastest Unit Response/Mutual Aid calls for the month of January. Cooper City has responded outside its jurisdiction 25 times and has received outside emergency assistance 15 times.

The breakdown for each city is as follows:

	Pembroke Pines	Hollywood	Davie
BSO/Cooper City Responded outside its jurisdiction	11	00	14
Outside agencies responded to Cooper City	07	00	08

## II. Incident Response Summary for January

Total responses	Incident responses < 6 min.	Incident responses 6 – 9 min.	Outliers > 9 min.	Incident responses canceled enroute
262	166	69	03	24

Fastest Response Time: 00:59 sec.

Longest Response Time: 10:41 min.

Average Response Time: 05:37 min.

### OUTLIERS:

The outliers above represent a small percentage of the total responses. Outliers occur for several 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 59 seconds. This incident occurred at 106 Avenue and Stirling Road. The responding apparatus, E28 and R28 responded Code 3 from Station 28. The longest response time was 10 minutes, 41 seconds. This incident was a Code 3 response by Quint 28 from the fire station for a fire alarm located at 3900 North University Drive in the Brightstar shopping center at the First Watch restaurant. The timeframe was based on heavy traffic along with school zones being activated. This is a repetitive alarm due to the restaurant cleaning the grill. The alarm was reset by staff prior to arrival. Fire Prevention will be addressing the repetitive alarm activation issue.

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 the 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 toward improving the fire rescue services for the residents and businesses within Cooper City.

### III. Fire Apparatus/Station Report

The 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 January

Unit	In-service days	Out-of-service days	Comments
Q28	01	30	Accelerator Issue – control module replaced
E28	31	0	
R28	31	0	
R228	26	5	Chassis repair
DC28	31	0	

### V. Fire Prevention Report

- Fire Inspections: (FY to Date)
  - i. Total Properties 867
  - ii. Completed Inspections 278
  - iii. Jan 1 – Jan 31, Percentage 32.0%
  
- Monthly Report for January
  - i. Annual Fire Inspections: 74
  - ii. New Construction Insp: 11
  - iii. Plan Reviews: 15
  - iv. Re-inspections: 17
  - v. Special Events: 03

### VI. Community Outreach Report

- 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.
  
- January 13, 2024, Chief Harrington participated in the City of West Park parade honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

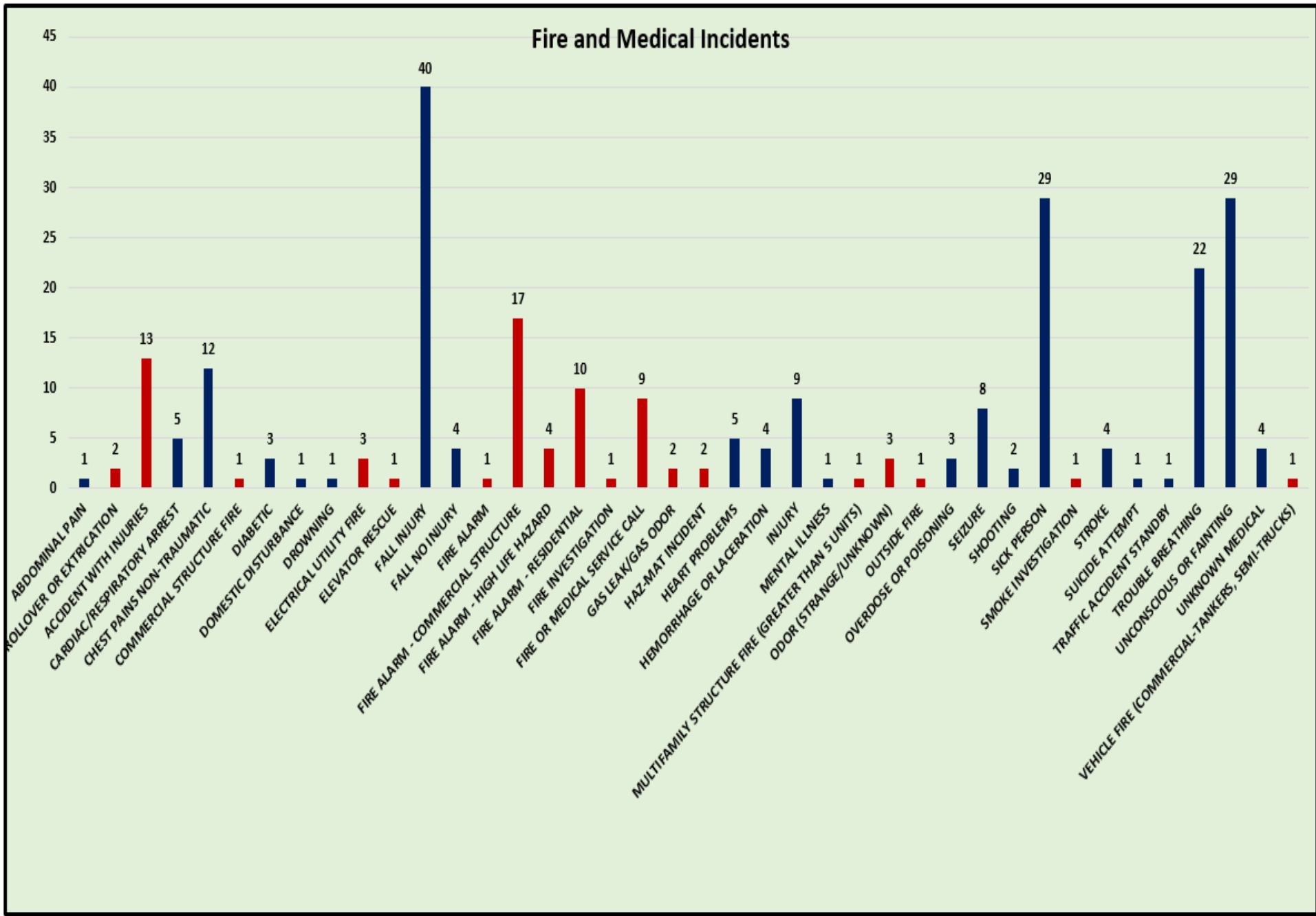
- January 18, 2024, CERT members enjoyed their CERT appreciation dinner at the Cooper City Diner.
- Chief Harrington has nominated our CERT Program Manager, Donna Waskiewicz, for the Broward Sheriff's Office Citizen of the Year award for her tireless dedication to the Community Emergency Response Team.
- January 26, 2024, Fire Rescue crews along with Chief Harrington attended the Eat to the Beat event. The attendees are estimated to be 750 to 1000.
- Planning has begun for the Founder's Day event on March 9, 2024, with the creation of an Incident Action Plan and the scheduling of Regional Response Apparatus.

### **FIRE HYDRANT DESIGN UPDATE:**

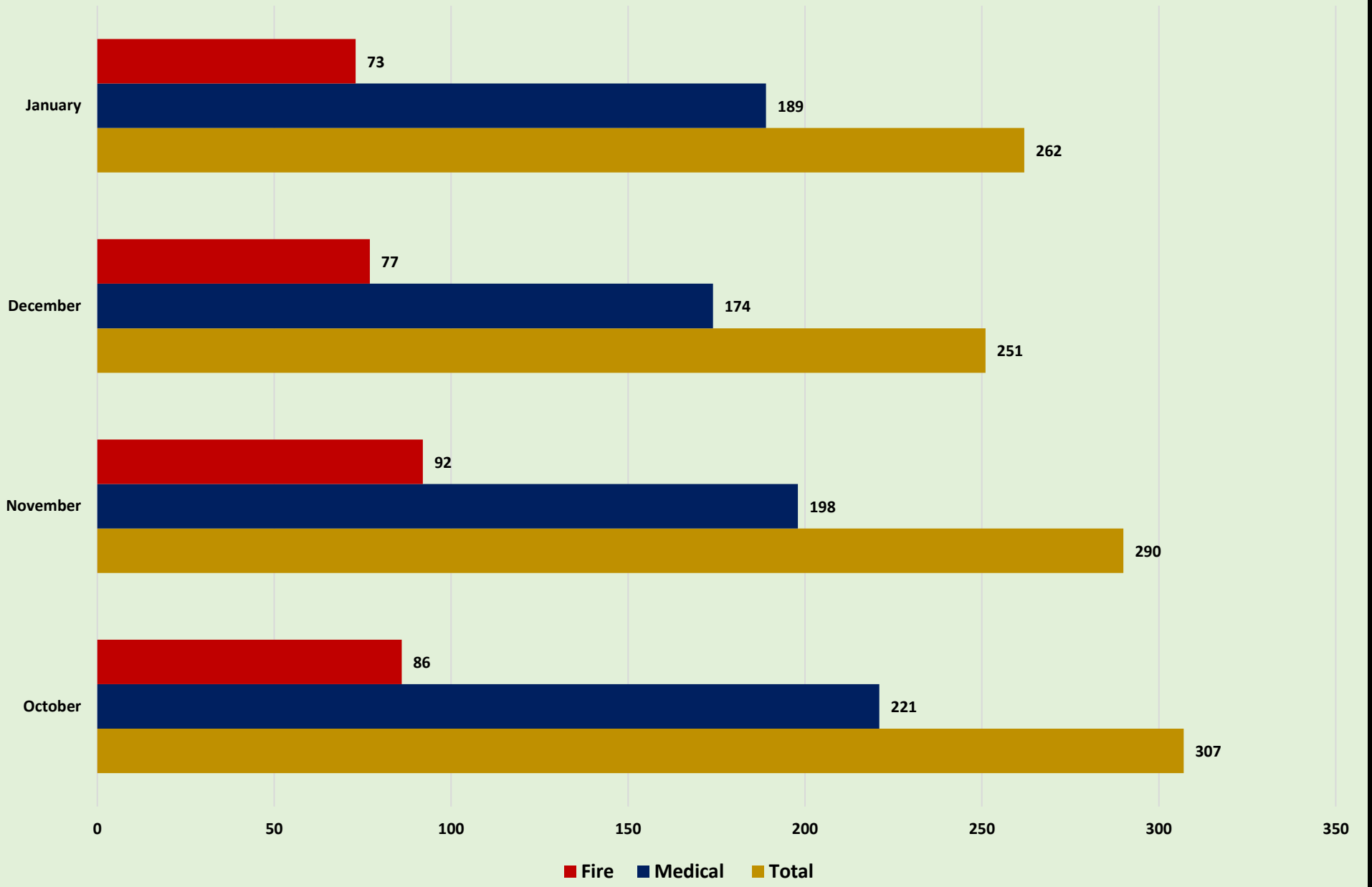
I have met with representatives from 5 schools and the utility department is in the process of cleaning and painting the chosen hydrants white as a base coat. I have also met with the management of Sherwin Williams to secure the proper paint and supplies for the art students at a discounted rate.

- 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 and Pioneer Middle School are in the process of painting designs on the fire hydrants surrounding the school.
- Cooper City High School will be next for the students to paint their designs.
- 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.

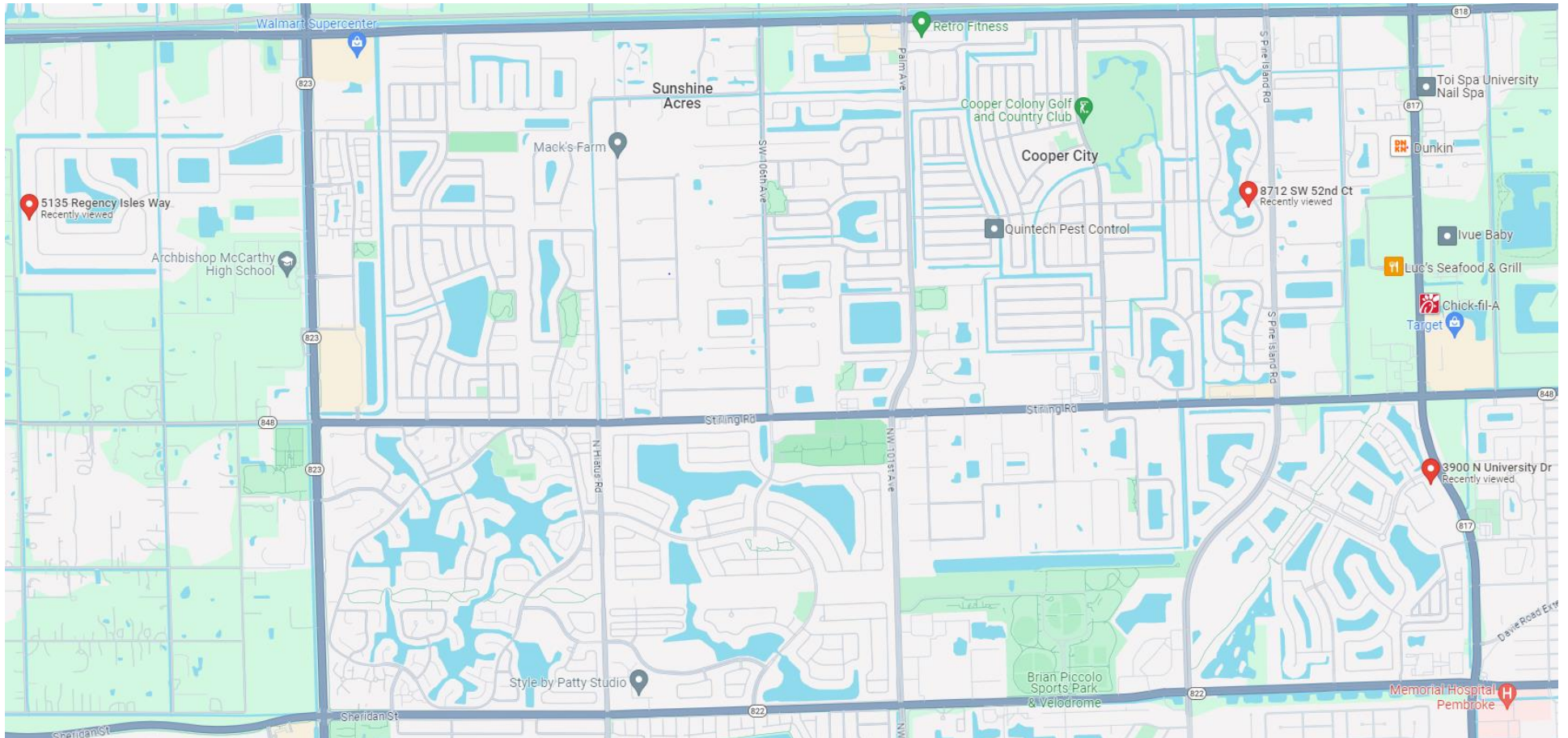
### Fire and Medical Incidents



### Monthly Fire and Medical Call Volumes



# OUTLIERS



Address	Response time
3900 N. University Drive	10:41
5135 Regency Isles Way	10:05
8712 SW 52 Court	09:14