

Quarterly Report

Emergency Services and Risk Management



Town Council Meeting Date: November 14th, 2023

2023: July, August, September

Please accept this as the quarterly report for the Emergency Services and Risk Management department.

Department introduction:

Emergency Services is responsible for all aspects of the Town's comprehensive emergency preparedness program. It involves planning, developing, reviewing, and revising emergency management program elements. It focuses on a collaborative partnership between local, state, and Federal partners in addition to community stakeholders pursuing a whole community approach to preparedness.

Risk Management is responsible for all aspects of workplace safety. It includes building and sustaining a Risk & Safety Program. In addition to planning, developing, and implementing occupational safety programs to ensure the health, safety, and security of Town staff and citizens. Risk management also focuses on the process of identifying potential hazards and mitigating their potential impact on the Town.

Commendable Achievements:

- Training and exercises are a key component of national preparedness providing the whole community with the opportunity to shape planning, assess and validate capabilities, and address areas for improvement. Through the use of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), the whole community can develop, execute, and evaluate exercises that address preparedness priorities.
- Christopher Melmer is working through the Master Exercise Practitioner Program facilitated by FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. In August, Mr. Melmer completed the Intermediate level of training. Mr. Melmer will continue to develop these skillsets ultimately culminating as a Master Exercise Practitioner (MEPP).

Project Progress:

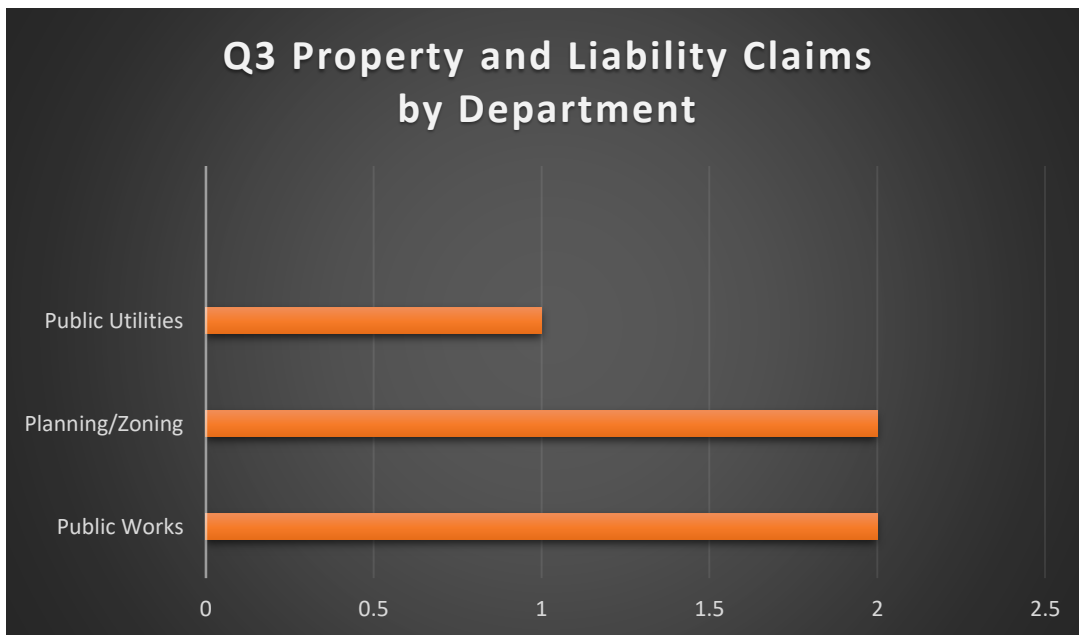
- In the pursuit of continuing collaboration and whole community preparedness, the Town of Warrenton participated in a tabletop exercise hosted by the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office in September. The exercise brought together key representatives from first responder agencies including the Warrenton Police Department, Laurel Ridge Police Department, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, and Town of Warrenton Emergency Management.

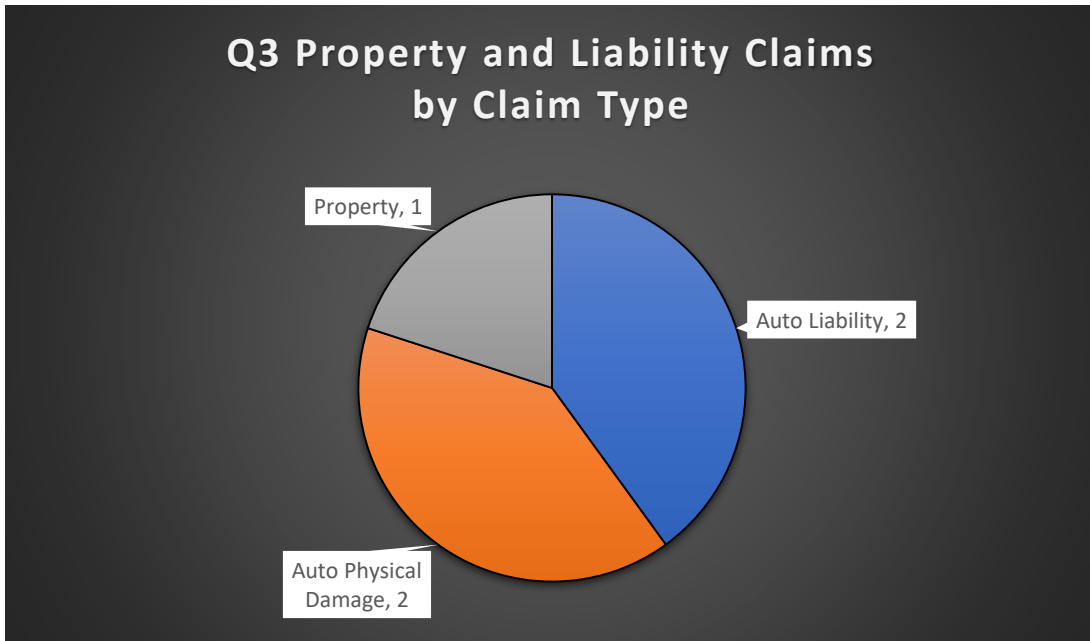
- The tabletop scenario featured a localized incident at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center that could have cascading impacts on the safety and security of the Town of Warrenton. While fictitious, the incident is plausible and further highlights the need for routine exercises, both within the organization and collaboratively with our partners.

2023 Drought:

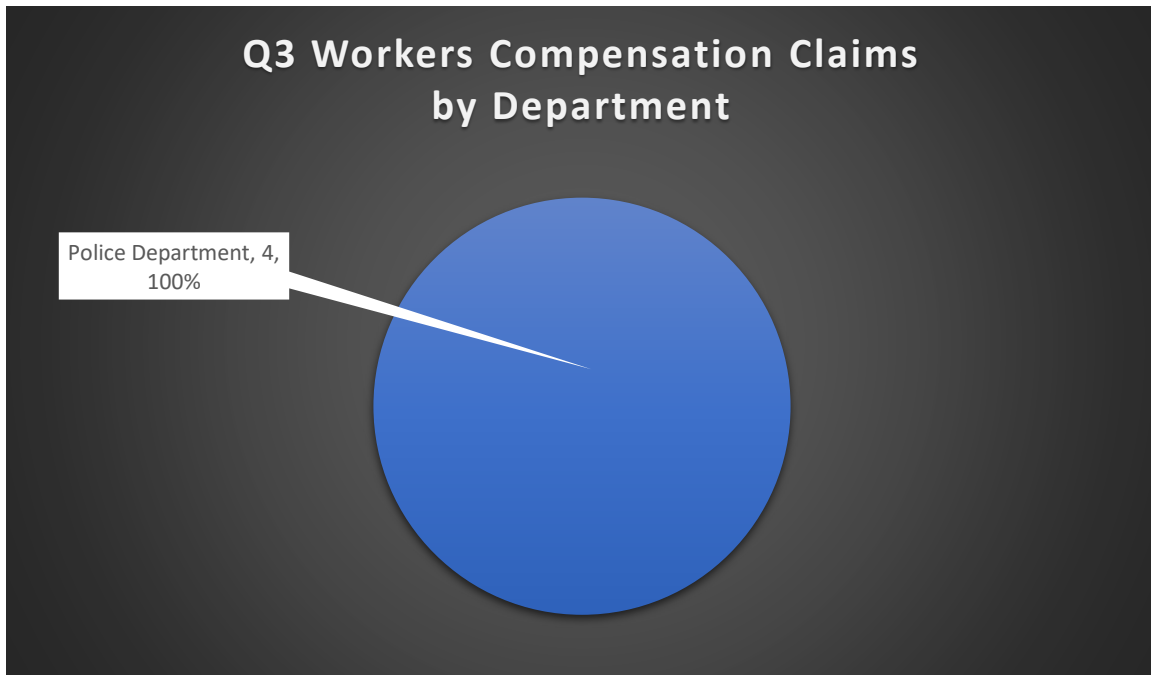
- The most recent update from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) maintains the drought watch status for the Northern Virginia and Shenandoah regions. Drought indicators have shown minimal improvements with the significant lack of rain in the area. Warrenton remains as a D0 for abnormally dry conditions. On Thursday, September 21, 2023, an area of low pressure began to develop and become more organized off the southeast U.S. coastline. The system developed into a strong tropical storm (Ophelia), moving north, and making landfall near Emerald Isle, NC on September 23, 2023. The primary concerns for Warrenton from Ophelia were gusty winds and heavy rainfall.
- Tropical Storm Ophelia produced approximately 3.5 inches of rain between Friday, September 22, and Sunday, September 24, 2023. Reservoir levels have remained relatively stable with a slow decrease in elevation.

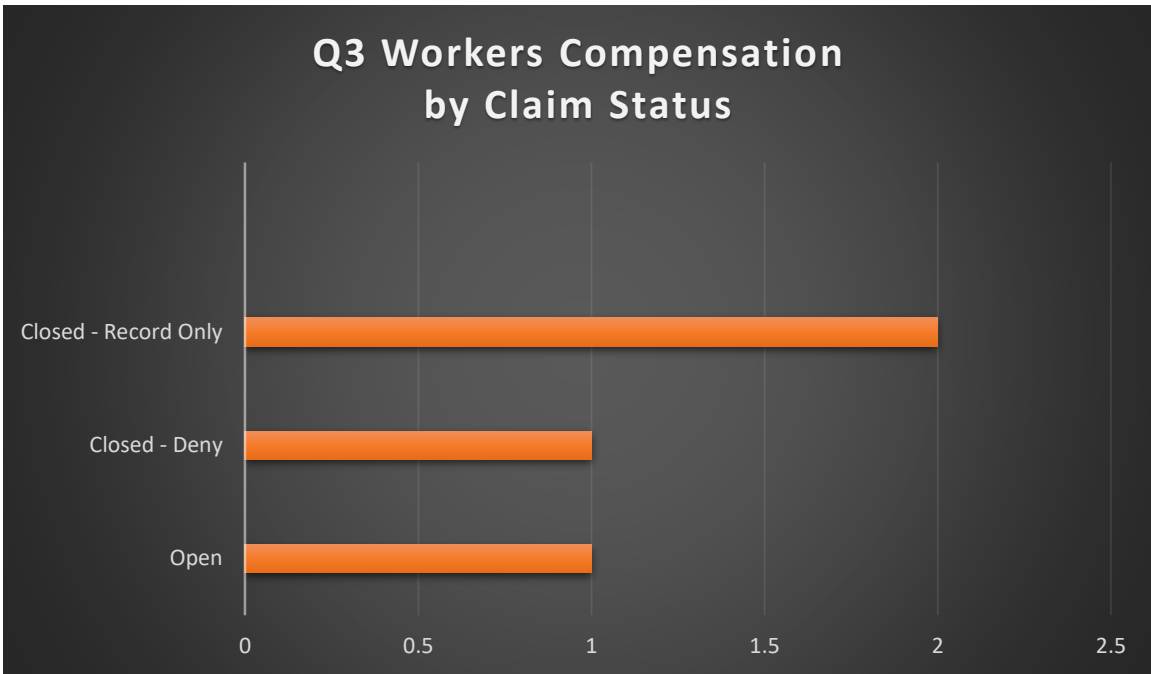
Charts and information:



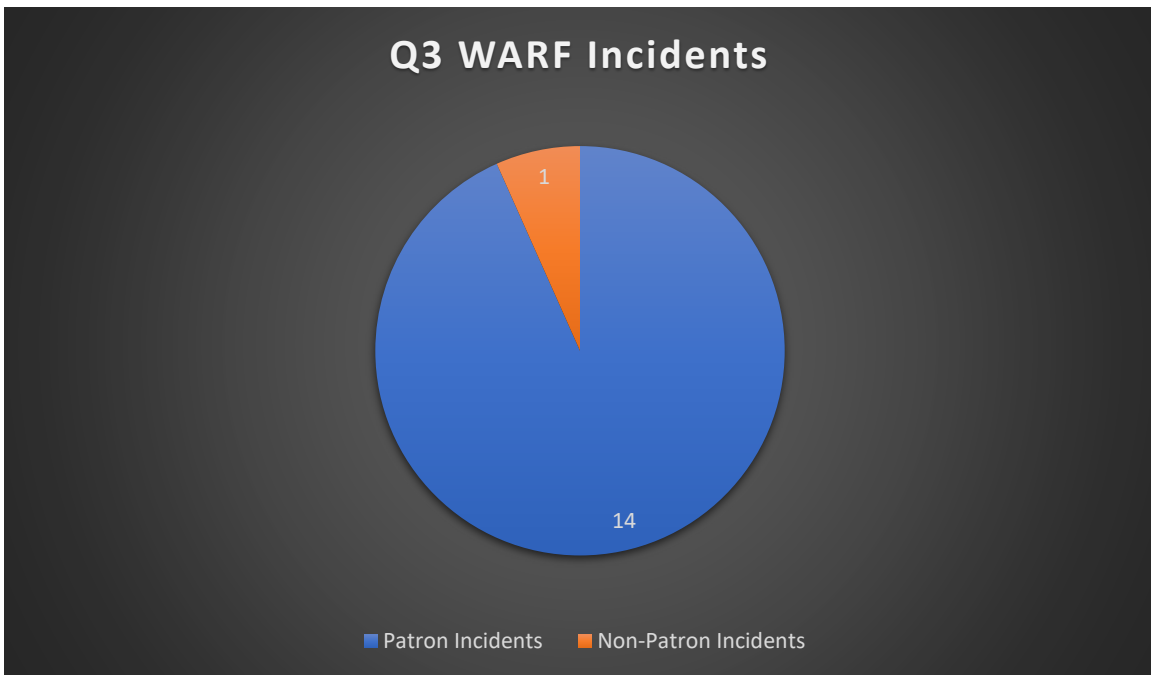


Property and liability claims in Q3 show a decrease in comparison to the number of claims submitted in 2023 Q1 and Q2. Compared to 2022 Q3, the auto liability claims (property damage caused by Town vehicles) are a new occurrence.

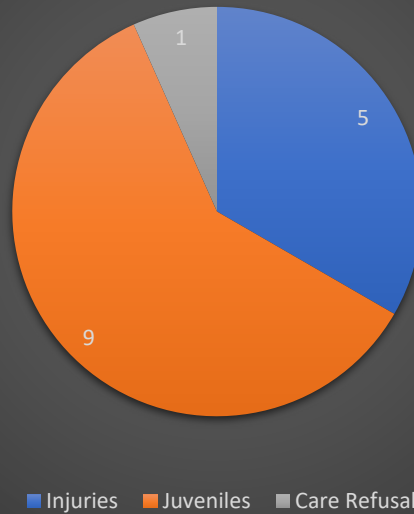




The 2 (two) 'record only' worker's compensation claims were for abrasions in the scope of contact with bodily fluids. Both instances had negative test results for bloodborne pathogen transfusion. The worker's compensation denial was for a claim submitted past VRSA's initial notification window. The open worker's compensation claim was initially denied by VRSA but the claimant may appeal the denial to the Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission.



Q3 WARF Patron Incidents



5 types of injuries were sustained by patrons at the WARF in Q3:

- Twisted ankle
- Cuts/Scrapes
- Bruises
- Nose Bleed
- Contusion

Q3 OSHA Recordable Injuries/Illnesses

