



RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented by Fire Chief George Seifert



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Mayor Michael Wheeler
Village of Richfield
RE: 2025 Annual Report

Mayor Wheeler,

On behalf of the Richfield Fire Department, I am honored to submit our 2025 annual report. This document provides a snapshot of last year's accomplishments and an overview of the emergency responses we provided.

We responded to a new record high of 1,550 calls for emergency response for the Department. We had three major structure fires that occurred requiring multiple box alarms. We also mutually aided Bath, Peninsula and Brecksville to assist with their structure fires. The interstate construction zone was still problematic for us in 2025. We had numerous accidents in the construction zone with two separate accidents resulting in fatalities.

I have increased our staffing to five on shift A and C to reduce overtime costs and to provide better coverage for the residents. By staffing with five on the two shifts, I was able to reduce the shift fill hours from 4,136 hours in 2024 to 1,187 hours in 2025. This resulted in a reduction of 2,949 hours overtime or 71 percent decrease. We had 202 overlapping calls that affected 437 emergency responses, making up 28 percent of our responses. With additional staffing we were able to reduce our request for mutual aid from 145 calls in 2024 to 97 calls in 2025.

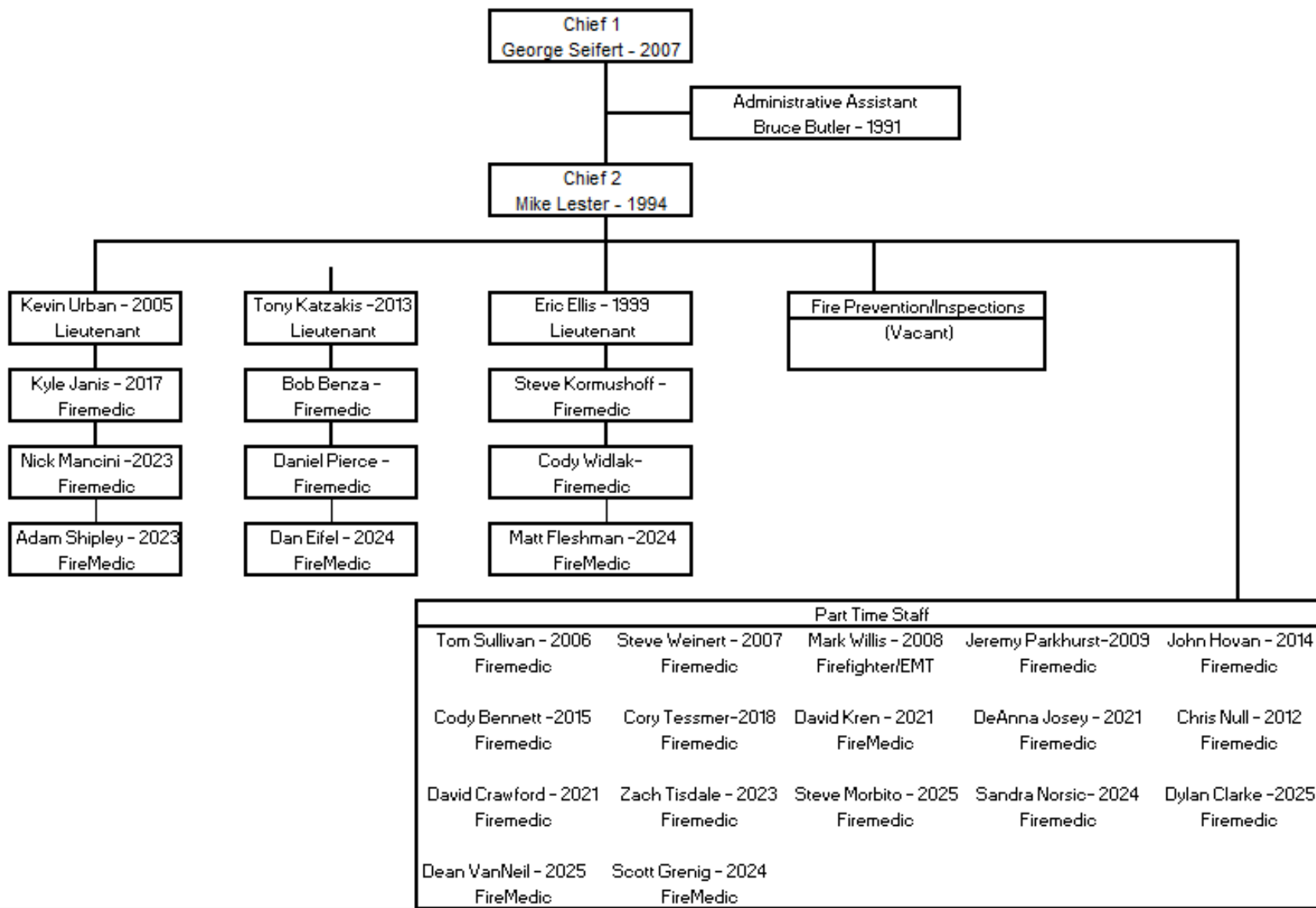
For our non-emergency responses, we remained very active. The staff participated in many community events. It was the first year for our combined Honor Guard with the Police department. Other activities included station tours, CPR, Stop the bleed, birthday party drive by, and safety town to name a few.

As the department and I look forward to 2026, we look forward to maintaining the best possible service for both EMS and Fire to the residents of Richfield. Thank you for your continued support and leadership to the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

George K. Seifert
Fire Chief

Richfield Fire Department Organizational Chart



Luther Barn Fire | Alger Rd



2025 Total Revenue Collected

In 2025, the Fire Department had several areas where we collected revenue for the Village from our services we provide. We collected from Richfield Township \$665,457 up 3% from 2024 for providing EMS and fire department coverage to Township residents. We implemented a new fee schedule for reviewing fire protections plans and conducting testing in 2023. We collected \$845.00 in fees for plan reviews, permits, and testing. We collected a total of \$285,086 for EMS services that were provide both in the Village and the Township. We refunded the Township \$98,753 in EMS billing. We also billed repeated false alarms in commercial structures for a total of \$2,750. In total, the Fire Department collected **\$954,138** for the year 2025 for the Village of Richfield.

Specialized Fields of Training 2025

Instructors

- **CPR Instructors:** Janis, Pierce, Stiegelmeier
- **Fire Service Instructors:** Seifert, Ellis, Sullivan, Kormushoff, McClellan, Pierce, Null, Boleman, Crawford, Hovan, Tessmer, Norsic, Morabito, Josey

Team Members

- **Fire Safety Inspectors:** Seifert, Lester, Ellis, Benza, Eifel, Boleman, Urban, Sullivan, Weinert, McClellan, Pierce, Null, Bennett, Janis, Parkhurst, Norris Ware, Morabito, Kren, Josey
- **Ice Rescue:** All RFD Members
- **Drone Operators:** Seifert, Lester, Ellis, Benza, Kormushoff
- **Fire Investigation:** Ellis, Urban
- **County Hazmat:** Katzakis, Kormushoff, Sullivan
- **Technical Rescue Operations:** Janis, Sullivan
- **Emergency Vehicle Technician:** Boleman, McClellan

Organization Members (Name & Years of Service)

George Seifert, Fire Chief (16)

Mike Lester , Asst. Fire Chief (32)

Shift Lieutenants

- Kevin Urban, A Shift (21)
- Tony Katzakis, B Shift (22)
- Eric Ellis, C Shift (25)

Full Time Fire/Medic Staff

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| • Kyle Janis (19) | Daniel Pierce (5) | Cody Widlak (3) | Eric Boleman (27) |
| • Robert Benz (16) | Adam Shipley (3) | Nick Mancini (3) | Dan Eifel (2) |
| • Brian McClellan (2) | Matt Fleshman (2) | Steve Kormushoff (5) | Daisy Stiegelmeyer (4) |

Part Time FireMedic Staff

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Tom Sullivan (20) | Steve Weinert (19) | Mark Willis (18) | John Hovan (12) |
| • Jeremy Parkhurst (17) | Cody Bennett (10) | Cory Tessmer (8) | DeAnna Josey (6) |
| • David Kren (5) | David Crawford (4) | David Ware (5) | Zach Tisdale (3) |
| • Steve Morabito (2) | Sandra Norsic (2) | Dylan Clarke (2) | Sean VanNeil (2) |
| • Scott Grenig (2) | | | |

Specialized Fields

- Mario Mileti (1)

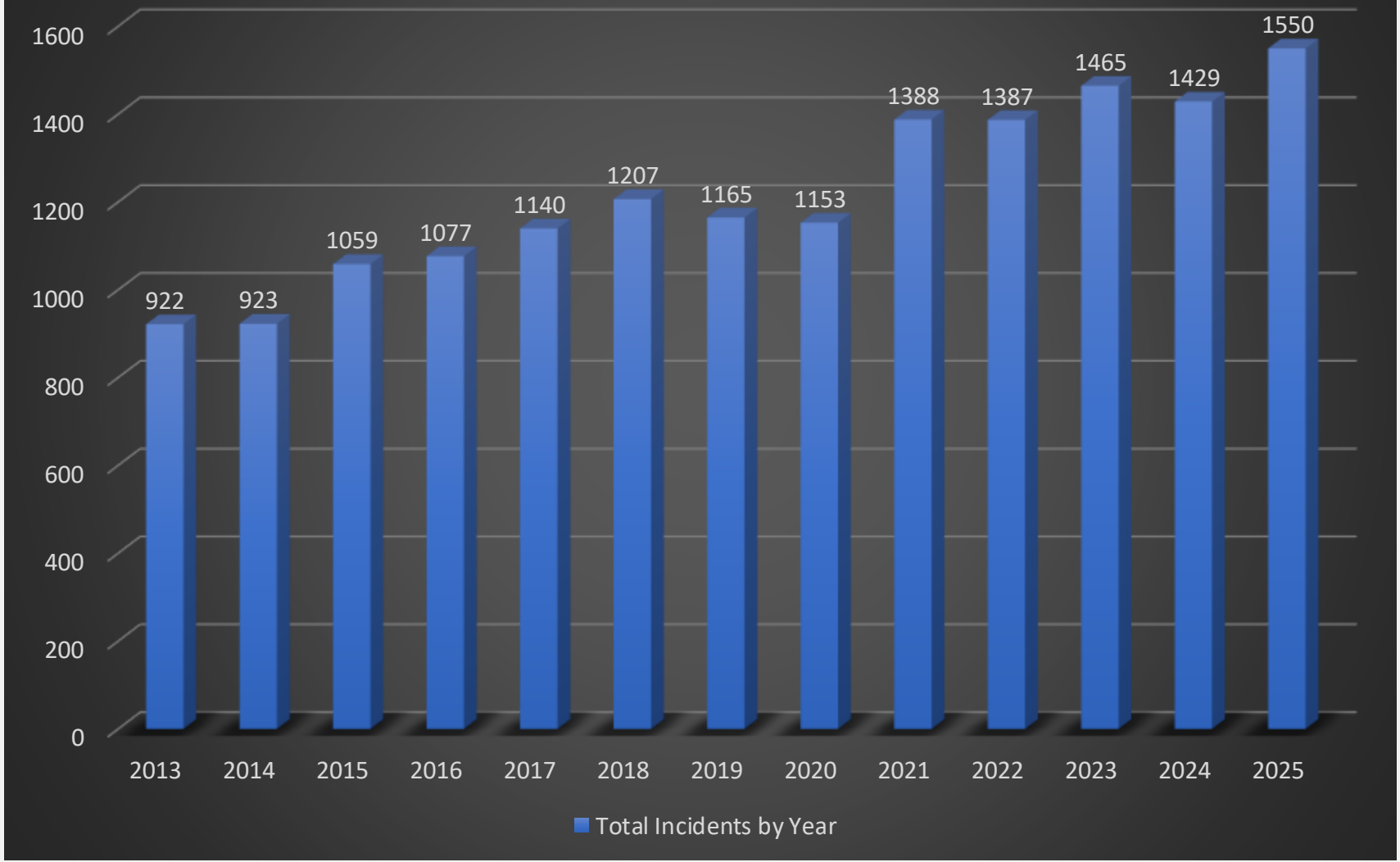
Administrative Staff

- Bruce Butler (35)

303 House Fire

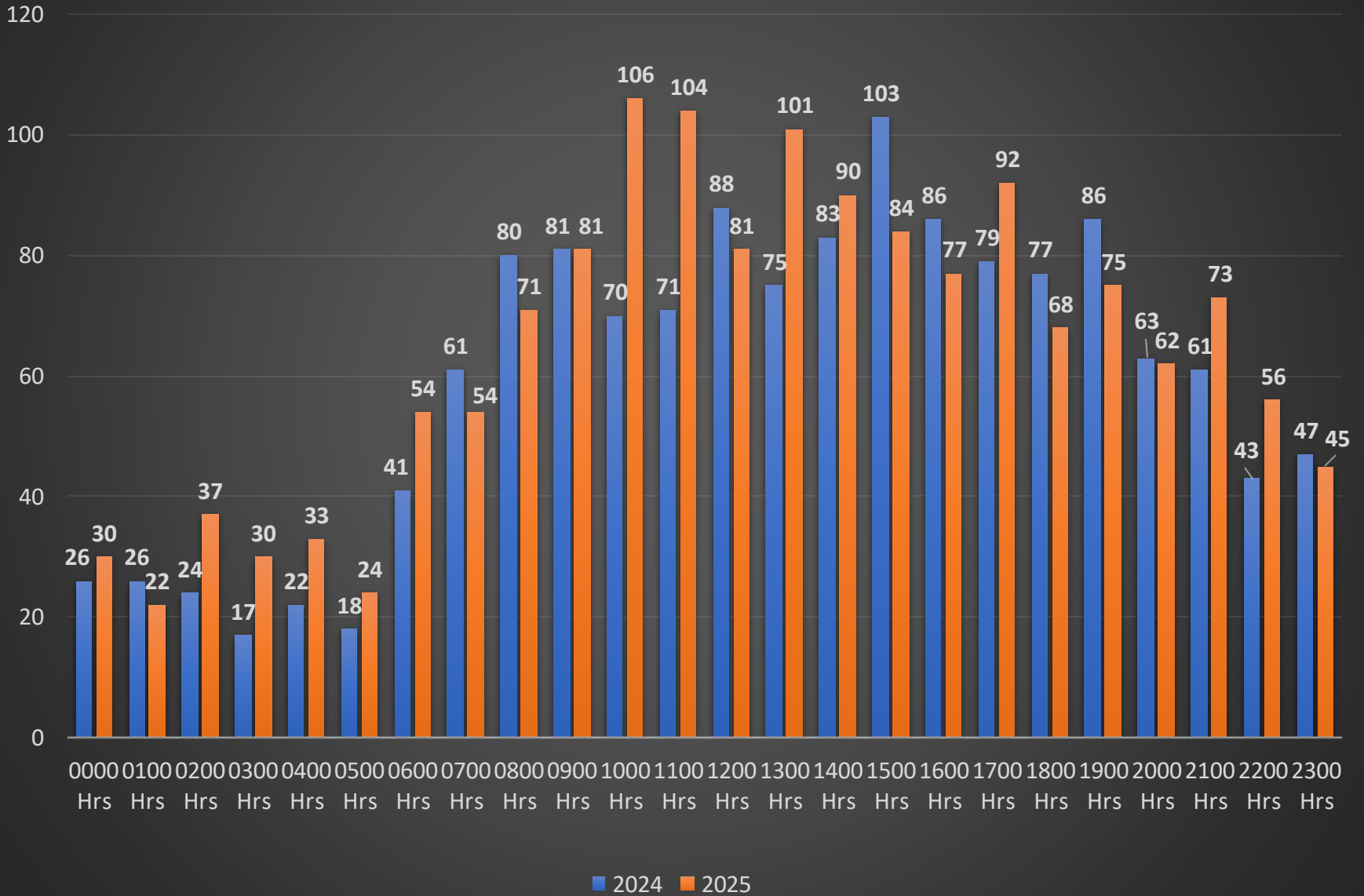


Total Incidents by Year



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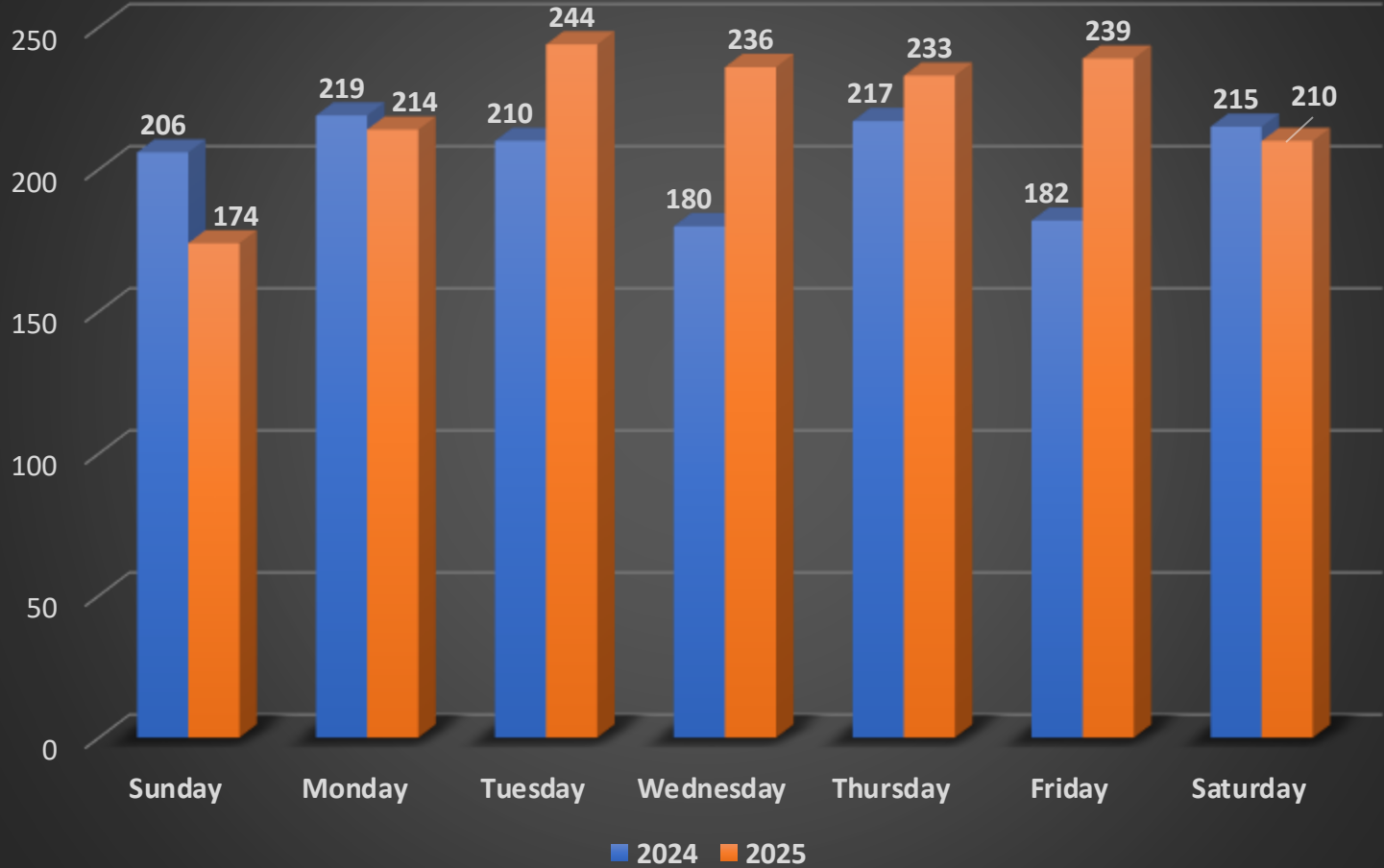
Total Call by Hour



303 House Fire



Number of Call by Day of the Week



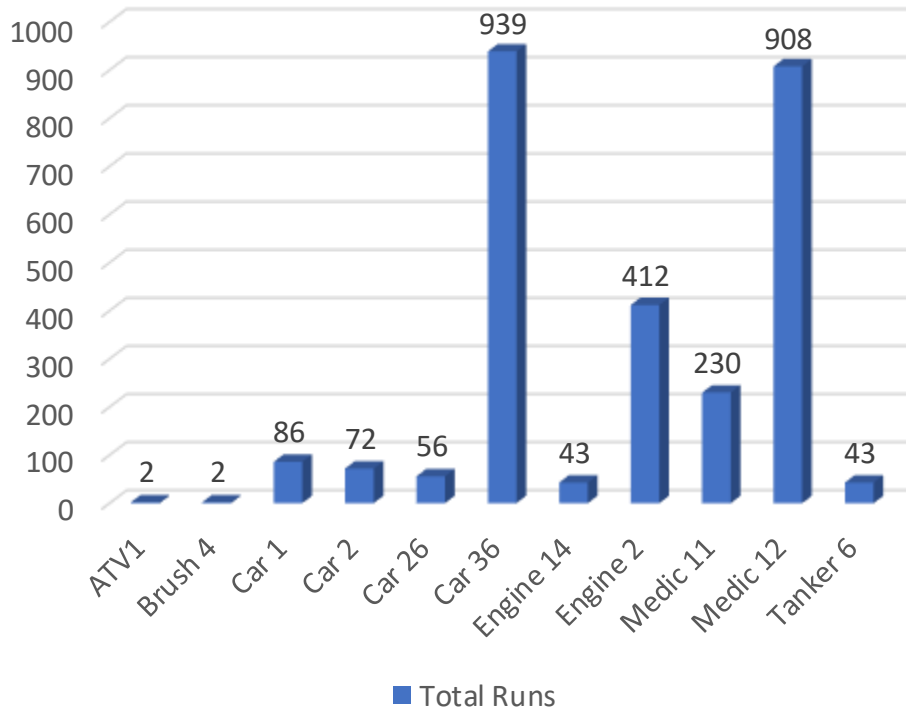


2025 Vehicle Responses

**Brush truck 4 was sold at auction online for \$27,200 in July of 2025.



Total Runs

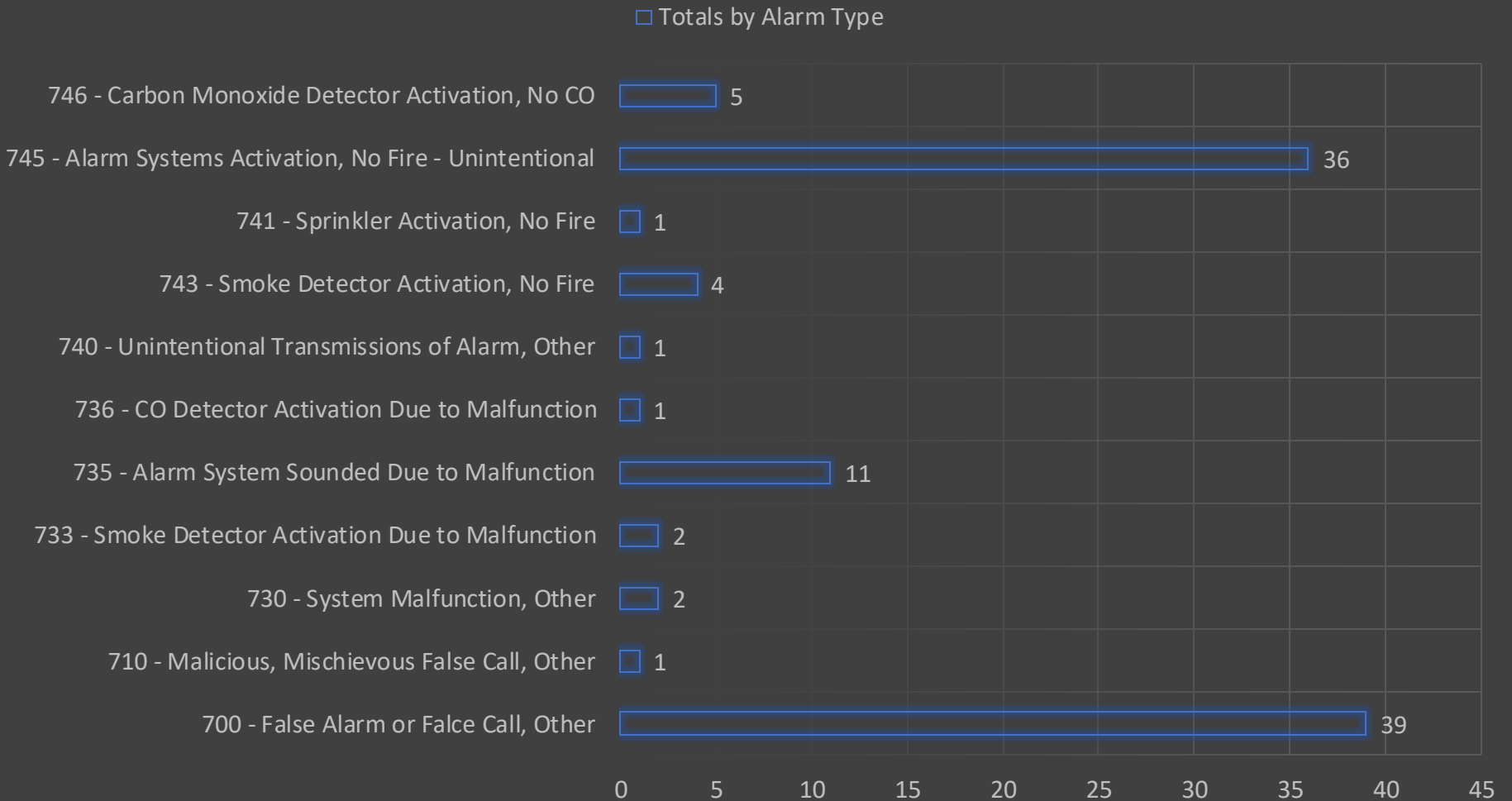


Apparatus	Total Runs	Make, Model, Year
ATV1	2	Polaris Ranger ATV, 2016
Brush4	2	Ford F-250, 2000
Car 1	86	Chevrolet Tahoe, 2020
Car 2	72	Chevrolet Tahoe, 2016
Car 26	56	Chevrolet Tahoe, 2013
Car 36	939	Chevrolet Silverado 3500, 2018
Engine 14	43	Pierce Velocity Pumper, 2014
Engine 2	412	Pierce Enforcer Pumper, 2024
Medic 11	230	Horton Squad, 2018
Medic 12	908	Lifeline Squad, 2021
Tanker 6	43	US Tanker, 2001
TOTAL	2793	

Luther Barn Fire | Alger Rd



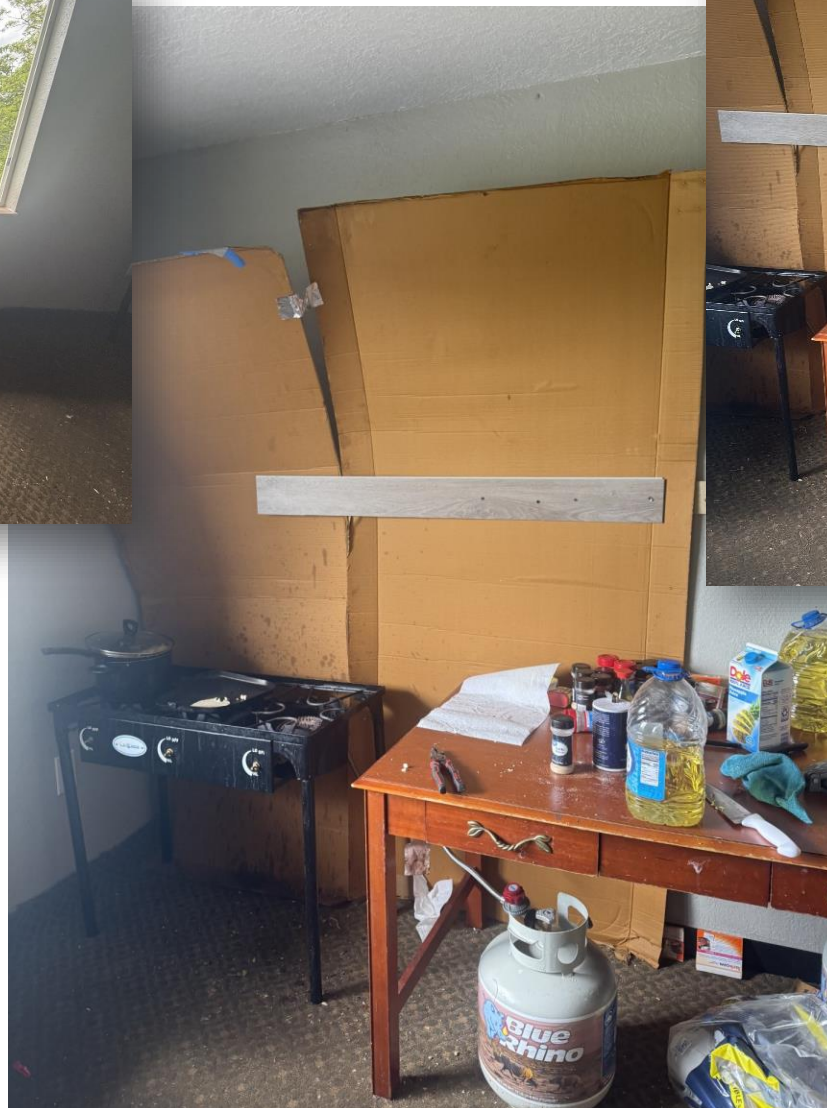
Totals by Alarm Type



False alarms in commercial buildings are a common occurrence. We have tried to reduce the false alarms by follow up inspections and false alarm billing. We allow three false alarms before we issue a billing statement.

2025 Fire Safety Inspections & Fire Prevention

Super 8 Motel | Fire Code Violations

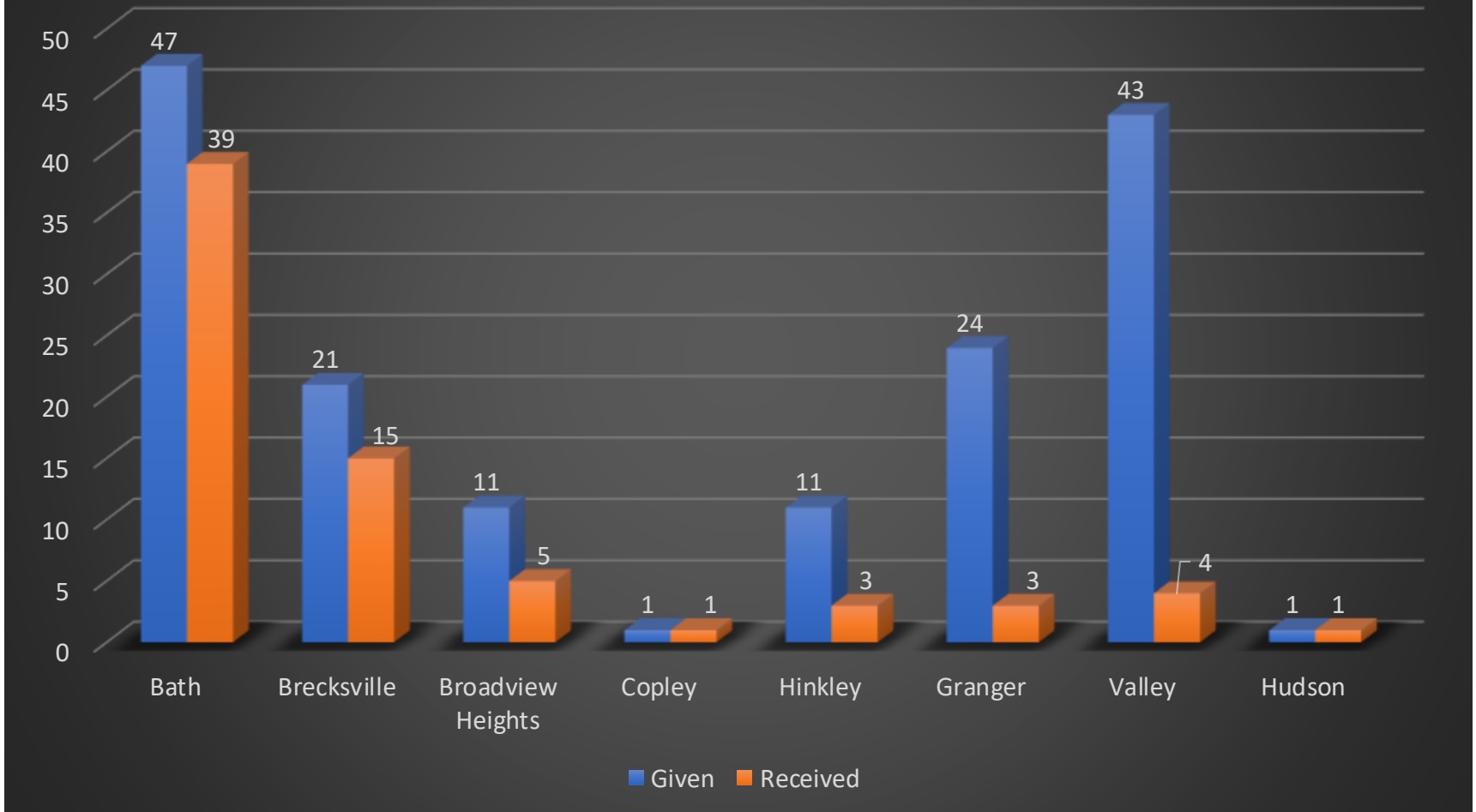


2025 Fire Safety Inspections & Fire Prevention (continued)

Other Fire Code Safety Violation Examples



Mutual / Auto Aid



In 2025, notably our mutual aid received from the Bath Township Fire Department dropped from 109 calls in 2024 to just 39 calls in 2025. This was mainly credited to the increased staffing levels of Richfield FD, allowing us to serve the local community with Richfield Firefighters and Paramedics.

Another notable change in 2025 was a large increase in mutual aid GIVEN to Valley Fire District. This is mainly due to poor staffing levels with the Valley Fire District. We have been in close communications with Valley Fire over these concerns. Valley Fire District will be focused in 2026 on improving their staffing levels and to fill those unfilled daily staffing positions with both full-time and part-time employees.

Peninsula / Valley Fire District (Mutual Aid Structure Fire Call)

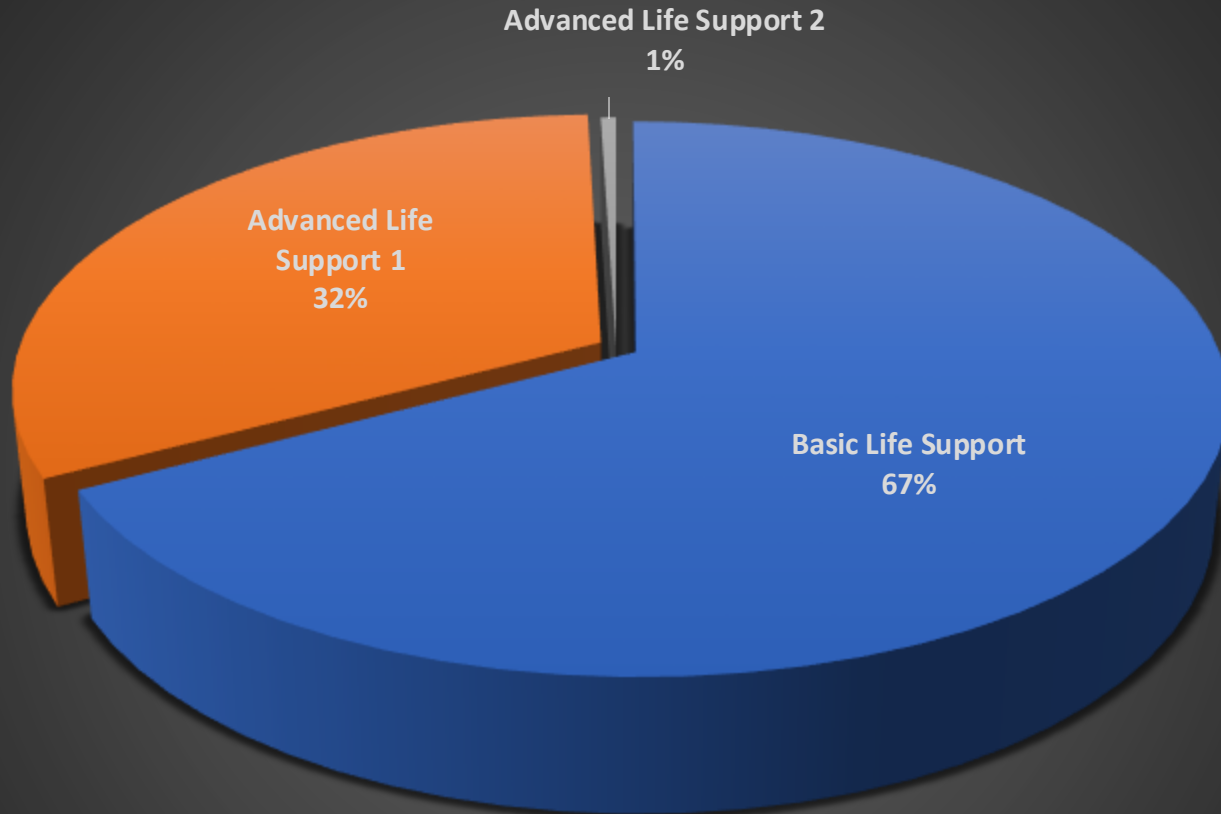
Eddy's Bike Shop



Bath Township House Fire (Mutual Aid Structure Fire)



Runs by Service Level



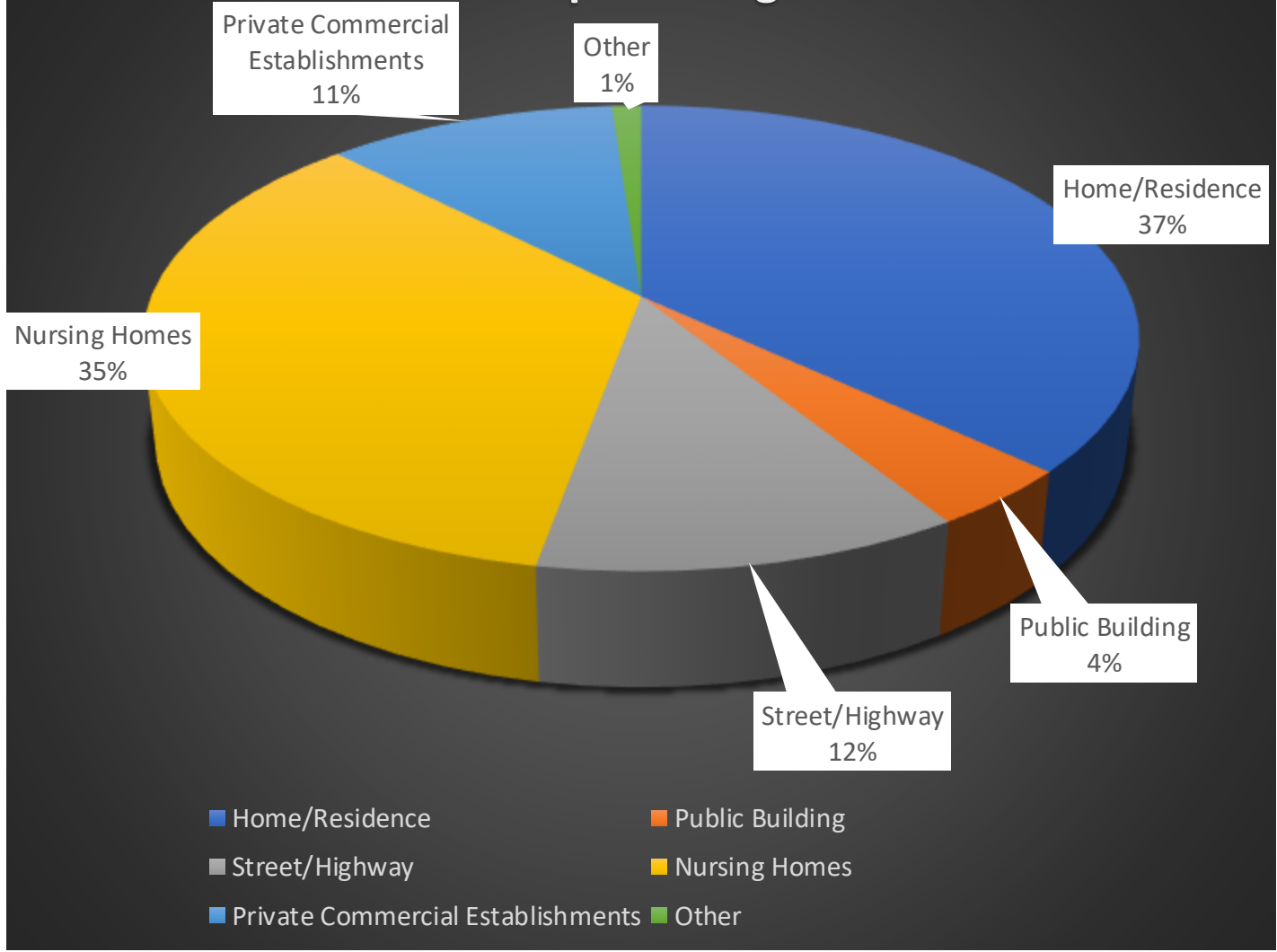
■ Basic Life Support ■ Advanced Life Support 1 ■ Advanced Life Support 2

There are three levels of EMS services for billing purposes. Basic Life Support usually covers injuries and illnesses where treatment on our part is minimal. Advanced Life Support is divided into two categories, ALS1 and ALS2. ALS1 is treatment that includes at least one intervention, such as administering a medication or performing a 12-Lead EKG. ALS2 generally includes Full Arrests that included such interventions as intubation, chest compressions, and defibrillation/cardioversion.

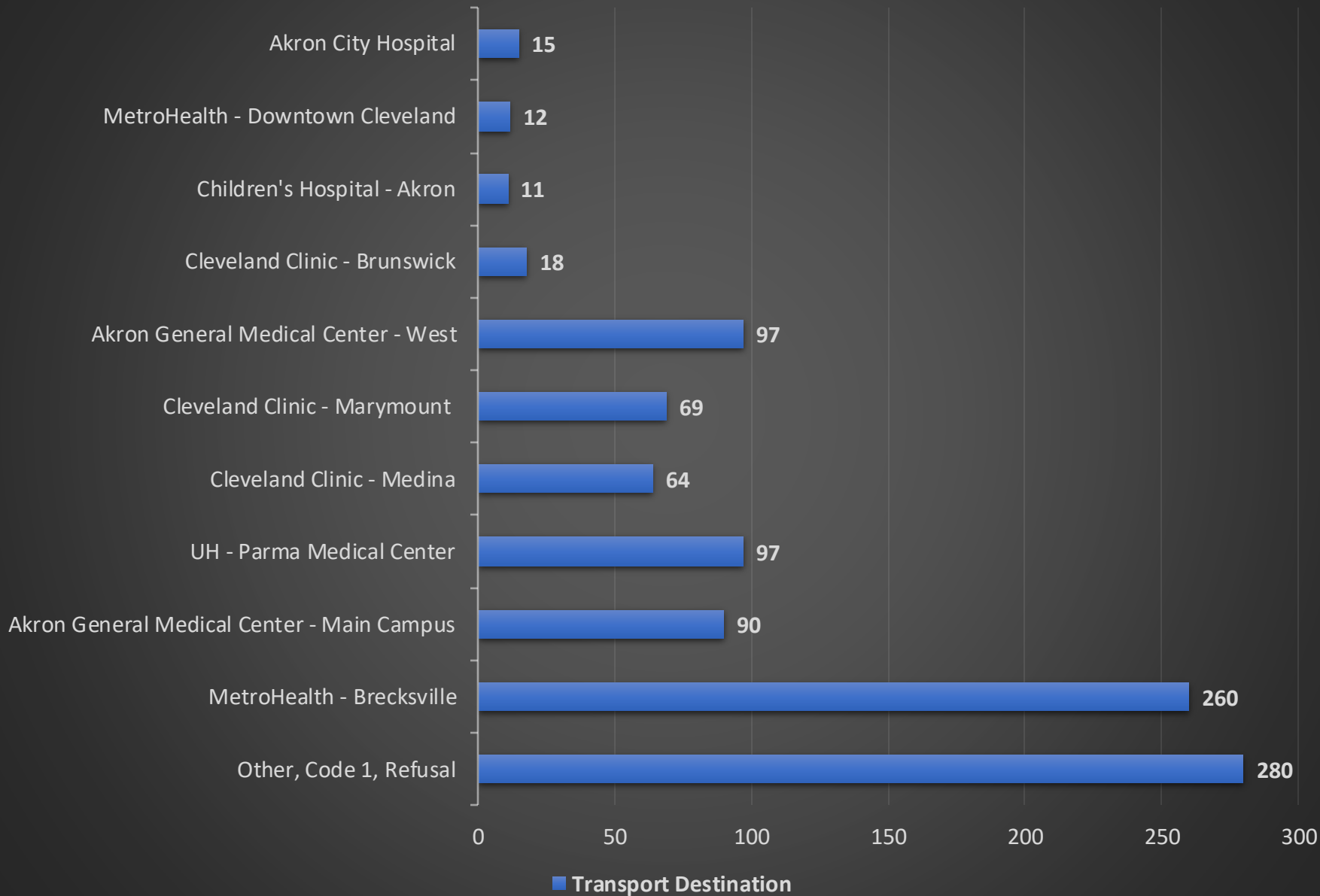
Tractor Trailer Fire – I80 Turnpike



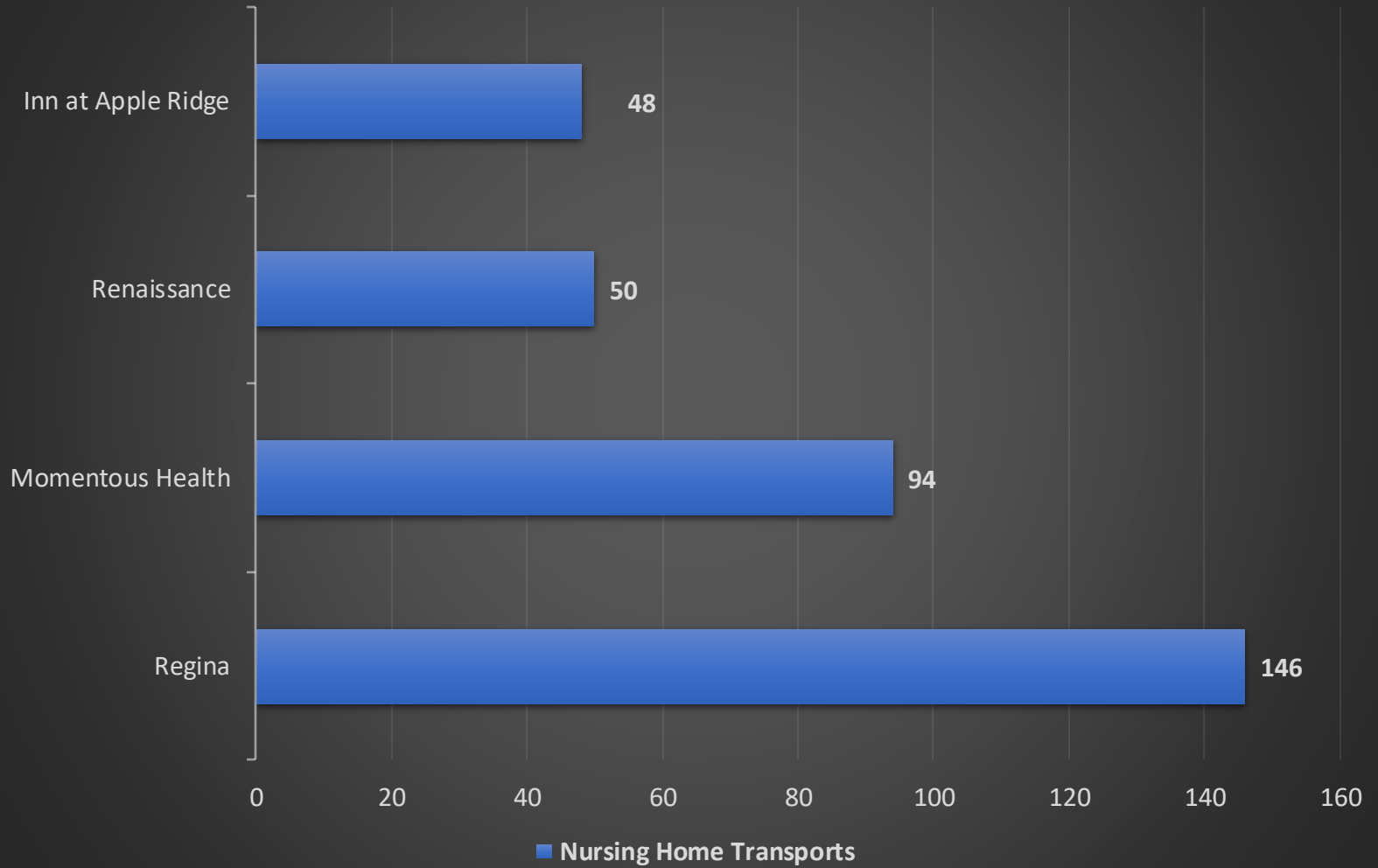
Transport Origin



Transport Destination



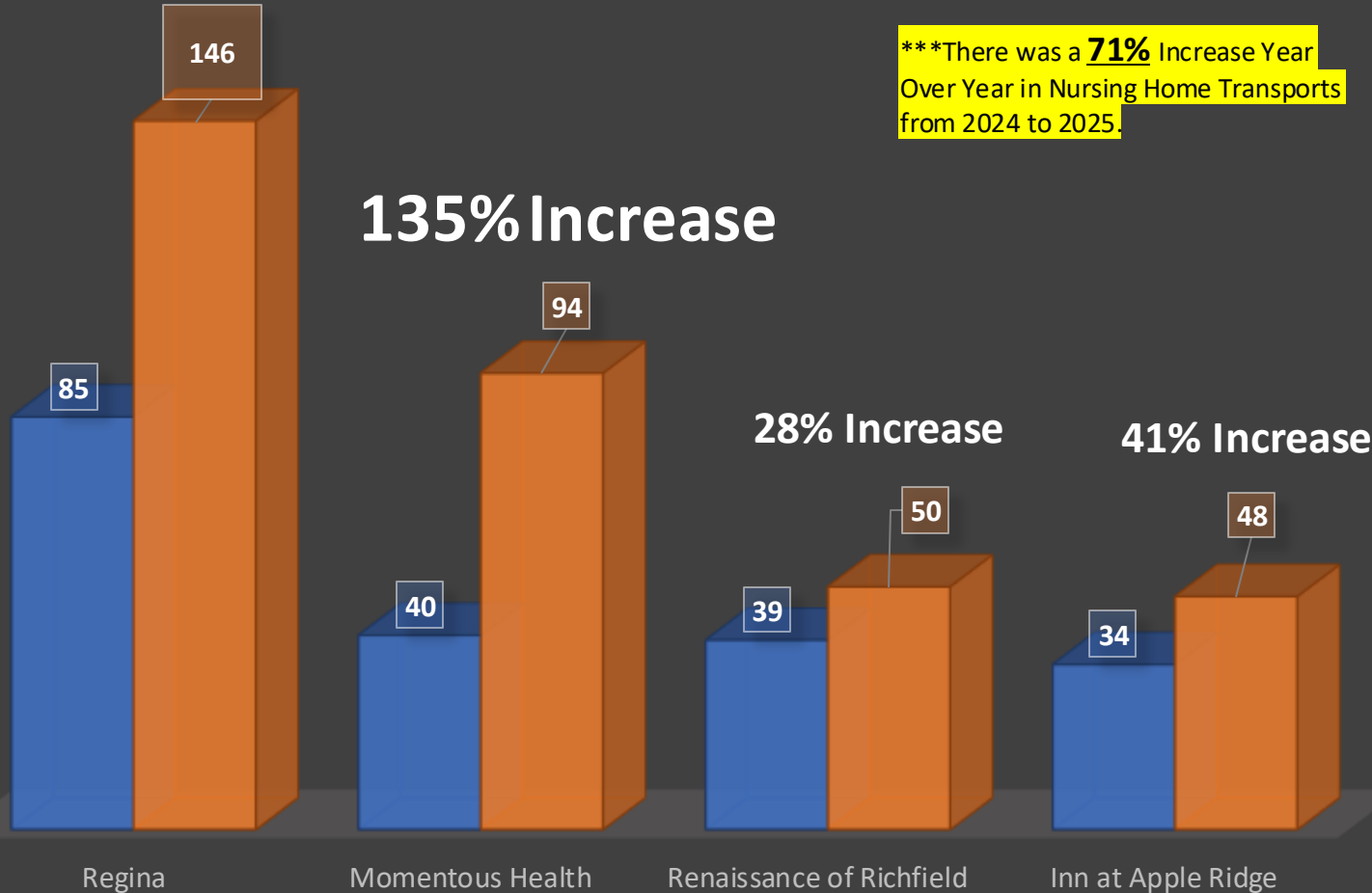
Nursing Home Transports



NURSING HOME TRANSPORTS

72% Increase

■ 2024 ■ 2025



***There was a **71%** Increase Year Over Year in Nursing Home Transports from 2024 to 2025.

Emergency responses to nursing homes accounted for **22%** of our EMS runs in 2025, up from 20% in 2024. We have worked closely with the area nursing homes to reduce the non-emergency responses. Regina Health Care has a larger population of residents, that is why their number is higher than the other nursing homes. We strive to maintain a positive relationship with the nursing homes and are in frequent contact with them to keep the lines of communication open.

2025 Richfield Fire Department Trainings

Brecksville Rd / Constantine's Property

First Due Engine Operations | Fire Attack | Coordination with Mutual Aid,
Bath Township | Incident Command & Radio Communications



Ice Rescue Training

Emergency Ice Rescue | Victim Extrication

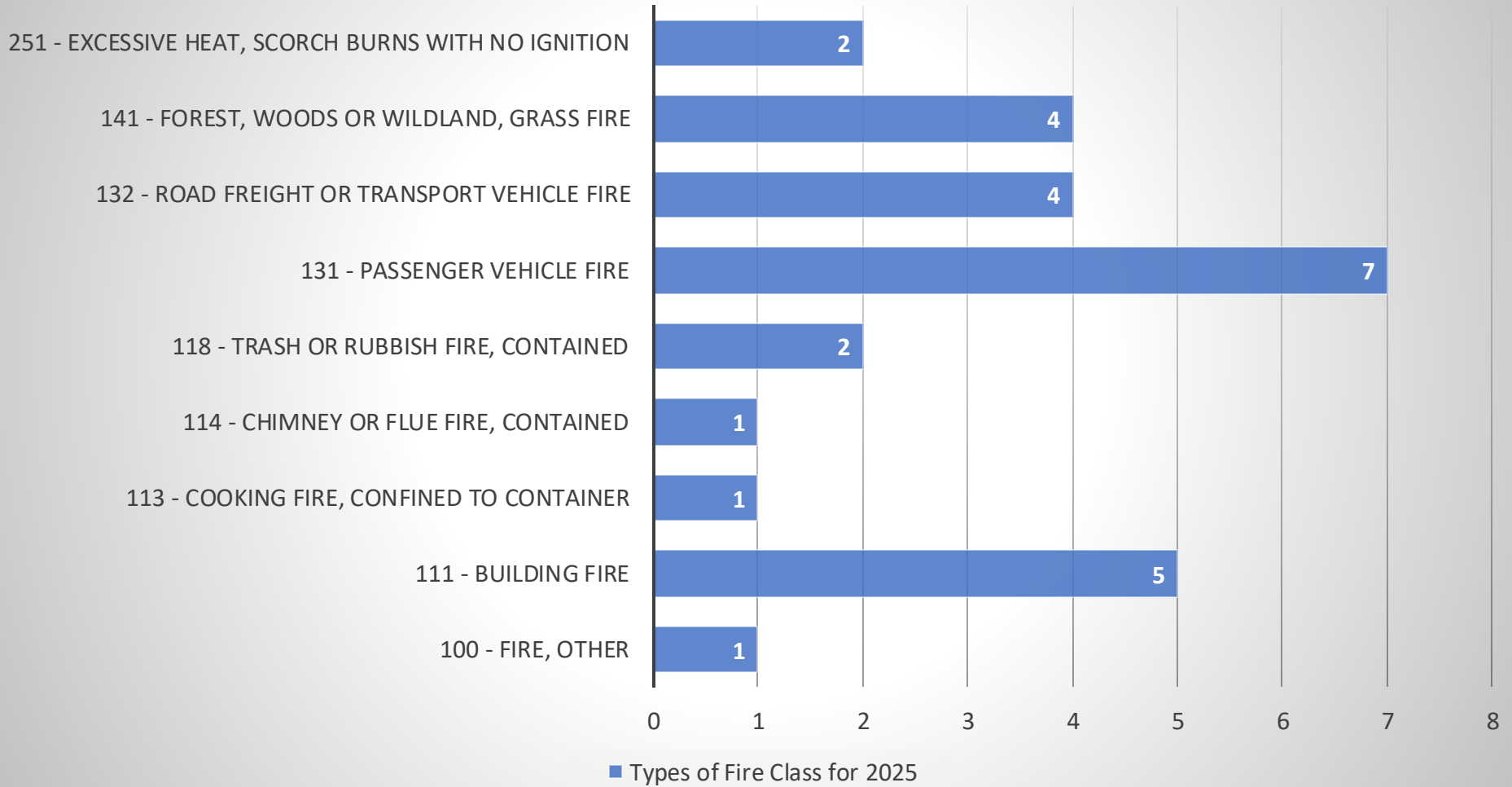


2025 Fire & EMS Training Totals

Fire training for 2025 continues to be a high priority for the Richfield Fire Department. We had members attend classes offered by Bowling Green University, Akron University, Tri-C, and NEOFPA. EMS training was provided by the University Hospital. Keeping our continuing education hours current in all fields of fire and EMS training keeps our members up to date with the latest trends and changes in the industry. A breakout of the hours is listed below:

EMS-CARDIAC (6)	56
EMS-CARDIAC PEDIATRIC (6)	12
EMS-GENERAL (56)	231
EMS-GERIATRIC (4)	10
EMS-PEDIATRIC (12)	46.50
FIRE-INSTRUCTOR	113.50
ISO 1023.B FIRE INSPECTOR CE	45.75
ISO 1023.B FIRE INSPECTOR CE, ISO 580.C OFFICER TRAINING	3
ISO 580.B COMPANY TRAINING	3
ISO 580.B COMPANY TRAINING, PHYSICAL FITNESS	5
ISO 580.B NEW DRIVER TRAINING	26
ISO 580.C OFFICER TRAINING	80
ISO 580.C OFFICER TRAINING, STAFF DEVELOPMENT ISO	18
ISO 580.E EXISTING DRIVERS OPERATOR TRAINING	43.50
ISO 580.F HAZ-MAT TRAINING	62
ISO MULTI DEPARTMENT TRAINING	8
PHYSICAL FITNESS	362.50
STAFF DEVELOPMENT ISO	116.50
TOTAL TRAINING HORS FOR THE YEAR	1994.75

Types of Fire Class for 2025



McDonald's Vehicle Fire | Wheatley Rd

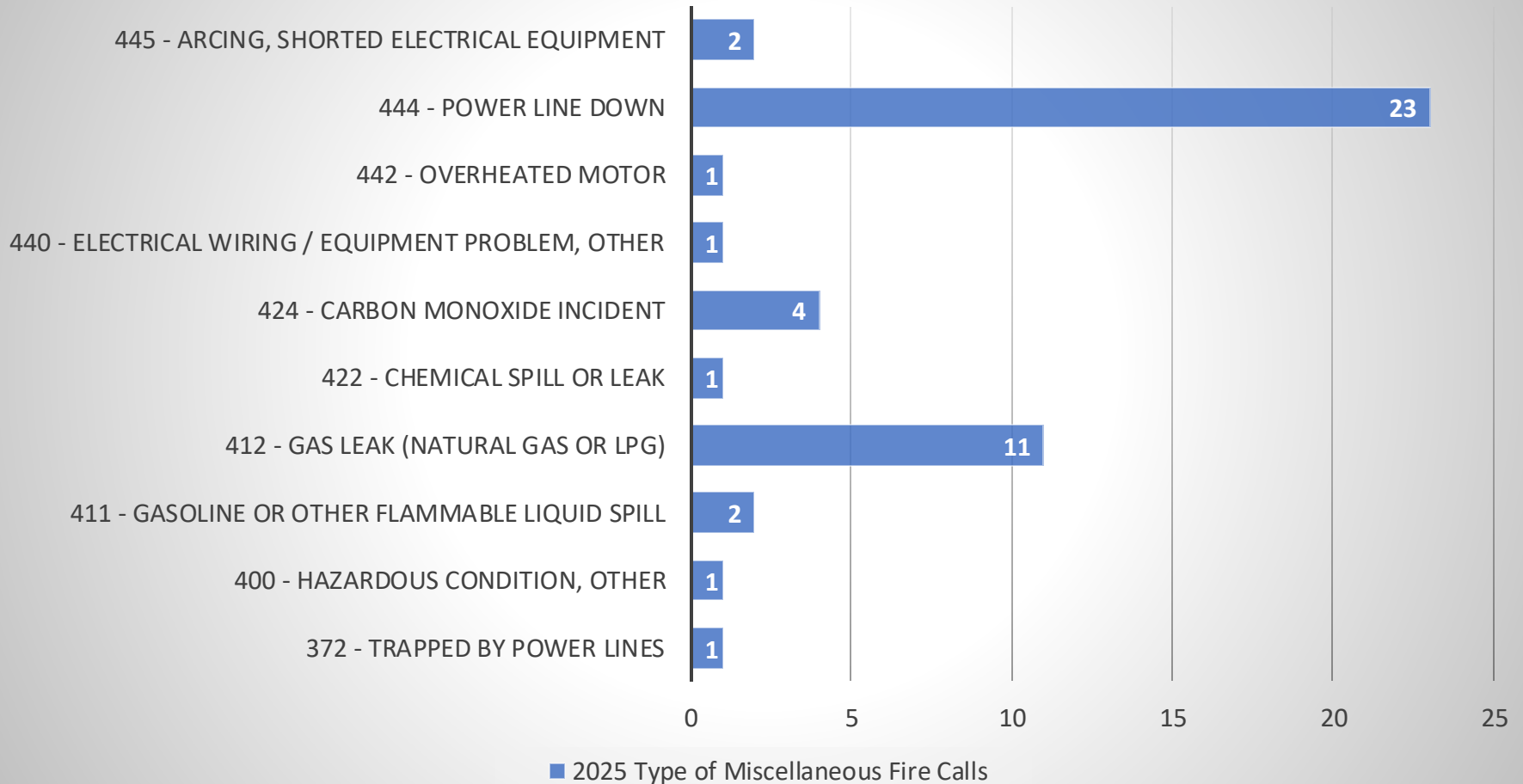


Estes Trucking Fire | Brecksville Rd



Miscellaneous calls are a catch all for the fire department responses. These types of calls are usually an investigation type in nature to find the source or problem. Electrical lines down are the leading cause for miscellaneous fire calls. There was an increase in 2025 in both carbon monoxide and gas leak calls from 2024.

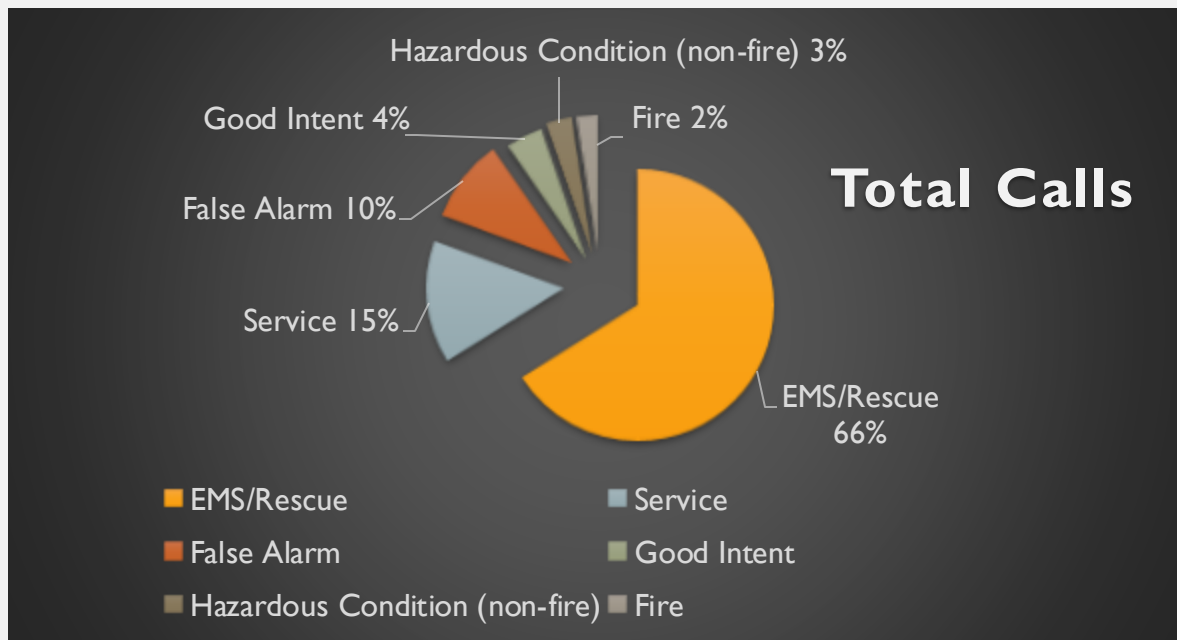
2025 Type of Miscellaneous Fire Calls



Harold Drive Shed Fire

Exposures included Attached Garage and Single Story Residential Home



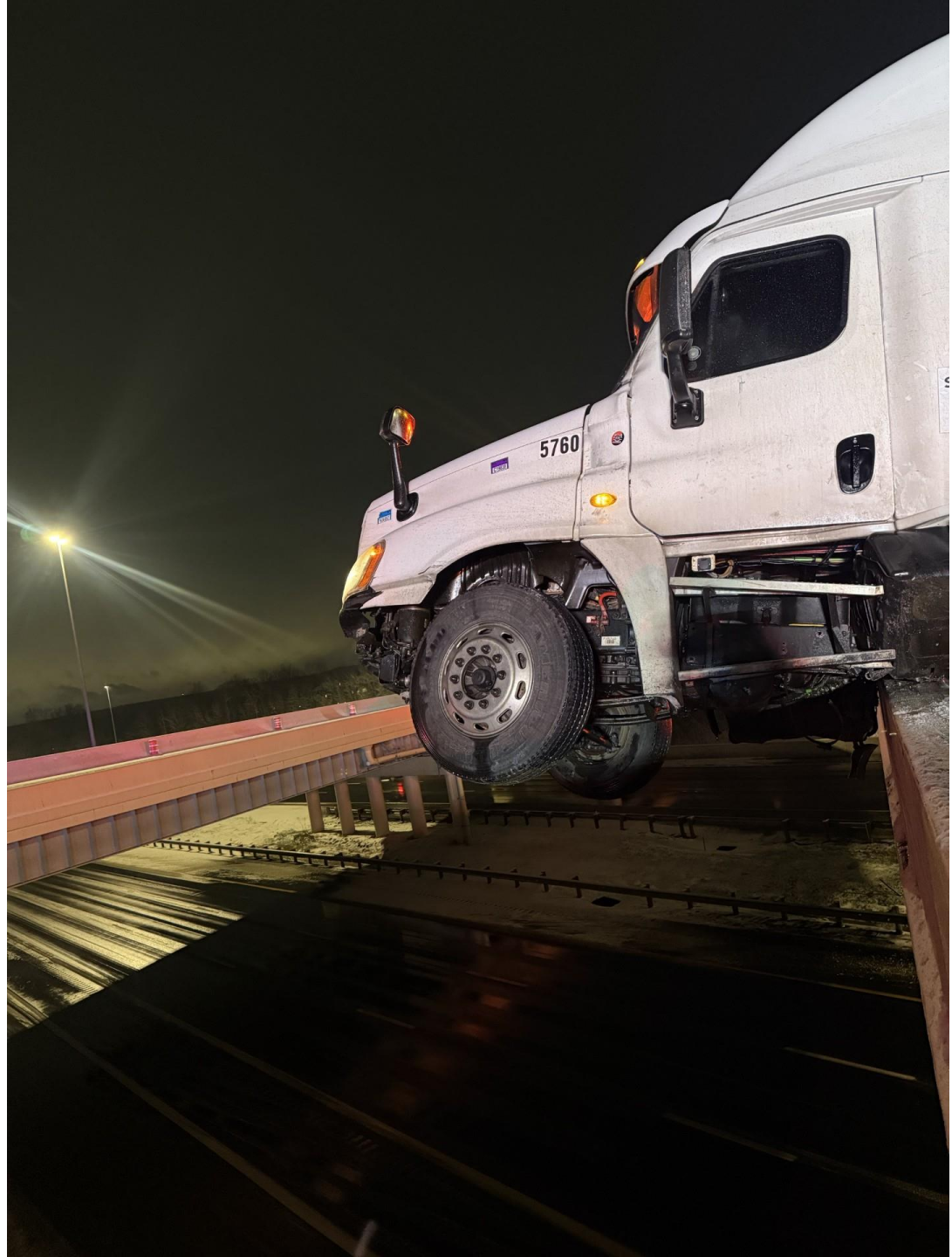


- Dispatched for EMS/Rescue Calls 1018 responses
- Dispatched for Service Calls 224 responses
- Dispatched for False Alarm Calls 150 responses
- Dispatched for Good Intent Calls 67 responses
- Dispatched for Hazardous Condition Calls (non-fire) - 46 responses
- Dispatched for Fire Calls 36 Response



The Richfield Fire Department responded to 1,550 calls for service. We responded to 1,143 calls within the boundaries of the Village of Richfield and responded to 407 calls for service in the boundaries of Richfield Township.

Tractor Trailer on I-271 bridge
hanging above I-77



2025 Community Outreach

The Richfield Fire Department provides community outreach services to Richfield residents in need. In addition to providing smoke detectors and lock boxes, RFD also gave out a lot of nightlights, medication disposal bags, fire safety information and Vial of Life forms. A small preplan was made of the residents' homes after their appointments. These Pre-Plans show the location of lock boxes and other key info to help RFD in case of an emergency call at that location. For 2025, RFD provided the following services:

Total Outreach Calls: 17

Total Smoke Detectors Given to Residents: 21

Number of Smoke Detector Battery Changes: 50

Total Lock Boxes Installed: 5

2025 Public Education/Public Relation



CPR/AED and First Aid Education 2025

CPR/AED Course

Richfield FD in a partnership with University Hospitals has provided the citizens of Richfield with many AHA CPR and First aid classes this year. More than 80 citizens went through the Heart saver and Basic Life Support Classes.

Heart disease is the number one killer worldwide. 70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest happen in homes. About 46 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate help they need before professional help arrives. The purpose of this course is to improve those numbers. CPR is an important tool to help prevent or delay cardiac arrest.

Stop the Bleed Course

Richfield Fire also provides a course called stop the bleed. Bleeding can occur anywhere. Life threatening bleeding can happen from serious accidents or disasters. This course will educate the public on how to become an immediate responder in stopping the bleed

Public Education/Public Relation Report 2025

In April, over 700 students and teachers learned about severe storms, tornado safety and preparedness. A discussion with the children helped them to understand the important difference between a fire meeting place and a safe place to shelter during severe storms or tornados. They also practiced getting into a safe position for the duration of a storm, as well as what supplies to keep in the safe area. Over 700 children and adults were trained.

In June, Safety Town was again a joint effort between Richfield and Bath's Safety forces, known as Revere Safety Town. Representatives from all the safety forces help create, teach and lead Revere Safety Town. These representatives were from Richfield Police, Richfield Fire, Bath Police and Bath Fire. Over 150 students learned about fire safety, stranger danger, good touch-bad touch, self-defense, 911 and dispatchers, water safety, animal safety, first aid and many other topics.

In November, over 700 students and teachers learned the functions of a smoke alarm, and how to exit a smoky dwelling including using alternate exits such as a window. As well as crawling under the smoke, never hiding or trying to save toys or pets, how to check a closed door to see if fire may be on the other side, creating and getting to a meeting place outside. Students were assigned to go home and practice the plan with members of the household.

Throughout the year, the department hosted several public relations events for numerous organizations. Including but not limited to Cub Scouts, Girls Scouts, Brownies, and home school groups. They were all educated in fire safety, as well as how and when to call 911.

The department regularly has members present at the Richfield Senior Center checking blood pressures and educating seniors about the Community Risk Reduction services the fire department offers.

The kids had a blast this spring when the fire engine showed up to all the Richfield Elementary Field days and sprayed down the kids, teachers, and volunteers. The fire department was represented at the annual Touch a Truck at RES. The Richfield Summer Camp attendees also enjoyed a weekly spray-down this summer. Over 1,000 kids and adults were part of the fun!

The fire extinguisher training prop was used heavily this year training numerous Richfield businesses, religious organizations, and health care facility employees. Over 100 people were trained when to and how to use a fire extinguisher, as well as steps to rescue people and contain the fire.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt Kevin Urban