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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of November 22nd to December 26th and details some of the activities of the Department.

On December 28th the Department took delivery of our new aerial platform truck. As members of the Common Council I hope you all feel a sense of pride and accomplishment with the fact that you have contributed once again to life safety issues and improved the quality of life in our community. On behalf of the fire department I wish to thank the Mayor, Finance Director, their staff and all of you for your continued support.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- a. The department continued preplan activities this month. Facilities and areas visited include: Avalon Apartments, Martha apartments, Danbury, Airport, GE Capital, Arlington Woods, Autumn Ridge, Kimchuck, WCSU, Danbury Fair Mall, Oakland Avenue, 272 Min Street, Lion's Condos, Brookside, Crystal Bay, Park Ridge and North Ridge.
- b. The department held station tours with groups from Maimonides Academy and visiting Scout troops.
- c. We conducted in service programs at Stew Leonard's and the Super Food mart much to the delight of both shoppers and children.

- d. Engine companies began a conscious effort to contact various building project managers in an effort to visualize the various stages of construction in progress. The benefit is shared and acquired knowledge to proactively minimize incidents necessitating an emergency response.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- a. A major trench rescue/recovery incident took place this month. Firefighters worked diligently through extremely difficult conditions to attempt a rescue and then recover the body of a construction worker buried in the unprotected drainage trench. The department had just completed trench rescue training classes via a Federal grant in the months prior to the incident.
- b. A unique train accident resulted in an individual being struck by a freight train. The resulting rescue and medical attention provided by firefighters and EMS personnel minimized the trauma suffered by the individual.
- c. An employee Christmas party took a turn for the worse as 25 - 30 people overloaded an elevator car necessitating a rescue. Upon arrival employees were attempting to pull individuals into the hoist way, which was still energized. FD personnel took control of the situation, securing power and removing the trapped occupants.
- d. Multiple Chimney fires took place this month. In several instances thermal imaging units were used to minimize damage to property. The upgrade in technology has allowed the department to increase our professional approach to these instances.

Emergency Medical Services/Haz-Mat

Monthly training continued on EMS Wednesday with the completion of defibrillation recertification on all crews. The on duty training provides an efficient way to keep our personnel at the highest level of competency.

The department accepted delivery of three additional Level A Hazardous Materials suits this month from the Department of Homeland Security. The suits were pressure tested and placed into inventory.

COMMUNICATIONS/911

Dispatcher Training

Our new relief dispatchers continue to undergo hands on training in the Communications Center. Most individual have begun taking calls and working with the new cellular technology.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

Implemented on November 15th, the department continues to monitor the impact of this State mandate. The initial reviews are positive with many responses being handled in a safer manner.

We will continue to review calls dispatched under this method for proper medical quality assurance issues. We will also maintain an evaluation of the mandate's effect on our resources.

TRAINING - Jim Thorne

Our DECON trailer has been returned to service after some warranty repairs made in Wallingford.

Master water stream training took place this month at the West side campus. The evolution concentrated on using large water supply lines and the use of aerial monitors to flow large fire streams.

Training classes were also delivered on hose line advancement. The drills were designed to improve skills when using fire hydrants and moving lines through buildings.

Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance

The delivery of the new aerial platform from Pierce manufacturing was a highlight this month. There will be several acceptance tests, equipment to be mounted and training for maintenance and operation taking place this month.

The Apparatus Division completed normal maintenance issues this month on apparatus. Preparations for cold weather operations were completed.

The division evaluated some new metering technology this month. The multi-purpose meters sample carbon monoxide, combustible gas, oxygen levels and some toxins.

Good of the Organization

- a. All crews had their Holiday parties this month. Many volunteer companies as well as city employees celebrated the Holidays in style. The result was an opportunity to thank our responders, families and friends for a wonderful year...and about ten pounds on the waistline.
- b. The senior response staff had a staff meeting this month to implement some operating procedures designed to improve operations and safety.
- c. The Chief participated in the annual judging of cellblock decorations at the FCI this month. As a member of the Community Relations Board to the FCI it is important to maintain a relationship with the facility and the Warden's staff.
- d. Santa was delivered to not less than four locations this month as well. While the children are wide eyed about the fire engines and Santa, I am happy to report we have not landed on a roof in many years.
- e. The department and firefighter's Local 801 have completed the Annual food drive. Food items were collected at all City firehouses.
- f. On duty firefighters delivered many gifts on Christmas day to the Children's ward at Danbury Hospital and some shelters in the City.

Dates of Importance:

January 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	23
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	1
Rescue/EMS	331
Hazardous Condition	31
Service Calls	43
Good Intent Calls	72
False Alarm/False Calls	111
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	2
No Report/Incomplete	17

Total Fire Calls..631.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 784 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	784
No patient EMS Calls	116
BLS Patient Calls	345
ALS EMS Calls	321
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	13
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	33

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 3621 with a daily average of 106.5 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	307
EMS Response calls.	454
Abandoned Calls	517
911 Hang Ups	569

Admin Calls Received	709
Cellular 911 Calls	1183

Note - Since multiple 9-1-1 calls are received for many responses, call volume is reflected as a total. Multiple calls received are recorded on individual fire reports and not on CAD generated totals.

Attached please find graphic displays and the Fire Response Breakdown, Company Response, Volunteer Company Call and Response Statistics, and EMS Transport Activity Statistics for the reporting period.

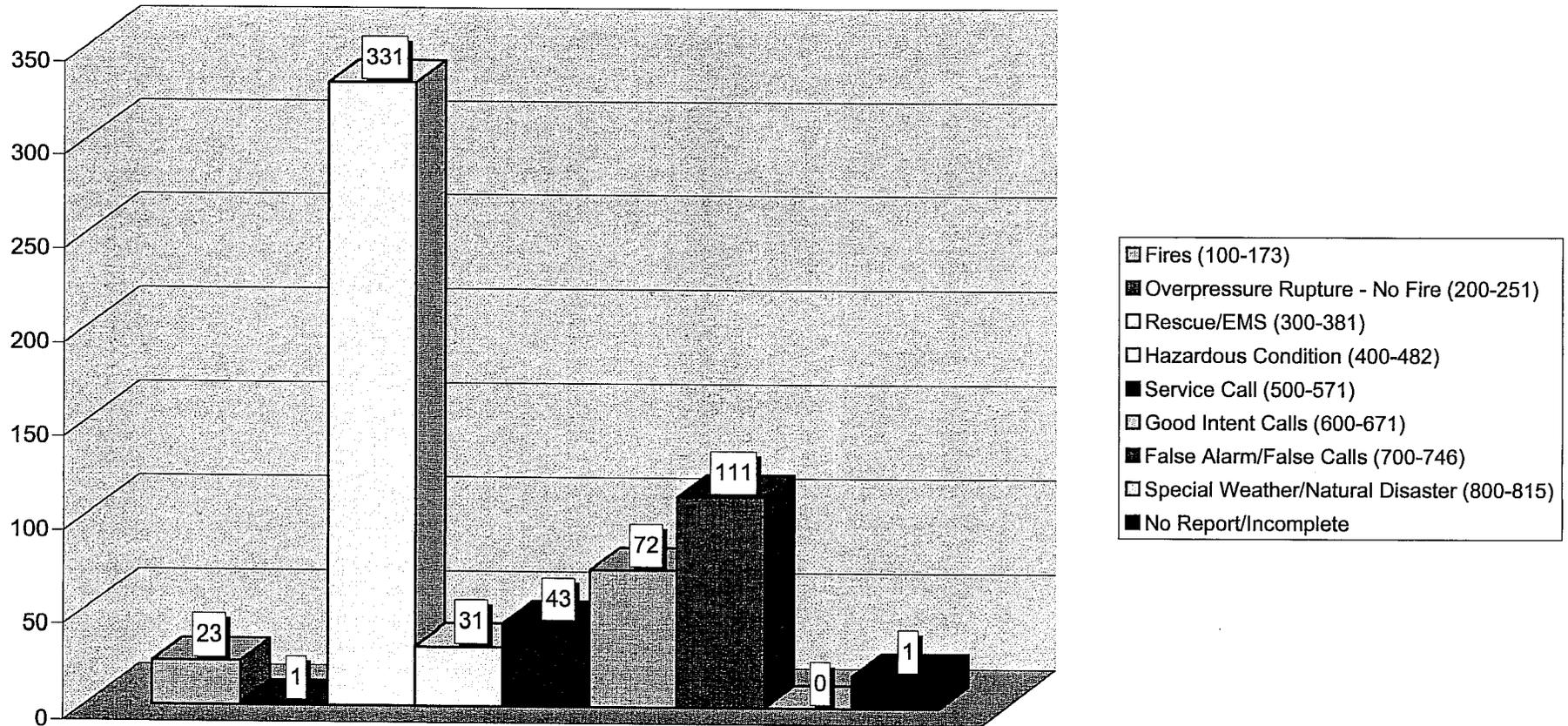
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Respectfully submitted,

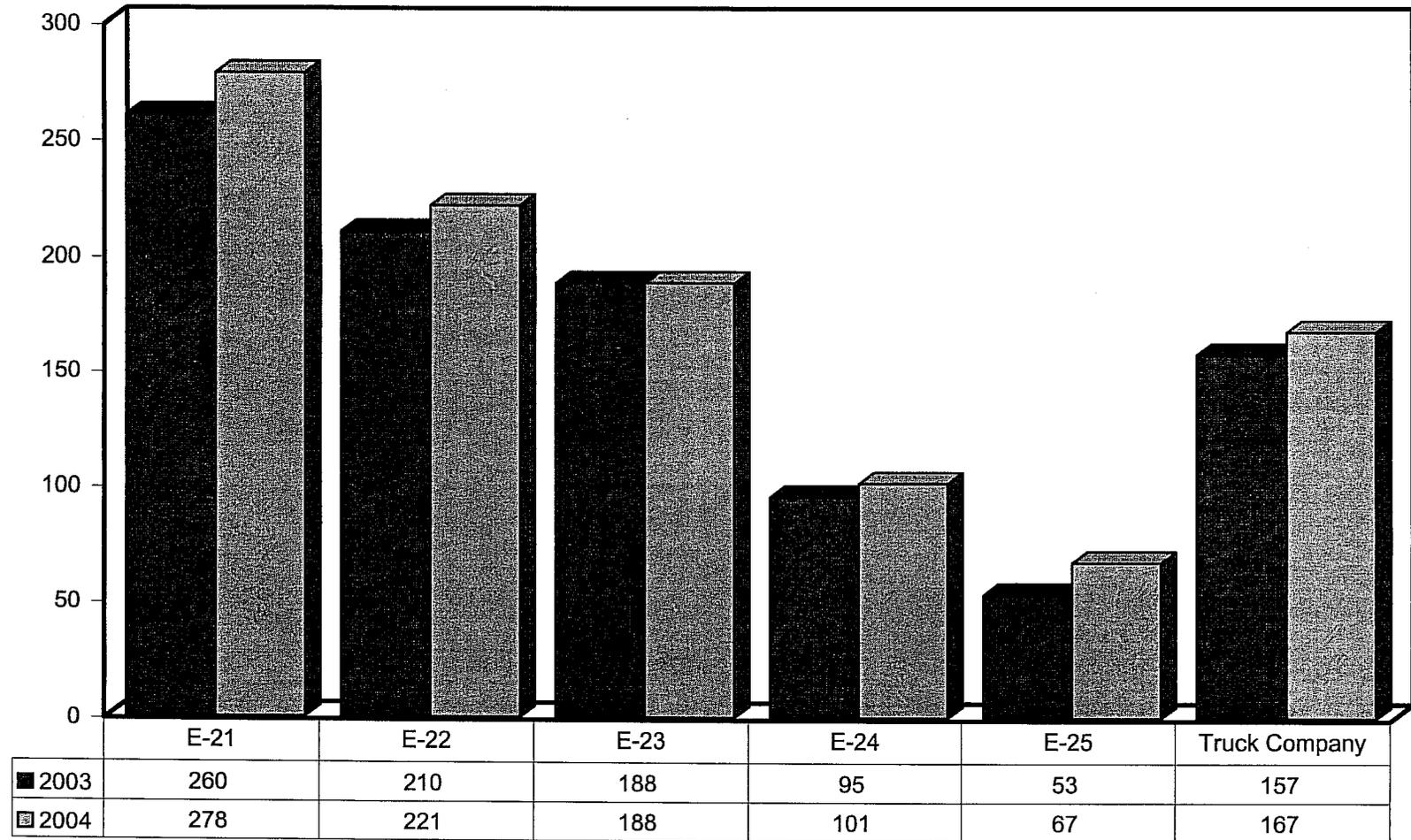


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Fire Response Breakdown November 22, 2004 to December 26, 2004

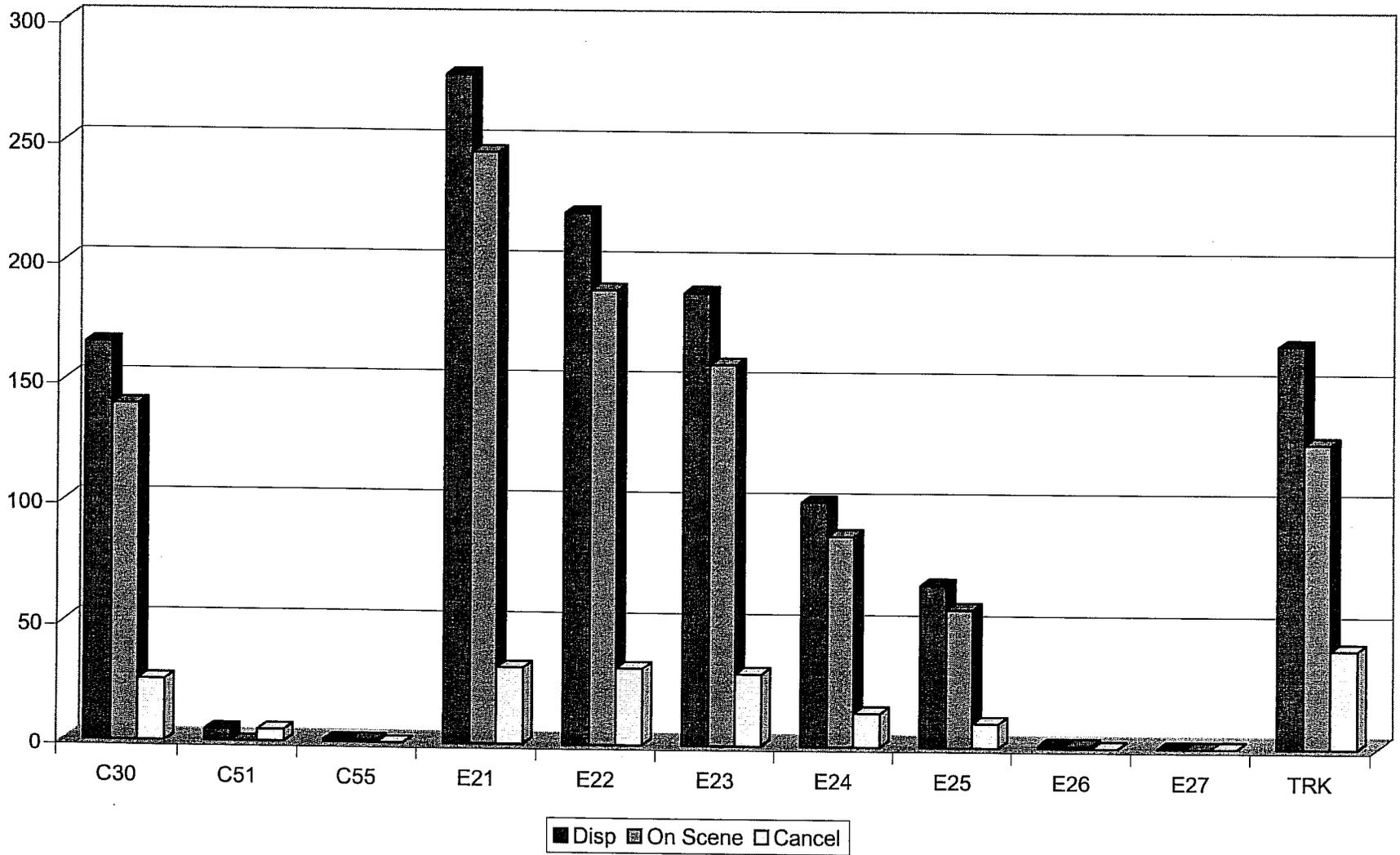


**Danbury Fire Department
December Company Response Statistics**

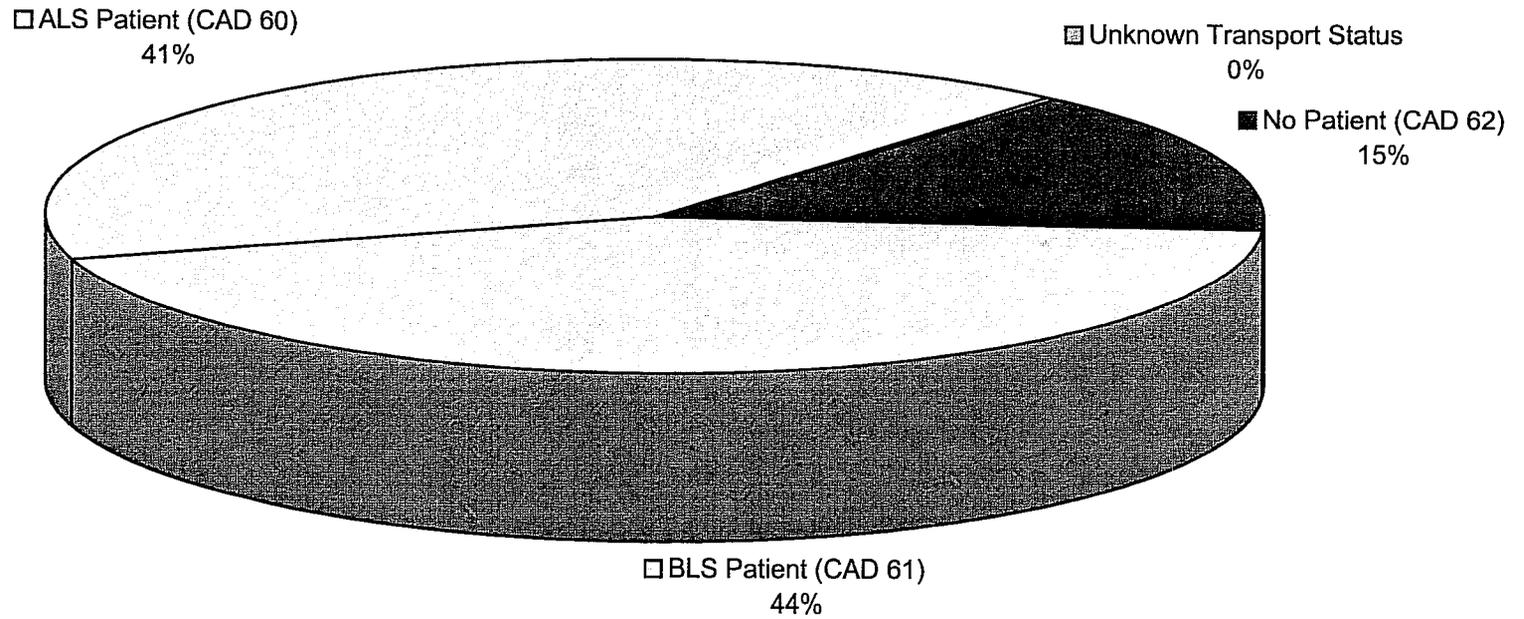


DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES									
	<i>December Response Statistics</i>								
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response			
E-3	38	0	1	0	37	3%			
E-4	27	0	2	1	24	11%			
E-5	37	0	1	0	36	3%			
S-6	98	0	3	43	52	47%			
S-7	57	1	1	11	44	23%			
E-8	58	0	1	18	36	33%			
E-9	64	0	1	5	58	9%			
E-10	55	1	3	17	34	38%			
E-11	32	2	1	7	22	31%			
E-12	38	1	4	5	28	26%			
E-13	24	0	2	8	14	42%			
E-14	10	0	2	4	4	60%			
Totals	538	5	22	119	389	27%			

Career Company Response November 22, 2004 to December 26, 2004



EMS Transport Activity
November 22, 2004 to December 26, 2004



911 Center Activity

November 22, 2004 to December 26, 2004

