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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 July 26th to August 22nd and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- a. On the 6th of this month the department delivered a fire education program and participated in the Federal Correctional Institution's annual inmate family day.
- b. Engine 22 and the Truck company spent several hours at the Super Food Mart children's fair. Many families shared prevention tips as well as the apparatus and equipment.
- c. The department participated in the Crosby Manor open house celebration this month. On the 14th we participated in a special Olympic softball game at Roger's Park.
- d. The end of summer tours of stations by the public increased this month and firefighters were also able to participate at the St. Joseph's summer camp.
- e. The department conducted prevention inspections as part of the continued "Big Sweep" project through the areas of South Street, Federal Road, Middle River Road, Joes's Hill and the West Pine area of the City.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

An increase in structure fires was experienced this month. Despite extreme heat and daunting firefighting conditions, the department did not suffer any lost workdays to injuries. Our total lost days to injury through the first eight months of this year remain at one. Stellar!

- a. A deliberately set fire in a second floor bedroom on Eden Drive caused substantial damage to the structure. Occupants attempted to put the fire out four hours prior to the outbreak. Luckily the occupants were all able to escape without serious injury.
- b. A lightning strike on a newly constructed modular home off of Bear Mountain Road caused a gas line to rupture on the interior of the house. The severe fire, which ensued, was extinguished quickly by firefighters out of Engine 25 on South King Street. Volunteer companies from the entire City participated in a water tanker shuttle to insure adequate water supply to this non-hydranted district on the New Fairfield border. The department rehab procedure was activated as the high temperature and humidity placed the heat index in excess of 110 degrees F.
- c. An accidental apartment fire on Balmforth Avenue was extinguished quickly. Damage was held to a single apartment and the disruption to traffic was minimal.
- d. A major fire at a Stony Hill motel caused a mutual aid assignment for Engine 24 this month. The company assisted in ventilation, suppression and water supply for Bethel companies.
- e. The department was involved in an odd extrication this month. Firefighters responded to an emergency medical call for a 4-year old boy that had his arm trapped in a meat grinder. Despite a chaotic scene and the traumatic situation at the hospital our personnel worked with Emergency Room staff to immobilize the child while he was transported to Westchester Medical Center. While the outcome was not as everyone had hoped, this response again illuminates the creativity of our first responders to give our citizens the highest level of care.

- f. Severe storms, which passed through our area on the 20th of this month resulted in 27 responses. Numerous responses for high water and electrical problems were encountered. Volunteer companies were placed on cover assignments for potential pump details. As the storms subsided and water receded, damage and flooding issues were minimal.

- g. Hydrant testing continued this month with Lake Waubeka, Birchwood Condo's, Bennett Place, Dr. Aaron Samuels Blvd., Claremont St. and Crows Nest being completed.

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Wednesday EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS re-certification requirements of Fire Department First Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with pre-hospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills.

This month's topic has been Trauma Assessment; a trauma scene in particular can present a confusing array of information that the First Responder must quickly evaluate and use to make decisions. Assessment of the emergency scene includes evaluating the scene for actual and potential dangers, identifying the mechanism of injury, and determining whether to institute multiple casualty procedures while treating life-threatening injuries.

Today the death rate from trauma in the City of Danbury is actually decreasing because of Danbury Fire Department First Responder programs rapid response ability, quickly bringing highly trained Firefighters to emergency scenes to manage the airway, and control bleeding, enhancing our EMS response

The Danbury Fire Department First Responder Program is a key part of the EMS system, cross-trained firefighters that have the knowledge of these lifesaving skills are rapidly deployed to the scene of an emergency has increased the patient survival rates in the City of Danbury.

Volunteer Training

Standing in for the vacationing Training Officer James Thorne, EMS / Haz-Mat Coordinator Rodriguez held a training evolution for the volunteer contingent of our department at Rogers Park on

Wednesday Aug.18, 2004. The evolutions consisted of maze drill wearing full SCBA's, a ladder evolution and a hydrant evolution complete with pump operations and flowing of two inch and three-quarter lines.

COMMUNICATIONS/911

Dispatchers are becoming more proficient with the E911 mapping component that was installed by SBC technicians. While there are some errors with the map database, updates to the 911 system and the mapping database will be addressed by SBC/SNET as soon as all PSAP's in the state have the new equipment.

E911 Public Education

Following a series of PSAP focus group meetings held by the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications, OSET will be looking for ways to solve the common concerns of Connecticut 911 Centers. One area that noted as lacking was a lack of a statewide public education campaign. Many issues confronting PSAP's can be minimized through education. OSET plans to have a full slate of PSA's ready for January 2005.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

As of the 1st of July, E911 dispatchers are now required to provide Emergency Medical questioning and instructions. 25 out of 27 of the current Dispatchers/Relief Dispatchers have been trained and certified. With the information received from and given to 911 callers about medical problems, dispatcher will be able to match the response to the exact situation being reported. As dispatchers become more proficient with this method of interaction the quality of service and emergency care will increase.

Through a monthly Quality Assurance program supervisors will be able to determine any changes in policy or training that may be indicated.

TRAINING

- a. Our "Big Sweep" inspection program continues this month. Firefighters are assigned two days a week towards this prevention project.
- b. Plans for the fire school demolition and construction are being bid this month. Bids will be accepted up to August 31st.
- c. The department is currently training on live burn vehicle fires at the Plumtrees facility. These drills assist the department in meeting our State mandates.
- d. Our Three new recruits continue to progress at their 11-week recruit training course. Graduation is scheduled for September 22nd. Any council members that wish to attend can contact the Chief for details.
- e. 3rd Quarter Training for Volunteer Firefighters is continuing. Training took place at Roger's Park on ladders, SCBA, self-rescue, supply and attack lines.
- f. Firefighter Jeff Tomchik attended a WMD Class at the Anniston Alabama training facility. FF Tomchik used his own personal time for the training course.

Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance

- a. All pieces of apparatus are currently in service.
- b. Construction of the new Pierce aerial platform truck has begun. Delivery remains firm for the beginning of the year (05).

Good of the Organization

- a. The Headquarters Lavatory renovations have been completed. The process provided a needed facelift of the 34-year-old facilities. The new design is much brighter and more efficient.

- b. The bunk area of fire headquarters is in the final stages of renovations. Fire Department personnel have worked hard to paint and redesign this area
- c. Firefighters Local 801 held an annual family picnic on the FCI beach, which provided an opportunity for relaxation.
- d. Firefighters spent time this month conducting a "Fill the Boot" campaign for MDA. Firefighters and MDA have been long associated together with this campaign.

Dates of Importance:

- September 6 - Labor Day
- September 10 - Boehringer Appreciation Luncheon
- September 11 - 911 Memorial Dedication
Taste of Danbury
- September 22 - Employee City Fair
Recruit Graduation

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	17
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	3
Rescue/EMS	214
Hazardous Condition	41
Service Calls	28
Good Intent Calls	48
False Alarm/False Calls	83
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	1
Special Incident Type	1
No Report/Incomplete	12

Total Fire Calls..448.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 577 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	577
No patient EMS Calls	87
BLS Patient Calls	263
ALS EMS Calls	227
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	9
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	25

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2739 with a daily average of 97.82 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	448
EMS Response calls.	577
Abandoned Calls	403
911 Hang Ups	468
Admin Calls Received	746
Cellular 911 Calls	848

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.

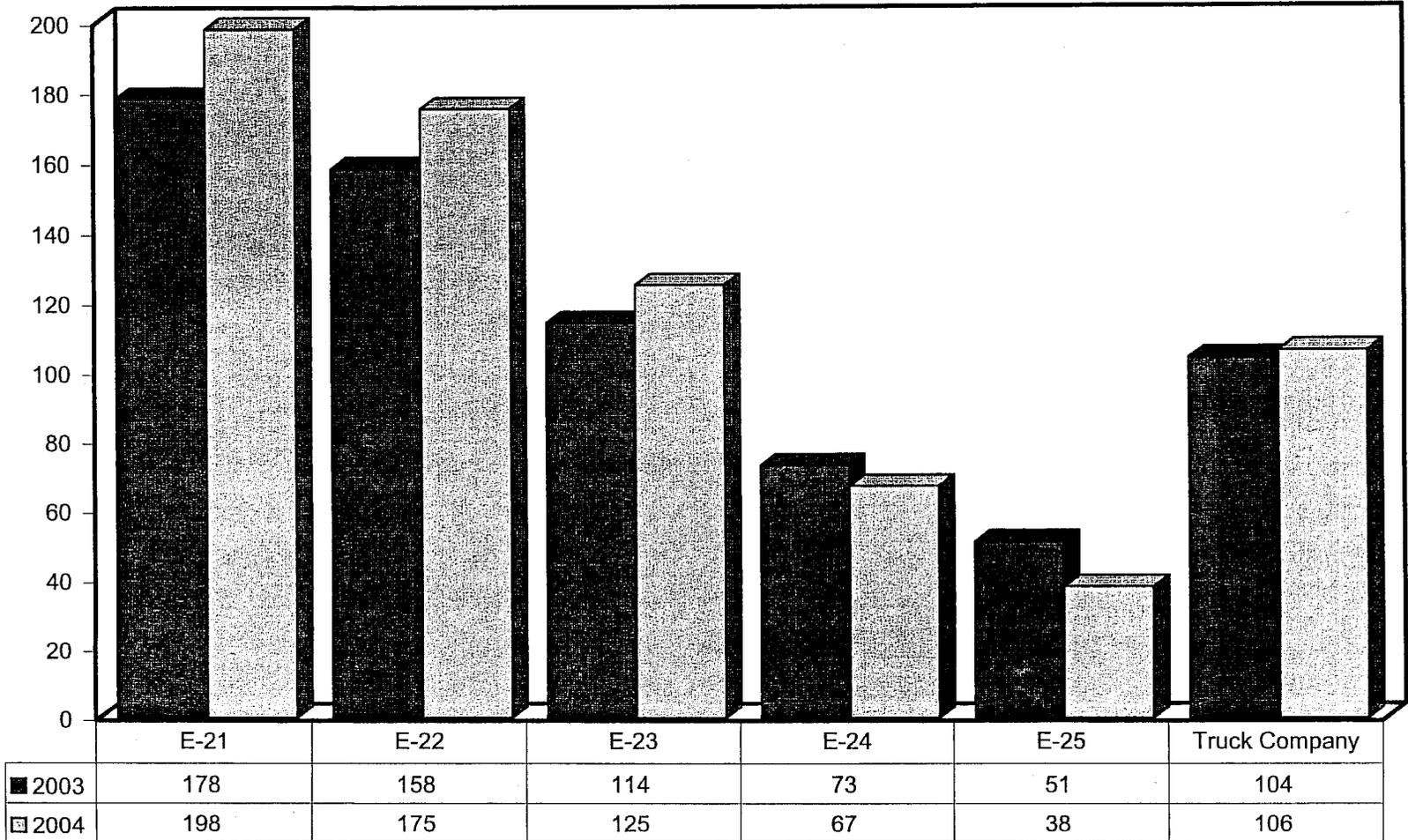
If additional information or clarification is needed, please contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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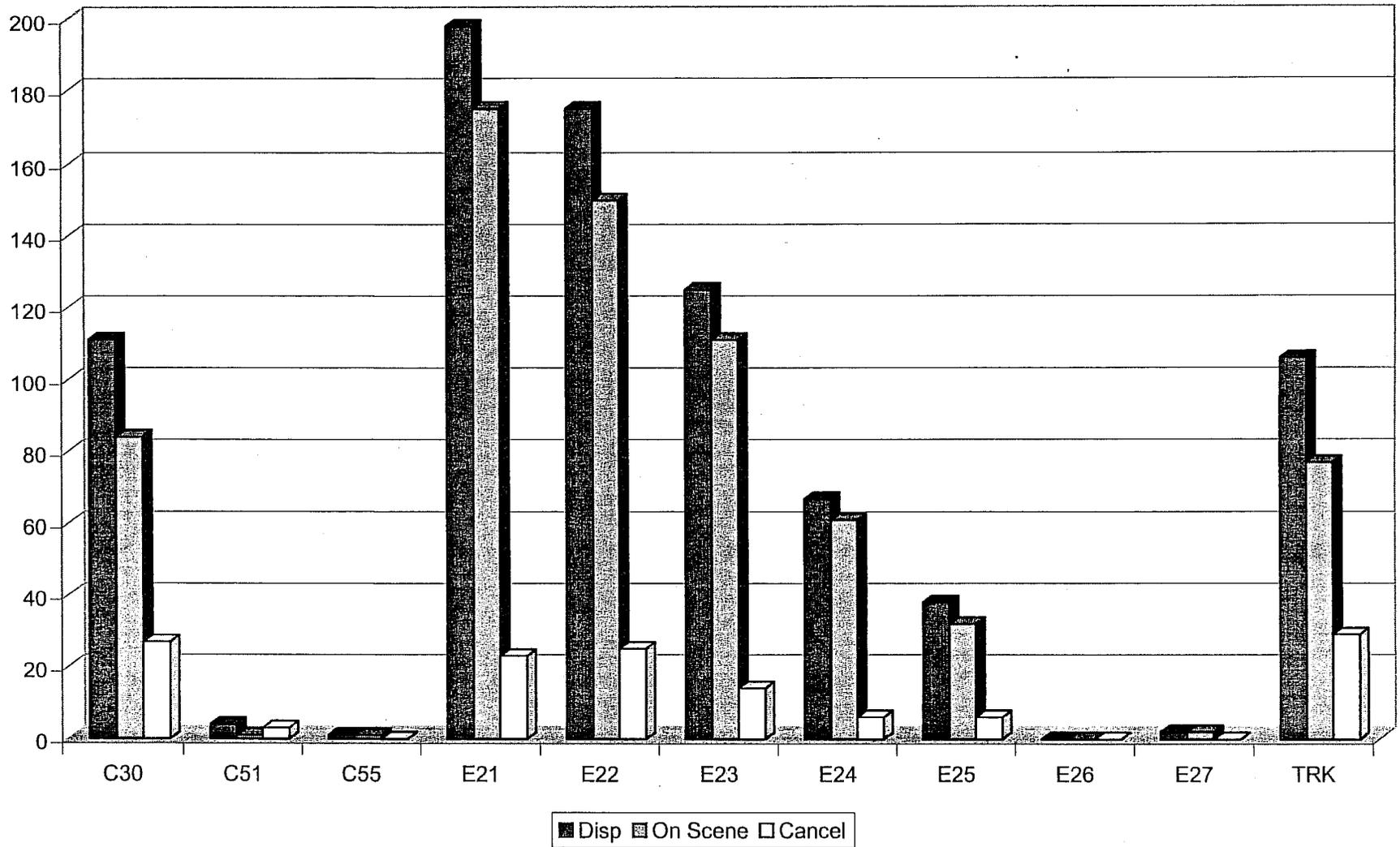
**Danbury Fire Department
August Company Response Statistics**



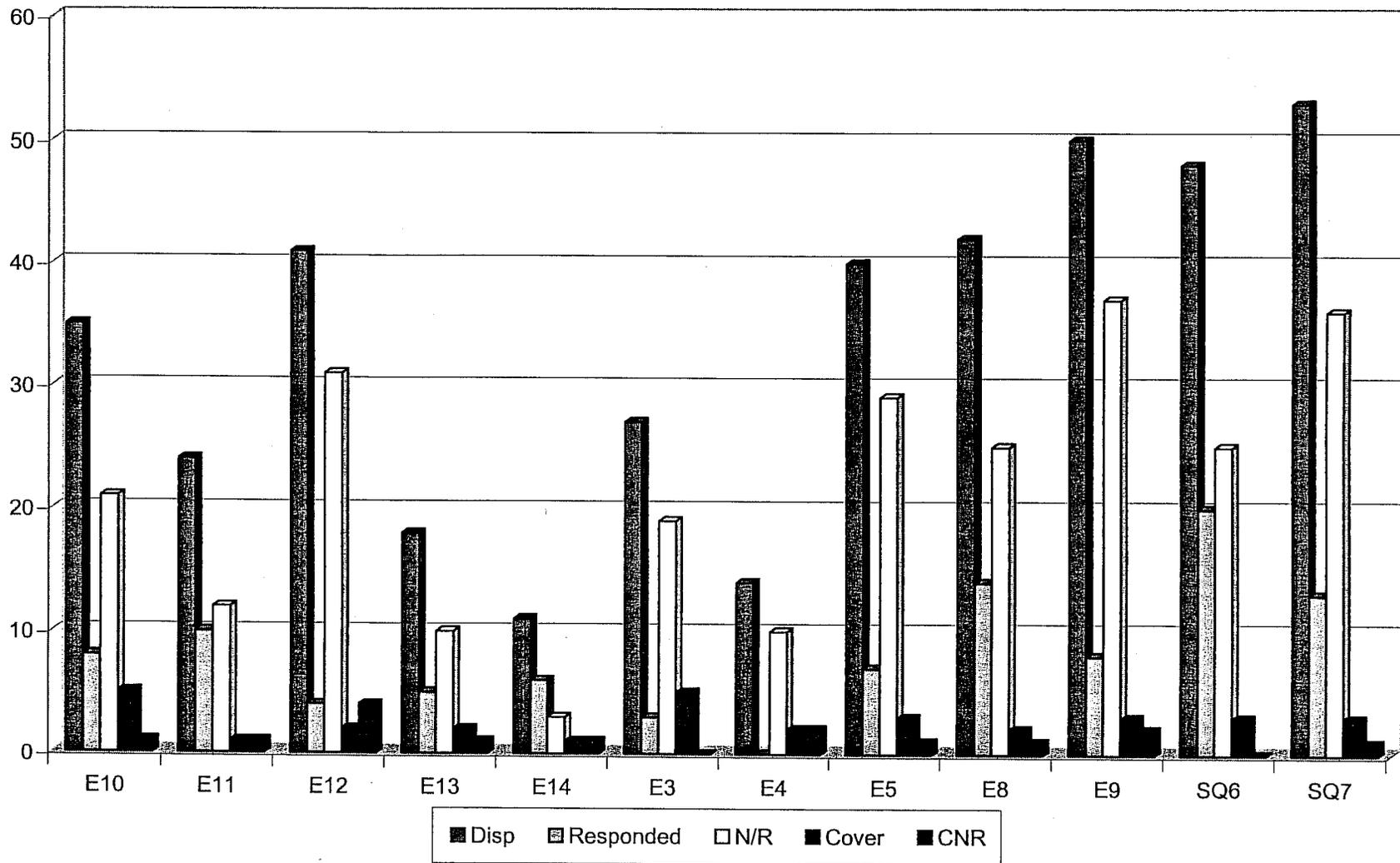
DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES								
		<i>August</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Statistics</i>				
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response	No Response	% of Response		
				Total	Total			
E-3	27	5	0	3	19	30%		
E-4	14	2	2	0	10	29%		
E-5	40	3	1	7	29	28%		
S-6	48	3	0	20	25	48%		
S-7	53	3	1	13	36	32%		
E-8	42	2	1	14	25	40%		
E-9	50	3	2	8	37	26%		
E-10	35	5	1	8	21	40%		
E-11	24	1	1	10	12	50%		
E-12	41	2	4	4	31	24%		
E-13	18	2	1	5	10	44%		
E-14	11	1	1	6	3	73%		
Totals	403	32	15	98	258	36%		

Career Company Response

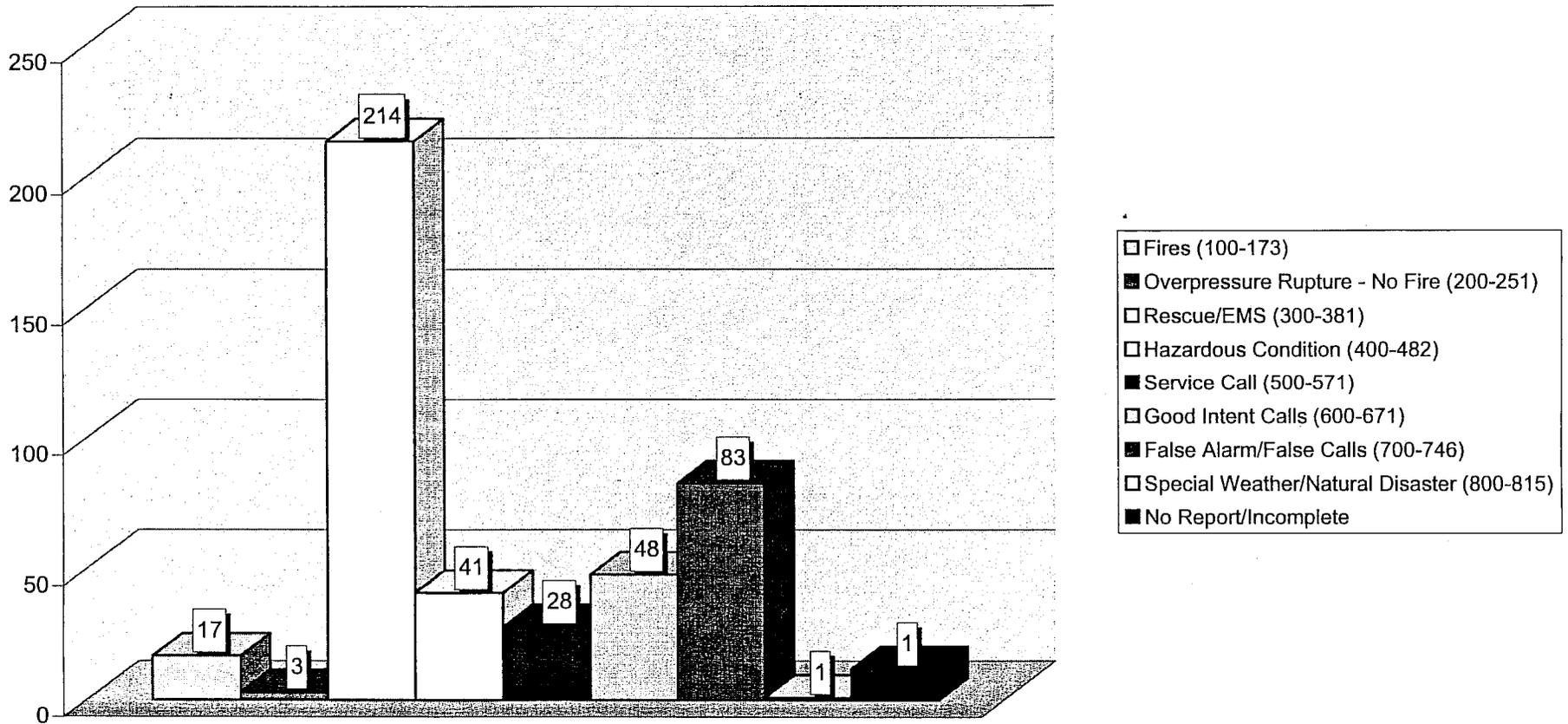
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Volunteer Call Counts July 26, 2004 to August 22, 2004

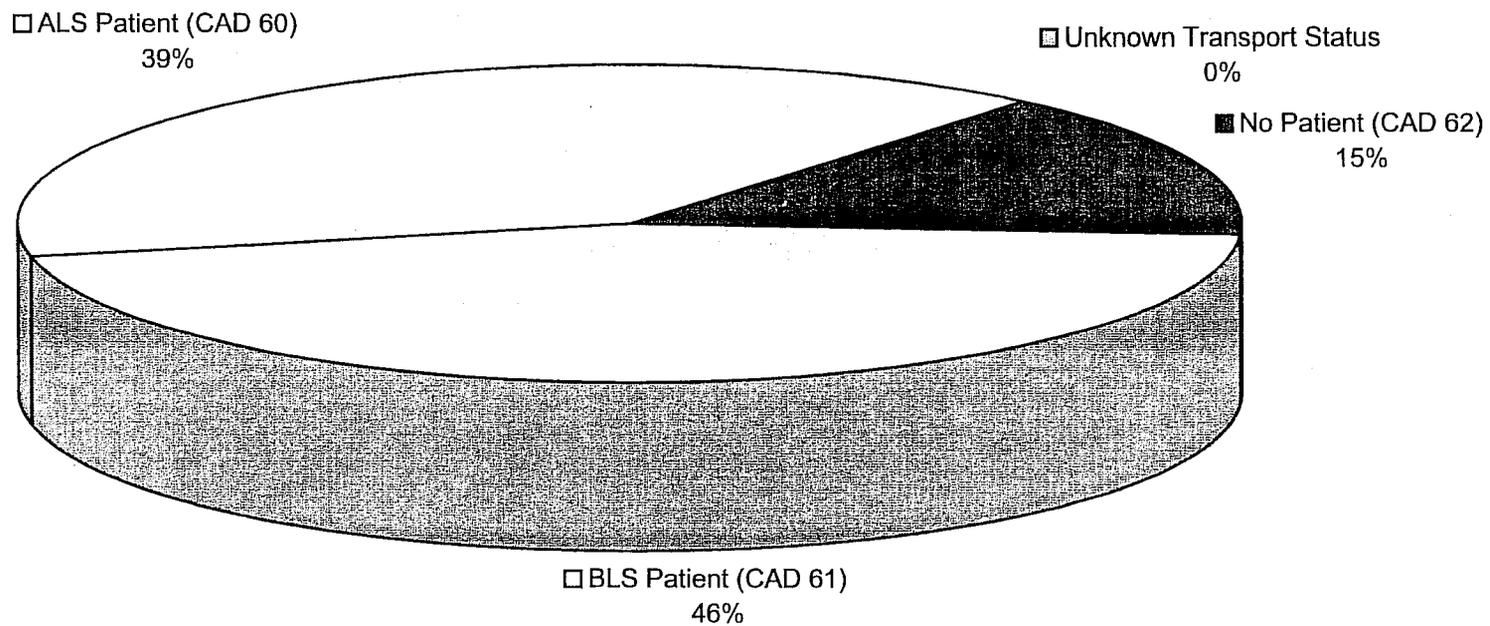


Fire Response Breakdown July 26, 2004 to August 22, 2004



EMS Transport Activity

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911 Center Activity

July 26, 2004 to August 22, 2004

