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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 September 24th to October 24th and details some of the activities of the Department.

October serves as Fire Prevention Month. Activities throughout the month are planned to showcase the department's expertise while delivering important messages on fire prevention through education.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- a. The department conducted a coordinated after hours sweep with members of the police department and other permit/land use officials this month. Inspections of bars, clubs and places of assembly found numerous violations, which were cited.
- b. The department participated in the "Halloween on the Green" festivities this month. A great crowd offered our personnel an opportunity to hand out literature and emphasize the importance of calling 911 promptly.
- c. We also participated in Wal-Mart's' safety day and an opportunity at Stew Leonard's' which provided added visibility for our prevention messages during fire prevention month.

- d. Preplanning activities continued this month with inspections/tours at: Immanuel Lutheran School, Centennial Hall Westcon, Ridgebury Rd. units, Sugar Hollow Road, Fairfield Processing warehouse and Westcon's new Science building.
- e. Fire prevention month tours also included groups from: Hayestown School, Interfaith Daycare and Country Kids Daycare.
- f. The department assisted with the Boy Scout Camporee held at Danbury Airport this month. We assisted more than 200 scouts with their quests for badge achievement. Scouts learned about decontamination, Weapons of Mass Destruction and were able to flow some water via hose lines as well.
- g. The department continues to train with the Ct. Fire Academy to upgrade virtually the entire department to a Hazardous Materials Technician level. The training is being done on duty, which eliminates overtime costs yet provides quality training time.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- a. A major fire at M&M Precast on Padanaram Rd. provided some difficulties this month. The fire which employees attempted to extinguish, was well advanced upon the arrival of our personnel. Hydrocarbon based fuels caused a spectacular amount of flame and smoke, which was visible for miles and handled initially by a dozen firefighters. No injuries were reported and the business is back in operation albeit in modified fashion.
- b. A structure fire on Saddle Rock Road proved to be another negative example of residents attempting to put out fires prior to calling the fire department. In this instance the resident suffered second degree burns while fighting the fire herself. After the realization that her attempts were futile the resident left the building to call 911. The structure was fully ablaze when firefighters arrived within minutes from Station 25/South King Street.
- c. An apartment fire in a new complex off of 52 Min Street was extinguished quickly by Headquarters personnel. The fire was

held in check by quality construction until firefighters arrived. No injuries were reported.

- d. Department hose testing continued in the month of October. While a routine procedure conducted on an annual basis, we continue to have an exemplary record of hose integrity, which has contributed to our lack of fire ground injuries.

Emergency Medical Services/Haz-Mat- Rey Rodriguez

40 hour EPA Haz-Mat Tech course

The 40 Hr. Haz-Mat Technician courses that were run on duty during the month of October are quickly coming to an end. The four deliveries of this class allowed on duty line firefighters to enhance their training thus allowing the first responding units to a Hazardous Material / WMD call to take a supportive role to the Haz-Mat team, establishing decontamination and recon procedures during the initial response. A total of 56 firefighters attended this class and will receive certification from the State of Ct Fire Academy.

Community CPR/Defibrillation classes at City Hall

Each year, sudden cardiac arrest strikes about 220,000 Americans. CPR and early defibrillation are the most critical factors in determining survival. The Danbury Fire Department in our continuing effort to save lives provided a public access AED in City Hall and during the month of November EMS Coordinator Rey Rodriguez will provide four CPR/AED classes for City Hall employees.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

In a coordinated effort with our EMS provider Business Systems Incorporated and the EMS Coordinator Rey Rodriguez reviewed the EMD protocols and dispatch algorithms to determine how to improve the level of service that the 911 center provides to the public and how dispatch responses could be modified to prevent unnecessary code1 light and siren responses.

Extra curricular education

The following Firefighters F.F. Anderson, F.F. Corbett, F.F. Tomchik and Capt Williams attended a three-day Office of Domestic Preparedness class on proper Metering and Sampling of Weapons of Mass Destruction. This class is the follow up to the Metering and Monitoring class sponsored by the Danbury Fire Department.

In an effort to continue to provide City of Danbury Fire Fighters the best information, instructional techniques and meet regulatory obligations, EMS Coordinator/Haz Mat team leader Rodriguez attended the Fire Dept Instructors Conference in Atlantic City.

COMMUNICATIONS/911

Dispatcher Training

On November 8, 2004 a Basic Emergency Telecommunicator class will be held to train 9 individuals within the department as relief Fire Dispatchers. During this process firefighters will be trained in the use of the 911-system equipment, use of the Computer Aided Dispatch system, call taking techniques, radio procedures and other topics required by the state. This class will enable these firefighters to serve as 911 Call Takers/Fire Dispatchers and upon successful completion will bring the number of certified Telecommunicators in the department to 37 members.

E911 Public Education

The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications has established a Public Education committee to formulate a statewide public safety announcement plan. This committee will also look for ways to educate citizens and visitors of Connecticut in proper use of 911 and of the changes to the state 911 system.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

Very shortly the department will begin a process of 'Priority Dispatch' for EMS. One of the facets of the state-mandated EMD program is to develop a response system that matches the mode of response, such Lights and Siren vs. Non-Lights and Siren, with the type of call being reported. Using this priority-based style of dispatch and response, there will be many cases that a response can appropriately be reduced or upgraded.

Under current protocols there are many instances where too much equipment has been sent. The net effect of this program will be that all resources, EMS, Fire and Police will be used more effectively for true medical emergencies.

TRAINING

Crews continue to work with new probationary firefighters. Equipment, safety procedures and customer service have been highlighted this month.

The department hosted the Fire Chief's College class from Naugatuck Valley CC this month. The freshman students were treated to the operations of a working firehouse with all the evening activities on training and response.

All groups received new assignments for Pre Fire Planning October 13th. Groups will visit the North Street shopping center, Danbury Fair mall, Danbury Square mall, and all stores opposite the Danbury Square mall.

Hydrant testing for 2004 will be completed on Thursday October 28. The Cities hydrants are in the best conditions that they have ever been in. This is due to the Fire Departments hydrant program. This years testing started May 4th. Like in the past, all members are welcome to relay any ideas to improve this program to my office, for 2005.

The 4th quarter training for the Volunteer Division started Wednesday. Training covers Water Supply – 2 ½ Attack Lines – Deck Gun Operation – Long Stretches – Also what we mean by lead or lag time when setting up for suppression. As of last quarter training we have 50 Interior Firefighters in the Volunteer Division. This is ½ of the total Volunteer Firefighters that attend training.

The recruits were assigned to the Training Division before going on the line. Training included a Blood borne class - Intro to pole sliding – Meet the Ambulance – The BIG climb – They then perform basic Engine Co. operations (hydrants – Attack lines, stretching & packing) They were then assigned to Companies as extra Firefighters during training the rest of the training.

Many Companies have toured the new dorm at the WCSU west side campus. This is done every Tue & Thur afternoon anytime Company Officers would want to go.

The Haz Mat Tech class is in progress. ¾ of this major project is completed. The assistant Chief assigned the people to be trained while on duty.

The Support class for the Volunteer Division will start next week and run until November 14th.

FDIC East and Command class is set up for next week. Six Fire Officers will attend the FDIC and one Chief to the Command Class.

Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance

- a. Ladder Truck 2 is currently out of service. The main cables are exhibiting some signs of wear and are being replaced. The repairs are expected to be complete this week.

- b. Additional hydraulic rams were placed in service this month. These pieces continue to add to the extrication equipment that has been placed in service this budget year.

- c. Construction of the new Pierce aerial platform truck has begun. Delivery remains firm for the beginning of the year (05).
- d. The division is currently evaluating 16-foot trailers as an efficient way to move bulk equipment to major incident scenes. Hazardous Materials response along with technical rescue incidents are requiring more equipment than can be carried effectively on apparatus.

Good of the Organization

- a. On the 10th of October the department held the Annual Memorial Service and Awards Ceremony. This was the second consecutive year the department received the National Life Safety Achievement Award.
- b. This month we regretfully accepted the retirement of Deputy Fire Marshal Frank Curran. After 28 years on the job we wish Frank and Linda the best in the years to come. A retirement party will be held on November 17th at Anthony's Lake Place to honor Frank for his contributions to the community.
- c. On October 22nd Lieutenant John Gillotti was honored at the Aqua Turf in Southington as part of the State Exchange Club recognition of heroes
- d. This month eight members of the senior fire department staff were able to take advantage of training opportunities outside the department. The Deputy Chief led a contingent to the fire department instructor's conference in Atlantic City and Assistant Chief Paul Omasta attended Command School at the Ct. Fire Academy.

Dates of Importance:

November 2nd - Election Day

November 11th - Veterans' Day

November 17th - DFM Frank Curran's' retirement dinner

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	19
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	2
Rescue/EMS	260
Hazardous Condition	43
Service Calls	35
Good Intent Calls	48
False Alarm/False Calls	62
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
No Report/Incomplete	15

Total Fire Calls..484.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 710 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	710
No patient EMS Calls	117
BLS Patient Calls	320
ALS EMS Calls	273
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	14
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	30

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2984 with a daily average of 99.47 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	484
EMS Response calls.	710
Abandoned Calls	484
911 Hang Ups	399
Admin Calls Received	751
Cellular 911 Calls	982

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.

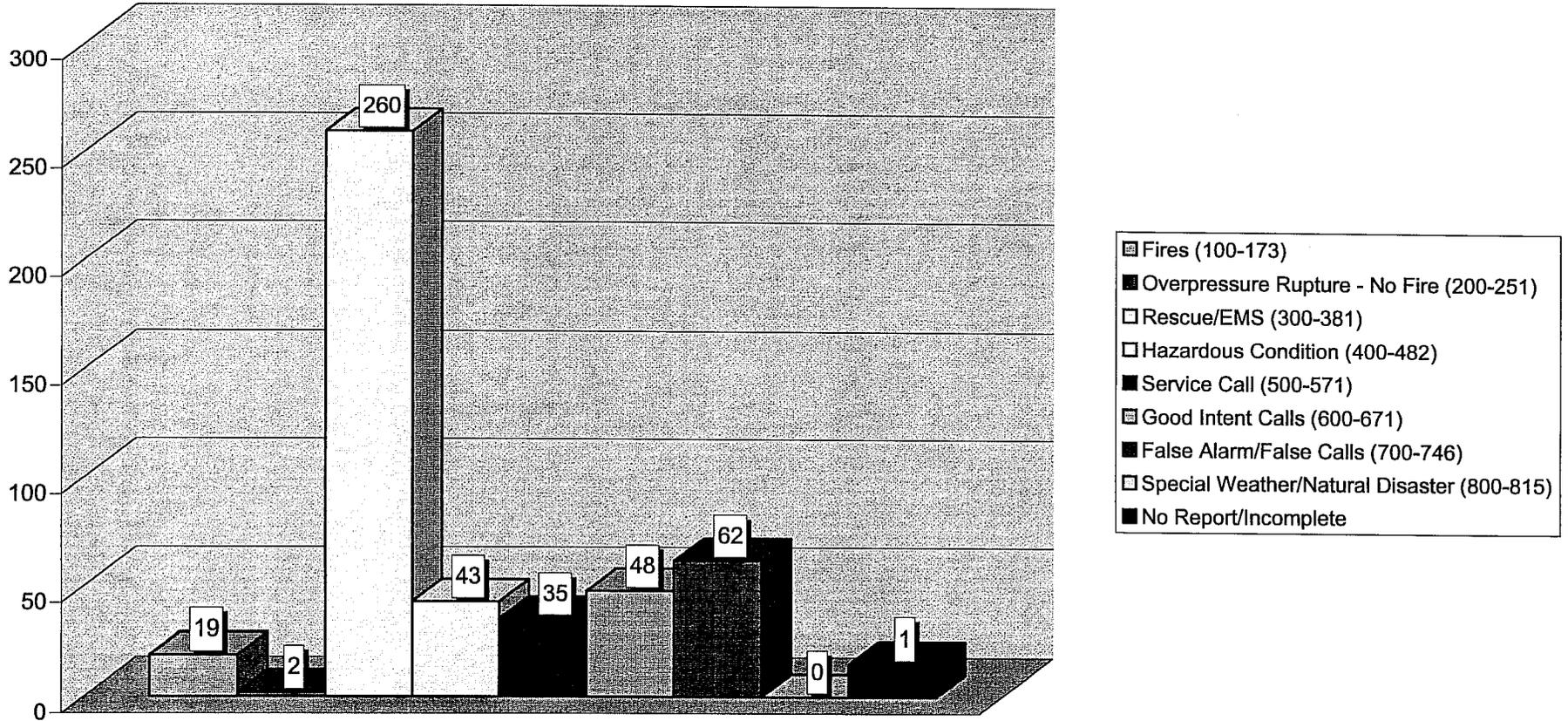
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Respectfully submitted,

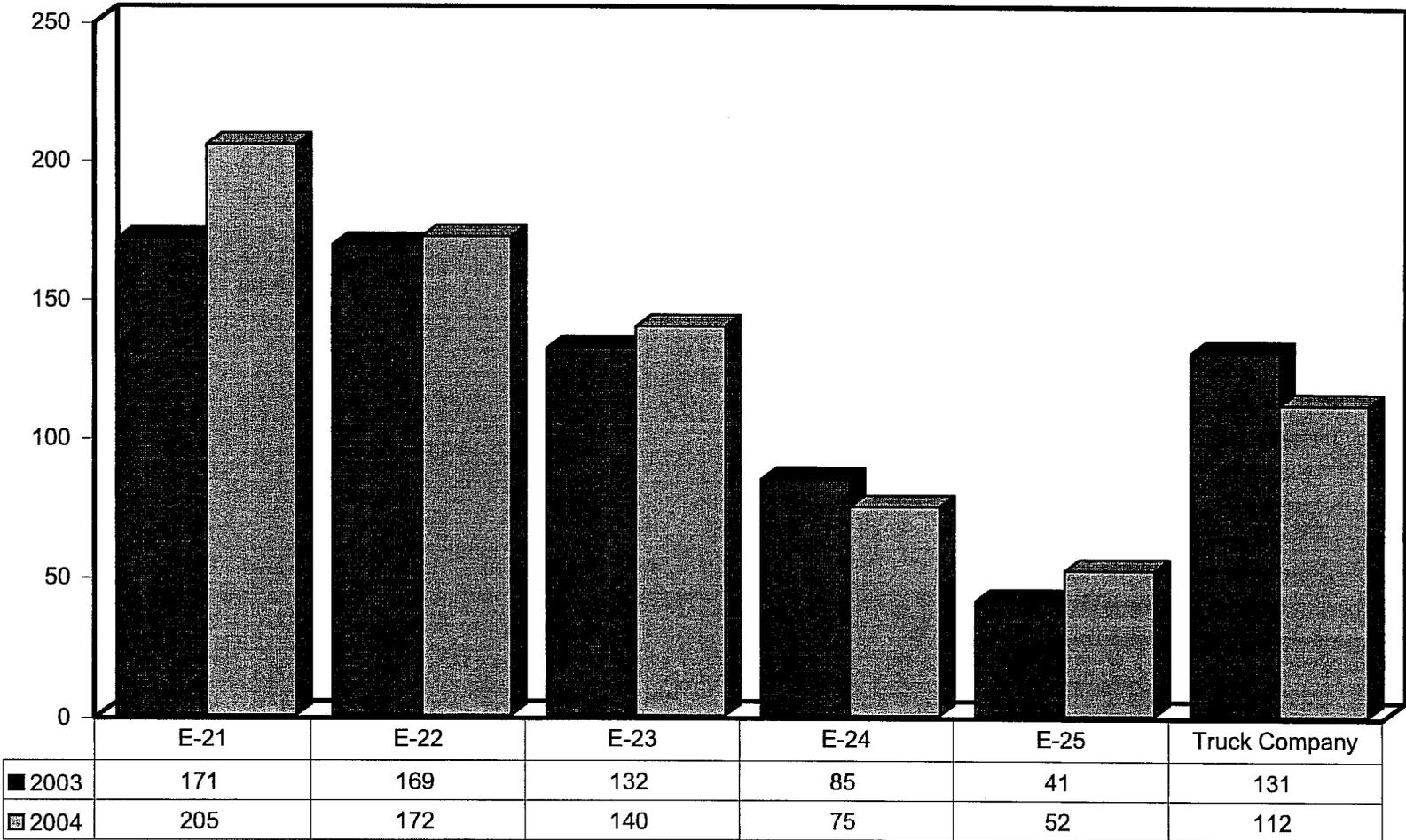
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Peter J. Siecienski
Fire Chief

Fire Response Breakdown September 24, 2004 to October 24, 2004



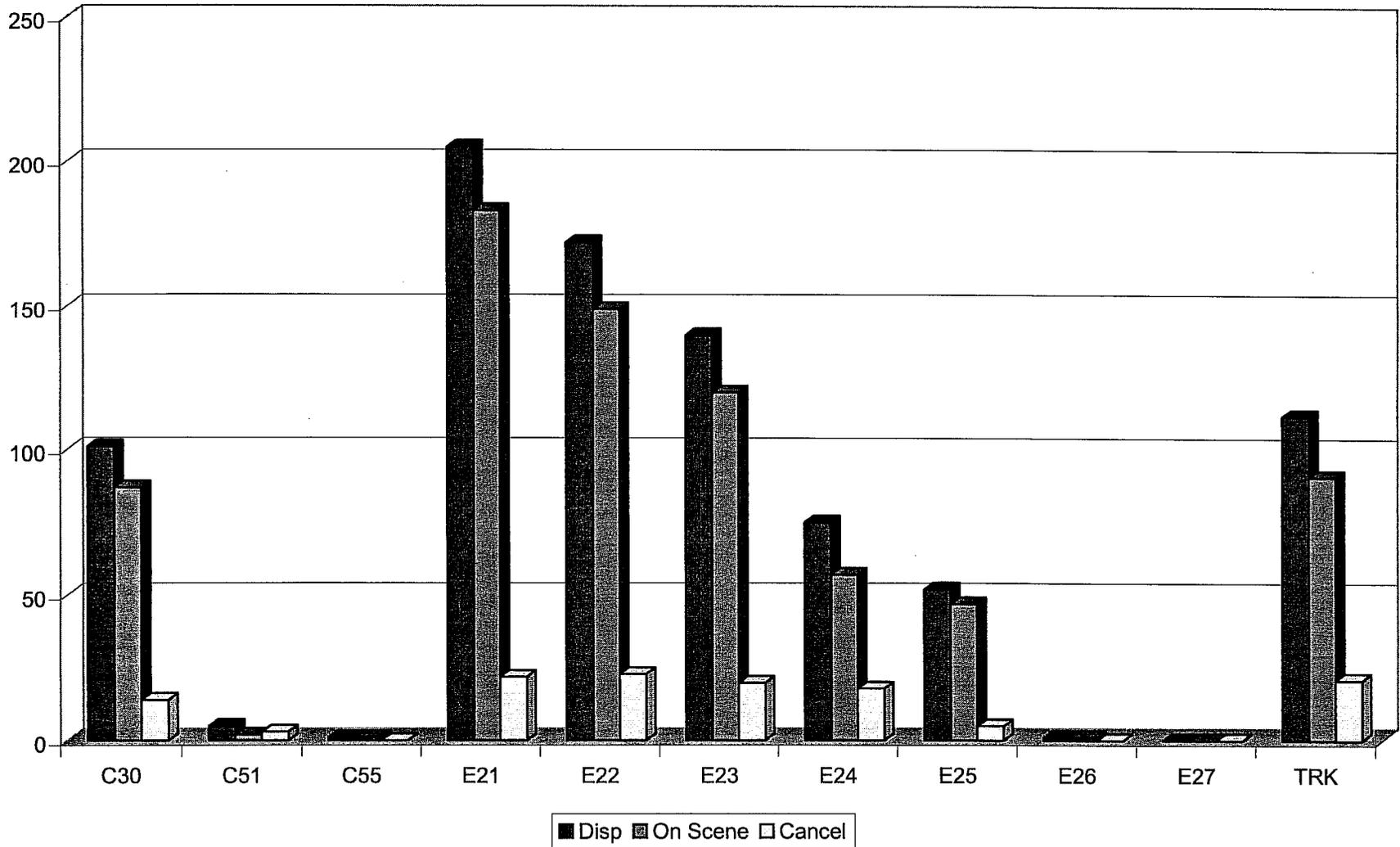
**Danbury Fire Department
October Company Response Statistics**



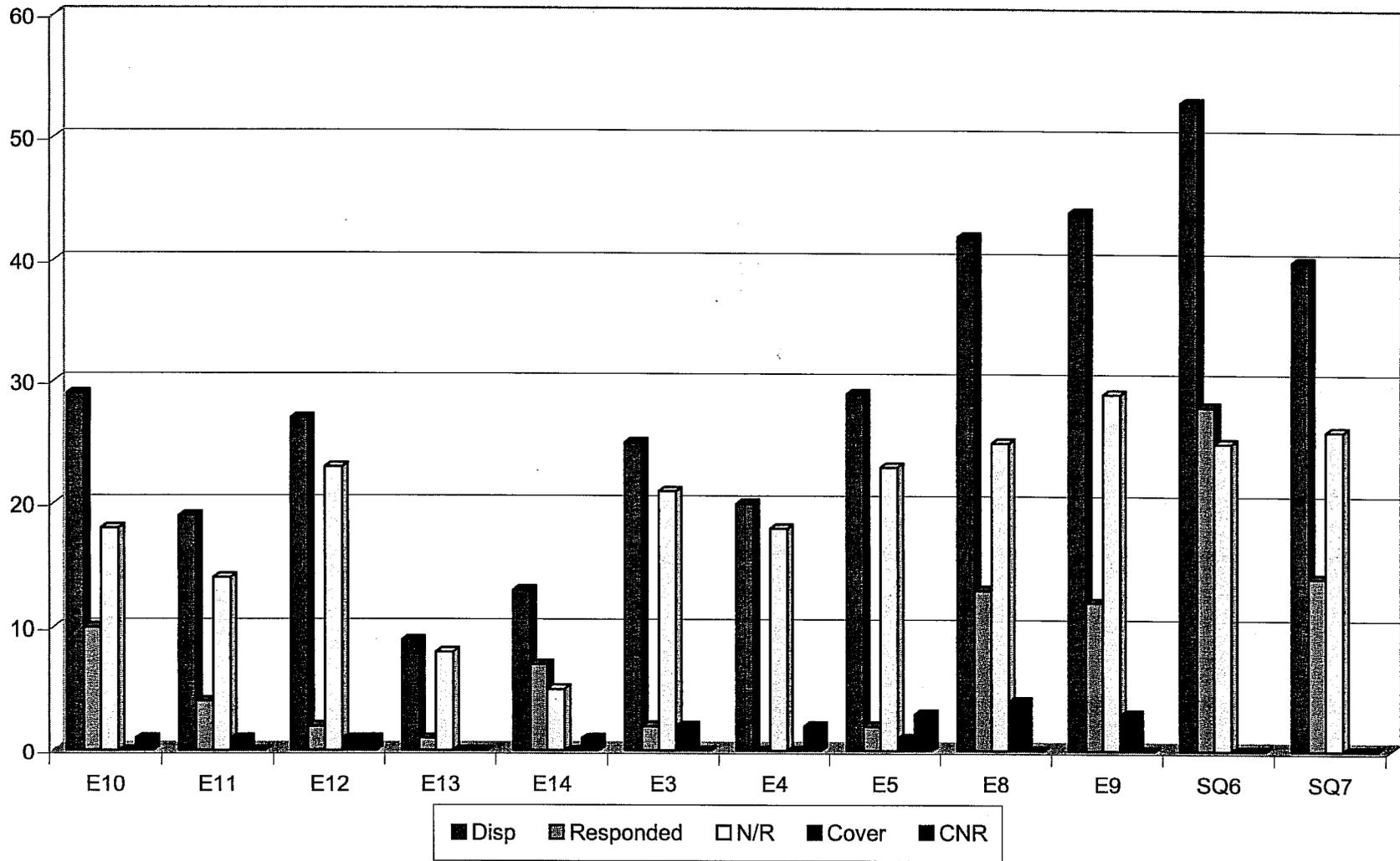
DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES								
	October Response Statistics							
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response		
E-3	25	2	0	2	21	16%		
E-4	20	0	2	0	18	10%		
E-5	29	1	3	2	23	21%		
S-6	53	0	0	28	25	53%		
S-7	40	0	0	14	26	35%		
E-8	42	0	0	13	25	31%		
E-9	44	3	0	12	29	34%		
E-10	29	0	1	10	18	38%		
E-11	19	1	0	4	14	26%		
E-12	27	1	1	2	23	15%		
E-13	9	0	0	1	8	11%		
E-14	13	0	1	7	5	62%		
Totals	350	8	8	95	235	32%		

Career Company Response

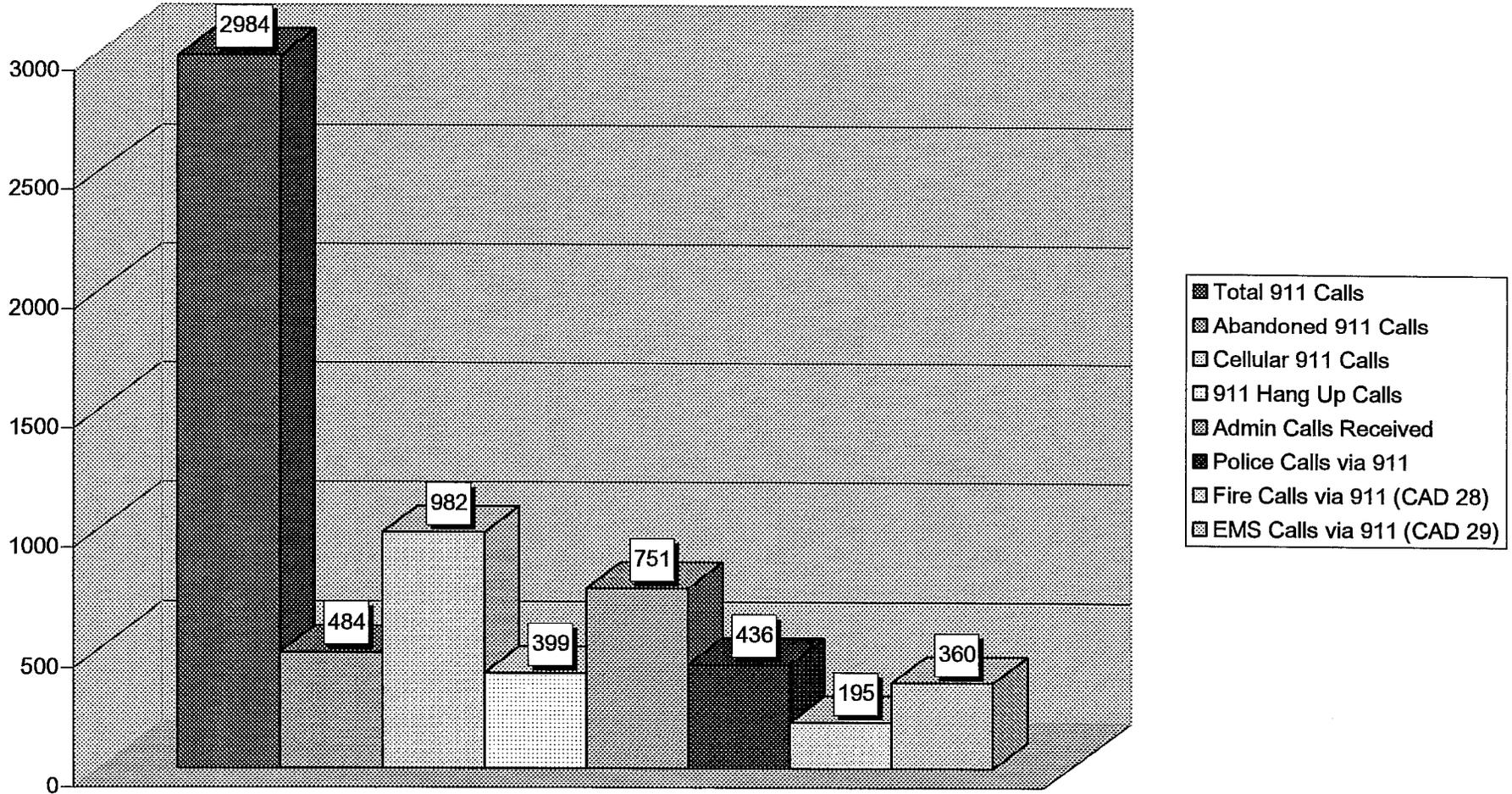
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Volunteer Call Counts September 24, 2004 to October 24, 2004



911 Center Activity September 24, 2004 to October 24, 2004



EMS Transport Activity

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