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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 October 25th to November 21st and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- a. The department initiated our program of carrying smoke detectors and batteries to assist residents in need of early warning devices. These materials are available due to the generous donations from Eveready and Firefighter Brands.
- b. The department held station tours with groups from the Brookfield Good Neighbors, Saint Peter's, Saint Gregory's School, Park Avenue School and numerous scout troops.
- c. Wal-Mart also held a dedication ceremony in which they donated one thousand dollars to the department to assist in educational opportunities.
- d. Preplanning activities continued this month with inspections/tours at: Pearl Vision Center, Destination Maternity, David's Bridal, Cape Cod Crafters, Danbury Square Mall, International drive, North Street Shopping Center, Aspen Dental, North Street Hardware and the Century Buffet.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- a. A minor fire on Scuppo Road was handled without difficulty this month. No injuries were reported. This incident represented the only significant fire this month. The month provided an opportunity to review and critique the major calls from the previous weeks.
- b. Numerous motor vehicle accidents and extrications continued to keep our responders busy this month. Overall our responses to accidents, extrications and EMS calls continue to average 250 per month.
- c. A hazardous materials incident this month inconvenienced several dozen employees of a facility in close proximity to the incident. Precautions were taken to protect the public in place while a determination could be made on the chemical identification. Two workers were decontaminated prior to the arrival of State DEP, OSHA and a clean-up contractor. The business, which is in the process of relocating, was invoiced for department expenditures.
- d. Additional calls of interest included multiple agency responses to illegal basement apartments with noncompliant egress, illegal space heaters in a nightclub assembly and inoperable alarm systems in a Hotel.

Emergency Medical Services/Haz-Mat- Rey Rodriguez

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 has provided for Adult CPR / AED classes for City of Danbury Employees at City Hall. In all about 35 people have attended these classes and response has been positive so there will be additional classes offered in the future

Emergency Medical Dispatch

The implementation of Emergency Medical Dispatch during EMS calls has begun. The intent of EMD is to enhance the level of service provided to people when they call 911 during an emergency medical call. Properly trained Dispatchers

maintaining open lines of communications can relay lifesaving instruction over the phone such as CPR while dispatching emergency response teams to the scene of an emergency while keeping responding units apprised of the situation. The added benefit of EMD is the Dispatcher can determine through a standardized algorithm the priority of the call thus reducing unnecessary lights and siren calls.

Extra curricular education

The following Firefighters F.F. Anderson, F.F. Tomchik and F.F. Lillis attended a two-day, Office of Domestic Preparedness Train the trainer class on Weapons of Mass Destruction Personal Protective Equipment. The Danbury Fire Department sponsored this class at Beaver Brook Volunteer Fire to assist in meeting the training needs of EMS and Police Departments in the greater Danbury Area.

Firefighter Thomas Corbett and EMS/Haz-Mat team leader Rodriguez attended a four day Train the trainer on Radiological / Nuclear Awareness and Operations. The opportunity to attend and sponsor these types of classes will insure that the Danbury Fire Department will continue to be a leader in education and the abilities to response to any emergency.

Public Access AED

The public access AED program started by the Danbury Fire Department has started to grow. Sue Lavasser Nursing Coordinator from the Board of Education informed EMS Coordinator Rodriguez that she had received a donation of two AED's from Medtronic. She stated that those units would go into the Middle Schools. The Danbury Fire Department will assist in training personnel in the use of these units

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS requirements of Fire Department First

Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with prehospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills.

This month's topic has been CPR for the professional rescuer, which includes adult, child infant and automatic external defibrillation

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 a victim of a sudden cardiac arrest, this ability coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like "CPR Saturday" has increased the patient survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest in the City of Danbury.

COMMUNICATIONS/911

Dispatcher Training

The Dispatcher certification class that was held in Fire Headquarters from November 8th through November 16th, resulted 9 members of the department passed the written examination. These members are provisionally certified by the state with final certification coming after a one-year working period.

These 'relief dispatchers' will not undergo training in the Communications Center for qualification.

Emergency Medical Dispatch

On November 15th the department began the process of 'Priority Dispatch' for EMS. Under the protocols established by the state to provide this vital service, Fire Dispatchers are now truly the 'First Responder'.

In the first week of this style of dispatch all indications are that this program will not only reduce the number of high-speed responses by EMS but also increase the caller contact time between 911 callers and dispatchers.

Calls dispatched under this method will be routinely reviewed for proper medical quality assurance issues.

TRAINING - Jim Thorne

The DECON trailer is at Ct Fire Apparatus in Wallingford Ct being repaired. The recall for the trailer hitch is being done along with some minor problems that have occurred during the year we have received this trailer.

Hydrant testing for 2004 is completed. We started on May 4th and ended Thursday October 28. The Cities hydrants are in the best conditions that they have ever been in for a number of years. This is due to the Fire Departments hydrant program and the Water Department working together. As in the past, all members are welcome to relay any ideas to improve this program to my office, for the 2005 program. The 4th quarter training for the Volunteer Division is finished. 82 volunteer firefighters attended this training on five different dates. Training took place on WCSU west side campus.

The Haz-Mat Tech class is finished. The class was 40 hrs long.

The Support class for the Volunteer Division is finished. We need to retest three (3) people that failed the Haz-Mat Ops test. We started with seven. The students will go over their test and be retested Wednesday December 8th.

Six Fire Officers attended the Fire Department Instructor's Conference this month in Atlantic City. One Assistant Chief attended Command Class at the Ct Fire Academy. Once again the information at the FDIC was money well spent. The department feels very strongly about the networking potential that these courses offered.

Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance _ Randall Morits

Jim Thorne, Joe Cavo and Randall Morits are going to Wisconsin, December 1st for the final inspection of the new platform truck. It should be on the way to Rocky Hill on the 3rd and Firematic will need it for a week. The training representatives from Pierce

will be here for two days. One day for training drivers and one day for training the apparatus division on maintenance issues for the vehicle.

The Apparatus Division has two Wheel Jacks ordered. This will make lifting our vehicles much safer and quicker.

October was wax the machines month, A-group was scheduled for the month and all the vehicles were done on time.

We also did normal preventive maintenance on some of our fleet, getting ready for the winter season.

Good of the Organization

- a. On November 4th our staff meeting provided an opportunity to measure our progress over the previous month. The meeting allows our senior staff to discuss issues of importance in a roundtable fashion.
- b. On the 17th Frank Curran was honored at a retirement party at Anthony's Lake Club. We wish Franks and his wife Linda our best in their new roles as retirees.
- c. On the 21st the Fire Department Hockey team played a benefit game with the fledgling Danbury High School team. The fundraiser was established to help the High School team's financial status.
- d. Retired firefighter Joe Smith and retired assistant chief Joe Gowel continue to battle some health problems. We continue to remember both of them in our thoughts.
- e. The department and firefighter's Local 801 have begun the Annual food drive. Food items are being collected at all City firehouses and will be distributed prior to the December Holidays.

Dates of Importance:

December 16th - City employee Holiday party

December 23rd - City Offices close early

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	17
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	1
Rescue/EMS	241
Hazardous Condition	29
Service Calls	33
Good Intent Calls	45
False Alarm/False Calls	73
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
No Report/Incomplete	9

Total Fire Calls..448.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 585 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	585
No patient EMS Calls	87
BLS Patient Calls	274
ALS EMS Calls	224
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	7
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	29

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2708 with a daily average of 100.3 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	448
EMS Response calls.	585
Abandoned Calls	379
911 Hang Ups	347
Admin Calls Received	694
Cellular 911 Calls	948

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.

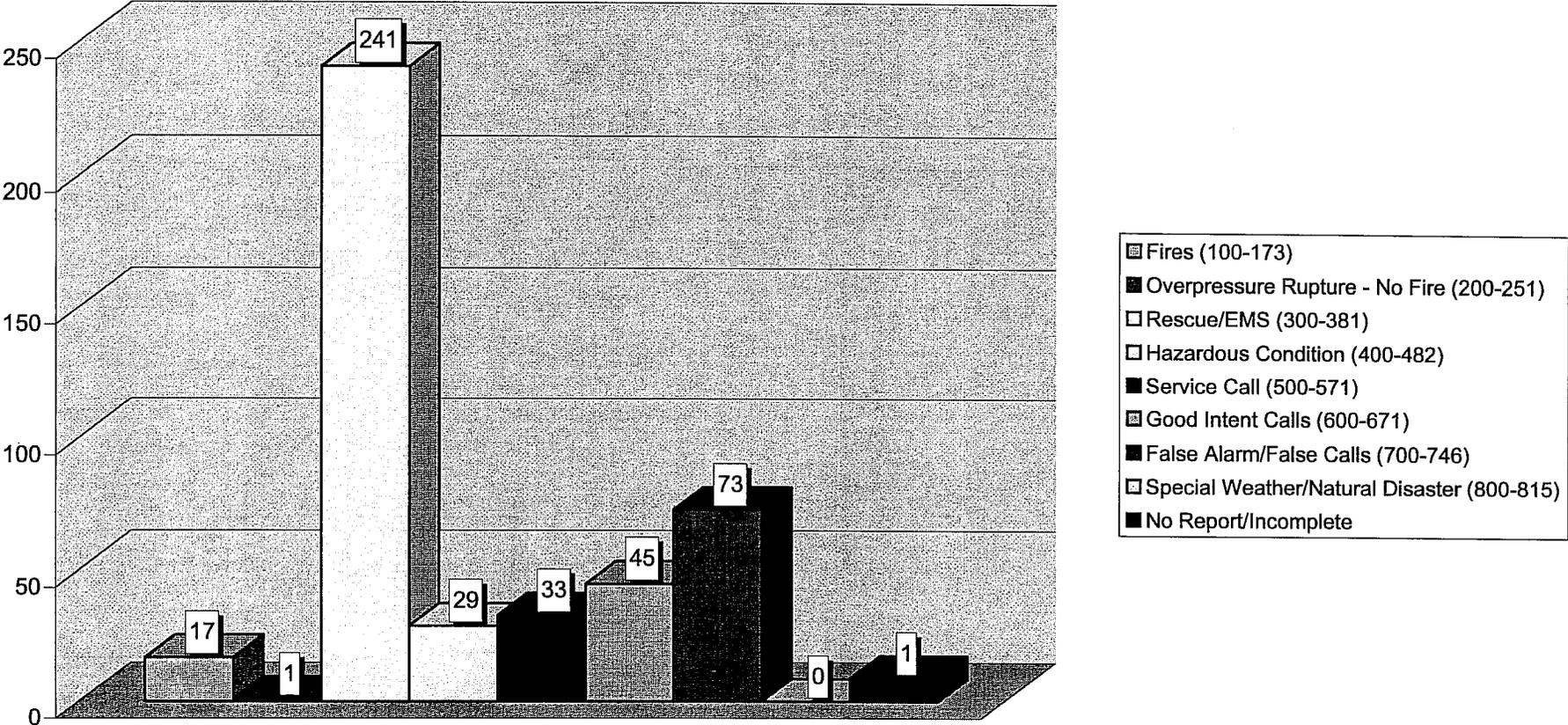
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Respectfully submitted,

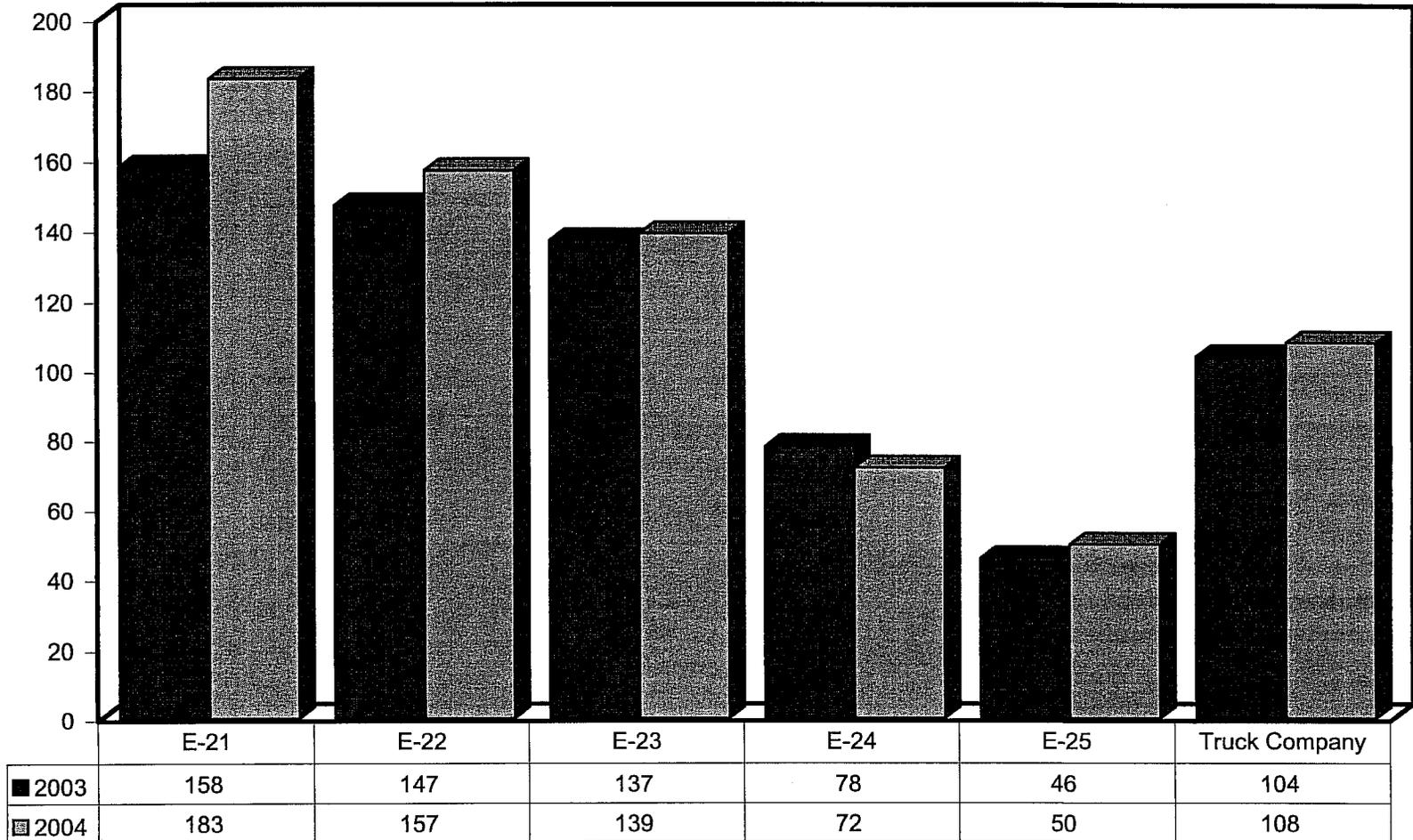


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Fire Response Breakdown October 25, 2004 to November 21, 2004



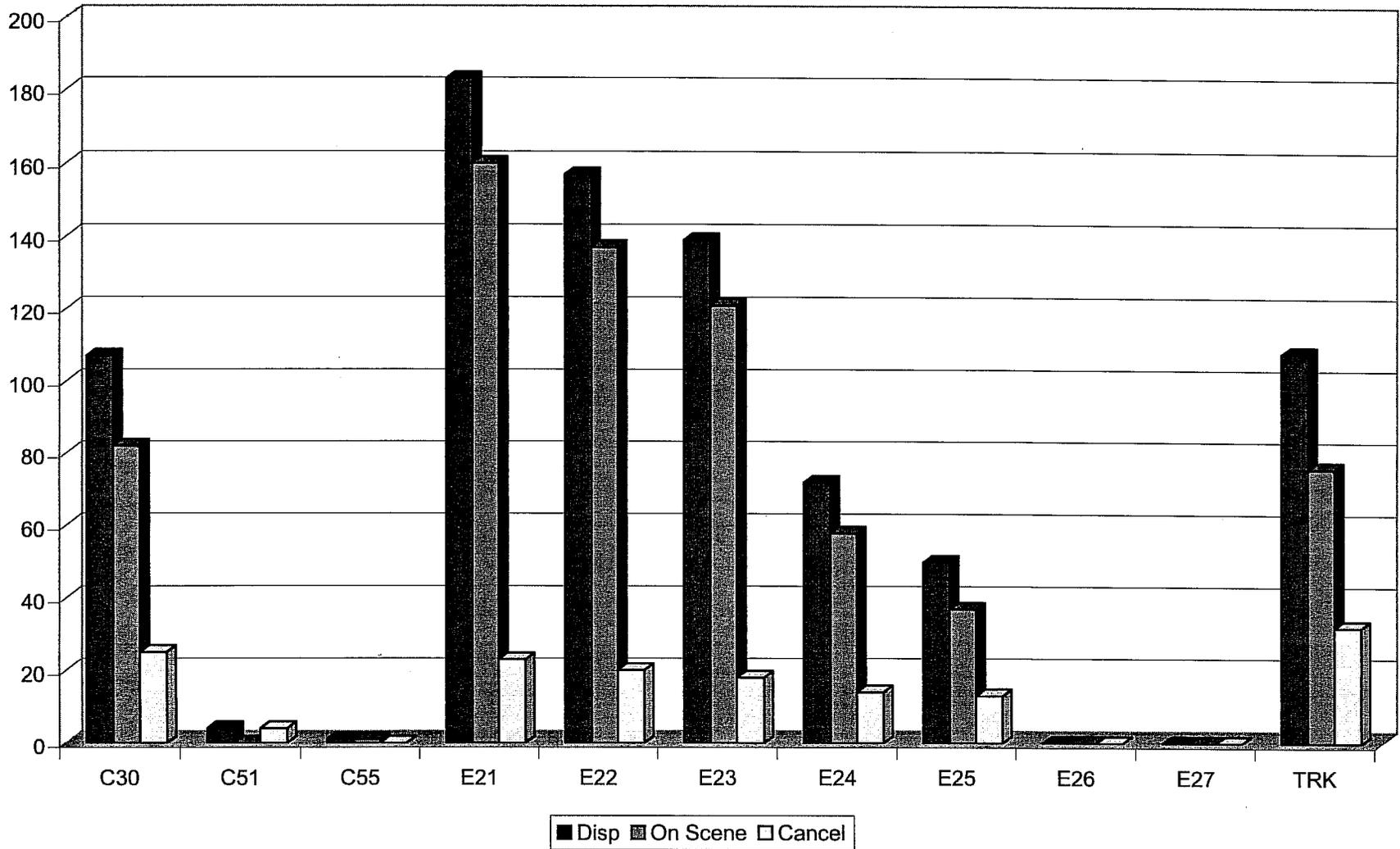
**Danbury Fire Department
November Company Response Statistics**



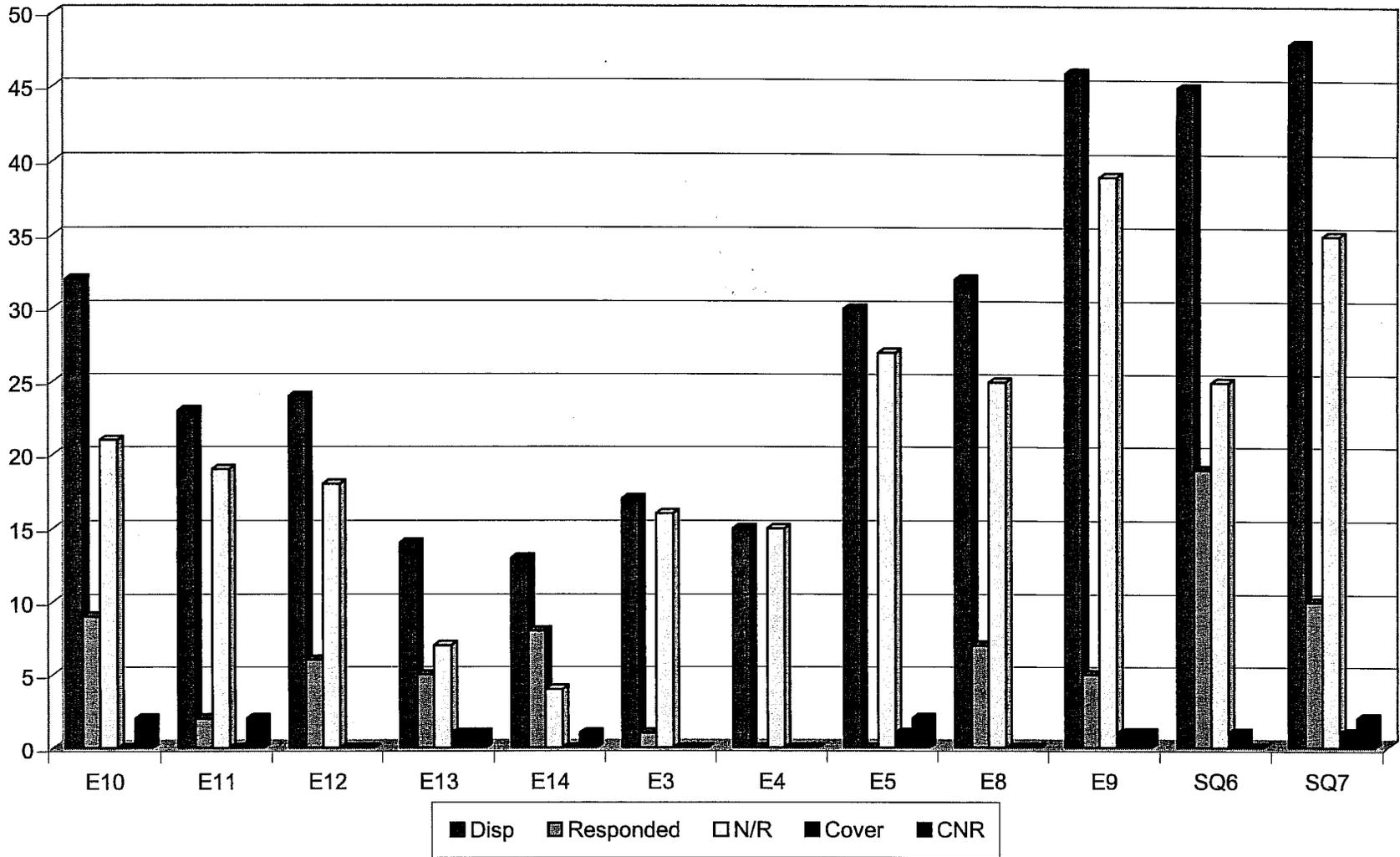
DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES								
	November Response Statistics							
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response		
E-3	17	0	0	1	16	6%		
E-4	15	0	0	0	15	0%		
E-5	30	1	2	0	27	10%		
S-6	45	1	0	19	25	44%		
S-7	48	1	2	10	35	27%		
E-8	32	0	0	7	25	22%		
E-9	46	1	1	5	39	15%		
E-10	32	0	2	9	21	34%		
E-11	23	0	2	2	19	17%		
E-12	24	0	0	6	18	25%		
E-13	14	1	1	5	7	50%		
E-14	13	0	1	8	4	69%		
Totals	339	5	11	72	251	26%		

Career Company Response

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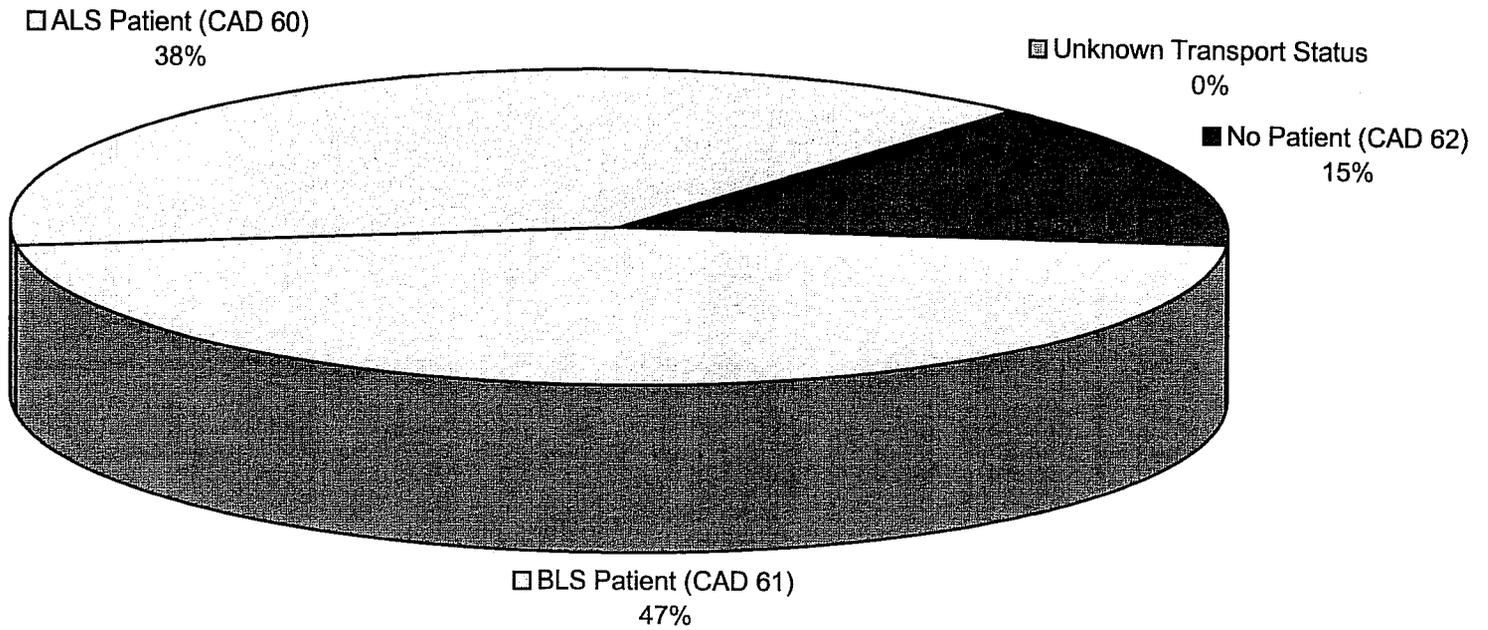


Volunteer Call Counts October 25, 2004 to November 21, 2004



EMS Transport Activity

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911 Center Activity
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