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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 28th to October 25th and detail some activities of the Department. The month of October historically is Fire Prevention month. As noted below the department accelerates prevention and education opportunities during this period.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- This month we participated in the Red Cross expo @ Home Depot on 10/01/05.
- We provided a Fire Prevention talk to 70 3rd graders from Pembroke School.
- We gave A Fire Prevention talk to 180 kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders at Park Ave., School.
- A tour of Headquarters was given to the Danbury Mom's Club on 10/12/05.
- Conducted a Fire Prevention lecture and tour for both am/pm classes at Mill ridge Primary School.
- We gave a tour of Headquarters. To Country Kids Day Care.
- 70 children from Hayestown School were given a tour of Headquarters.

- On 10/01/05 we gave a demo of our equipment at Stew Leonard's.
- On 10/20 E-24, Truck 1, and C-30 participated with WestConn PD in a two car mock crash caused by a drunk driver. The Student Gov't Comm sponsored this demonstration.
- Several companies participated at Family Fun Day on the Green.
- Headquarters units gave tours to 57 students from Hayestown School.
- Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at: St. Gregory Church, Woodland Hills, Mitchell Fuel (yard and storage area)), Danbury Hospital parking garage, WesConn science building, Loewe's theater, and Martha Apts.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- An extended incident occurred on Friday night the 21st. It culminated in a response by D.E.P. personnel on Sat. AM to a private residence on Stadley Rough Rd. To assist in identification of a pervasive odor that tested as being acetone based. The incident included response by E-24, C-30, and Health Dept personnel. D.E.P.'s oil and chemical spill unit, fire dispatch, Health department and on scene firefighters worked cooperatively to mitigate the incident.
- A sewer line blockage resulted in a house on Hagar St. being flooded with raw sewerage. Under the direction of Lt. Ron Bowers E-24 improvised a chute and opened a low point cleanout to alleviate the flow into the finished lower level of the house. Public Utilities responded to snake the pipe in the street. The Health Department also assisted in this effort.
- A fire at the Cyber Café resulted in significant smoke damage to retail contents. Luckily Officer Spano, who attempted extinguishment through a break in the front window, spotted the fire.

- This month due to the heavy amounts of rainfall we were asked to pump out several basements throughout the City. Several of the Volunteer Companies spent several hours helping those affected.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS recertifications 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.

The Topic for this months EMS Wednesday is the 12 Lead Electro Cardio Gram.

Thousands of heart patients are being saved today because of prompt assessment and treatment of lethal arrhythmias by trained emergency personnel utilizing AED's. Now in a cooperative program with the Danbury Hospital the Danbury Fire Department and our EMS provider, BSI, 12 lead Electro Cardio Grams will be utilized in the field to assess life threatening arrhythmias with this information being transmitted electronically to the cardiologist at the hospital, ahead of the patient's arrival so that lifesaving treatment can be instituted to correct them.

The Danbury Fire Department First Responder Program is a key part of the EMS system, c to the scene of a victim of a sudden cardiac arrest, this ability coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like CPR training and the "File of Life" has increased the patient survival rates in the City of Danbury.

Community Heart-safe Program

The Danbury Fire Departments mission of saving lives has led to several initiatives to make our community a safer place to live and work. The latest placing Public Access Automatic External Defibrillators in the schools and following up on the success of that program is providing CPR and defibrillation training for school personnel. This month three classes have been held at Danbury Fire Headquarters one for the Visiting Nurses Association and two for school nurses and teachers. So far a total of 40 people have taken advantage of this opportunity and more classes will be offered next month.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division
Activity Report -Sept 26 to October 23, 2005

Mobile Data Terminals

- There has been no significant progress with the Mobile Data implementation. Continuing connection problems have not allowed this system to be used. Several areas are being looked at to speed this process along. HTE will be installing a major upgrade to the server and steps are being taken in an effort to have Cingular provide a greater level of technical expertise in solving the connection problems.

Communications Center

- Several dispatchers were honored for their actions during the previous year. Through the Emergency Medical Dispatch program, and good call taking techniques there were several incidents in the past year where dispatchers were able to provide the proper medical advice that aided in saving the lives of patients. Three victims of a severe allergic reaction and one child that were not breathing are a testament that the process of pre-arrival medical instruction can save lives. Congratulations.

Radio System

- The telephone circuits for the King St radio receiver (Low Band) have been moved to the temporary trailer that will be used during the construction. As soon as power is applied to the trailer the radio will be moved to allow for continuous service.
- Planning continues for the installation of the fixed repeater system for use on the high band radio system that is being established. Western Connecticut State University Police have agreed to allow the Fire Department to install a high band receiver on their Westside facility. This location will provide a secure site that should address the issues of coverage within the Mill Plain and Route 7 South areas.

Training - Jim Thorne

- The volunteers finished up their 3rd quarter training.
- 4th quarter training for the Volunteer Division starts November 6th
- Hydrant testing will end this week.
- The pre fire plan is scheduled to start up in December

- Hose testing started this week.
- The Fire Service Instructor class is in progress at fire headquarters. Started with fifteen students.
- Scheduled (4) OSHA classes for trench information

Apparatus/Equipment - Randy Morits

- The (2) gated 5" storz relief valves ordered arrived and will be installed on the pumpers that needed them.
- The spare pumper (88MP) is in need of extensive repair of all the valves.
- Delivery date for our four-wheel drive vehicles should be about 2 to 3 weeks.
- Truck 1 is having an electrical problem that we are having a problem finding. Once in a while we get either a high voltage or low voltage warning. Firematic is coming down on Friday the 21st to review this problem, as well as some others.
- Engine 22 now has 1000' of 5" LDH on it. A hydrant bag with Storz fitting and assistant tools was made up and placed on the engine as well.
- Engine 24 is next to have LDH put on it. As soon as the LDH on the rack is tested it will be put on the engine.

Good of the Organization

- Six new recruits were hired this past month. They were sworn in at the Memorial & Awards Ceremony on October 9, 2005. The six new recruits are: Seth Ambruso, James Croswell, Ray Guard, Shawn McGee, Kevin Sullivan, and Richard Gallager.
- On October 9, 2005; we held our Annual Memorial & Awards Ceremony. The crowd was larger than previous years. Most of the awards that were awarded were Unit Citations, which had several participants.
- The new recruits started their training at the State Fire Academy on October 2, 2005. They are scheduled for graduation on December 16, 2005.

- On October 13, 2005, several members of our department attended the Exchange Firefighter of the Year dinner in Danbury. This year's recipient was Firefighter Walter Arteaga. On October 20, four members of the Department traveled to the Aqua Turf to attend the State Exchange Club Dinner to honor all the State recipients.
- A building permit has been issued for the new E-25. Work should begin shortly.
- Several members of the Department took the Hybrid car class, which was given by the local Toyota dealer. These new cars present several new problems for firefighters.
- Most of our managers took the Sexual Harassment seminar at City Hall, week of October 16.
- Several members of the Department are taking the Fire Service Instructor I class.
- Lt. Bernie Meehan was honored by New Milford Hospital for EMS Service of the Year. Lt. Meehan was instrumental in saving the life of a young boy who had suffered severe head injury.
- Firefighter Mike Speed retired from the U.S. Army Reserves, effective October 22, 2005. Firefighter Speed served 21 years as an active reserve member and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. His recent duties included operations with freight trains in the continental U.S. His experience and knowledge of trains has been, and will continue to be, very helpful to the Fire Department.
- Retired Assistant Chief Joe Gowel passed away on October 22, 2005. Joe served over 30 years in the Department.

Dates of Importance

- November 8, 2005: Election Day
- November 11, 2005: Veterans Day
- November 24, 2005: Thanksgiving

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	18
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	3
Rescue/EMS	211
Hazardous Condition	53
Service Calls	44
Good Intent Calls	51
False Alarm/False Calls	72
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
No Report/Incomplete	23

Total Fire Calls..475.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 606 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	606
No patient EMS Calls	115
BLS Patient Calls	276
ALS EMS Calls	215
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	5
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	24

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2949 with a daily average of 109.22 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

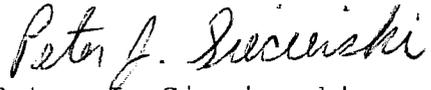
Fire Response Calls	475
EMS Response calls.	606
Abandoned Calls	430
911 Hang Ups	492
Admin Calls Received	870
Cellular 911 Calls	1102

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.

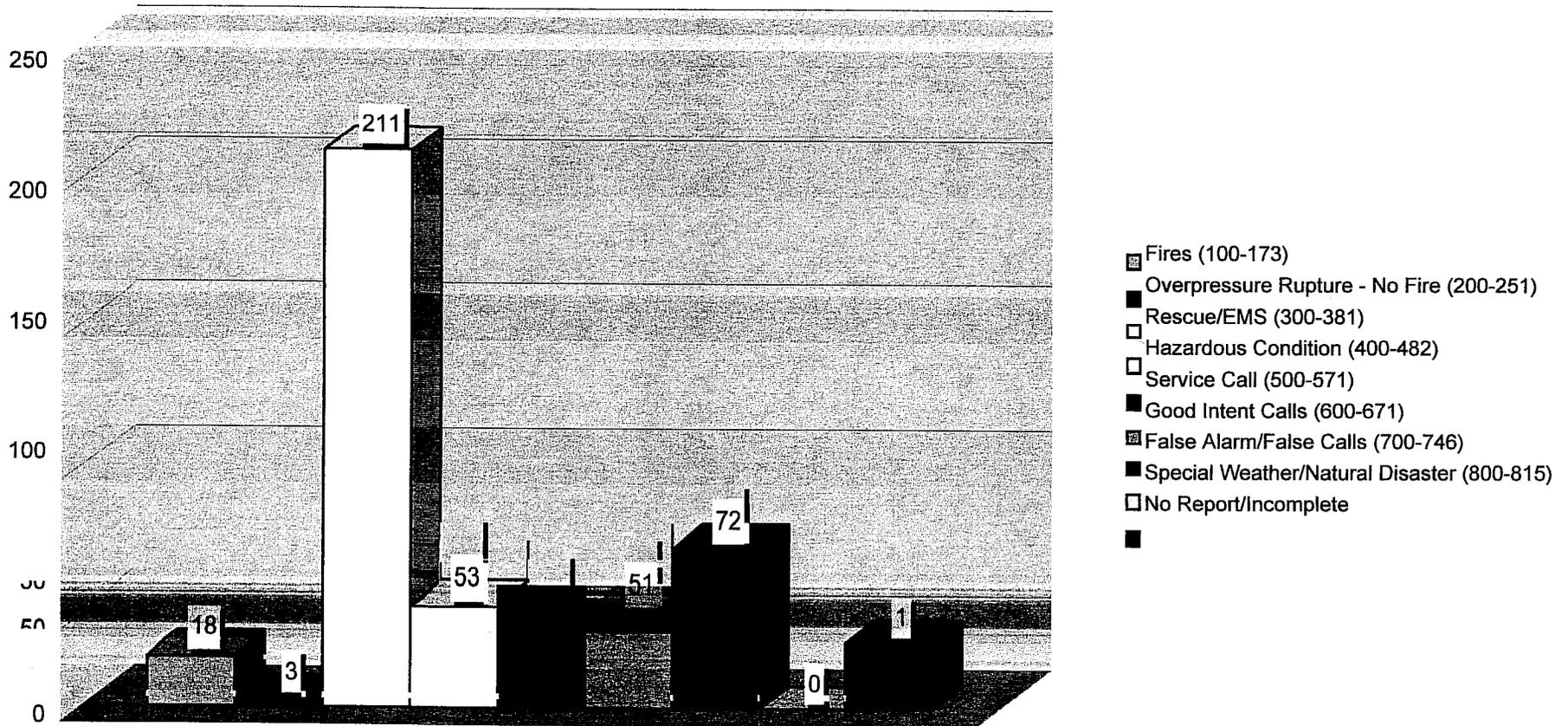
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Siecienski".

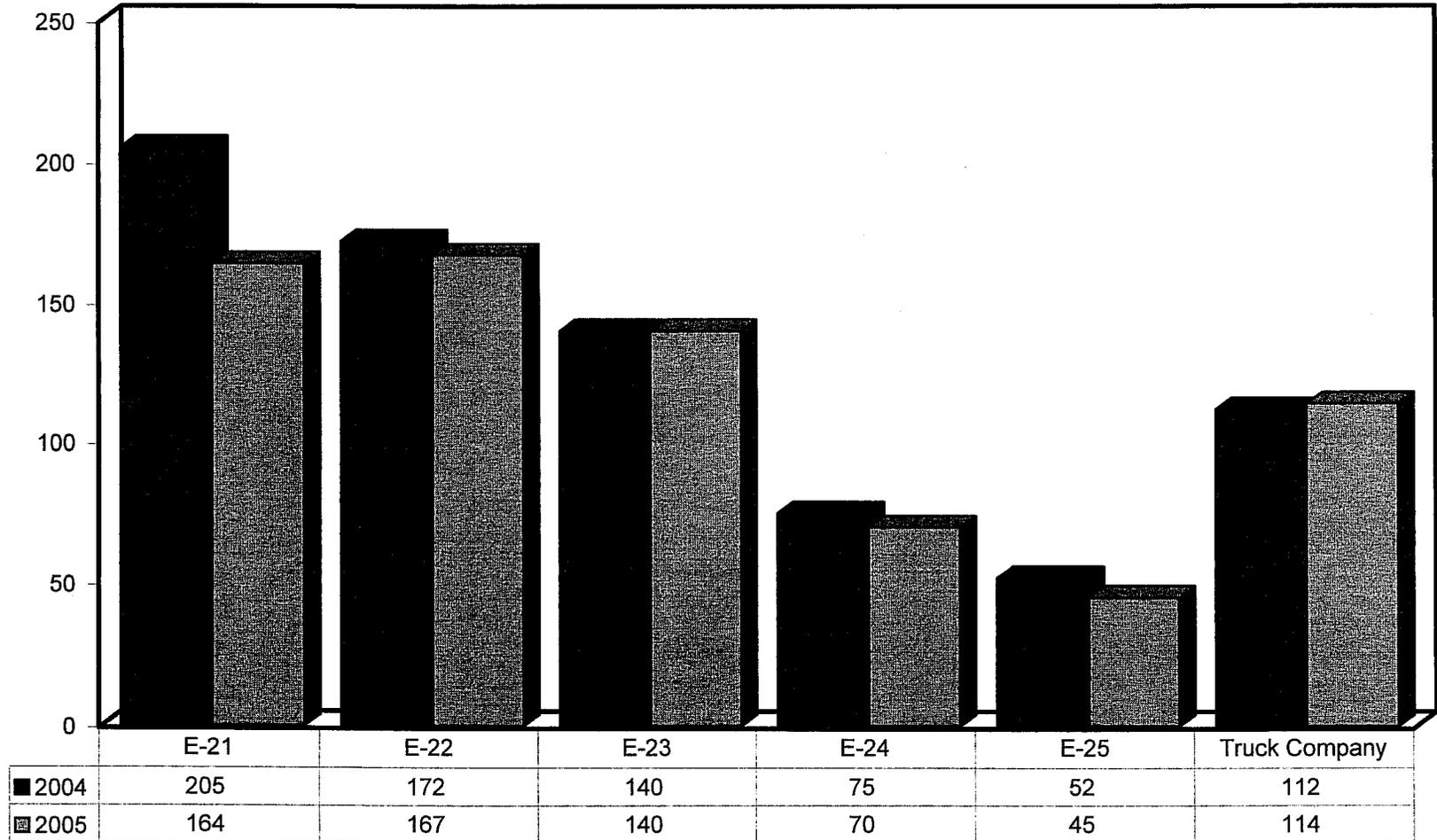
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Fire Chief

Fire Response Breakdown September 26 to October 23, 2005

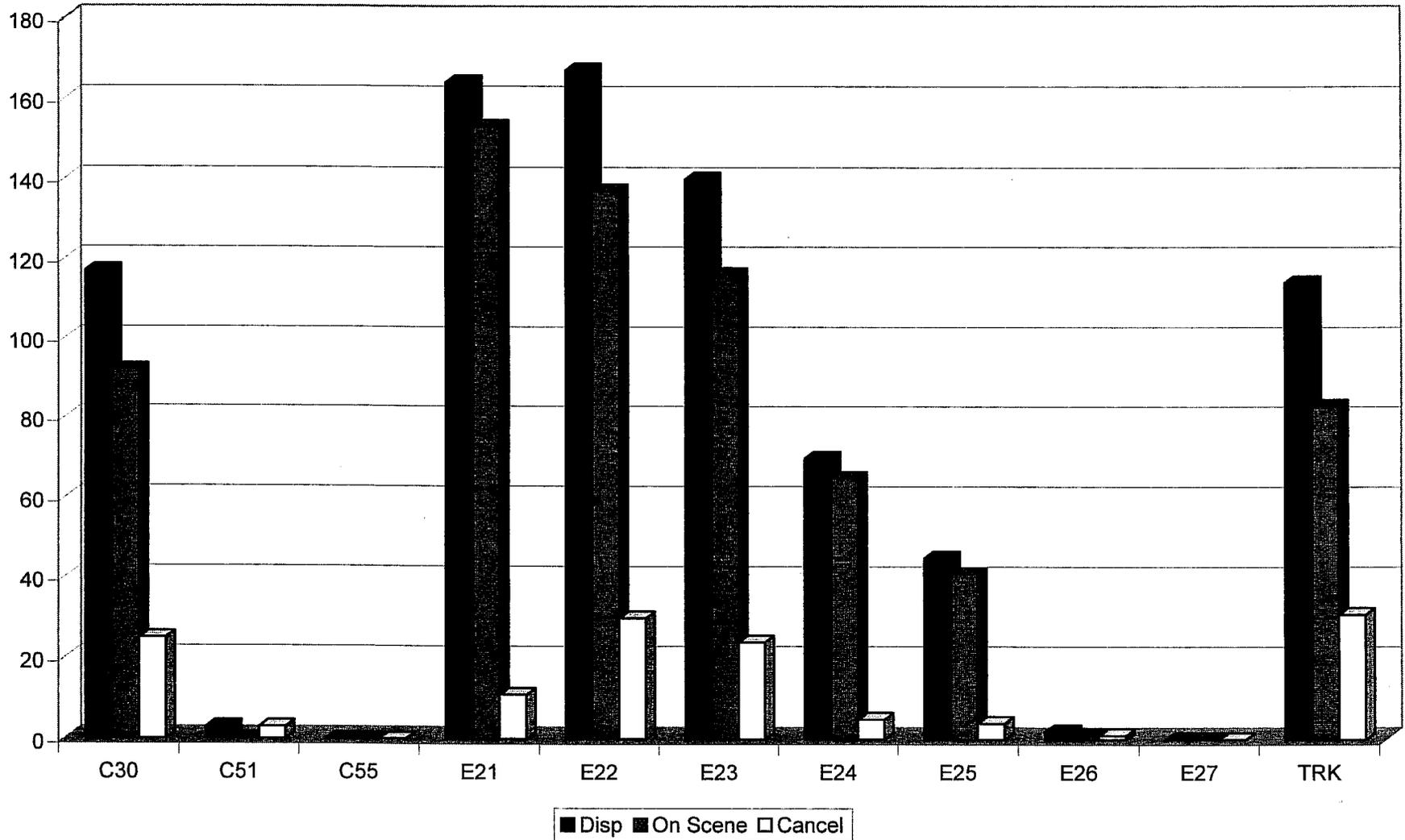


DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES						2005		
		<i>October</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Statistics</i>				
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response	No Response	% of Response		
				Total	Total			
E-3	40	0	2	2	36	10%		
E-4	22	0	2	0	20	9%		
E-5	50	3	1	12	34	32%		
S-6	41	0	4	11	45	37%		
S-7	57	0	4	17	36	37%		
E-8	47	0	0	15	32	32%		
E-9	43	2	0	2	39	9%		
E-10	43	0	4	9	30	30%		
E-11	38	3	2	11	22	42%		
E-12	34	1	4	8	21	38%		
E-13	18	2	0	7	9	50%		
E-14	14	1	2	3	8	43%		
Totals	447	12	25	97	332	30%		

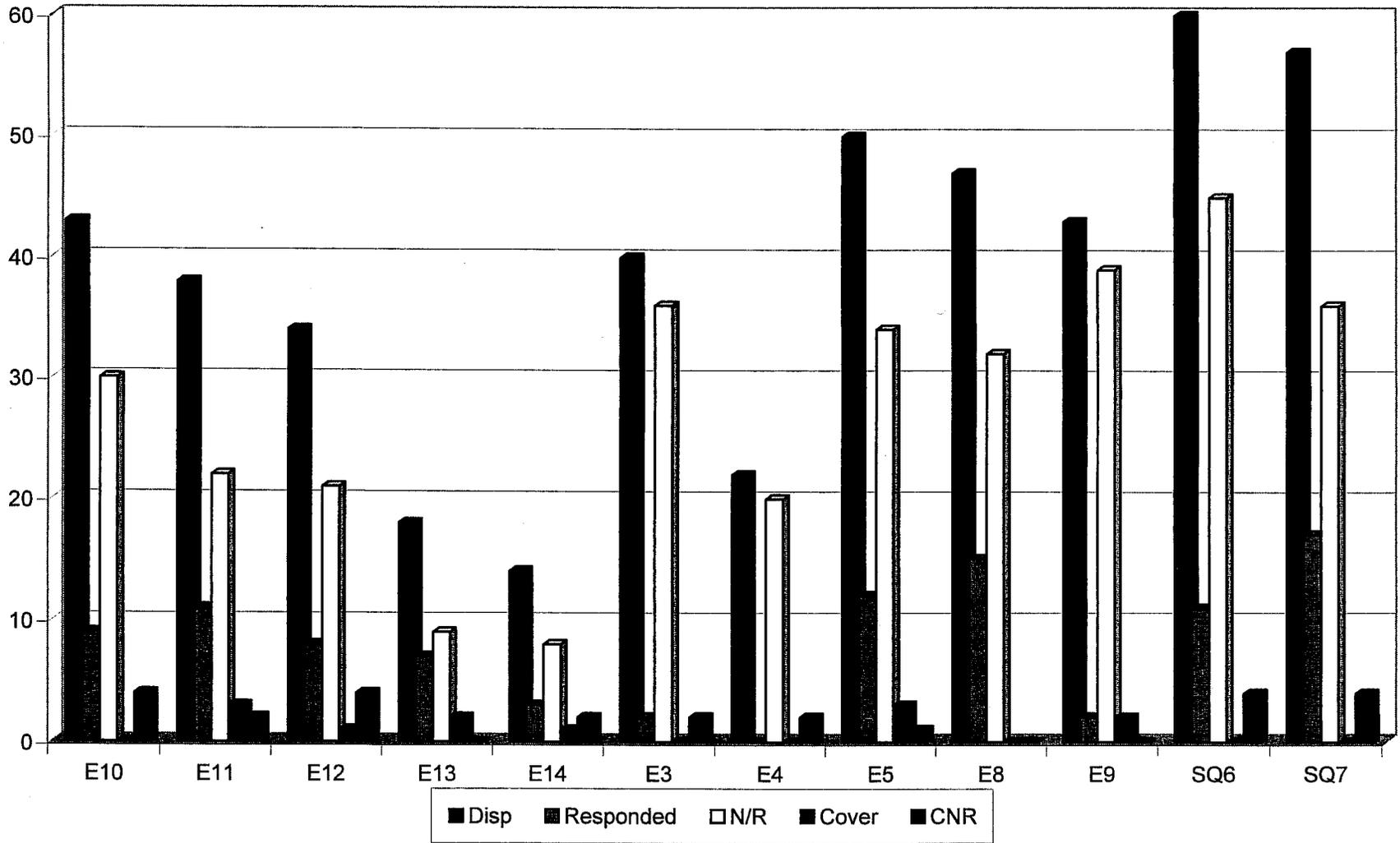
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October Company Response Statistics**



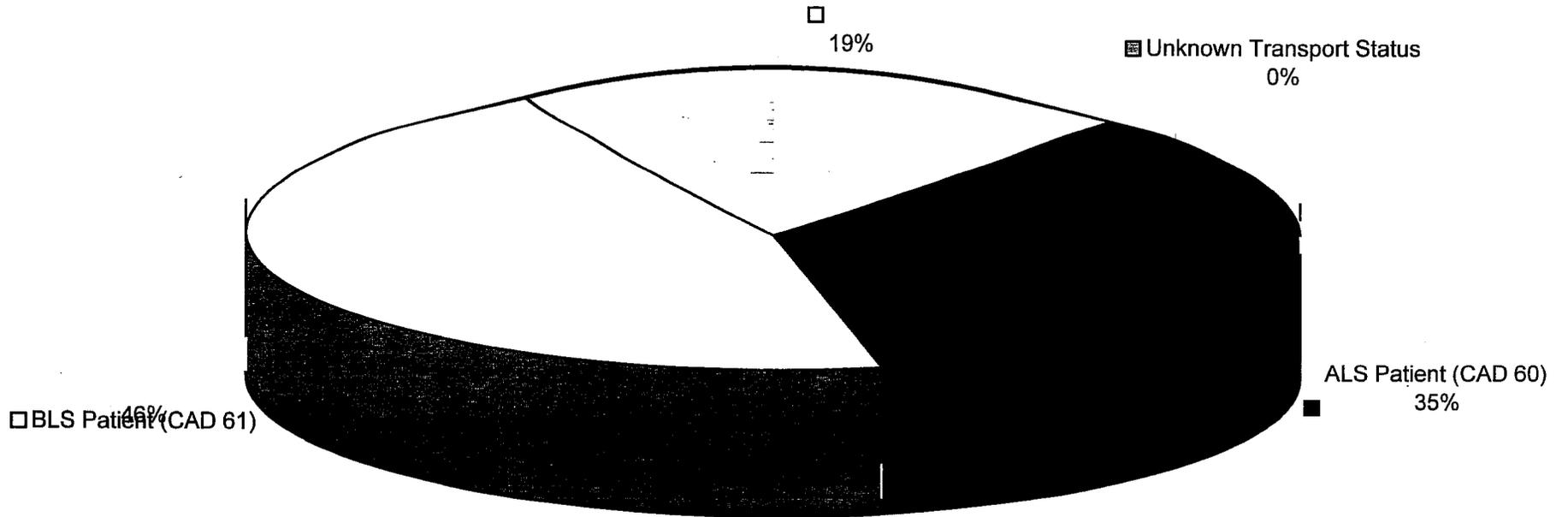
Career Company Response September 26 to October 23, 2005



Volunteer Call Counts September 26 to October 23, 2005



EMS Transport Activity September 26 to October 23, 2005



911 Center Activity September 26 to October 23, 2005

