

# **FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**28 August 2007**

**I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, This report covers the period of 27 July 2007 through 28 August 2007 and details some of the activities of the Department.**

**The group comprising members of Engine 5 and Squad 6, Chief Herald and Councilman Visconti will be meeting again in the next few weeks to further discuss the options of the two fire companies.**

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- DFM's Wiedl and Gillotti presented fire extinguisher live burn training for Danbury Hospital Operating Room Staff**
- The "Decon" Trailer was deployed at the Bridgewater Fair. The trailer was set up in order to act as a EMS Triage and Command unit should the need arise for casualties at one of the largest attended events in Litchfield County. Luckily the weather was fall-like and the need to employ the trailers cooling and sheltering capabilities were not required. Having it there just in case gave the 50 or so EMS responders working there over the weekend the ability to use it if necessary. The trailer elicited many inquiries by members of the public and emergency services personnel. Numerous people came over and asked about the trailer, its concept and purpose. Area emergency responders saw that the trailer can be utilized for something other than mass decon and were clearly impressed with that concept. We gave numerous tours of the trailer, which also including to a number of physicians who were present at the fair. Personnel from the following towns were familiarized with the trailer: Bridgewater, Roxbury, New Milford, Sherman, Washington, and Brookfield.**
- A tour and safety presentation was given to St. Josephs Day Camp.**
- Crews attended a Haz-Mat drill at Mannkind Corp. as observers.**

**Preplanning this month includes the following: Brookview Common, the new Dormitory on Crosby Street, Wooster Manor on West Wooster Street, Bauer Hardware, Padanaram Rd., Sierra Grill Restaurant, Eagle Rd., Electro Energy Co. at 30 Shelter Rock Road, Goodrich Corp.**

## **SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE**

Fire Incident # 3888, 86 Driftway Rd. structure fire. A well developed fire in an attached garage was prevented from extending into the house. The garage was lost but the house was saved.

### EMS Call # 4375

Engine 25 in King Street responded to Richter Golf Course on Friday Aug 24, 2007 for an allergic reaction to a bee sting. On arrival the Engine Company consisting of Acting LT. Delohery, F.F. Whitehead and F.F. Cabral encountered a female whose husband had driven her to the golf pro shop. She was unresponsive with shallow breathing in a full anaphylactic reaction. After a quick assessment they administered the Epi-pen, her respirations continued to decrease and then they proceeded to manage her airway, after five minutes she responded to the medication and started breathing normally on her own. EMS then arrived and the Firefighters helped the EMS crew place the patient in the ambulance and she was then transported to the Emergency Department at Danbury Hospital. This is an example of the Fire Department First Responder Program providing quality pre-hospital emergency care.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez**

### Region Five Haz-Mat Team

The three major Region Five Battalions, Danbury, Waterbury and Torrington Fire Departments in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection are planning a major Hazardous Materials Drill on September 23, 2007 in Litchfield. This drill is slated to test and overwhelm the local resources which would then necessitate the activation of the Regional team.

### Greater Danbury Mutual aid training

Members of the Danbury Fire Department, Chief Herald, Captain Meehan and EMS /Haz-mat Coordinator Rodriguez have visited the Fire Departments in the Greater Danbury Area to inform and assist in training them on the regional equipment that the State has deployed in Danbury.

## **OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL - Barry Rickert**

Period covered: 22 July to 24 August

Abatements/Reports (hrs.)	112	INSPECTIONS:	
Tickets issued in Fire Zones	12		
Fire Investigations	11	Places of Assembly:	87
Fatal Fires:	0	Educational:	10
Liquor Inspections:	30	Businesses:	19

<b>Blasting Permits:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Storage:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Complaints:</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Health Care:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Plan Review (hrs.)</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Industrial:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fire Prevention Programs:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mercantile:</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Orders of Abatement:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Residential Board &amp; Care:</b>	<b>1</b>
		<b>Hotels(units):</b>	<b>39</b>
		<b>Apartments:</b>	<b>897</b>
		<b>Day Care:</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Misc. Inspections:</b>	<b>104</b>

### **Bureau Training:**

**All members of the Fire Prevention Bureau continue to update their training there by providing a superior service to our community. This training is provided through many sources including the State Fire Marshals' Office of Education and Data Management. We continue to provide "in house " opportunities for specialized training.**

### **Public Education:**

**Danbury Hospital - "Live" Fire Extinguisher Training presented by Deputy Fire Marshals Gillotti and Wiedl**

**Crosby Manor – Citizens Emergency Response Team  
"Live" Fire Extinguisher Demonstration**

### **Inspection and enforcement:**

**Numerous complaints regarding illegal occupancies, such as apartments and public places of assembly. Night time inspections were conducted at various clubs. Some violations were noted and corrected or are in process. All public and private schools are being inspected for fire code compliance. Several cultural events occurred without any serious issues.**

**The new Brookview Commons Apartments on Crosby St. will open next week. These apartments will be rented only to WCSU students. A Residential Director and several RA's have been hired.**

**Work at the Reserve on the City's Westside continues. Some units are ready for occupancy.**

**At the Mannkind Corporation, formerly American Cyanimid, on Casper St., work on a large addition is moving forward.**

**A new, long term stay hotel, is in the planning stages for the Westside on Mill Plain Road. This will probably have 125 units. This would bring the number of hotels in the city to 15 with approximately 1,800 units.**

## **Training Division - Mark Omasta**

**Volunteer Division: Third Quarter Training started on August 26. All companies will participate in a tanker shuttle drill. Training will help sharpen pump operator skills including drafting, pumper relays and hose work.**

### **Training classes in July:**

**We have eight recruits in the current CT Fire Academy class which started on June 26 and runs until September 7, 2007. They are all progressing well and expect to graduate on September 7, 2007.**

### **Tours:**

**Electro Energy on Shelter Rock Rd.**

**Tours of the Tilcon Asphalt Plant on Plumtrees Rd. were conducted by most crews.**

**Crews did a standpipe drill and tour of the new college apartments on Crosby Street.**

**The hydrant testing program continues through the summer. Problem hydrants are identified by the Fire Dept. and then reported to the water department who schedule them for repair. This continues to be a successful program.**

**Crews continue to utilize our Fire School for training evolutions including pump operator training for our Firefighters.**

**The Danbury Fire Department will host a Naugatuck Valley Community College class "Introduction to Fire Technology" for the fall semester starting soon after Labor Day. The three credit course will count towards a degree in Fire Technology and Administration. The department continues to support and encourage educational opportunities beyond the in house presentations available. To maintain our position as a modern and progressive fire department we must continue to urge our members to find and attend these programs.**

**The department is hosting a two day Rapid Intervention Rescue class presented by the Connecticut Fire Academy. The hands on training will take place at an acquired structure at 22 Kenosia Ave. on August 28, and 29. This program is designed to teach firefighters the skills required to rescue injured and trapped firefighters.**

**Members of the DFD took our Regional Foam unit to Bethel and gave a class on its capabilities to Bethel, Stony Hill, Georgetown and other regional Volunteers.**

## **Communications Division- Pat Sniffin**

**Activity Report –July 26, 2007 – August 26, 2007**

- **With the permanent appointment of Dispatcher Stephen Sedlak and the Provisional appointment of FF Jeff Tomchik, all slots in Dispatch are again full. Additional relief dispatchers will be trained to replace those members that are expected to be promoted to fill various department vacancies.**
- **Dispatch personnel are continuing to verify addressing changes and CAD assignments in anticipation of the opening of Engine 26. Additional communications issues within the station are being addressed, such as adding an external antenna to receive radio signals in the building.**
- **A number of relief dispatchers are currently using a computer based recertification process to update their Emergency Medical Dispatch skills and take a formal recertification test. This modular computer based package allows flexibility in both training and offers the reduced cost of not having to send student away for training.**
- **NIFIRS- National Incident Fire Reporting System**

<b>Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0</b>	
<b>Coding</b>	
Fires (100-173)	14
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	2
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	279
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	36
Service Call (500-571)	28
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	47
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	141
Special Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	2
No Report/Incomplete	12
<b>Total Fire Responses</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>E911 Statistics</b>	
Total 911 Calls	2888
Abandoned 911 Calls	449
Cellular 911 Calls	1177
911 Hang Up Calls	852
Admin Calls Received	892
Police Calls via 911	457
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	214
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	343
Daily Average	96.27
<b>Dispatch Incident Statistics</b>	
Total Fire Responses	561
Total EMS Responses	638

Once again this past month we spent a considerable amount of time servicing staff vehicles, some repairs were due to breakdowns and some were scheduled maintenance. We currently have three staff vehicle out of service waiting to be scheduled for repair.

We had to send E-23's I.S.G. (Thermal Imaging Camera) out for repairs this month. The Unit was repaired and returned to service last week.

We returned E-21 to Atlantic Detroit Diesel for a repetitive oil leak. It was repaired and returned to service only to find we now have other leaks, some caused by their repair process. We repaired these leaks and will be monitoring the condition.

We repaired and replaced the rear bumper cover on Truck-2. The battery in Car 30 was replaced. We also had to repair the outboard motor on the Departments' boat; a trim tab was broken off of the out-drive causing the propeller to cavitate at higher speeds. E-23 was taken out of service because of a complaint about the steering. Upon inspection it was found to have sheared off some of the bolts for the left front spring hanger. We also found that the High Pressure Oil Pump was leaking oil. We replaced the pump and fixed the spring hanger. This unit was returned to service.

We replaced the Q2B siren on E-21 that was damaged in an accident. We removed the Alternator on E-25 and had to have it repaired by All-Tech of Danbury.

We also completed a major brake service on Truck-1. This included the replacement of all the brakes shoes, drums and all related hardware. We will be doing the same to Truck-2 soon.

This past month we had a very troubling couple of days with Truck-1. The on-board computer had an intermittent alarm "ENGINE COMMUNICATION LOST" and the engine was stalling at times. Upon taking half of the truck apart we found a computer cable that had worn through on the frame rail and was shorting out to ground. We ordered and replaced the cable and this unit is working as it should.

#### **Dates of Importance**

**3 September-Labor Day**

**5 Retirement party for Dispatcher Dave Bonner, 1900 Anthonys' Lake Club**

**7 September Graduation from Connecticut Fire Academy 8 Recruits**

**7,8,9 September Taste of Danbury**

**10 New Academy Class begins 5 Recruits**

**11 September 1100 hrs. Dedication & opening Engine 26, Kenosia Ave. Ext.**

**11 September Memorial Service 1900 hrs. Main Street**

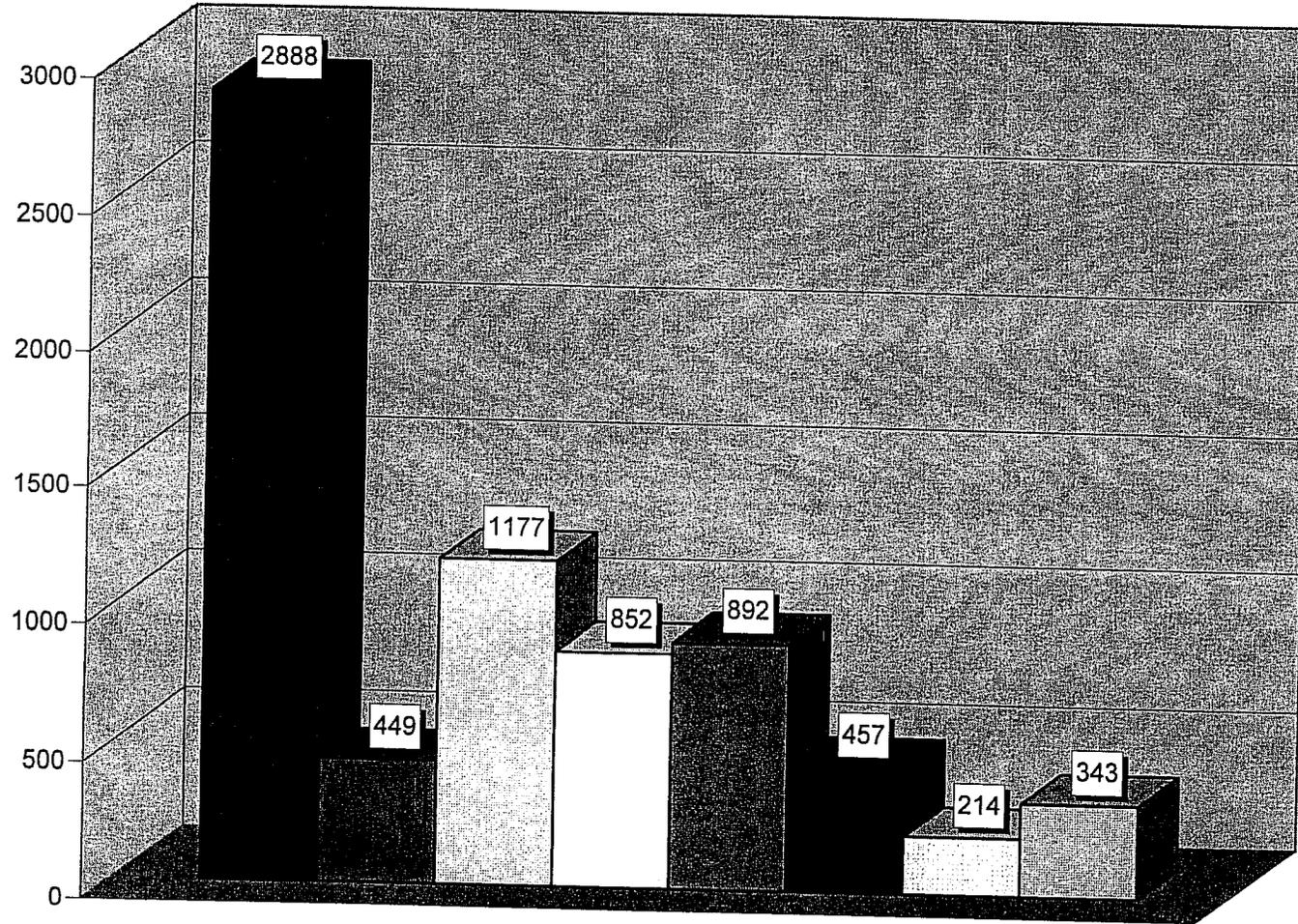
**Fire Chief**

**Geoffrey Herald**

**DANBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**AUGUST RESPONSE STATISTICS**

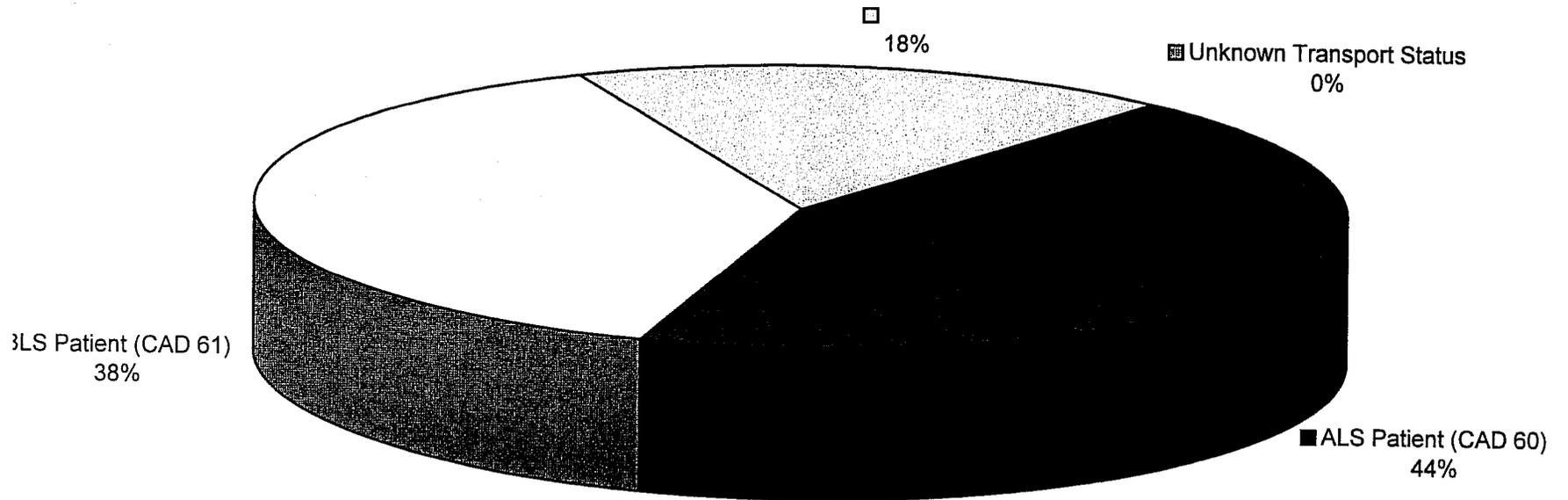
	<b>Calls</b>	<b>Cover</b>	<b>Canceled</b>	<b>Response Total</b>	<b>No Response Total</b>	<b>% of Response</b>
<b>E-3</b>	36	0	5	0	31	14%
<b>E-4</b>	12	0	1	2	9	25%
<b>E-5</b>	39	0	1	3	35	10%
<b>S-6</b>	63	0	2	25	36	43%
<b>S-7</b>	60	0	3	9	48	20%
<b>E-8</b>	45	1	3	5	36	20%
<b>E-9</b>	49	0	4	2	43	12%
<b>E-10</b>	51	0	5	9	37	27%
<b>E-11</b>	35	1	4	4	26	26%
<b>E-12</b>	31	0	2	3	26	16%
<b>E-13</b>	18	0	2	4	12	33%
<b>E-14</b>	19	0	1	11	7	63%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>24%</b>

# 911 Center Activity July 26 to August 26, 2007

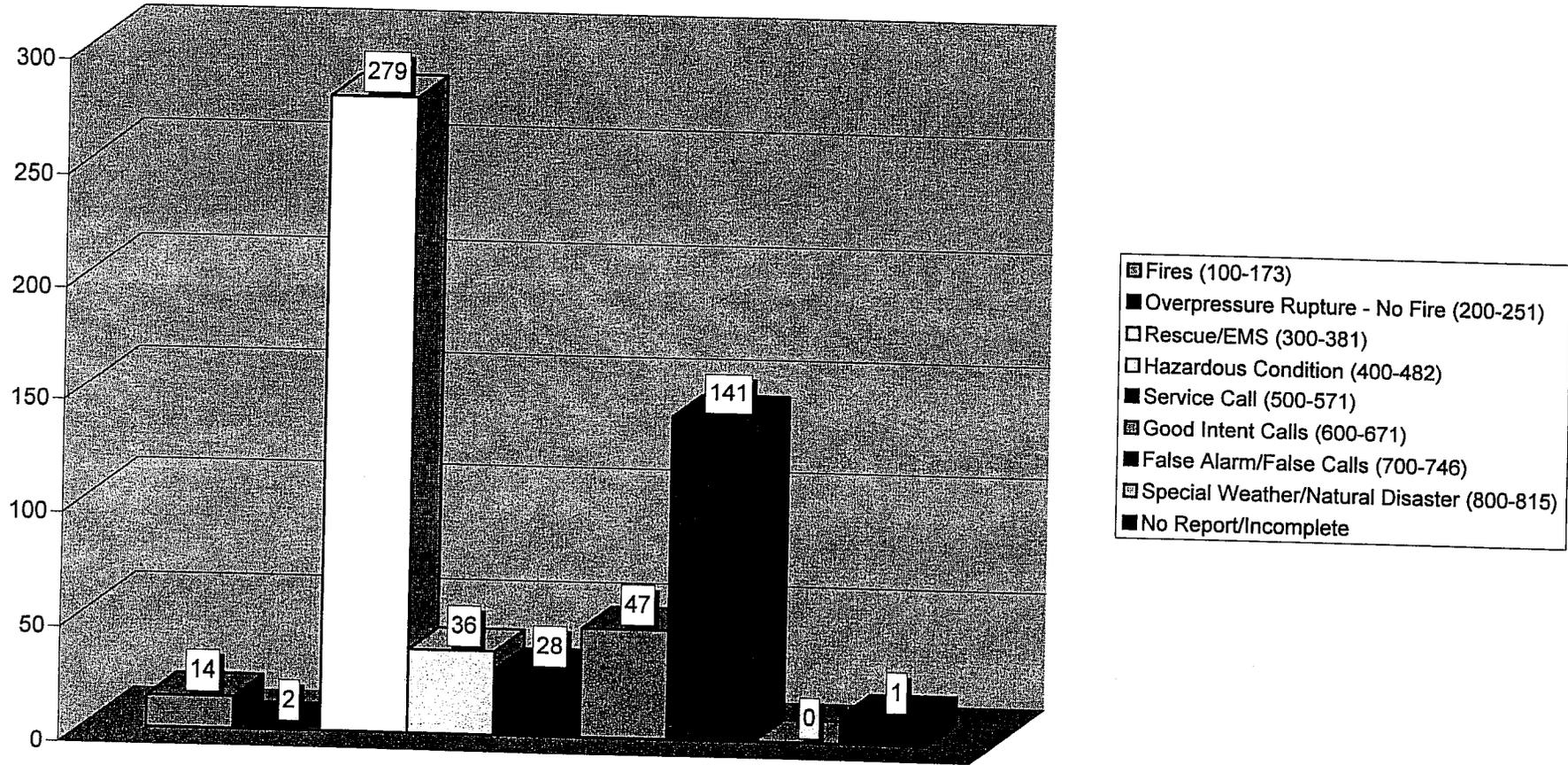


- Total 911 Calls
- Abandoned 911 Calls
- Cellular 911 Calls
- 911 Hang Up Calls
- Admin Calls Received
- Police Calls via 911
- Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)
- EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)

**EMS Transport Activity  
July 26 to August 26, 2007**

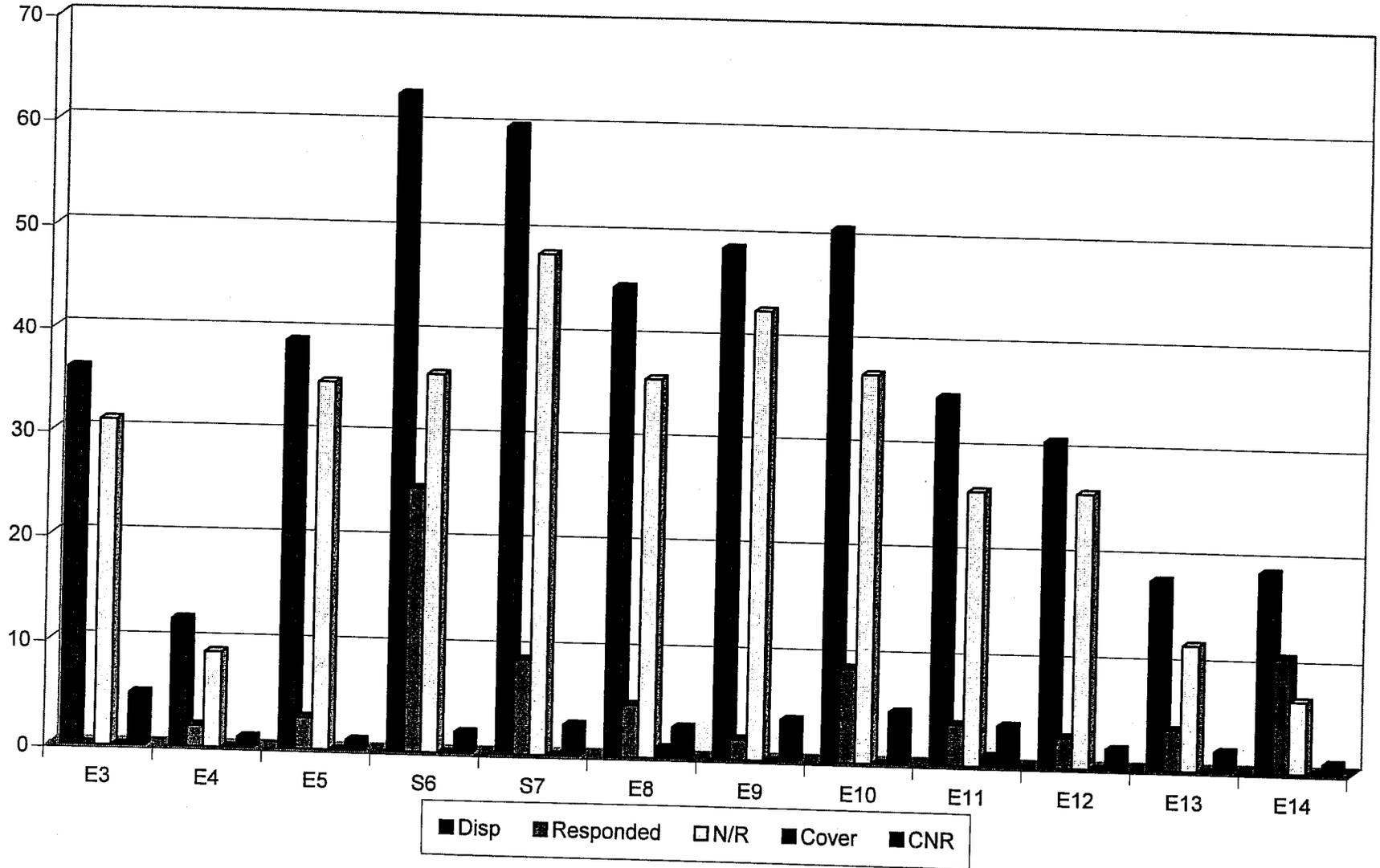


## Fire Response Breakdown July 26 to August 26, 2007

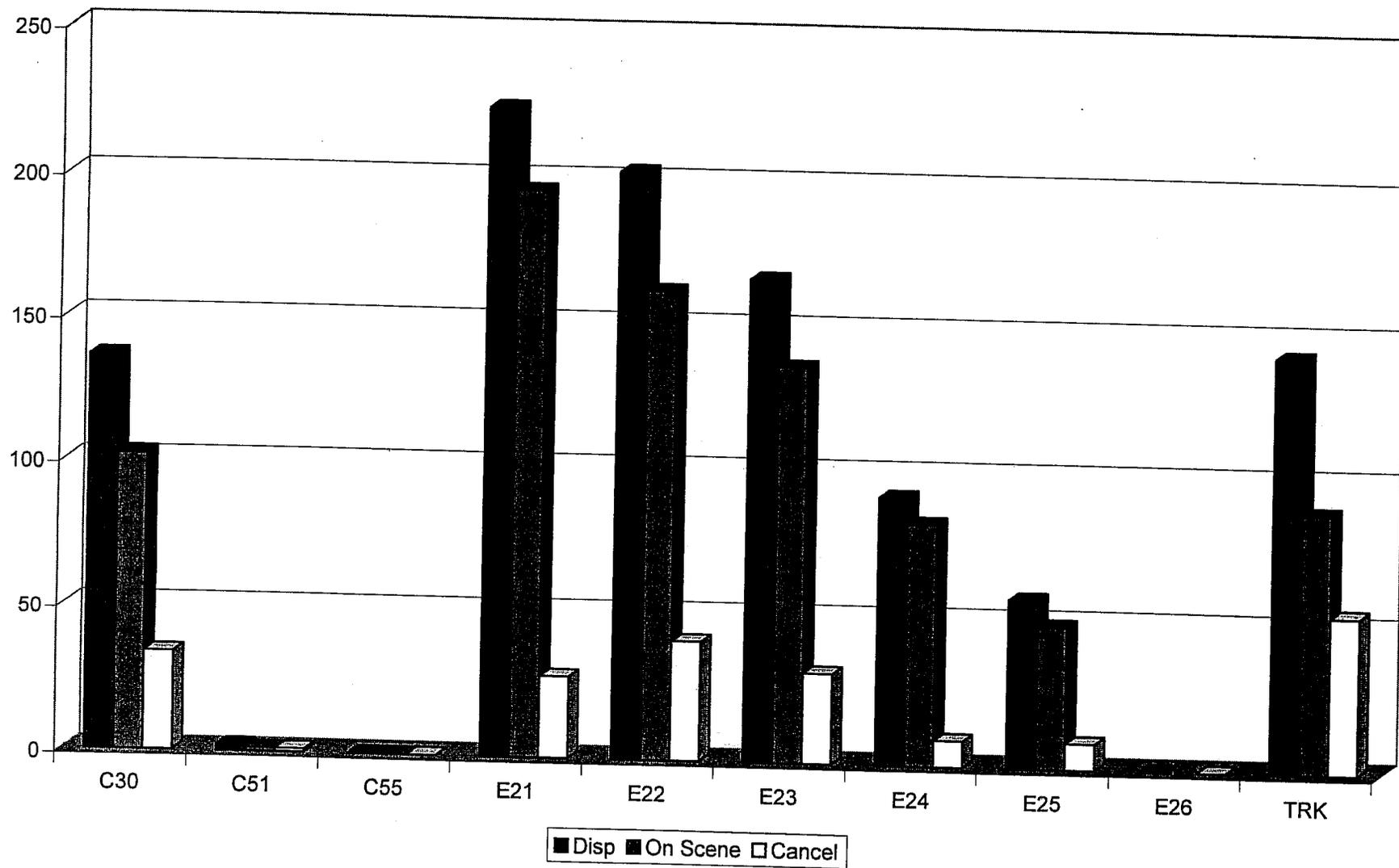


\*Volunteer Reports from the Nor'Easter are still being compiled and entered.

## Volunteer Call Counts July 26 to August 26, 2007



### Career Company Response July 26 to August 26, 2007



### Career Response Comparison for August

