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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 29 May 2007 through 26 June 2007 and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Assistant Chief Keenan and Captain Arconti have conducted interviews with juvenile fire setters.
- On 18 June Captain Meehan brought Squad 2/Foam 6 to the Sherman Fire Dept for a foam trailer demo, and conducted a HazMat Awareness refresher class in conjunction with New Milford Hospital CME. The class was attended by about 45 people from Sherman, Bridgewater, Washington, and Kent. Captain Meehan presented a power point lecture and then a hands on tour of the trailer.
- E-23 A Grp. assisted an elderly resident at 19 Somers St. with opening her stubborn front door.
- Fire house tours this month included Girl Scouts, Daisy Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, School groups from
- The truck company visited the Mill Ridge Intermediate School and gave the students a hands on tour of the apparatus.
- Lt. Arconti gave a Career Day talk to students at Shelter Rock School.

- Danbury Fire Dept played Hockey against the Fairfield FD. The game was played on Saturday 6/23/07 in Shelton. We won 7 to 3.
- All crews have begun our annual hydrant testing. This will be taking place until October.
- Pre-Incident familiarization tours were done at Danbury Hospital White Parking Garage, Deeps Hardware and Apartments, Timber Oak and Crown Point Condos, 69 Backus Ave., Energy Research Corp., Poet's Landing East Ridge Condo's, Magnet School and North St., Shopping Center. Tours of the construction at Mannkind Corporation continued through the month.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

- Vehicle Extrication of one victim from an overturned car on Christopher Columbus Blvd. (Note: Some new techniques learned by FF's at the June Fire School at the Connecticut Fire Academy were successfully used.)
- E22 crew responded to Rose Hill for a woman having a pregnancy problem. While on scene a very premature 1 lb. baby was born. The baby was lifeless and a cooperative effort between Lt. McQuade, FF/EMT John Halas, FF/EMT Joseph Stabile and the medic, brought vital signs back to the baby. The baby was delivered to the ER with a heart beat and breathing. Sadly, the baby passed away some hours later.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS certifications 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 focus of this month's EMS Wednesday has practical skills evaluation. The testing stations are either skill or scenario based. Each individual is evaluated on their ability to assess and manage each situation. Officers are required to guide the actions of the response team while allowing the Firefighter to provide the patient care.

The skill stations consist of:

- Kendrick extrication device
- Painful swollen deformed upper extremity
- Hare traction device
- Standing take down and immobilization with backboard and stiff neck collar

The Danbury Fire Departments First Responders have a comprehensive knowledge of Emergency Medical treatments and can recognize the progression of symptoms which directly impacts patient survivability. Thru rapid deployment and the use of Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support skills, firefighters can stabilize a patient and prevent organ failure, system failure and organism death.

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 an Emergency Medical call, this advanced life support training 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.

Region Five Haz-Mat Team

The Danbury Fire Department in its role as one of the three Region Five Haz-Mat team Battalions have taken delivery of a Ferrara Hazardous Response Vehicle and equipment that will serve to enhance our capability to handle Hazardous Material incidents

in the City of Danbury and as part of the State of Ct. mandated regional response capability for Northwest Ct.

Westerners Baseball Clinic

The Annual Westerners Free baseball clinic was held at Rogers Park this year. One hundred and three children attended the clinic to learn baseball skills from some of the best college level baseball players in New England. EMS/ Haz-Mat Coordinator Rey Rodriguez again volunteered to man the first aid station.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

- After two months of a higher than usual call volume due to weather-related incidents calls for service have reflected the pleasant weather.
- As directed by Chief Herald several initiatives are underway to aid in the flow of critical information within the department;
 - o As soon as possible all members of the department will be entered into the email system. Previously only promoted officers were in the system. Adding all members to the system will insure that all members can be notified in a timely fashion about department and city business.
 - o All promoted officers will have greater access the file services of the city network. This will alleviate the problem of an officer working in a different station not having access to their files.
 - o Finally and of an important nature, the department is in the beginning stages of setting up an electronic receivership system that will allow industry to submit chemical information to the department. The goal of this project is to ultimately remove the dangerous and dated binder from each apparatus and be able to provide

a faster and more current electronic lookup up while on-scene of chemical emergencies.

Training - Mark Omasta

The Volunteer Firefighter 1 class which started on March 1 ended on June 19. All ten FF1 students passed the Practical skills portion of the certification process on June 9. We expect to get the results of the written test (taken June 19) in the next six to eight weeks from the CT Fire Academy

Second quarter training is in progress for all volunteer companies. At this time, there are 102 volunteer Firefighters certified to respond to emergencies. This is a 15 to 20% increase in available volunteers since January 2007.

Training classes in June:

Ten new recruits were hired into the Fire Department and started work on June 22, 2007.

They will be at the Connecticut Fire Academy for their 10 week recruit class starting on June 26, with a projected graduation date of September 7, 2007. These additional Firefighters will be needed to open the new West Side Fire station, Engine 26.

Thirteen Career members completed the 96 hour Fire Officer 1 class on June 19th and are waiting the results of their certification exam.

Four Firefighters completed the Pump Operator Certification class and are also waiting for test results.

Fourteen Firefighters attended various classes at the June School at the CT Fire Academy held the first week of June. Chief Herald was asked to instruct a Terrorism class at the June School.

Yankee Gas completed their safety program to all crews in June.

Tours:

Tours of Mannkind Pharmaceuticals on Casper St. were completed. Tours of Fuel Cell Energy on Great Pasture Road continue for all crews.

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.

Individual Engine and Truck Companies utilized the Danbury Training facility for various training evolutions including vehicle extrication drills, ladder, hose work, and vehicle fire suppression drills.

The Danbury Fire Dept. participated in the National Firefighters and EMS "Stand down for Safety" week, held the week of June 17. This year's theme was "Ready to Respond". Crews reviewed Safety procedures that are in place and discussed various ways to make the job safer, so "Everyone goes home".

Chief Herald and representatives of the Dept. of Labor met to discuss the possibility of setting up a Firefighter Apprentice program through the G.I. Bill for our Veterans. The information has now been passed to the personnel department for review.

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

The following are some of the highlights and activities of the Apparatus Division for the month of June. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

All of the Departments BioSystem meters have been span gas calibrated. Last month E-21 and E-22 meters were in for repair. Both meters have been repaired and placed back in service. The remainder of the department's meters are fully functional.

The department's SCBA'S are for the most part functional. We still have two or three units a week that are removed from service due to mechanical issues. Generally they are repaired and returned to service.

We have begun our Fit Testing program for the 07-08 year. This program is vital for the health and safety of our Firefighters, and is an O.S.H.A. requirement. This is a very time consuming process but, we hope to have the entire Career

Department completed by July 1, 2007. We will then schedule the Volunteer Division for testing.

The 2007 Pierce Dash Engine that will be the new E-26 will be going to Firematic this week. We have acquired the radios, laptops, hand lights and other related equipment so that this new unit can be fitted out for service.

We scheduled and completed a fleet wide factory service of all our heavy duty apparatus transmissions. Upon inspection, two minor defects were found in both E-23 and E-25's transmissions. The repairs were scheduled and the repairs were completed in early June.

We have received the new batteries for the ISG's (Thermal Imaging Cameras) They have been cataloged and placed in service.

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. Currently all of our staff vehicles are functional.

We experienced quite a difficult problem with the operation of the ladder on Truck 1 last month. This was an intermittent electrical problem that with the help of Pierce engineers we were able to correct. Currently the ladder has been operating as it should.

This past month both the Chief's and Deputy Chief's vehicles were sent to Economy Sign to be lettered. They both will be having emergency lighting installed in them this month.

We have Fit Tested the ten (10) new recruits and have outfitted them with S.C.B.A.'s along with spare bottles (thanks in part to E-6) and P.A.S.S. alarms to use at the Fire Academy. We wish them well as they head off to the Fire Academy for twelve weeks, and continued success as they begin their career as members of the Danbury Fire Department.

Good of the Organization

- Ten new recruits have been hired. They are attending the State Of Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. The recruits are expected to graduate 7 September.
- EMS training for the month has included pediatric and childbirth emergencies.
- Training in rope rescue, hose advancement and tanker portable pond use was conducted. The portable pond training was conducted with Engine 12, Mill Plain.
- Members of the Department continue to work on the site of the memorial stone at Engine 23. to honor our Fallen Brothers, Melody and Halas.

Dates of Importance

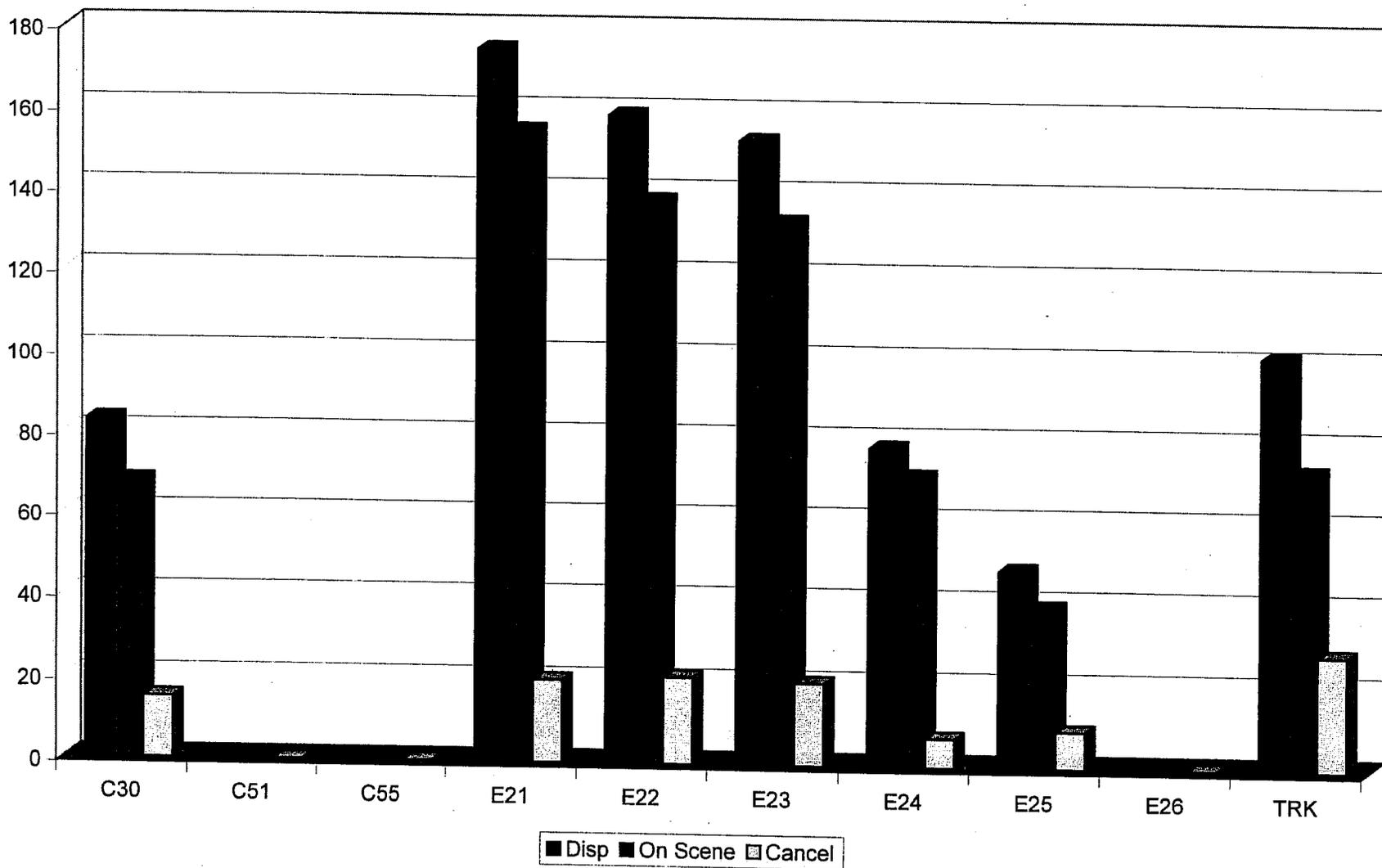
- June 26th Retirement party for Chief Curran
- June 26th Fire Recruit Class begins at St. Fire Academy.
- July 4th Independence Day

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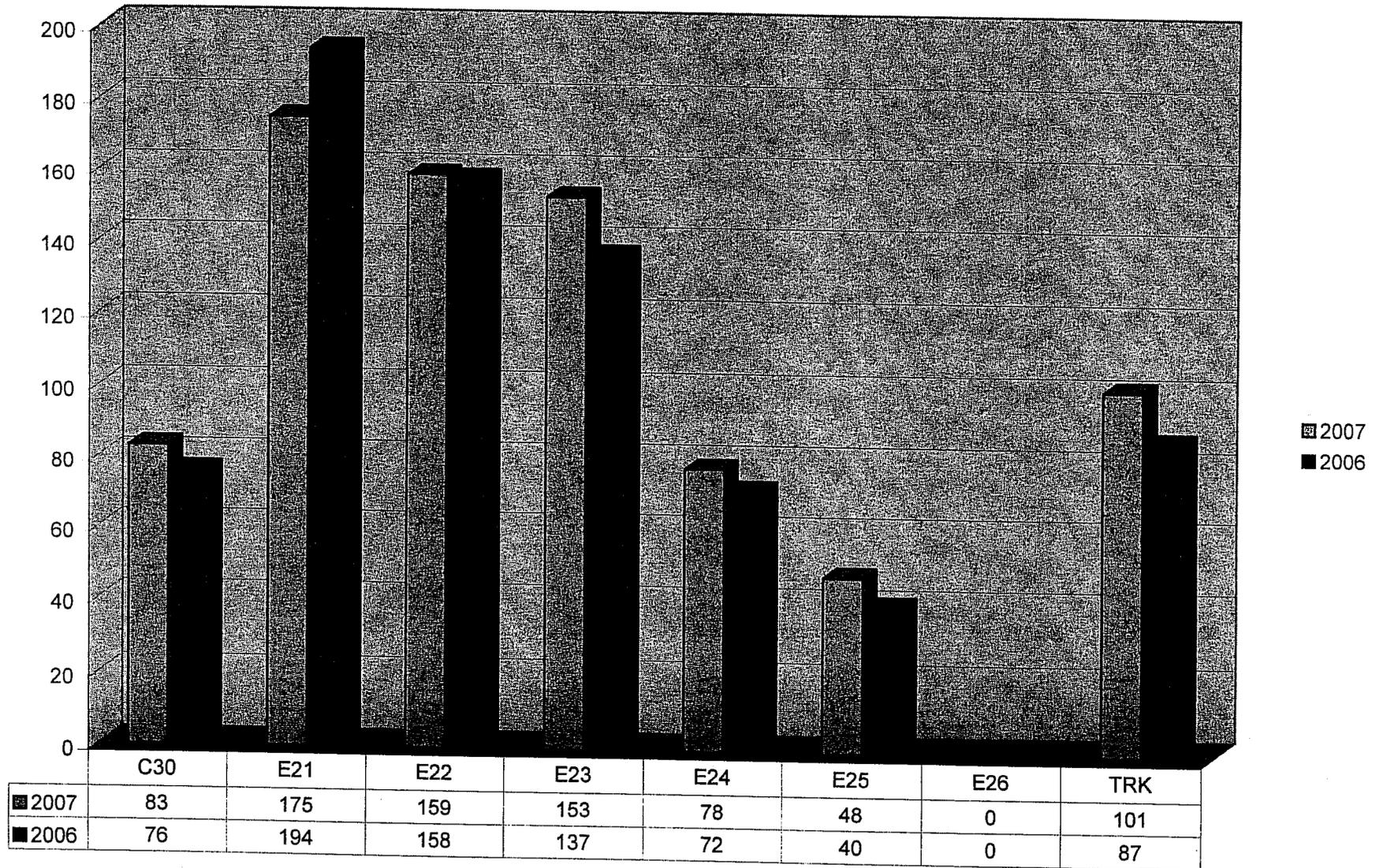
DANBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
JUNE RESPONSE STATISTICS

	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response
E-3	21	0	1	0	20	5%
E-4	12	0	1	0	11	8%
E-5	31	0	6	0	25	19%
S-6	34	0	0	15	19	44%
S-7	44	1	2	10	31	30%
E-8	23	0	0	6	17	26%
E-9	37	0	2	0	35	5%
E-10	40	1	5	8	26	35%
E-11	28	1	3	4	20	29%
E-12	14	0	2	4	8	43%
E-13	8	0	0	3	5	38%
E-14	9	1	0	1	7	22%
Totals	301	4	22	51	224	26%

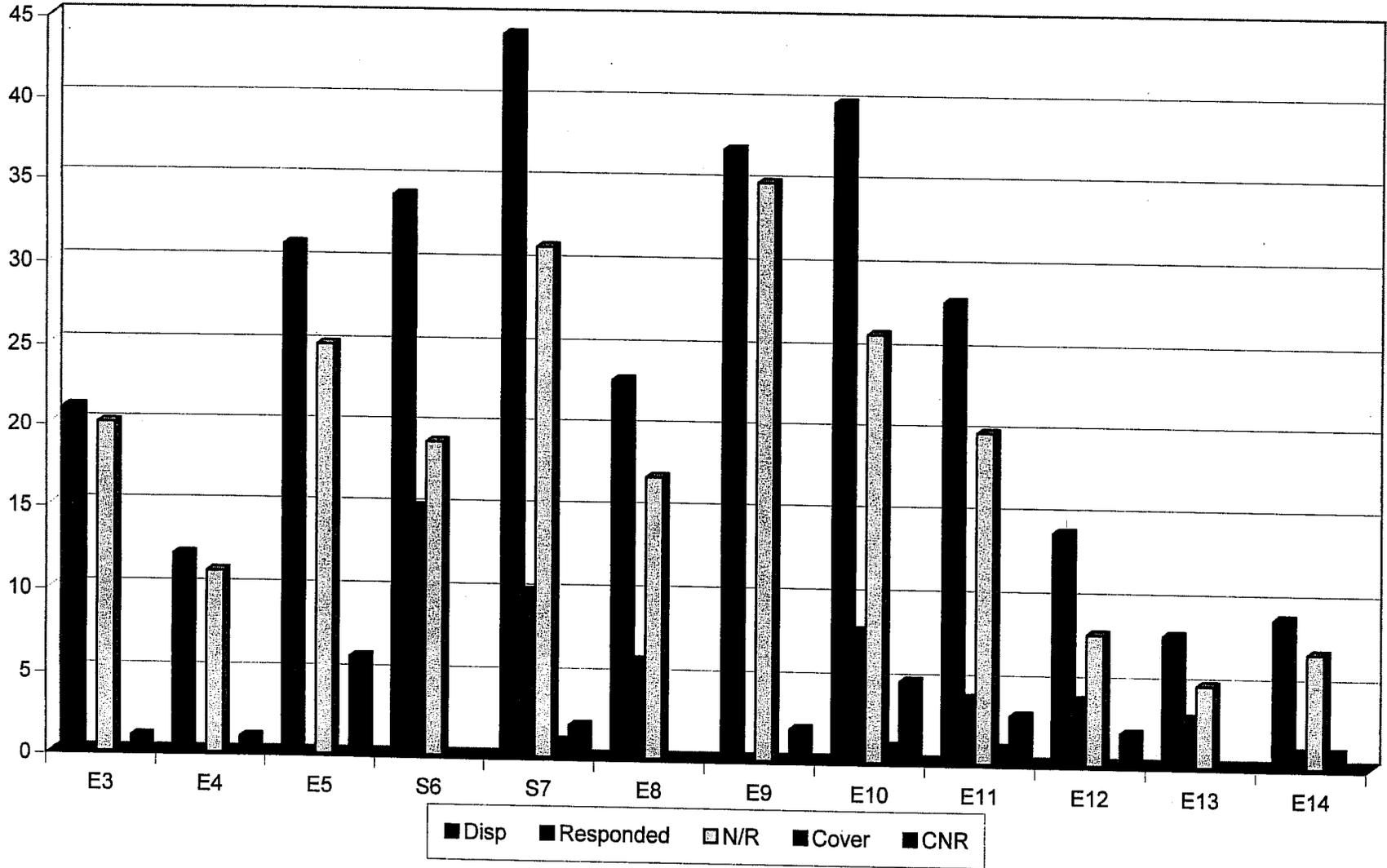
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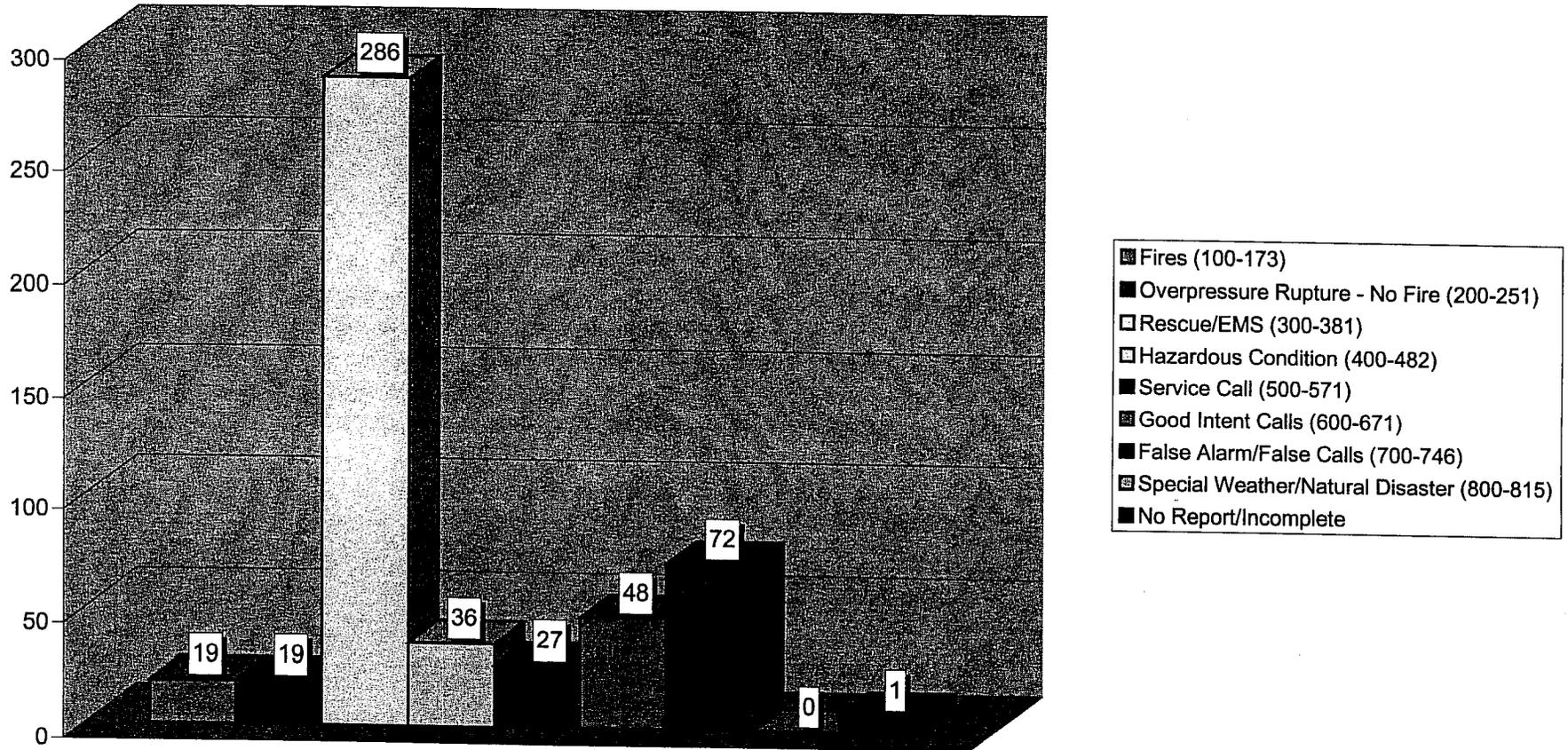
Career Response Comparison for April



Volunteer Call Counts May 29 to June 24, 2007

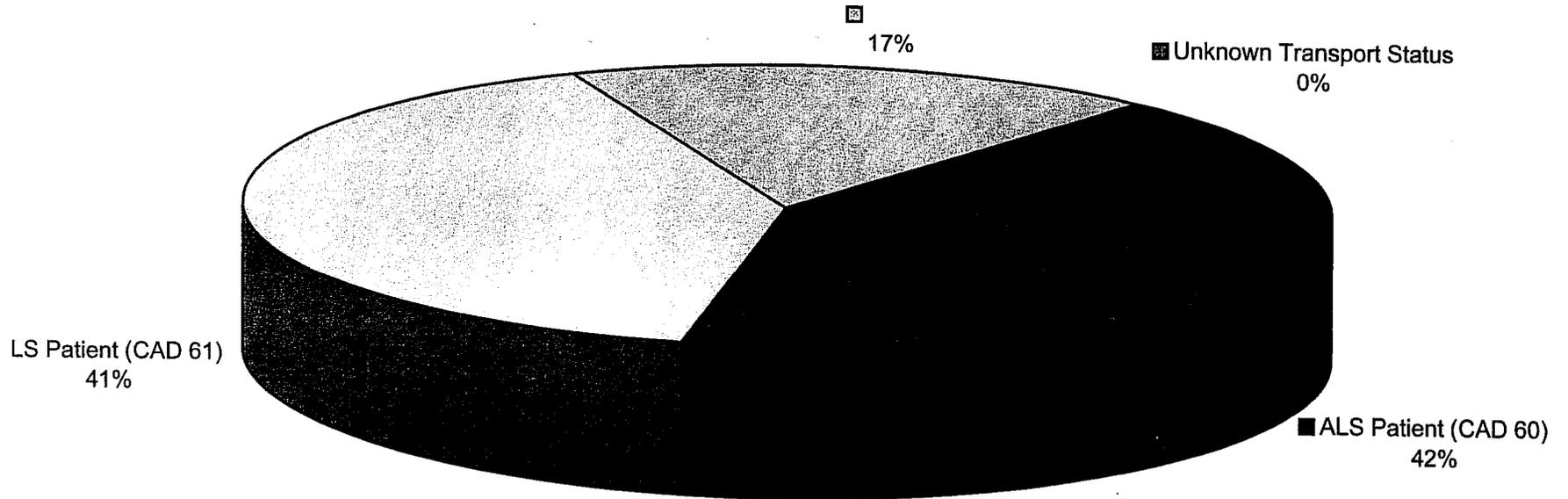


Fire Response Breakdown May 29 to June 24, 2007



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

EMS Transport Activity May 29 to June 24, 2007



911 Center Activity May 29 to June 24, 2007

