



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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# MISSION & VISION

## **MISSION**

To leverage our available resources to cultivate a highly skilled and well-equipped team dedicated to safeguarding our community's lives and property by delivering swift and effective responses to both fire and medical emergencies.

## **VISION**

To achieve a status of excellence by embracing cutting-edge technology and training, fostering professional growth opportunities for our personnel, establishing elevated standards of accomplishment, and championing a culture of ongoing education.

# Department Staff

## Command Staff

- Travis Kroll  
Fire Chief/EMT-B
- Jason Karell  
Captain/EMT-B
- Paul Bell  
Captain/EMT-B

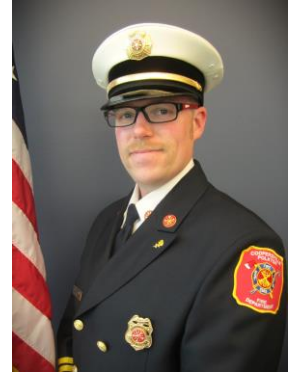
## Firefighters

- Dakota Szczepanski  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Michael Whitman  
Firefighter/MFR
- Jonathan Miller  
Firefighter
- Anthony Huyser  
Firefighter/MFR
- Stephen Hartman  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Ethan Rahn  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Zachary Porter  
Firefighter

## Sergeants

- Jamie Boersma  
Firefighter/MFR
- Andrew Kooyer  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Wade Wiltenburg  
Firefighter/MFR
  
- Christopher Roberts  
Firefighter/EMT-P
- Zachary Sweet  
Probationary
- Brian Wood  
Firefighter/MFR
- Kelley Deloof  
Firefighter/EMT-B
- Andrew VanPortfleet  
Firefighter/EMT-A
- Jillian Huyck  
Probationary
- Lee Waldie  
Firefighter

# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



As we stand at the threshold of a new year, reflecting on the remarkable journey of 2023, I am deeply moved by the tremendous growth and accomplishments witnessed within our department. The unwavering dedication and commitment exhibited by each member of our staff to the future of our community and the excellence of our services are nothing short of extraordinary.

In the face of our highest call volume to date, the resilience of every individual in this department has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. They have not only weathered the storm but have risen above it, relentlessly striving to enhance response outcomes and ensure seamless coverage. Their commitment to continuous improvement, even in the midst of challenges, is a testament to the indomitable spirit that defines us.

While we bid farewell to long-time members for various reasons, we also welcome the future of the fire service embodied in the new staff who have joined our ranks. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to the protection of life and property infuse our department with renewed energy and purpose.

Despite falling short of our ambitious goal to transition to a Basic Life Support – Non-Transport agency by the end of 2023, our trajectory remains steadfast, and we are resolute in our commitment to achieving this milestone in the coming year. This setback only fuels our determination to push forward, improve, and elevate the standards of service we provide to our community.

As we close this chapter and embark on the journey that lies ahead, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the extraordinary individuals who make up our department. Together, we face the future with unwavering resolve, confident that our collective efforts will continue to shape a safer and more resilient community for all.

**Travis Kroll**  
Fire Chief

# Community Relations

Over the past year, CPFD has embarked on a journey to elevate its presence and impact within the local community, yielding remarkable advancements across its diverse program selections. Through strategic initiatives and meaningful engagements, CPFD has not only met but exceeded expectations in several key areas, showcasing its unwavering commitment to community welfare.

## **Smoke & CO Alarm Program**

In a bold leap toward community safety, CPFD enthusiastically joined the State of Michigan Smoke and CO Program in August 2023. The department's proactive approach was evident as, in a mere five months, they conducted 9 home visits, positively affecting 19 occupants by installing an impressive total of 64 smoke and CO alarms. This swift and impactful progress propelled CPFD to a commendable #70 ranking among the 119 statewide participants. Lifted by this success, CPFD is set to build on this momentum, with ambitious plans to further expand and amplify this life-saving program in 2024.

## **School Visits**

During Fire Prevention Month in October, CPFD made a resounding impact by reaching out to hundreds of children in collaboration with Coopersville Area Public Schools and Lamont Christian. Going beyond the conventional approach, the department actively participated in a "Touch the Truck" event at the library, aligning with the year's safety theme focused on Cooking Safety. These engaging interactions not only heightened awareness but also forged stronger bonds between CPFD and the community, underscoring the vital importance of fire prevention education.

## **Child Seat Safety Inspections**

Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety of the community's youngest members, CPFD took proactive measures by sending its members for certification in Child Seat Safety Inspections and Installations. Post-certification, CPFD has successfully inspected and installed a substantial number of car seats, contributing significantly to the well-being of families and reinforcing the department's dedication to comprehensive safety initiatives.

# Grants

## **MI Fire Equipment Grant: \$20,000**

In mid-2023, we were awarded \$20,000 from the State of Michigan's Fire Equipment Grant. We utilized the funds to cover the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) masks and turnout gear. These critical pieces of equipment are essential for the safety and efficiency of our firefighting personnel.

## **PAR Plan Grant: \$2,638.68**

The grant we received for the purchase and installation of the HAAS alerting system has significantly contributed to the safety of our personnel and the public. This system, which sends real-time digital alerts to motorists, allows for a safer response environment. We are diligently working on the installation of these units in 2023 and anticipate increased safety outcomes as a result.

## **DNR Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program: \$4,550**

Our success in securing a 50/50 matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources for wildland/tech rescue gear in December 2022 is a testament to our dedication to firefighter safety. We appreciate the opportunity to acquire gear that is lighter and more maneuverable, reducing stress during operations in hotter months.

Moving forward, we aim to expand our grant applications to acquire additional firefighting tools and equipment that will further enhance the safety and effectiveness of our operations. We are actively exploring opportunities to improve our rescue equipment, communication systems, and specialized tools to better serve our community.

# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS

While 2023 did not witness the extensive apparatus changes that characterized 2022, the year brought forth its own set of unique surprises that significantly enhanced the capabilities of our department.

## **Addition of Water Rescue Unit**

One noteworthy addition to CFPD's resources in 2023 was an unexpected gift – a 1998 Sea Doo Bombardier jet ski, generously donated by an anonymous benefactor. This jet ski marks the inaugural inclusion of a water rescue apparatus within the department's inventory. The acquisition is poised to transform our response capabilities in water-related emergencies, offering swift deployment for efficient interventions. The department is scheduled to relocate the jet ski to its designated home in the spring of 2023, with comprehensive training sessions to follow suit.

## **Ottawa County Fire Chief's Air Trailer**

Additionally, CFPD proudly became the custodian of the Ottawa County Fire Chief's Air Trailer during the course of the year. This specialized equipment plays a crucial role in refilling Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) during extended fire incidents. Furthermore, the air trailer is made available to neighboring departments, enabling them to replenish their cascade systems. CFPD not only provides the trailer but also commits manpower for its operation, serving as a valuable asset to the broader community in times of need.



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



## Engine 421

2018  
Toyne/Spartan  
1,000 Gallon Tank  
1,500 GPM Pump

## Ladder 441

2010 E-One  
500 Gallon Tank  
1,500 GPM Pump  
78' Ladder



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



## Tanker 461

2009 OSCO  
3,000 Gallon Tank  
500 GPM Pump

## Brush Truck 481

2015 Ford F-350  
250 Gallon Tank  
5 Gallon Foam Cell  
120 GPM Pump



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



**Squad 471**  
2019 Ford Explorer

**Squad 472**  
2017 Ford Explorer



# DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



**Air Trailer**

**Jet Ski 482**  
1998 See Doo  
Bombardier

**COMING SOON**

# TRAINING



# TRAINING

In 2023, our department's commitment to professional development soared as our staff completed an impressive total of 74 trainings. This represents a remarkable 85% increase over the previous year, showcasing the team's unwavering dedication to enhancing their skills and embracing continuous learning for more effective task performance.

A significant highlight was the successful graduation of three new firefighters from the prestigious Ottawa County Fire Academy – AJ Huyser, Stephen Hartman, and Ethan Rahn. Their accomplishment reflects not only their personal dedication but also the department's commitment to fostering a skilled and capable firefighting team.

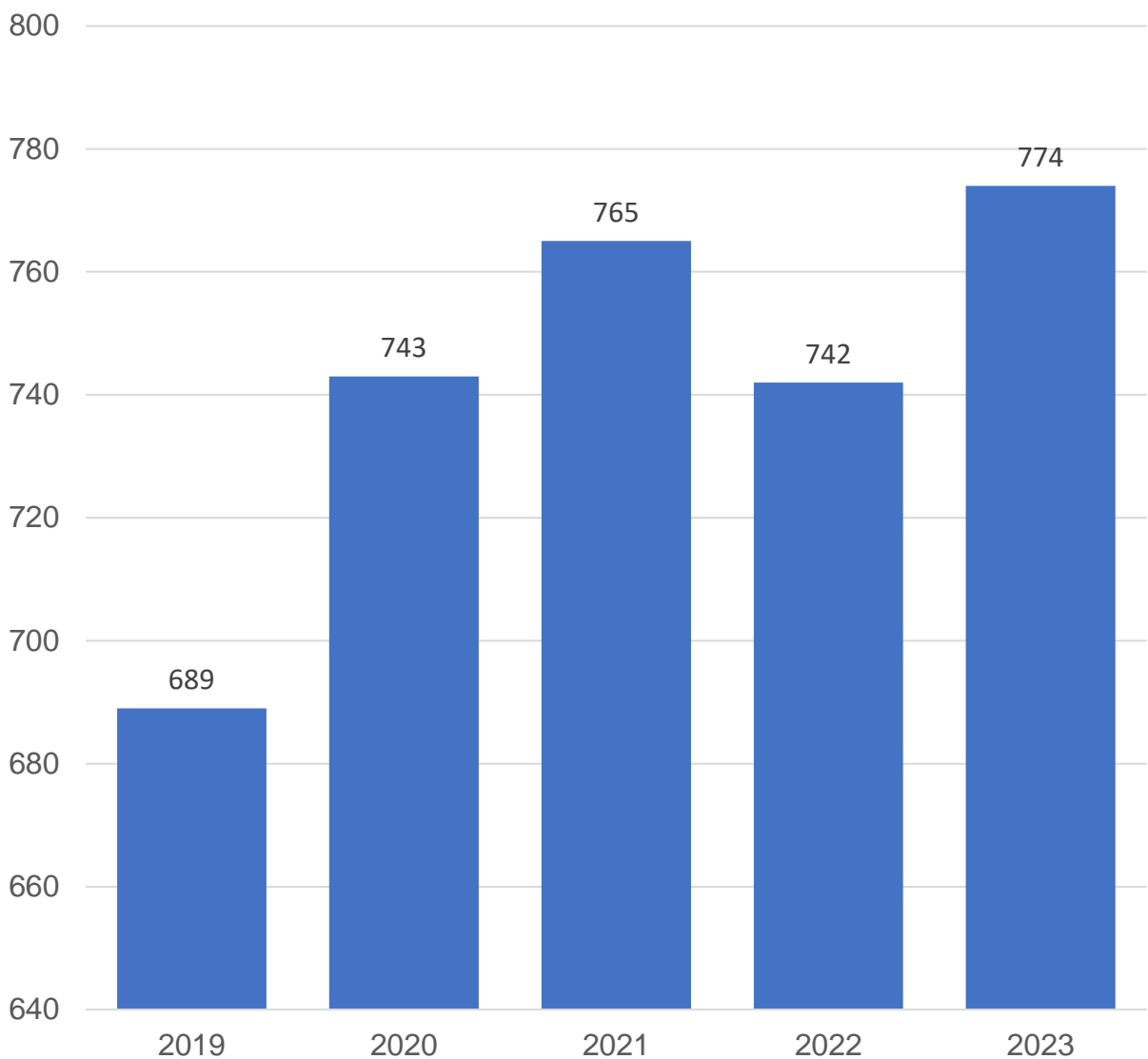
Furthermore, notable achievements were witnessed as Fire Chief Travis Kroll, along with Sergeants Dakota Szczepanski, Andrew Kooyer, and Jamie Boersma successfully completed their EMT course. They now hold EMT-B certification with the State of Michigan, elevating the department's emergency response capabilities.

As the year drew to a close, five members of our department embarked on a transformative journey to become EMT-B providers. Anticipating their successful completion, the department eagerly awaits the enhanced expertise and capabilities these individuals will bring to our emergency medical services. This ongoing pursuit of excellence underscores CPFD's dedication to maintaining the highest standards in firefighting and emergency response.



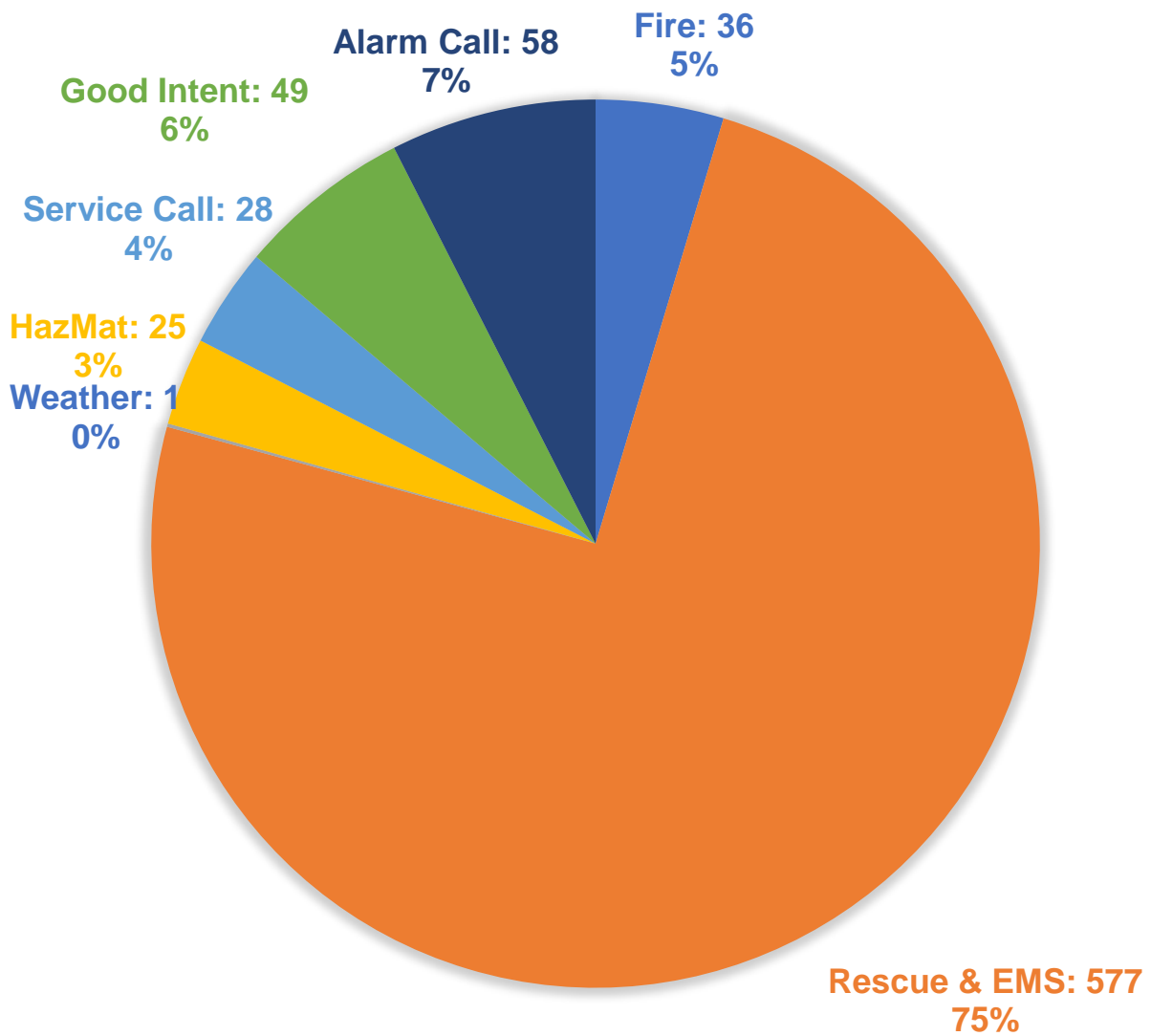
# FIRE & EMS REPOSENSE

Reponses by Year



# FIRE & EMS REPOSENSE

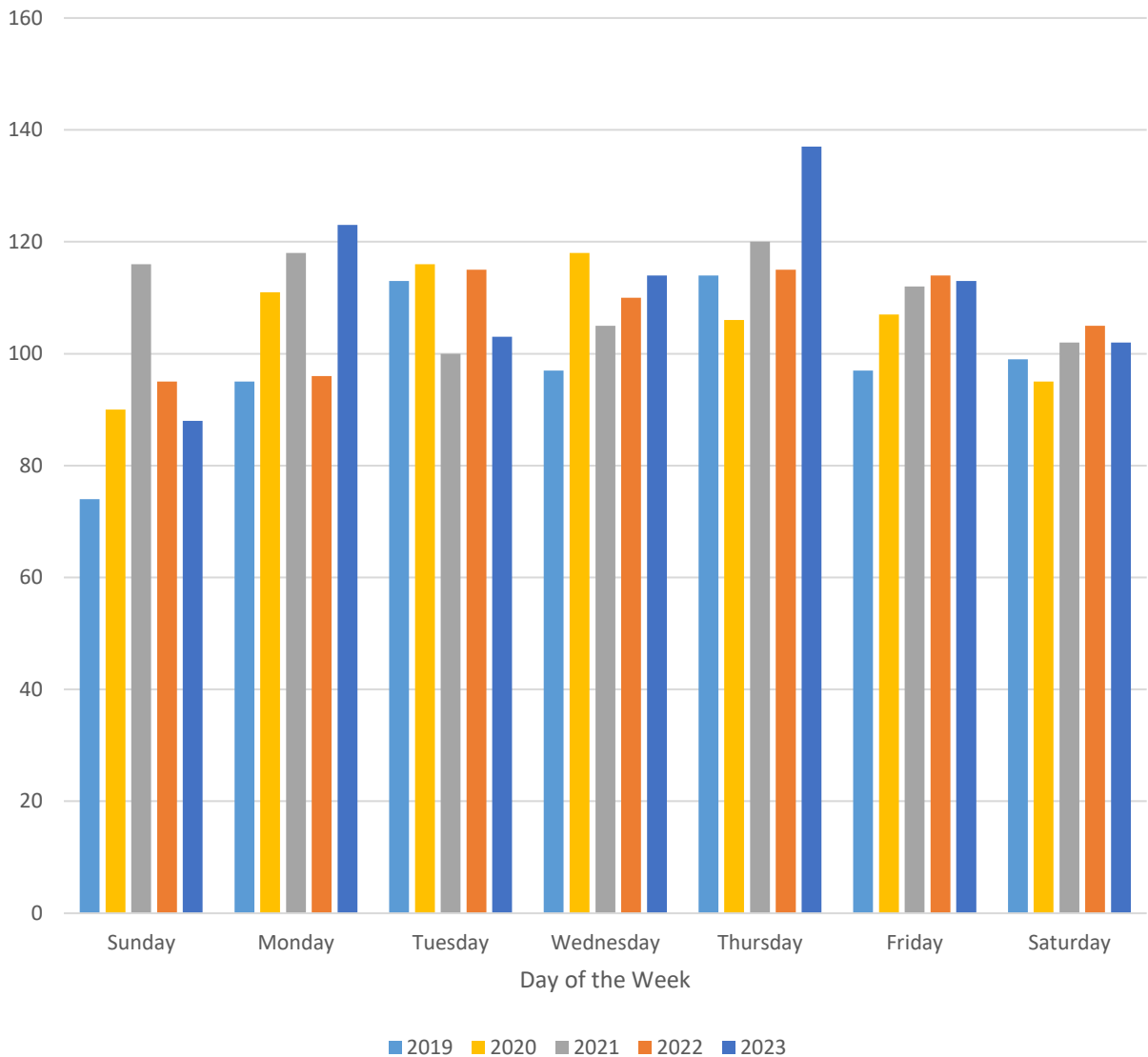
## RESPONSE BY CALL TYPE





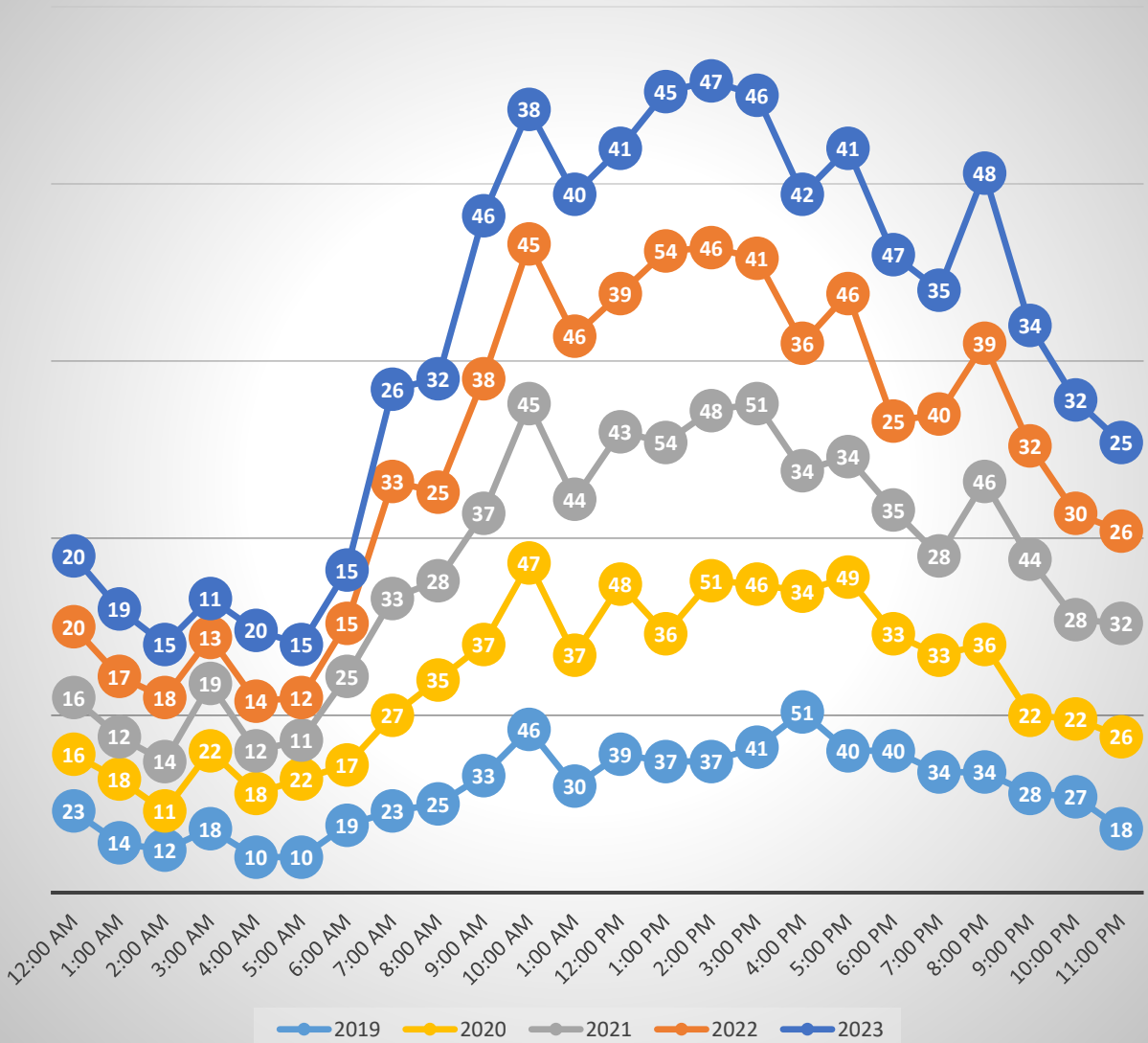
# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

Calls by Day of Week



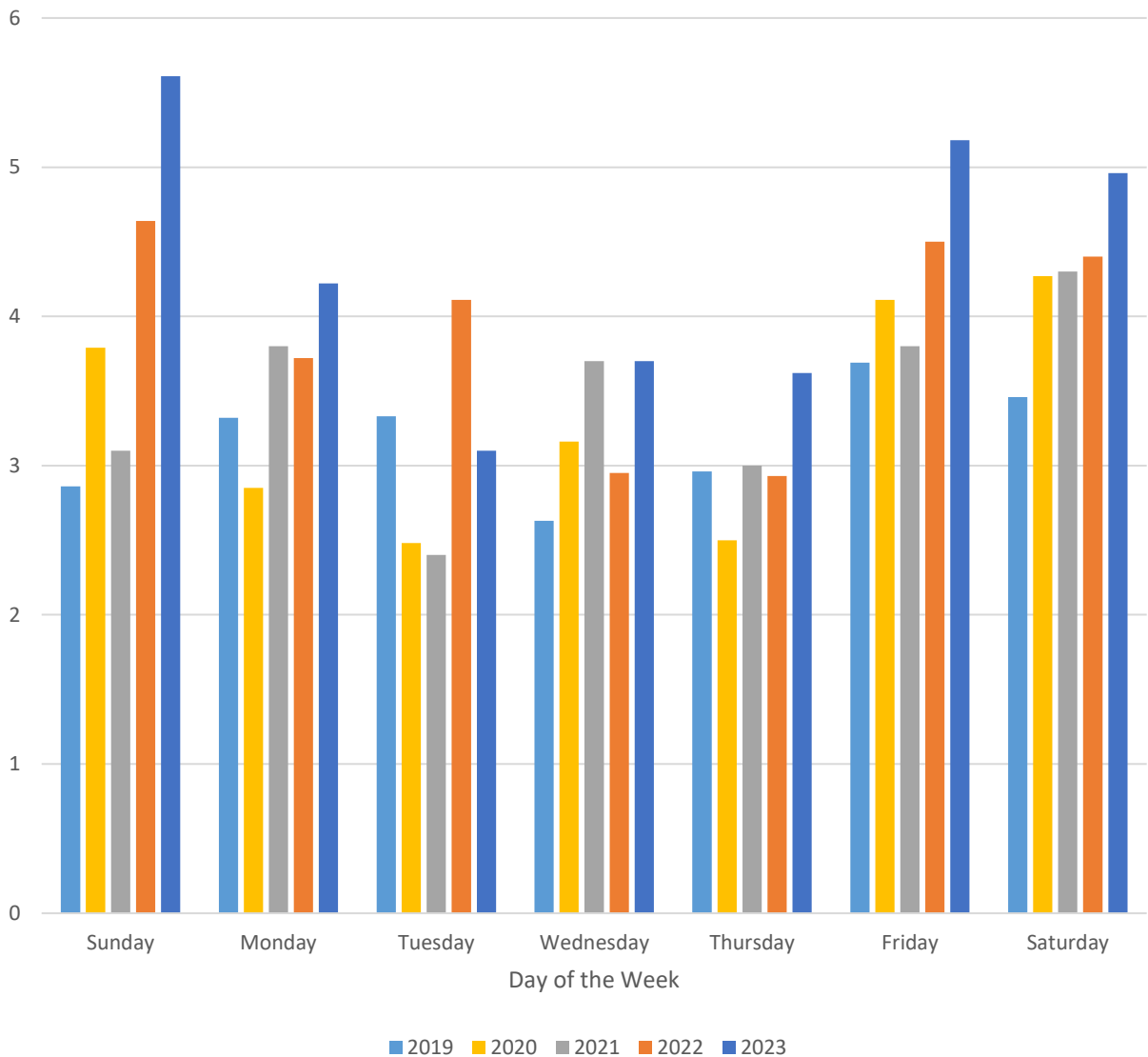
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## Calls by Hour of the Day



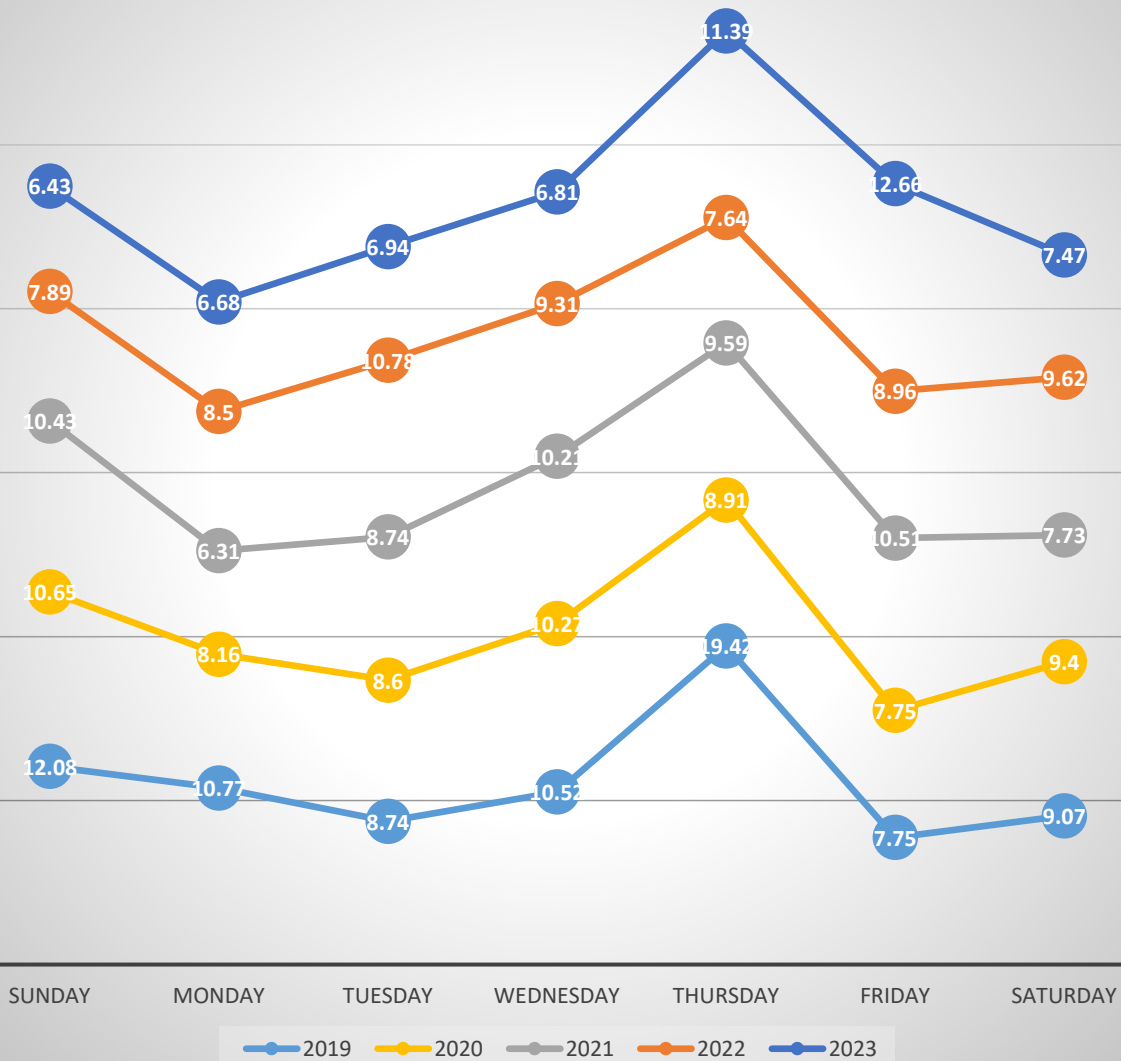
# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

Average Personnel by Day of the Week



# FIRE & EMS REPOSE

Average Response Times by Day of Week



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

In 2023, our department enthusiastically participated in numerous community events, recognizing the paramount importance of expanding our outreach and fostering meaningful interactions with the community. Our commitment to active engagement reflects our deep understanding of the integral bond between the fire service and the community we proudly serve.



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

## Department Calls



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

## Schools Visits



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

## Memorial and Christmas Parades





# 2023 AT A GLANCE

## Community Events



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

## Fire Prevention Open House



# 2023 AT A GLANCE

**Firefighter of the Year:**  
Ethan Rahn

**Medical Responder of the Year:**  
Stephen Hartman





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