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## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 6, 2023  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Chief Bradley  
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – February 2023

### Angela Hewey hired as Administrative Assistant II



I am pleased to announce that Angela Hewey started with our organization on February 13<sup>th</sup> as the Administrative Assistant II in the Community Risk Reduction Division. Angela comes to us with many years of accounting experience, and worked as a Clerk at Jefferson School for the last five years. She grew up in Livermore, but has lived in Tracy for 20 years and is heavily involved in the community. She has been married for 22 years and has three children who participate in local sports and dance. She enjoys spending time with her family, crafting and hiking. I hope you will all join me in welcoming Angela to our organization.

### Remembering Captain Max Fortuna



February marked the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of Stockton Fire Captain, Max Fortuna. The Stockton Fire Department presented South San Joaquin County Fire Authority with certificates, challenge coins, a commemorative helmet shield, and individual letters to staff who assisted them in their time of need. South County Fire had these items memorialized in a shadow box that will be hung in the Administration Building to honor our fallen brother. We were honored to support Stockton Fire in their time of need.

### Collective Bargaining

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority kicked off the Collective Bargaining process with the Board of Directors and attorneys. The collective bargaining process refers to the negotiation of employment terms between management and a labor union. The terms negotiated during collective bargaining can include salaries, benefits, compensation, working conditions, etc. and the goal is to produce a mutually agreeable written contract effective for a set period of time.

## Training Facility Update

The Training Facility Update was scheduled to go to Council for approval on February 2, 2023 seeking approval from City Council to have five acres of land located on the City of Tracy's Chrisman Road site dedicated to the Fire Authority for the use of our Training Facility. The item was pulled from the agenda by the City Attorney, who determined the CEQA evaluation and report should be finalized before the Authority continues to engineer and develop structural improvements for the site. We will continue to work diligently with the necessary parties to make continuous progress towards obtaining the land dedication and completion of the training site.

## Significant Incidents

- **February 16, 2023** – Crews responded to a call for service for a structure fire off of Kasson Road and Homestead Road at 12:47 pm. Upon arrival, crews found a small fire that started from an outdoor pizza oven and spread to nearby structures due to high winds. The fire was brought under control in 10 minutes and no injuries were reported.



- **February 25, 2023** – South County Fire Authority personnel had a busy day responding to multiple calls, including a mutual aid response and two structure fires.
  - **Mutual Aid Structure Fire** – E94 and BC9 along with Lathrop, Tracy Defense Depot and Manteca Fire united provided mutual aid to a structure fire in the city of Mountain House. The fire was brought under control with extensive overhaul. One exposed structure had minor damage and no injuries were reported to residents or responding crews.



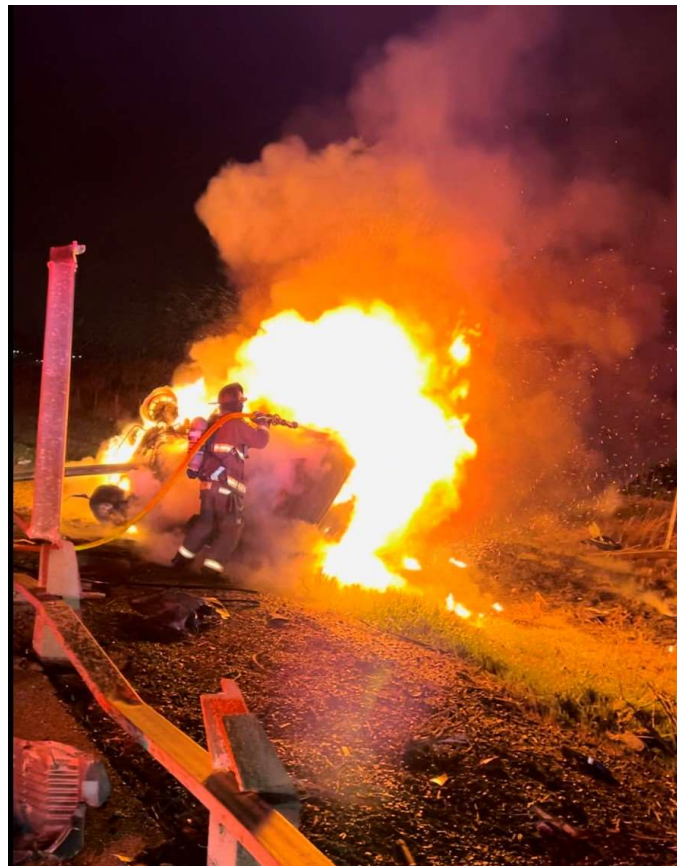


### Significant Incidents (continued)

- **Structure Fire** – Crews responded to a call for service at --- for a structure fire at an abandoned property on Grant Line Road. The fire was brought under control and no injuries were reported.



- **Vehicle Accident** – Crews responded to a call around 11:00 pm for a CHP pursuit that lead to the suspect losing control and rolling the vehicle. Shortly after the collision occurred, the vehicle caught fire. E95 extinguished the vehicle fire and the suspect was treated and transported for moderate injuries. This call took place while crews were battling the structure fire in a vacant building off of Grant Line Road.



## Training

During February, the South County Fire Authority Division of Training continued to facilitate all risk emergency training events.

- All personnel attended an EMS radio communications class
- EMS Infrequent Skills was attended by both EMTs and Paramedics
- HazMat Specialist personnel participated in mitigating chlorine cylinder incidents
- BC Drills were attended by department personnel the topic was over the embankment rescue
- DMV Pre-Trip and Documentation was attended by all 3 shifts
- On February 28<sup>th</sup>, crews participated in Aerial Waterway/Ladder Pipe Training. This type of training better prepares crews for large scale and defensive fireground operations.

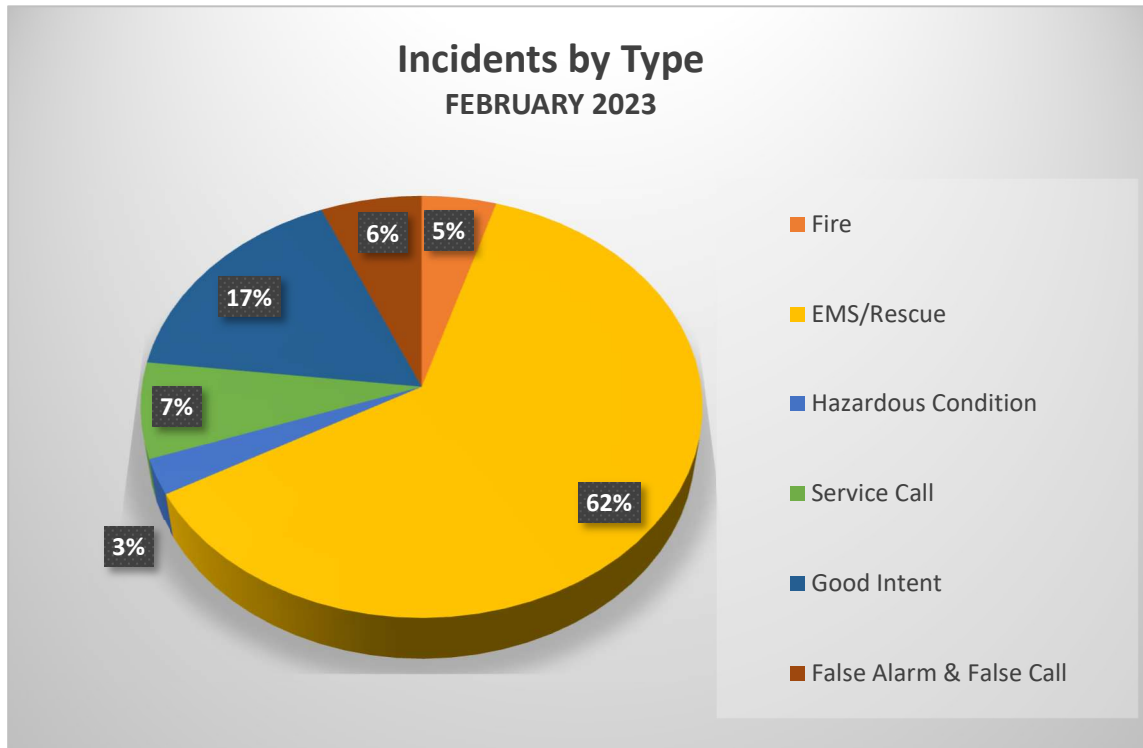


At the company level our firefighters are training each and every day to better prepare themselves to assist in mitigating emergencies in our community. The department logged over 1000 hours of training this month.

The Division of Training always supports the mission of the Fire Authority and its' duty to provide a well-trained and professional fire department to serve our community.

### February 2023 Response Data

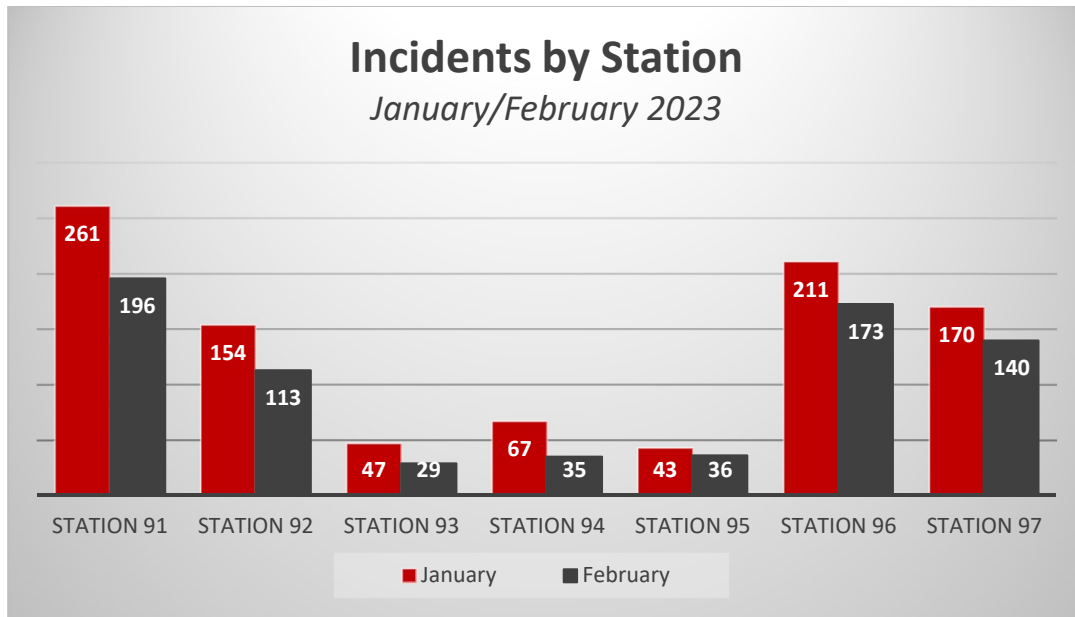
There were **723 reported incidents** in the month of February 2023. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (485 incidents comprising 67% of all calls for service). While there were 723 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus. In total there were 1087 apparatus responses in February.



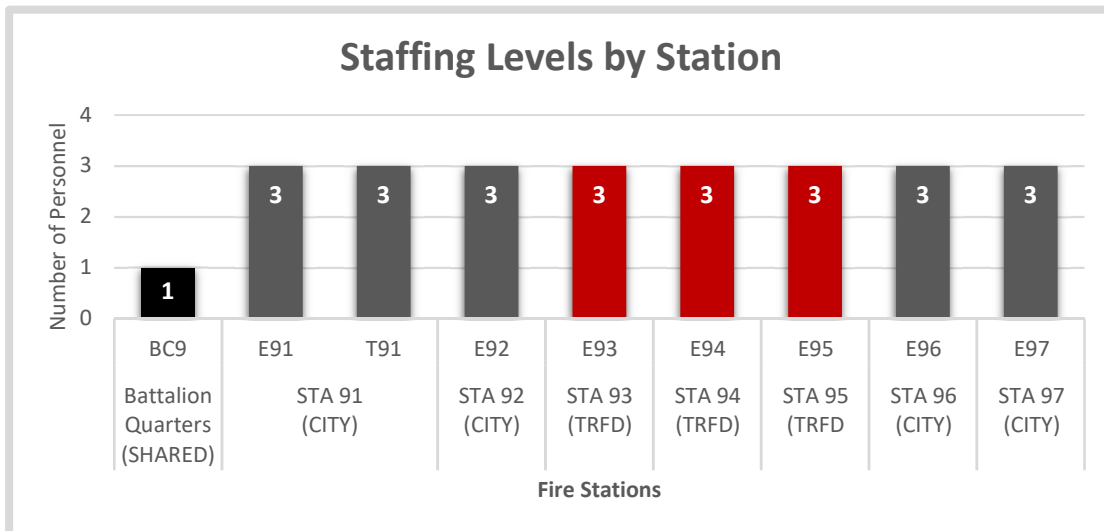
Incident by Type	# of Incidents	% of Total
Fire	41	5.67%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	0.00%
EMS/Rescue	485	67.08%
Hazardous Condition	8	1.11%
Service Call	56	7.75%
Good Intent	106	14.66%
Special Incident	1	0.11%
False Alarm & False Call	26	3.60%
Total	723	100.00%

Station 91 continues to be the busiest fire station in the month of February. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. All stations saw a decrease in call volume for February.

**February 2023 Response Data (continued)**



The Joint Powers Agreement of the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority states the Chief Executive Officer will provide the Board of Directors a report on the staffing levels at each station. Authority fire engines and the ladder truck are staffed with 3 persons each. There is one Battalion Chief on duty each day to supervise one of three shifts.



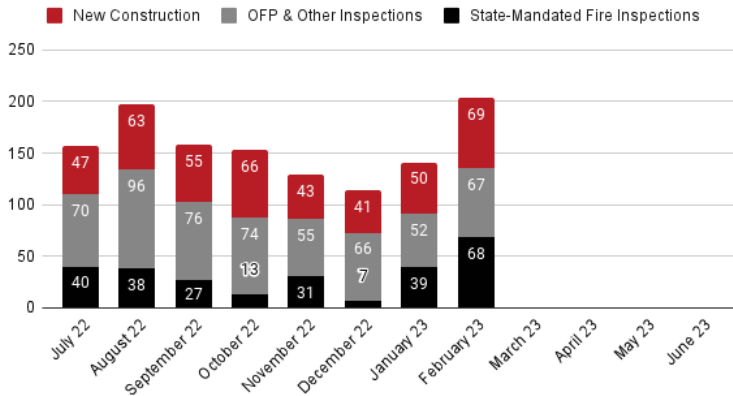
# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## February FY22/23

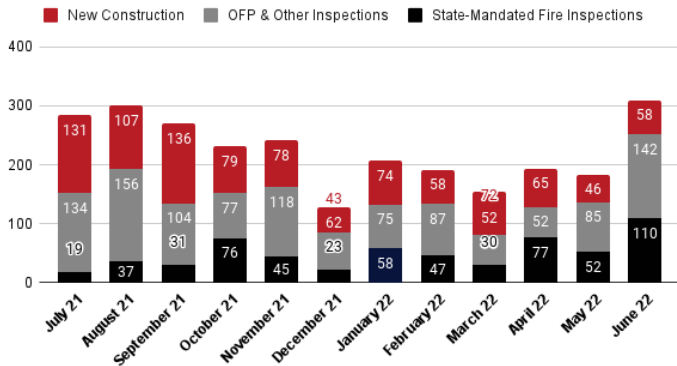
### FIRE INSPECTIONS

#### Fire Inspection Totals:

FIRE INSPECTIONS FY 22/23



FIRE INSPECTIONS FY21/22



#### YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

	Completed	Total	%
Multi-family Residential and Hotel/Motels	89	162	54.94%
Schools (K-12)*	35	35	100%

### Annual Revenue

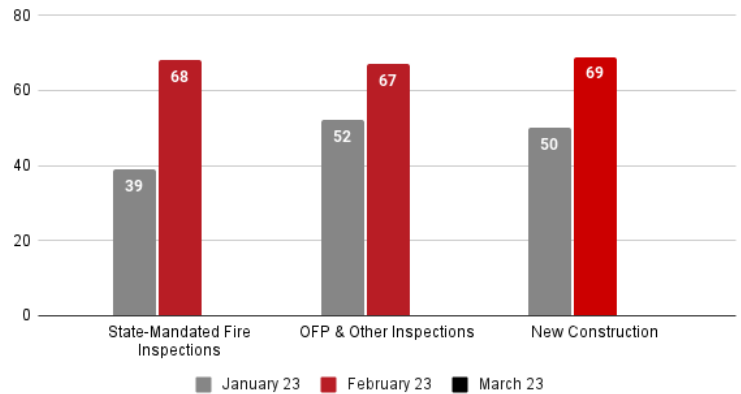
COT CRR Fees

\$345,999.23

TRFPD CRR Fees

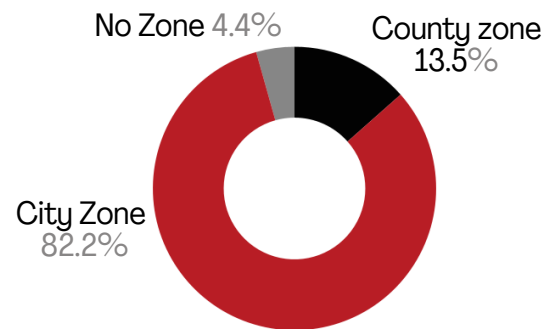
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#### MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

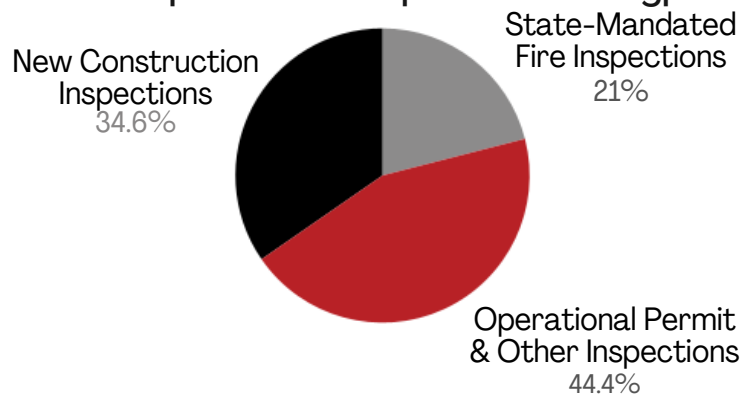


#### YTD FIRE INSPECTION OVERVIEW

##### Completed Fire Inspections Per Zone:



##### Completed Fire Inspections Per Type:

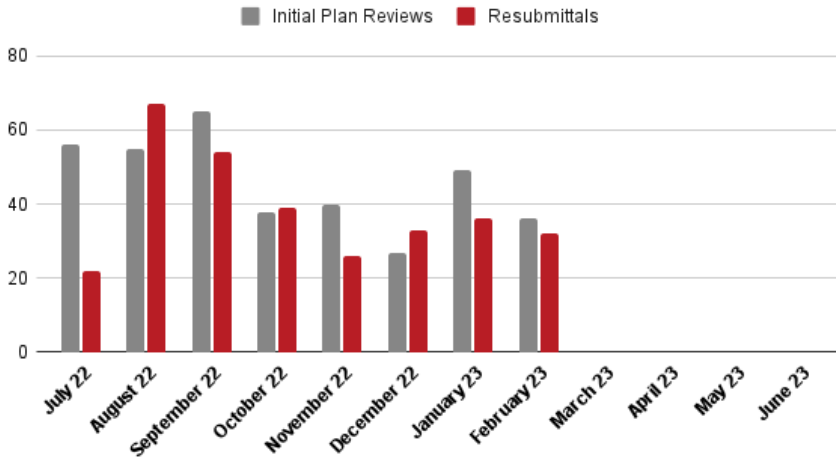




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## February FY 22/23

### PLAN REVIEWS FY22/23



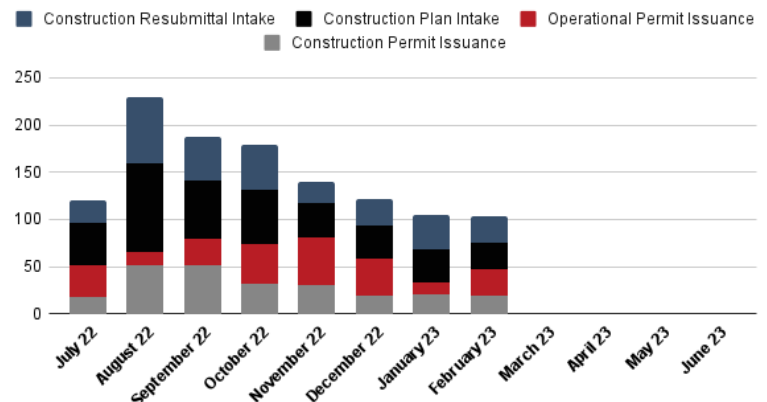
### PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- There were 68 plan check activities in February
- In February, 53% of the plan check activities were initial submittals and 47% were resubmittals
- The average plan check turn around time in February was 6 days
- In February, there was 2 occurrences where a plan check exceeded its due date

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 19 new construction permits were issued in February
- We received and processed 28 new plan submittals
- We received and processed 28 resubmitted construction documents
- 29 operational fire permits were issued in February

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 22/23



### FEBRUARY SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

**4K**

Facebook Page Followers

**21**

New Facebook Followers

**17K**

People reached on Facebook

**766**

People reached on Instagram

Title	Reach	Likes and reactions
South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA	3.6K	78
South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA	682	45
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