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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2023
To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – December 2022

Engineer's Test

The South San Joaquin County Fire Authority held an internal promotional exam for the position of Fire Engineer during the month of December. Six candidates were assessed by written exam and then by performing practical exam scenarios including; pumping multiple lines, aerial operations, drafting and pre-trip inspection. We are happy to announce all six candidates successfully passed and are in either the A or B band. This allows each candidate to work in an “out of class” capacity and will allow us to fill one vacant engineer position. Evaluators from neighboring departments complimented our candidates on their preparation and performance after the exams were completed. We hope to announce who will be promoted by February.

Badge Pinning Ceremony

The Fire Authority's Badge Pinning Ceremony was held at the Grand Theatre on December 20th. The ceremony recognizes members that were hired or received promotions over the past year. A total of 16 members were pinned, to include five Chief Officers, five Captains, four Engineers, a Plans Check Examiner and an Inspector. An additional fourteen Firefighters, one Permit Technician, and two Administrative staff members were recognized during the ceremony.



Firefighter of the Year



Kevin Meineke was selected as the Firefighter of the Year by his fellow members of the IAFF Union. He has stepped up in the absence of our full time EMS Coordinator to keep our ALS program alive and thriving. Kevin represents our department well at the County EMS level and has taken a prominent role in the EHR and ESO integration. He is a well-respected team player, a motivator, strong leader, and always does the right thing for the department and its personnel – both line and administrative staff.

Training

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

- All three shifts trained on Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention Crew tactics at our Support Facility Building
- All three shifts participated in Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations and decontamination (ISO Standard)
- Company Level training – Our eight Probationary Firefighters worked on multiple skills including EMS and Fire related training that is required to be a successful firefighter
- Company Level training – Over the past several months, our firefighters worked hard to prepare for the upcoming Engineer test
- Our Hazardous Materials Specialist attended a training scenario hosted by OES. Our HazMat team personnel worked with many Bay Area Departments to mitigate multiple HazMat scenarios.

At the company level our firefighters are training daily to better prepare themselves to assist in mitigating emergencies in our community. Personnel logged over 1300 hours of training in the month of December.

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

Community Events

- **December 3, 2022** – Engine 91 participated in the City of Tracy’s Parade of Lights and had the honor of having Mr. and Mrs. Claus on board! Three of our Explorers set up outside of the Administration Building and passed out candy canes and other goodies during the parade. Although it was a rainy evening, there was a large turnout.
- **December 3, 2022** – The Union hosted the annual Christmas Party where our six retirees were honored. They also selected and presented Captain Meineke with the Firefighter of the Year award.

Community Events (continued)

- **December 10, 2022** – The Union hosted the annual Kid’s Christmas Party. This event is for the families of our Fire Department members and personnel, and the kids get a chance to do arts and crafts, decorate cookies, and get a special visit (and presents) from Santa!
- **December 19, 2022** – Engine 1 attended the Menorah Lighting Ceremony for the Chabad of Tracy Jewish Center at the Tracy City Hall and threw candy for the gelt drop.
- **Brighter Christmas** – Each year a family is adopted by each Fire Station and the Administration Building. We also participated in the Brighter Christmas “Jail & Bail” fundraiser, where the Chief is placed in a virtual jail and gets bailed out by donations. Chief Bradley had a goal of \$600, and Authority Personnel raised a total of \$870.00.



Significant Incidents

- **December 4, 2022** – Crews responded to a service call for a vehicle that crashed into a house off of Crossroads Drive just after 3:30 am. The vehicle crashed into a downstairs bedroom, and luckily both the resident and driver only suffered minor injuries.
- **December 5, 2022** – Crews responded to a structure fire on the 500 block of West Grant Line Road. The structure was an abandoned house and was fully involved when they arrived on scene. The property is a well known gathering area for the unsheltered and had caught fire at least four times prior. No injuries were reported.

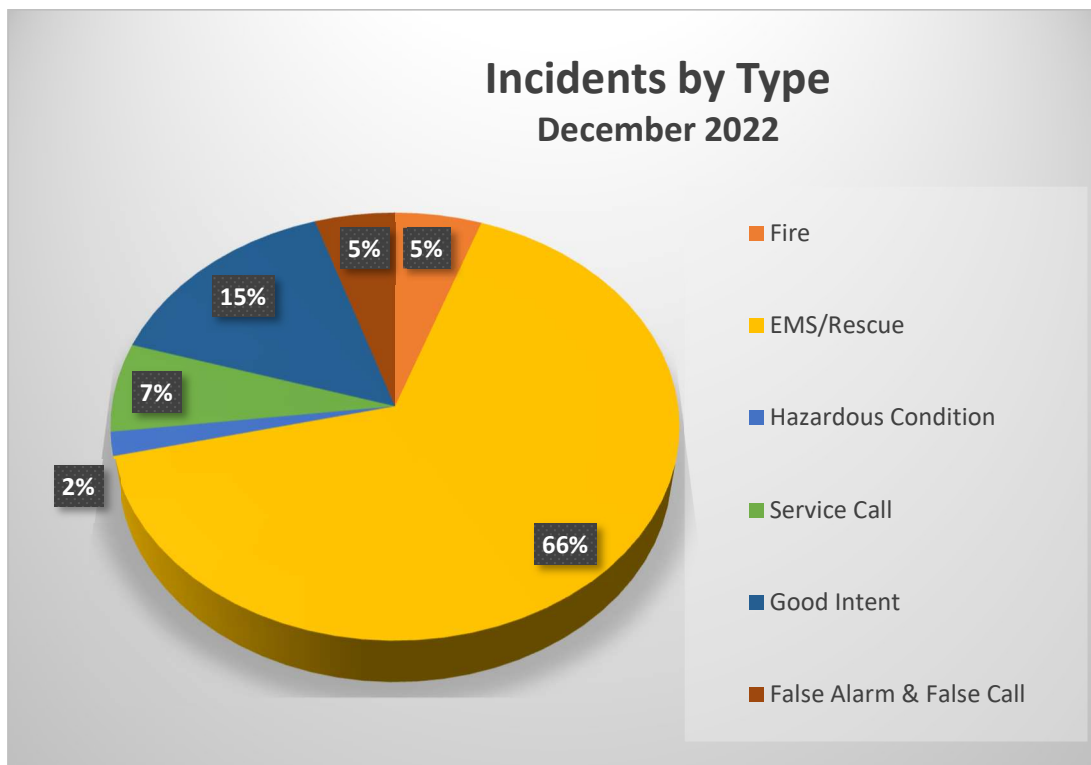
Significant Incidents (continued)

- **December 21, 2022** – Crews provided mutual aid to Alameda County Fire Department during a structure fire in the unincorporated area of Livermore. Engine 95 and Water Tender 90 assisted approximately 30 other firefighters from multiple agencies and were on scene for over two hours. No injuries were reported, however two people were displaced.



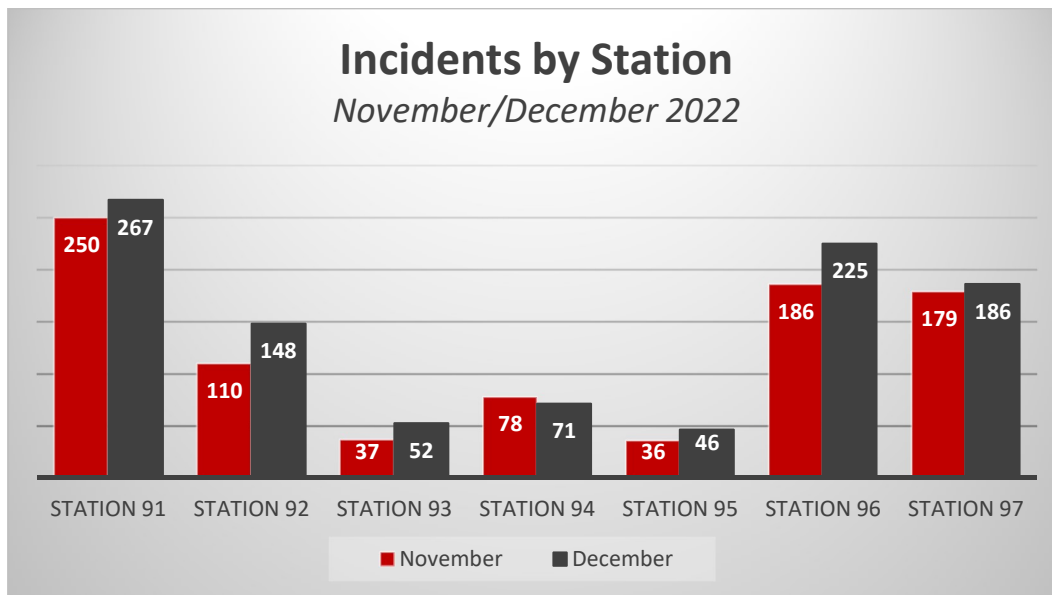
December 2022 Response Data

There were 1,000 total reported incidents in the month of December 2022. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (659 incidents comprising 66% of all calls for service). While there were 1,000 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus. In total there were 1,560 total apparatus responses in November.

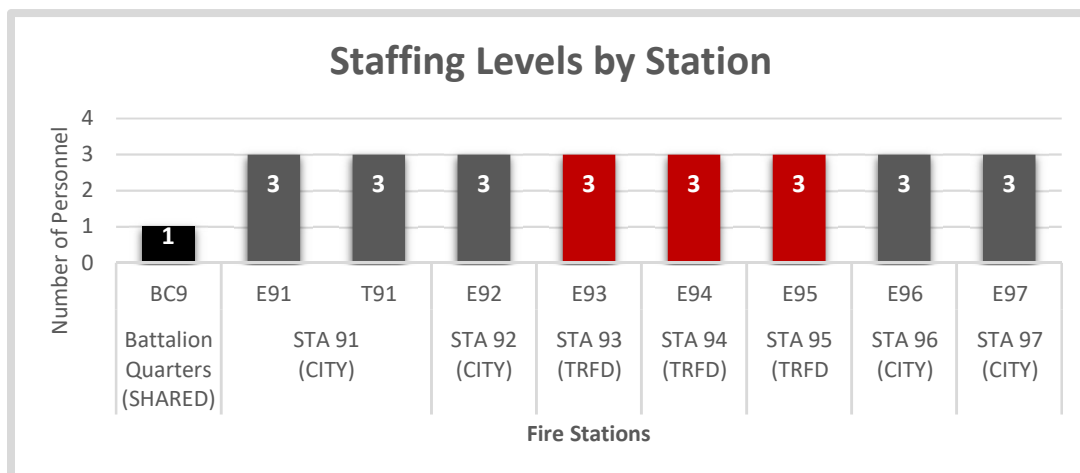


Incident by Type	# Incidents	% of Total
Fire	54	5.40%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	
EMS/Rescue	659	65.90%
Hazardous Condition	18	1.80%
Service Call	67	6.70%
Good Intent	152	15.20%
False Alarm & False Call	50	5.00%
Total	1000	100.00%

Station 91 continues to be the busiest fire station in the month of December. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. Six of our seven stations experienced call increases in December.



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.



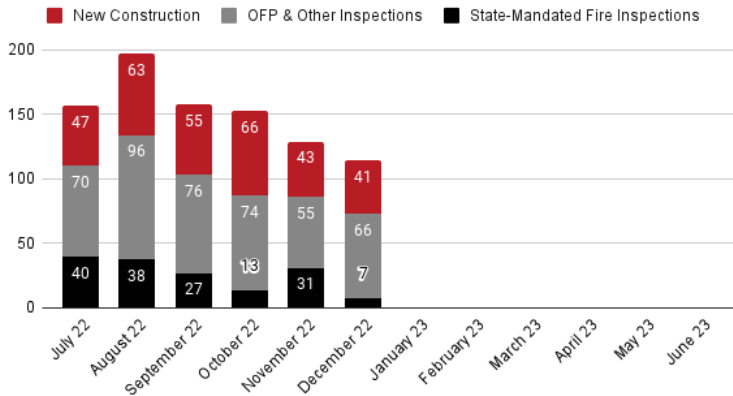
Community Risk Reduction Statistics

December FY22/23

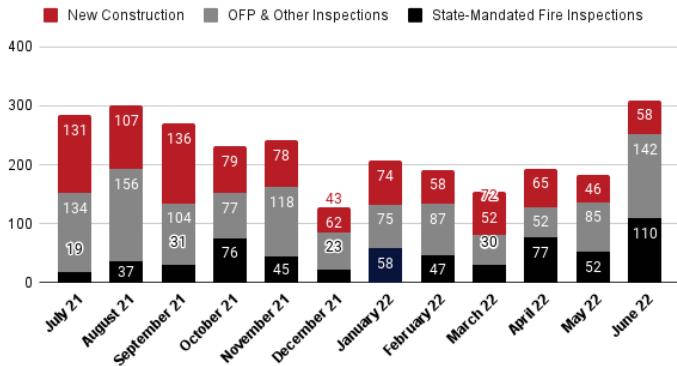
FIRE INSPECTIONS

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	9	162	5.56%
Schools (K-12)*	17	35	48.57%

Annual Revenue

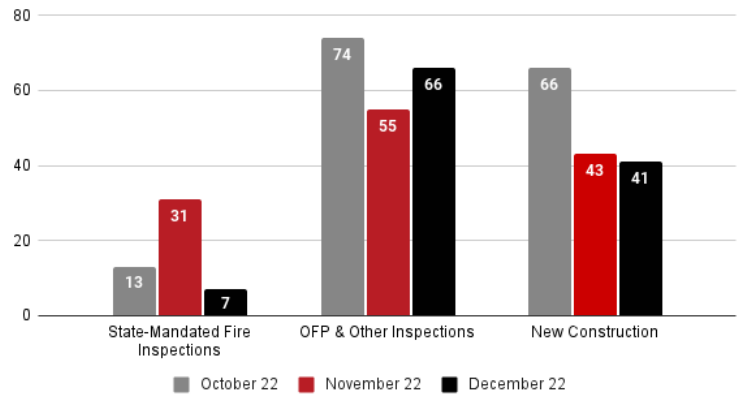
COT CRR Fees

\$265,047.58

TRFPD CRR Fees

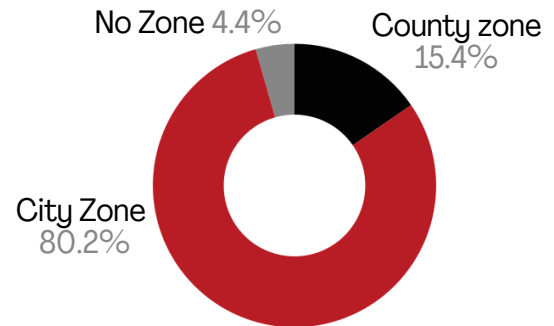
\$33,636.26

MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

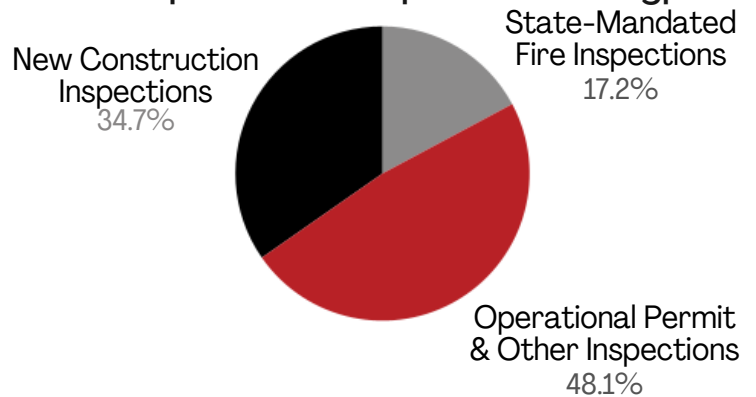


YTD FIRE INSPECTION OVERVIEW

Completed Fire Inspections Per Zone:



Completed Fire Inspections Per Type:

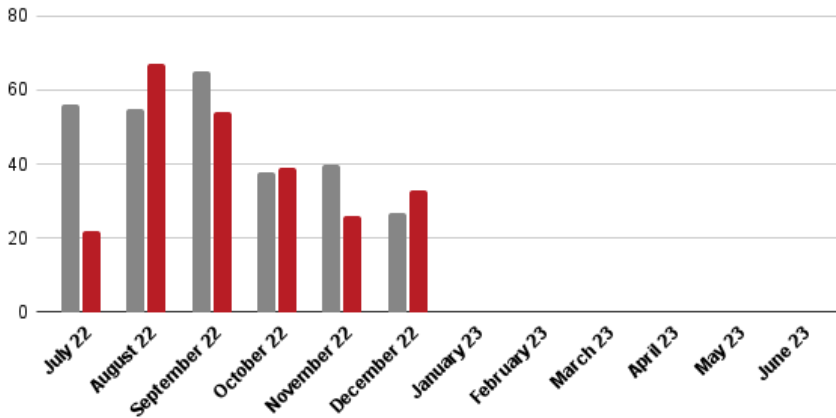


Community Risk Reduction Statistics

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PLAN REVIEWS FY22/23

Initial Plan Reviews Resubmittals



PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

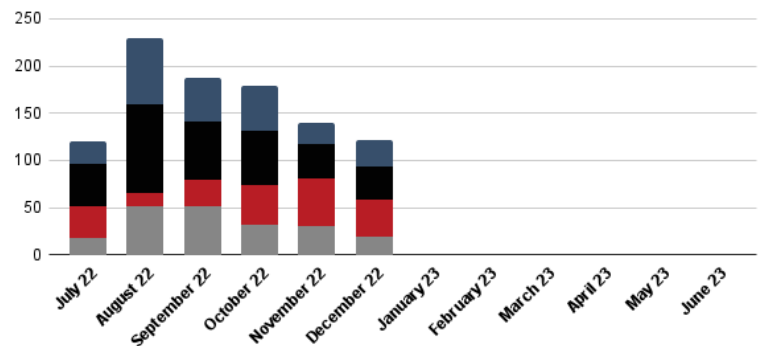
- There were 60 plan check activities in December
- In December, 45% of the plan check activities were initial submittals and 55% were resubmittals
- The average plan check turn around time in December was 10 days
- In December, there was 2 occurrences where an plan check exceeded its due date

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 19 new construction permits were issued in December
- We received and processed 34 new plan submittals
- We received and processed 29 resubmitted construction documents
- 40 operational fire permits were issued in December

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 22/23

Construction Resubmittal Intake Construction Plan Intake Operational Permit Issuance Construction Permit Issuance



DECEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

3.8K

Facebook Page Followers

21

New Facebook Followers

24K

People reached on Facebook

1K

People reached on Instagram

Recent content ↑↓	Type	Reach ⓘ ↓	Likes and reactio... ⓘ ↑↓
Crews are currently on scene of a s... Dec 5, 2022	Post	Boost post	20,432 261
This past weekend, Santa made a v... Dec 14, 2022	Post	Boost post	2,667 106
Crews responded to a call for a veh... Dec 4, 2022	Post	Boost post	2,350 29