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Memorandum

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To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update - March

Training

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the Division of Training continues to develop and implement a comprehensive training schedule. At the company level, Authority Firefighters are training each day to better prepare our agency to mitigate emergencies in our community. The Authority logged over 1,300 hours of training in the month of March.

Four members completed Hazardous Materials Technician Modules C and D. The focus of these courses is to prepare the students for full field operations. Topics include ICS, medical monitoring, and practical hands-on training including protective clothing. Each five-day class was offered through the California Specialized Training Institute and is reimbursed through state OES.

In addition, twelve Authority personnel attended Radiological/Nuclear, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (RN/WMD) training as a requirement of the transition from a Type II Hazardous Materials Team to a Type I Hazardous Materials Team. Completing the RN/WMD training also allows the Authority to participate in the large-scale interagency "Sentinel Response 2022" event in Sonoma County.

All three shifts participated in several training exercises in March. Personnel trained in tractor-drawn aerial (tiller) training at the Tracy Airport. The training was a comprehensive review of operating the tiller truck from both the driver position as well as the tiller position including maneuvering the apparatus through obstacles while moving in both forward and reverse. EMS

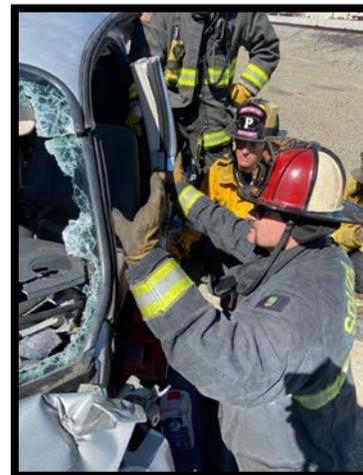
training included training on the policy,

management, and utilization of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP). All shifts also trained on vehicle stabilization and automobile extrication with a focus on probationary firefighter training and evaluation. Truck Captains trained and demonstrated the proper use of the Para-Tech struts to safely stabilize a vehicle on its side.



Four personnel attended the Fresno Training Symposium hosted by the California Training Officers Association. Authority personnel attended various training activities that included structure fire search techniques, forcible entry, tactical emergency care, active shooter, functional command, and the company officer academy.

Five probationary firefighters successfully completed their probationary evaluations. The evaluations included hose pulls, hose management, ladders, SCBA competence, search techniques, commanding the Mayday communications and low-angle rope rescue systems.



Budget Workshop

The Authority began our Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget process in December when program managers submitted budget recommendations for consideration. After meeting with member agencies, a draft preliminary budget was developed and an Authority Board budget workshop was held on March 22, 2022. Based on the feedback from the Board, we will continue to work with our member agencies to develop a draft budget proposal for the Board's consideration at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in June 2022.

COVID Update

The number of COVID infections and exposures continue to decrease throughout our region and new isolation and quarantine guidelines have recently been provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Based on the new guidance, the Authority has adopted a COVID-19 Prevention Program that was patterned after the City of Tracy COVID-19 Prevention Program. The Authority also issued a new directive that provides relief from previous COVID-19 directives that limited participation in public events, public access to fire stations, external training activities, and uniform requirements. Throughout the pandemic our priorities have always been the same; to protect the health and safety of our workforce, and for all fire companies to remain available to respond to emergencies.

Recruitments

The Authority is currently recruiting firefighters to fill the anticipated six openings in the next fiscal year. The vacancies are due to anticipated retirements and one resignation. The Authority also has an open recruitment for the position of Division Chief and Fiscal Analyst II, and will soon open a recruitment for Community Risk Reduction Specialist.

Grants and Project Funding

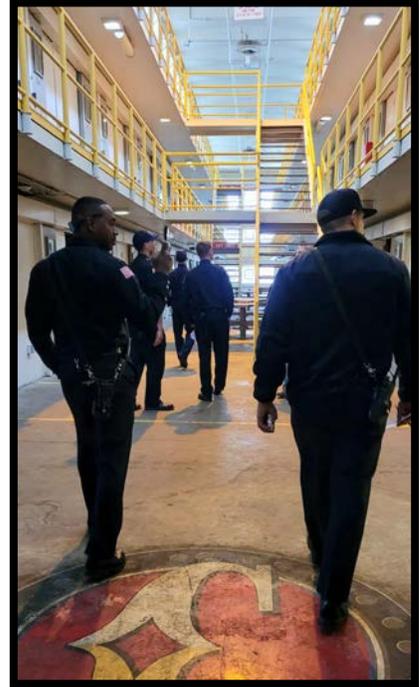
The Authority continues to work with local, county, state, and federal officials to identify funding opportunities for capital expenditures. The primary focus has been on a training facility, rescue boat program, radios, radio infrastructure and fire apparatus replacement. We will keep the Board updated on the process of obtaining funding.

Duel Vocational Institute

The Duel Vocational Institute (DVI) was closed in September of 2021. Since that time, the Authority has been working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop a contractual agreement to provide fire protection to the expansive state facility. While the contractual negotiations continue, Authority personnel have participated in facility familiarization tours and have begun the process of developing operational response procedures.

Strategic Planning

During the past six months, the Authority has been working with our stakeholders and Board of Directors to receive feedback on proposed strategic initiatives that have been developed for 2022-2025. On March 23, 2022, labor representatives and management attended a retreat to develop the final initiatives that will set the organizational direction for the next three years. The Strategic Plan is now being drafted and is expected to be presented to the Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting in May 2022.



Bombero Visit

Four firefighters from Mexicali, Mexico visited Fire Administration on March 28, 2022. These representatives shared some of the challenges they face with fire protection in a highly populated and high-density metroplex that has limited fire protection resources. They explained that nearly 80% of all of their equipment in use is through donation. Authority staff plans to work with the Bomberos in the coming months to offer some of our equipment that may become surplus in the near future.

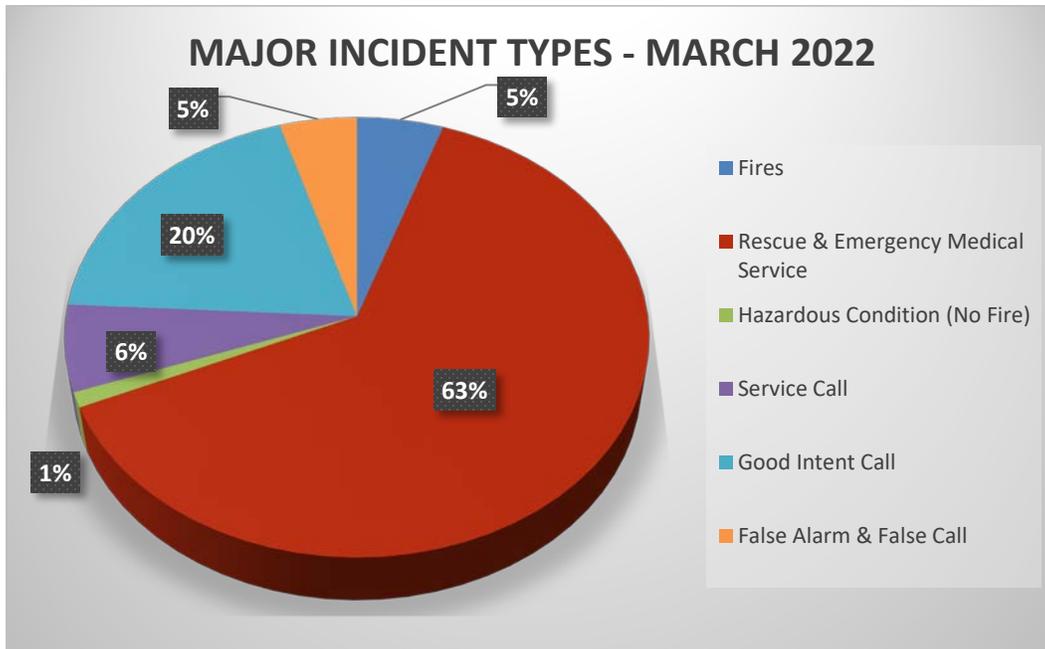
EMS Program Administration Assistance



Due to our EMS Manager's long-term absence, Captain Kevin Meineke has agreed to assist with some of the day-to-day administration of the Authority's EMS program. Captain Meineke is a licensed Paramedic and currently serves on the EMS committee. He is the main ePCR platform program manager for our ESO Program, compiles monthly airway reports through County EMS, and has attended County CQI meetings. Captain Meineke will continue to work on his assigned shift as regularly scheduled while working overtime on his off days during the week to assist administratively with our EMS program. I want to thank Captain Meineke for volunteering to fill this important temporary assignment.

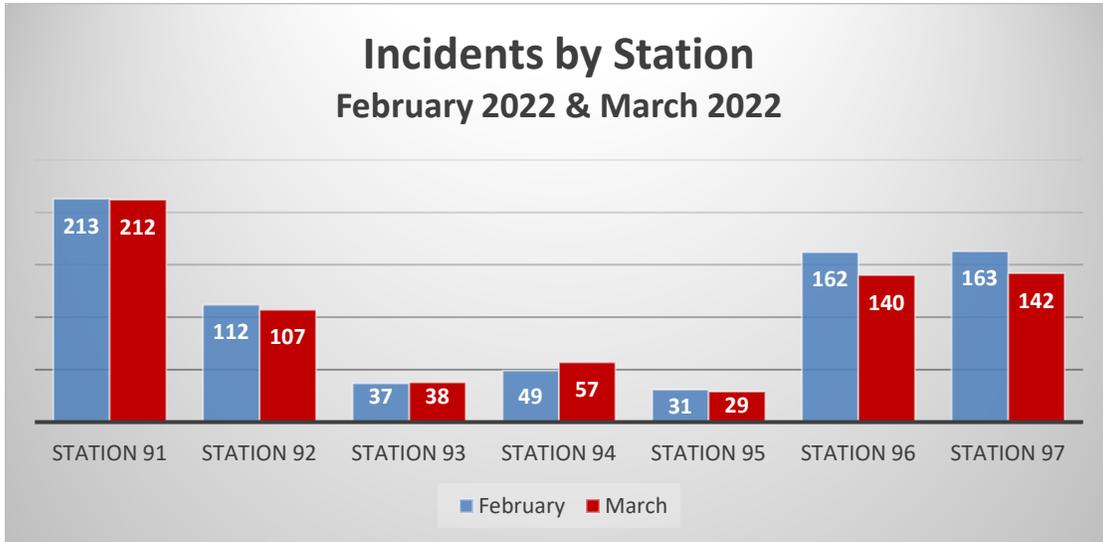
March Response Data

There were 820 total reported incidents in the month of March 2022. The charts listed below reflect only those incidents (725/820) where the incident report has been completed and reviewed. The remaining 95 calls are pending review prior to inclusion in the following charts. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (458 incidents comprising 63% of all calls for service).

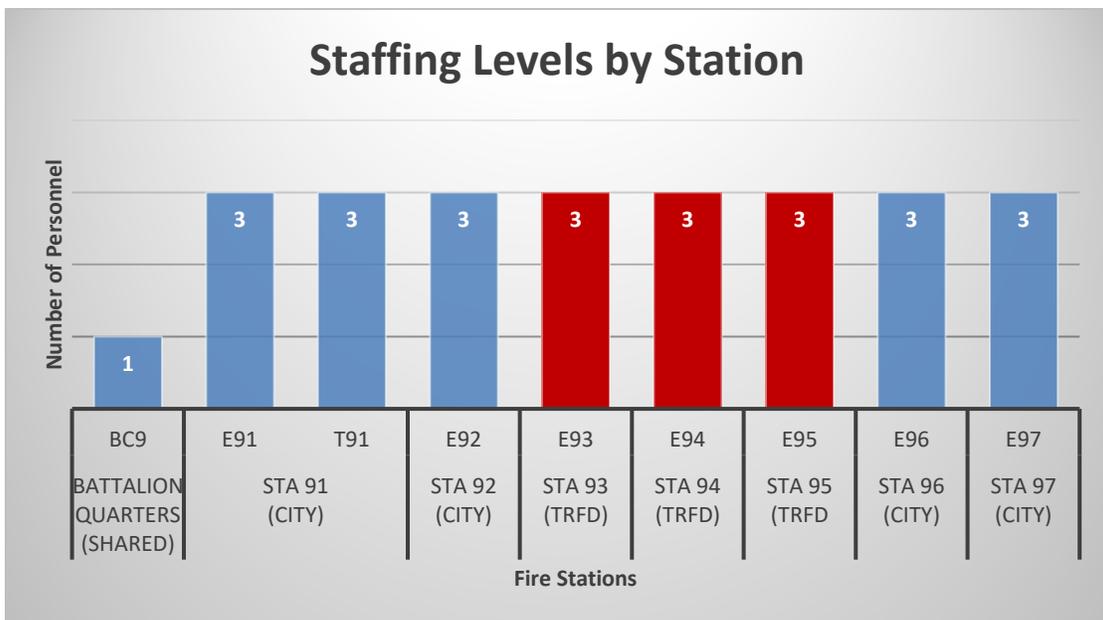


| MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE | # INCIDENTS | % of TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fires | 38 | 5% |
| Rescue & Emergency Medical Service | 458 | 63% |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | 8 | 1% |
| Service Call | 46 | 6% |
| Good Intent Call | 141 | 20% |
| False Alarm & False Call | 34 | 5% |
| Total | 725 | 100% |

Station 91 was the busiest fire station in the month of March. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. All other fire stations are staffed with a single fire engine.



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

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- The recruitment of the vacant Plan Check Examiner was completed. The selected candidate was Raymond Boyle.
- Administrative Assistant Kaylin Heefner's last day with the Fire Authority was 4/1/22
- Inspection staff conducted frequent inspections of Project Big Bird. Inspections included fire protection systems and the emergency power system



PROJECT BIG BIRD

The pictures show the flush testing of the water supply piping to the fire sprinkler system. The testing is completed to remove debris from the piping that may impair the system operation.



PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE MAIN

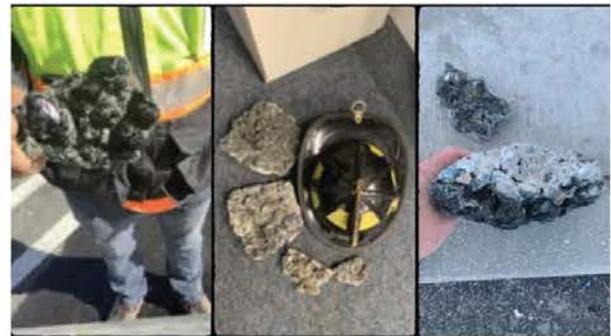
Inspection completed of underground private fire service main piping. Piping will supply fire protection equipment such as fire hydrant and fire sprinkler systems.

Third Quarter FY21/22 January - March



PROJECT BIG BIRD

Early morning test of the emergency power system for the building. Inspection was conducted collaboratively with the Building Safety Division.



FLUSHING OF FIRE SYSTEM PIPING

The pictures shown above show rocks and debris flushed from the piping for a private fire service main. This was observed during a recent flush test conducted for a large warehouse.

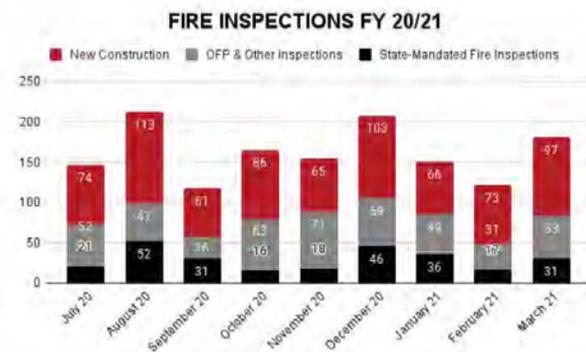
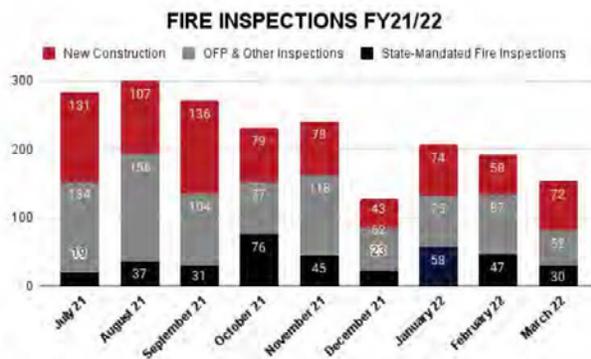
Community Risk Reduction Statistics

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FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire Inspection Totals FY21/22:

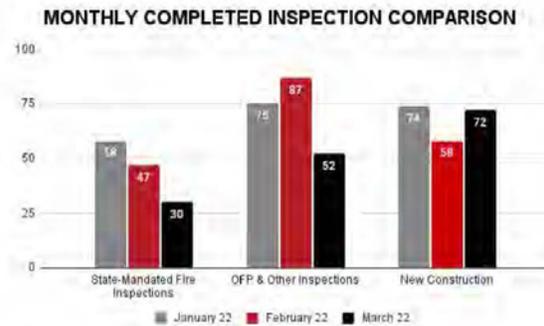


YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

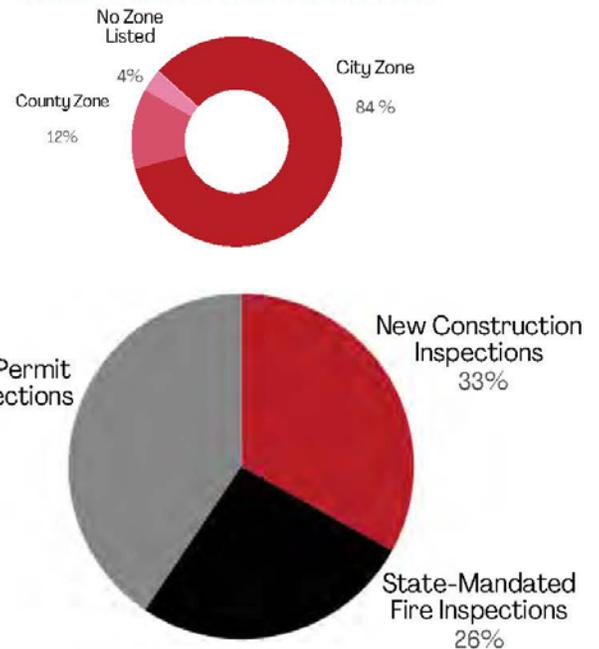
| ACTIVITY | COMPLETE | TOTAL | % |
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| Apartment building complexes | 122 | 158 | 77% |
| Schools (K-12 & Headstart) | 57 | 57 | 100% |

FIRE INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

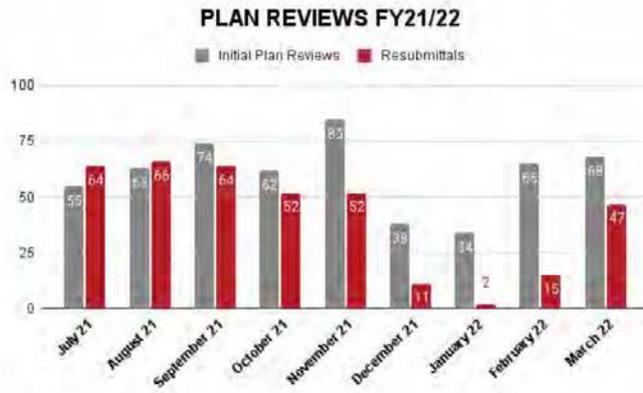
- Staff has completed 553 inspections in the current quarter
- The average number of inspections declined slightly over the quarter.



3RD QTR FY21/22 INSPECTION OVERVIEW



**Third Quarter FY21/22
January - March**



PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- There were 115 plan check activities in March
- The average plan check turn around time in February was 14 days
- There were 21 occurrences where a plan check exceeded 20 days in the second quarter

PERMIT ACTIVITIES

- 50 new construction permits were issued in March
- 95 active operational fire permits

