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## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2023  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Chief Bradley  
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – January 2023

### Hendrik DeWitte Promoted to Engineer



I am pleased to announce the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Hendrik DeWitte to the position of Engineer. Hendrik started his career in the fire service in 2007 and joined South County Fire in 2020. Hendrik completed his paramedic training and became a licensed paramedic in 2021. He currently manages the extrication tools program and assists with the SCBA and rescue programs. Hendrik and his wife Nicole have two children, Colton and Colette. While off duty, Hendrik enjoys farming and spending time with his family. They spend time outdoors – camping, skiing, playing sports and golfing. His promotion was effective on January 15, 2023.

### January 2023 Winter Storm Watch

Our region was affected by heavy rains described as an Atmospheric River for the first two weeks of January. Due to the Authority's large jurisdictional coverage area, Chief Officers worked with the City of Tracy, San Joaquin County Emergency Operations, and the County Sherriff's Office to keep a close eye on frequently changing conditions in our jurisdiction. We served as the Incident Commanders for many emergency situations to provide thorough communication and safe and effective methods to mitigate emergency risk and assist residents.



### Mutual Aid/Strike Teams

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority had personnel on two strike teams as a result of the heavy rains. One strike team was stationed locally at Great Wolf Lodge, and the other was in Sacramento County.

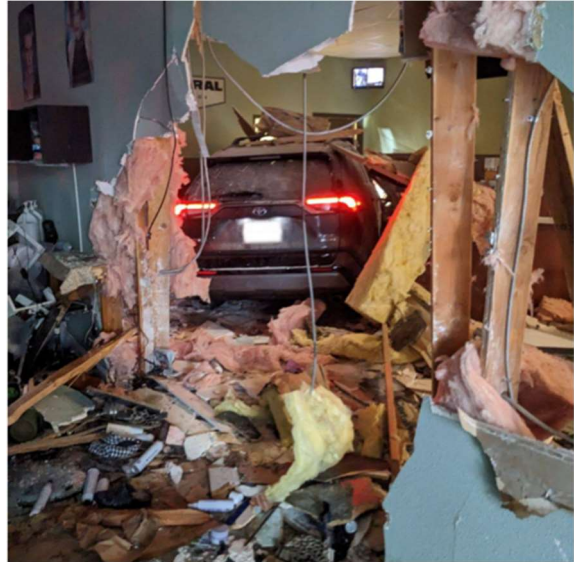
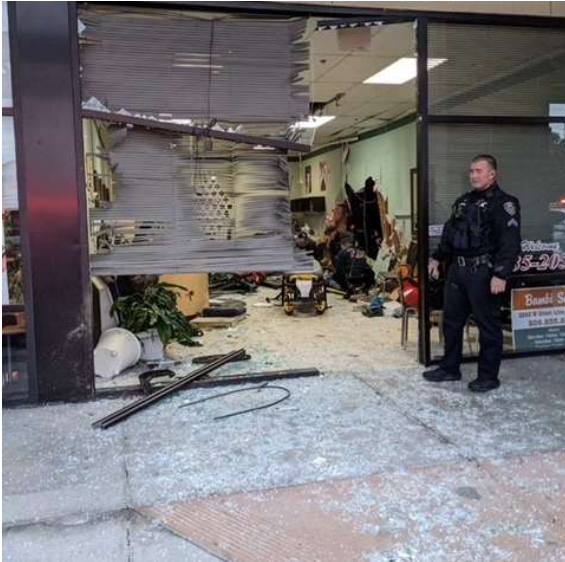
On January 15<sup>th</sup>, crews assisted Lodi Fire and Woodbridge Fire to evacuate residents. Approximately 175 people were evacuated from the Arbor Mobile Home Park located on Frontage Road at Highway 99 and Woodbridge Road.





## Significant Incidents

- **January 4, 2022** – Crews responded to a call for service at 9:45 am for a structure fire on the 1800 block of West Grant Line Road. The building was vacant and the owner was in the process of converting it into a veterinary clinic. There was heavy fire upon arrival from the street view of the property and the fire kept to the room of origin although there was smoke and heat damage throughout the property.
- **January 7, 2022** – Crews responded to the 3200 block of Grant Line Road for a single vehicle that collided into a business front and proceeded into a second business. There were several injuries reported.



- **January 9, 2022** – Due to heavy rains, there was a breach in Corral Hollow Creek, a quarter west of Chrisman Road. Several homes were in the path of the flood waters and South County Fire personnel assisted residents with evacuations and securing their personal property. South County had assistance from OES Swift Water and Flood Team 13, which is staffed by South County Fire personnel, Manteca and Lathrop-Manteca rescue technicians. The breach caused heavy floods and multiple road closures.
- **January 16, 2022** – Crews responded to a call of a big rig that overturned at MacArthur and westbound 205. When they arrived on scene, they found that the tractor trailer overturned over the side of the railing. Luckily, no injuries were reported.
- **January 16, 2022** – Just after 5:30 am, crews responded to a vehicle that was trapped in the flood waters south of town. Upon arrival, crews were able to locate the driver who was in the flood waters as a result of the swift moving water. The driver was transported to a local area hospital with hypothermia symptoms.



### Significant Incidents (Continued)

- **January 17, 2022** – Kasson Road just north of Durham Ferry Road was closed due to the roadway near the River Club collapsing. This road collapse threatened the homes within the river club to be at risk for flooding and potential evacuations. The South County Fire Chief served as the Incident Commander and worked with key stake holders to develop and implement strategic and tactical objectives to mitigate the emergency prior to requiring evacuations.
- **January 25, 2022** – Crews responded to a call for a structure fire on Nabor Court just after 7:00 am. The property was a two story residential home and was fully involved when crews arrived. The fire was kept to the building of origin and no injuries were reported.



### Insurance Service Organization Review (ISO)

In September of 2022 staff was informed by ISO that they would conduct a fire agency evaluation beginning in February of 2023. During the month of January, staff worked to compile the requested information in preparation for the February review. The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rates fire departments based on objective criterion that includes fire department training facilities, water supply, staffing, staffing, response times, apparatus, dispatch, and training records. The fire department rating is one element that determines fire insurance for homeowners and commercial properties.

## Training

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

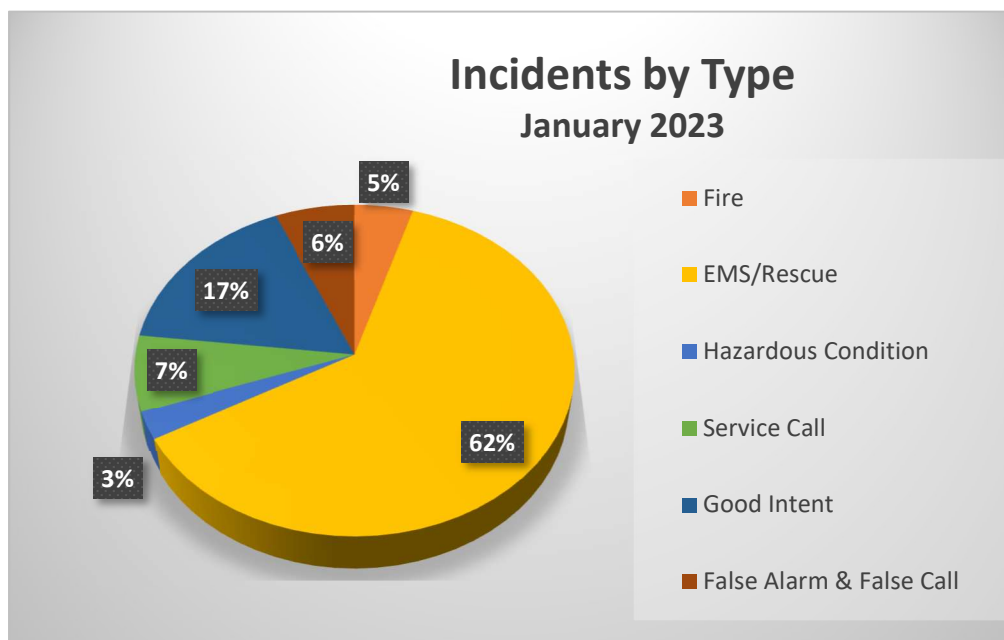
- All 3 shifts participated in EMS Infrequent Skills to hone their skills and to meet our County EMS accreditation requirements
- All of our Probationary Firefighters had their first evaluation (4 month) on Fire related topics and EMS skills
- We currently have a group of three firefighters completing their Tiller Driver Operator course work
- Company Level training – worked with our 8 Probationary Firefighters on multiple skills necessary to be a successful firefighter
- All Hazmat Specialist Personnel trained on how to mitigate a 1 ton chlorine leak and reviewed HM42's inventory
- Company Level training – All Department personnel were required to review our departments SCBA's and train on the emergency operations of the equipment

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.

## January 2023 Response Data

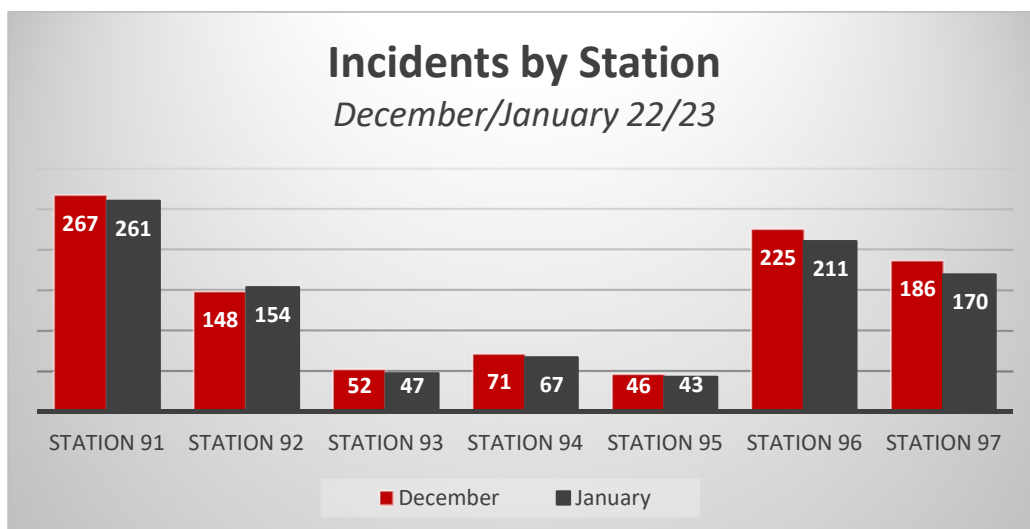
There were 956 reported incidents in the month of January 2023. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (594 incidents comprising 62% of all calls for service). While there were 956 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus.



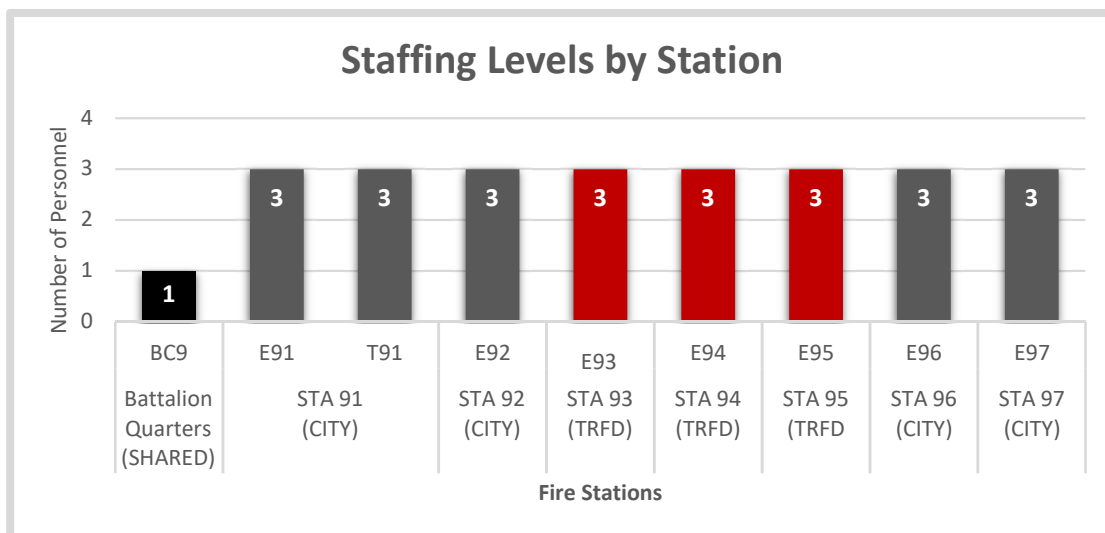


Incident by Type	#Incidents	% of Total
Fire	45	4.71%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	0.00%
EMS/Rescue	594	62.13%
Hazardous Condition	26	2.72%
Service Call	70	7.32%
Good Intent	160	16.74%
False Alarm & False Call	61	6.38%
Total	956	100.00%

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



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.



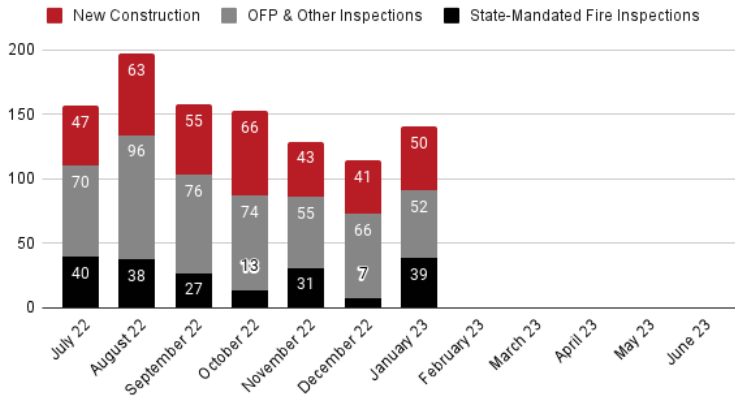
# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## January FY22/23

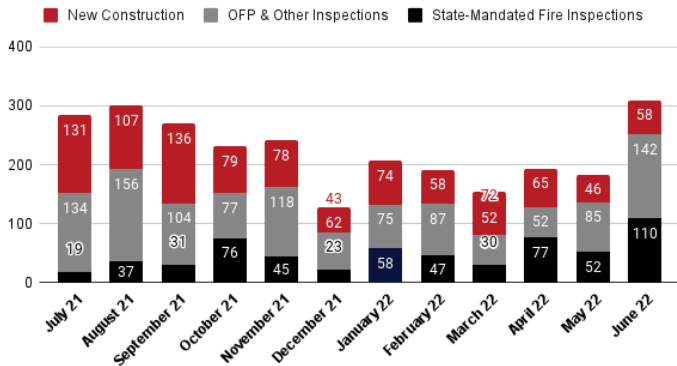
### FIRE INSPECTIONS

#### 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	31	162	19.14%
Schools (K-12)*	30	35	85.71%

### Annual Revenue

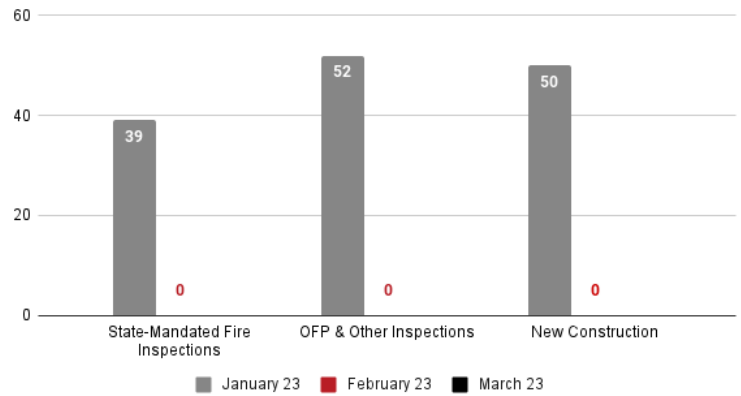
COT CRR Fees

\$316,885.18

TRFPD CRR Fees

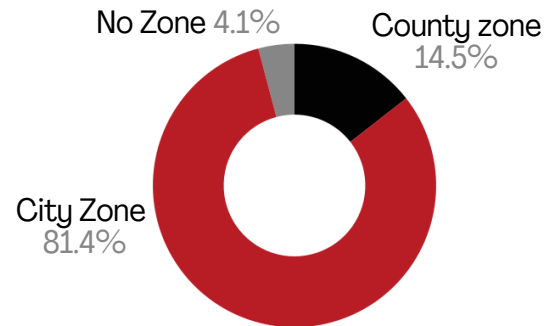
\$38,786.17

MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

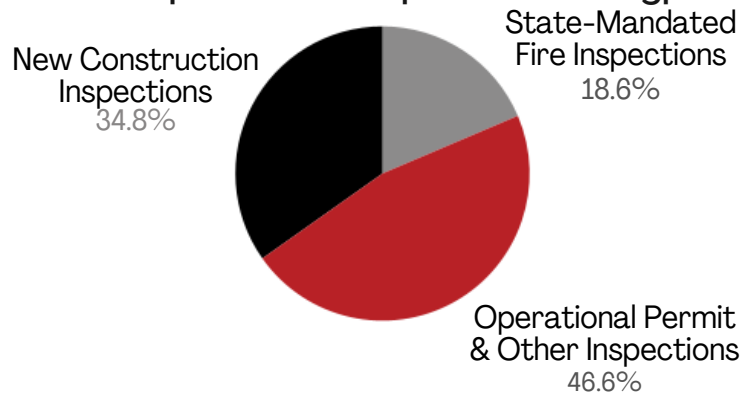


### YTD FIRE INSPECTION OVERVIEW

#### Completed Fire Inspections Per Zone:



#### Completed Fire Inspections Per Type:



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## January FY 22/23

### PLAN REVIEWS FY22/23



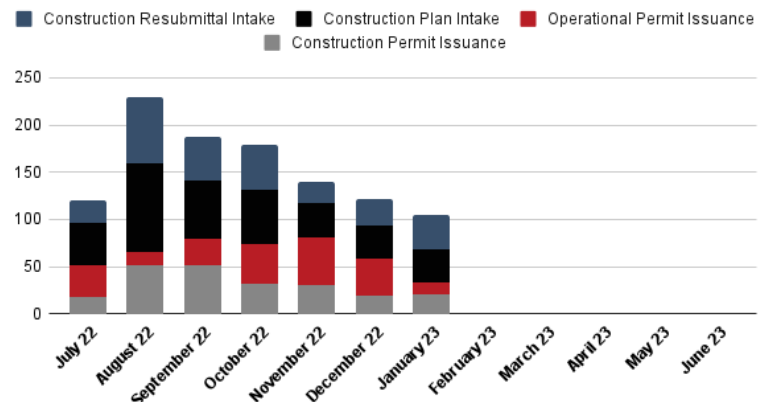
### PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- There were 85 plan check activities in January
- In January, 58% of the plan check activities were initial submittals and 42% were resubmittals
- The average plan check turn around time in January was 11 days
- In January, there was 6 occurrences where an plan check exceeded its due date

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 21 new construction permits were issued in January
- We received and processed 36 new plan submittals
- We received and processed 36 resubmitted construction documents
- 12 operational fire permits were issued in January

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 22/23



## JANUARY SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

**3.9K**

Facebook Page Followers

**151**

New Facebook Followers

**39K**

People reached on Facebook

**2K**

People reached on Instagram

Title	Reach	Likes and reactions	Comments
Crews are currently on scene working a call for a ... <small>South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA</small>	23.5K	460	76
Crews are currently on scene in the 3200 block of... <small>South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA</small>	11.9K	201	42
South San Joaquin County Fire Authority was on ... <small>South San Joaquin County Fire Authority - Tracy, CA</small>	4.1K	98	3