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# Memorandum

Date: December 14, 2021  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Chief Bradley  
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update - November

## Training

During November, the South County Fire Authority Division of Training continued to facilitate all-risk emergency training events. Authority paramedics participated in infrequently used skills training. This is a County EMS requirement and includes manipulative exercises such as intubation (adult and pediatric), IV drug administration, EKG rhythms (SVT, bradycardia, pacing), Pediatric IO, needle decompression, cricothyrotomy, CPAP, and inline nebulizer treatments.

The objective of Engine Company hose training in November was garden style apartment hose deployment, operations, and communications. The focus was on the deployment, stretch, and management of 2 ½" hose with the accordion and Denver load versus the traditional flat load. This training was conducted at various garden style apartment complexes in Tracy.

The Fire Authority completed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter manipulative testing of our probationary firefighters. The testing consisted of donning and doffing PPE, donning and doffing SCBA's, 24' ladder deployment, 1 ¾" hose deployment, hoisting tools, building rope rescue RPM's, and an LDH 200' pull forward exercise.

We received new cardiac monitors for all first out apparatus and hosted the vendor who provided in-house training to all of the Authority members. We also distributed the monitors to stations for continued company level training with an anticipated December deployment.

We continued with state mandated night training. The drills consisted of water tower operations with the aerial master stream, ground monitor deployment and supply, and drafting.



### **Fire Academy**

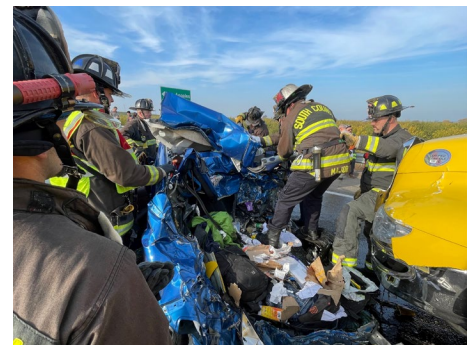
The Fire Authority's 21-2 Recruit Academy is complete. Our six firefighter recruits were assigned to fire companies on December 12, 2021. Their formal graduation is scheduled for December 14, 2021. Congratulations to all six recruits for completing a rigorous academy.

### **Paramedic Accreditation**

Three of the probationary Firefighters were approved by County EMS to start their 10-call County Accreditation. Two of the three have now completed their accreditation process. Firefighter de Witte and Firefighter Gibson are now accredited paramedics in San Joaquin County. Congratulations!

### **Major Vehicle Accident**

On December 2, 2021, the Fire Authority responded to a vehicle accident at the offramp of I-205 and Mountain House Parkway. A tow-truck impacted a stopped car at a high rate of speed which pushed the stopped car into additional cars waiting on the offramp. There was one fatality that required extensive extrication. Crews performed well during a challenging extrication.



### **Personnel Transition Plan**

On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, the Tracy Rural Fire District and the Tracy City Council passed resolutions to approve the Employee Transition Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2022. The implementation of the transition plan continues to be on schedule for a January 2, 2022 transition of employees to the Fire Authority. At their meeting on December 7, 2021, the Tracy City Council approved the professional services agreements for Human Resources and Payroll and the Lease agreement for the use of fire stations and apparatus. During the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>, employees voted on the CalPERS contract, elected survivor benefit coverage and were provided offer letters. During the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>, employees will begin the orientation process for becoming employees of the Fire Authority. On December 21, 2021 the Fire Authority Board will consider approval of the CalPERS contract, professional service agreement for HR and Payroll, Workers Compensation and Liability insurance coverage, Reserve Firefighter salaries and lease agreements. These will be the last board actions required for the transition.

### **Financial Policy Review**

As part of the City of Tracy City Council approval, SSJCF staff committed to work with the City and District to bolster financial policies and processes recommended by the Municipal Resource Group (MRG). The Authority hired MRG to review and make recommendation on financial practices and processes. MRG has completed a financial review and update of Fire Authority financial policies and will present the updated policies at the December 21, 2021 Authority Board meeting. MRG met with staff and elected officials from both member agencies as part of their review, policy development and recommendation process.

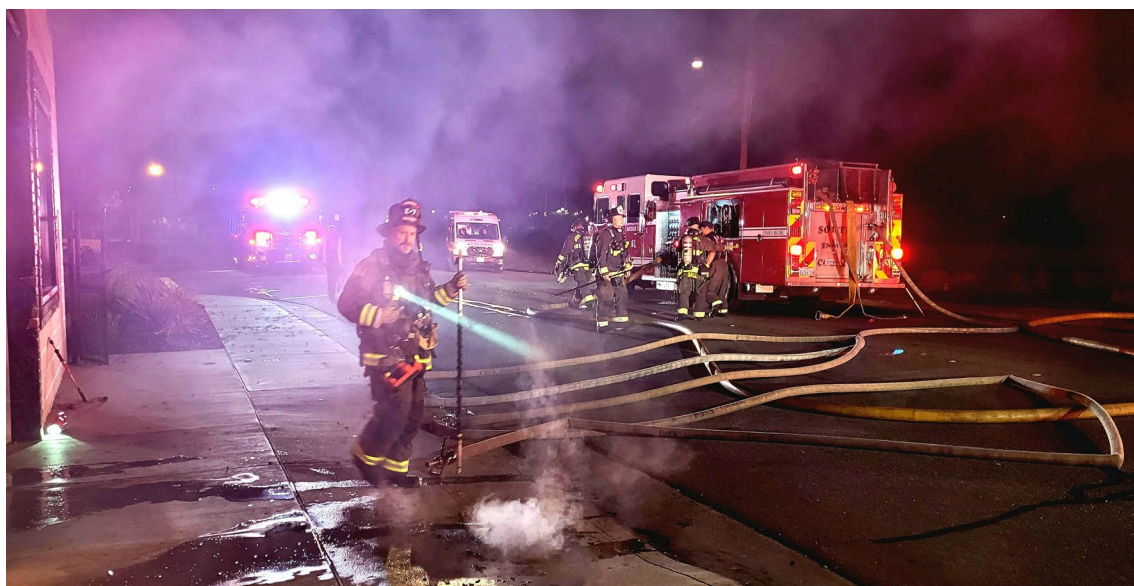
### Structure Fire on Lincoln Boulevard

On November 9, 2021 crews responded to a working structure fire in the 1600 block of Lincoln Boulevard. The fire started on the exterior of the home after solar panels were installed and awaiting activation. The fast response and aggressive fire attack limited the damage to the exterior with significant damage to the garage area of the home. There were no injuries and the official cause of the fire is still under investigation.



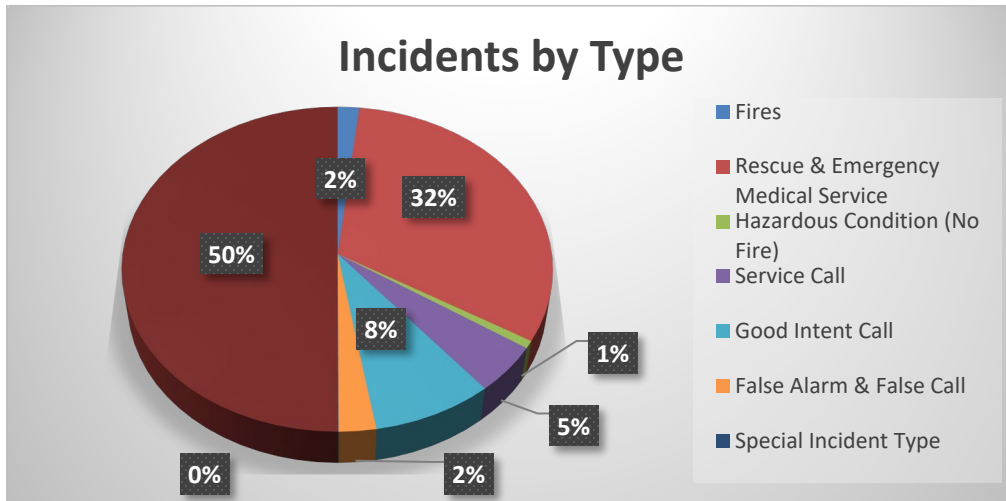
### Structure Fire on 6<sup>th</sup> Street

On November 16, 2021, crews responded to a commercial structure fire in a cabinet shop/construction company in the 60 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Crews quickly located a fire in the interior of the building with a quick knock down and extinguishment. The fire appeared to be related to cutting operations that occurred earlier in the day. There were no injuries.

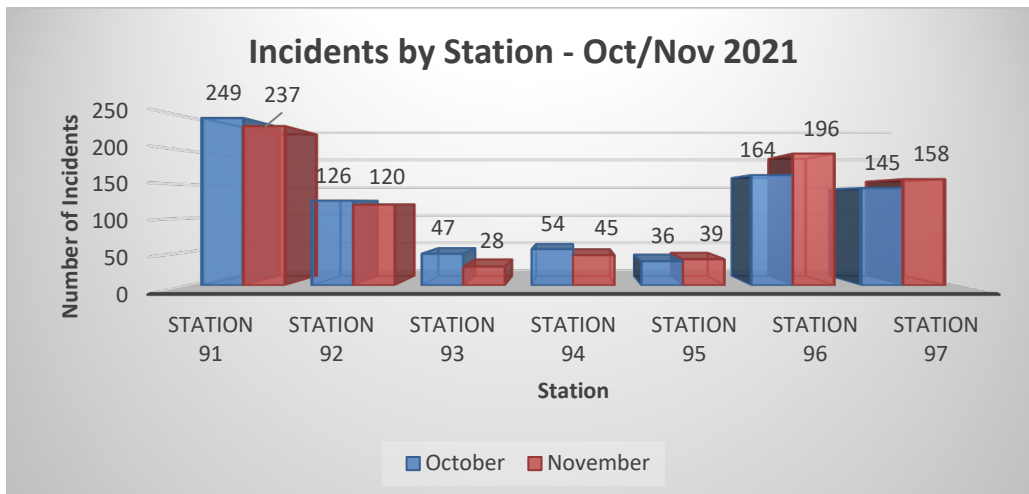


**November Response Data**

There were 848 total incidents in the month of November 2021. The charts listed below reflect only those incidents (823/848) where the incident report has been completed and reviewed. The remaining 25 calls are pending review prior to inclusion in the following charts. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (524 incidents comprising 64% of all calls for service).



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	29	4%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	524	64%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	1%
Service Call	78	9%
Good Intent Call	137	17%
False Alarm & False Call	42	5%
Special Incident Type	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>100%</b>

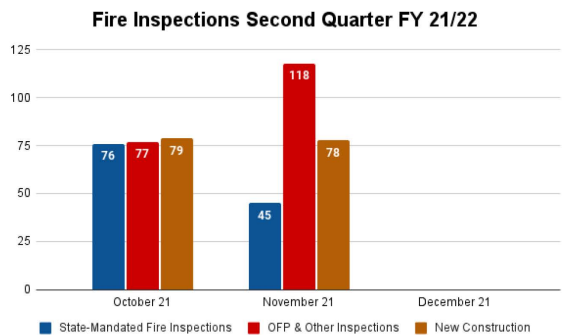
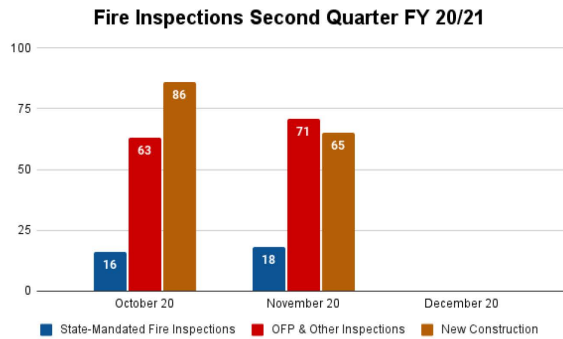




## South San Joaquin County Fire Authority Community Risk Reduction

### FIRE INSPECTIONS

Comparison between FY20/21 & FY21/22:  
October to November



### YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

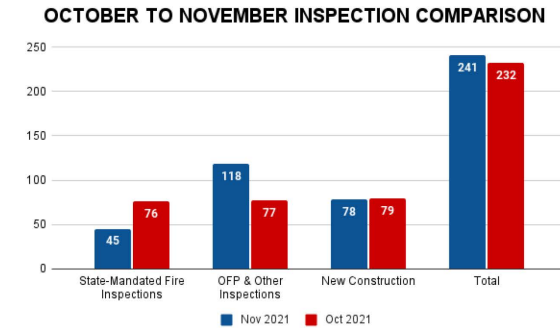
ACTIVITY	COMPLETE	TOTAL	%
Apartment building complexes	48	158	30%
Schools (K-12 & Headstart)	38	57	67%

### Second Quarter FY 21/22 October - November

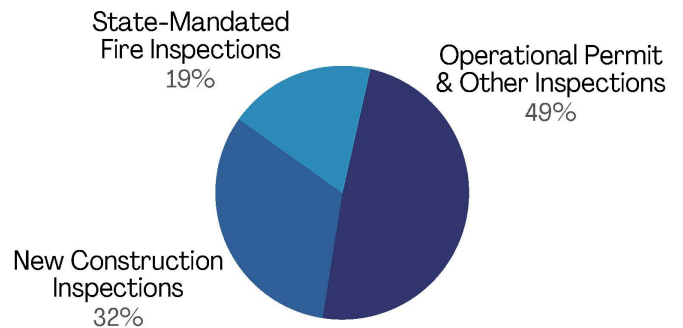
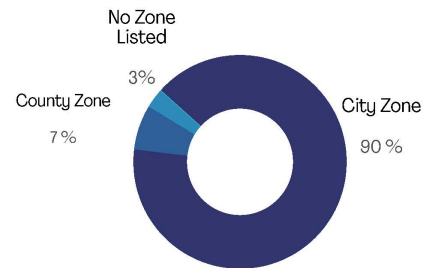
Month to Month Comparison from  
October to November

-53% increase in OFP/other inspections  
from October to November

-New construction inspection activity from  
October to November remained stable



### 2ND QTR FY21/22 INSPECTION OVERVIEW

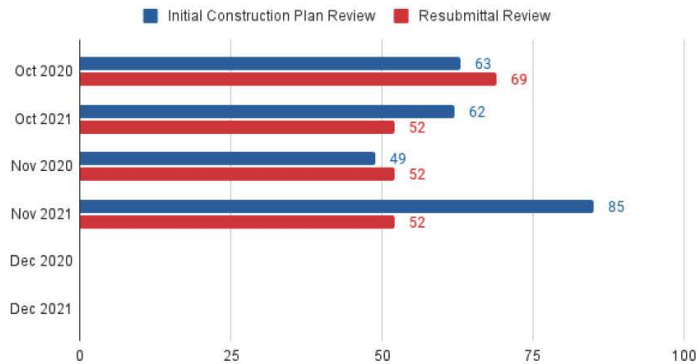




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Second Quarter FY21/22  
October - November

### Plan Review



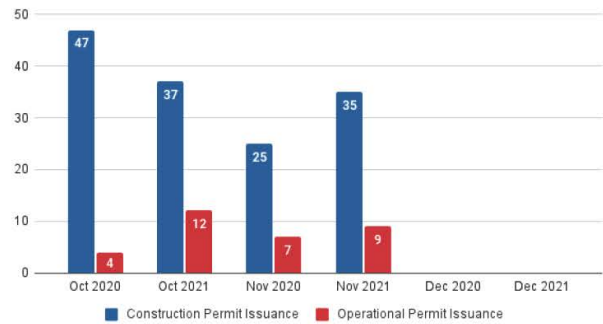
### PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- The average plan check turn around time in November was 10 days
- There were no occurrences where a plan check exceeded 2 days

### PERMIT ACTIVITIES

- Similar to construction inspection activities, construction permit issuance has also remained stable.
- 84 active operational fire permits

### Permit Activities



### SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

**56**

New "Follows" on Facebook

**18.9K**

People reached on Facebook

**10**

New "Follows" on Instagram

**323K**

Impressions on Twitter

### Content

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**Update: All resour...**  
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**Tracy, CA - South ...**  
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**Honor, duty, and a...**  
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**This Thanksgiving ...**  
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**Happy Thanksgivin...**  
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