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## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2023  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Chief Bradley  
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – November 2023

### Chief Martin Retires



On November 19, 2023, Chief Martin retired from the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority after 30 years of service. Chief Martin began his career as an Engineer with Tracy Fire in 1993 and worked his way up through the ranks over his 30-year career. He was promoted to Captain in 1997, Battalion Chief in 2017 and Division Chief of Administration in August of 2022. He holds an AS Degree in Fire Science and has been active member of the labor union holding all positions on the executive board. Chief Martin enjoys hiking, swimming, and spending time with his family. He and his wife live in Tracy and have one daughter and one son, who are both in college. I would like to congratulate and thank him for his 30 years of service to our organization and community.

### Eric Oliveri promoted to Division Chief



I am pleased to announce the promotion of Captain Eric Oliveri to the rank of Division Chief of Administration. Eric was born and raised in Tracy, California. He attended St. Bernard's Grade School, St. Mary's High School, and CSU Fresno where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration. After graduation he worked for a Public Accounting Firm. In 1993 he applied to be a Reserve Firefighter for Tracy Fire Department. He was selected and was hired one year later as a full time Firefighter Engineer. In 1999 he was promoted to Fire Captain. During his time as a Captain, he has been a member of the Hazardous Material Response Team, a Rescue Technician, Strike Team Leader, and Communications Unit Leader. Additionally, he is Chair of the state-wide FIRESCOPE Communications Specialist Group. He lives in Tracy with his wife and daughter and his youngest daughter is attending Texas A&M University. He enjoys the outdoors, golfing, riding motorcycles and off-roading. Chief Oliveri's promotion became effective on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jeremy Deluca promoted to Captain**



I am pleased to announce the promotion of Engineer Jeremy Deluca to the rank of Captain. Jeremy worked for Sacramento City Fire Department until 2017 when he was hired as lateral paramedic/firefighter by the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority. He was promoted to Engineer in 2021. He earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science and serves on the training committee, is a member of the rescue team, a boat operator, and a CPR Instructor. Jeremy serves on Local 3355's Executive Board, he is a shift staffer, EMS Peer reviewer and is a member of the Honor Guard. Jeremy and his wife have two sons and two dogs. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, camping, and watching his boys play sports. Captain Deluca is assigned to Station 93, B Shift and his promotion became effective on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jeremiah Salud promoted to Engineer**



I am pleased to announce the promotion of Firefighter Jeremiah Salud to the rank of Engineer. Jeremiah was born in the Philippines, but has lived in Tracy since 2002. He graduated from Kimball High School in 2014. Jeremiah joined the Authority as a Fire Explorer in 2014 before being hired as a Reserve Firefighter in 2017. He attended the College of San Mateo's fire academy and completed his Paramedic training at NCTI Livermore. He worked for AMR Stanislaus and Lodi Memorial ER before getting hired full-time with South County Fire in 2018. After going through the Stockton Fire Academy and completing probation, Jeremiah took over the role of Lead Advisor for the Tracy Fire Explorer Post. Jeremiah still lives in Tracy with his dog, "Buddy." He enjoys traveling, spending time with his family, long walks on the beach, and golfing. Jeremiah is assigned to Station 93, B Shift and his promotion became effective on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Firefighter Recruitment**

During the month of October, a recruitment was launched for the firefighter rank and staff worked closely with Human Resources to conduct oral assessments. Qualified candidates were identified and Chief Officers held Chief interviews during the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are pleased to announce that we have a total of four candidates who are currently going through background processes. Successful candidates will start in January and will attend the Firefighter Academy hosted by the Stockton Fire Department beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Travel & Conferences

- **Chief Bagley** attended the New Executive Chief Officer course at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>. This course is paid for by FEMA and focuses on curriculum for Chief Executive Officers. Curriculum covered responsibilities of the Fire Chief, politics, leadership management, strategic planning, financial management and capital asset planning, Human Resources management, liability and risk management, collaboration-cooperation and community engagement.
- **Chief Bradley** attended the Cal Chiefs EMS Section North meeting in South Lake Tahoe on November 16<sup>th</sup>. This meeting occurs bi-monthly and Chiefs from all over California meet to discuss current EMS issues.



## Chief Bagley presents at the California Special Districts Association chapter meeting

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Bi-County Chapter meeting with San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County is held on a quarterly basis. SSJCFA is a member of CSDA and the Chapter asked if we could present at November's meeting. Chief Bagley attended the meeting at the Modesto Irrigation District Office and presented the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority's JPA Model. We look forward to being more involved with CSDA in the future.



## EMS Study

SSJCFA, Lodi and Stockton Fire Departments entered into an agreement with AP Triton to conduct an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Evaluation and Delivery Modeling. Chief Bradley and EMS staff met with the senior consultant at Healthcare Strategists and will be developing the RFP for the next ambulance contract. The project is estimated to take approximately six months to complete and we hope to have the final report by mid-year 2024.

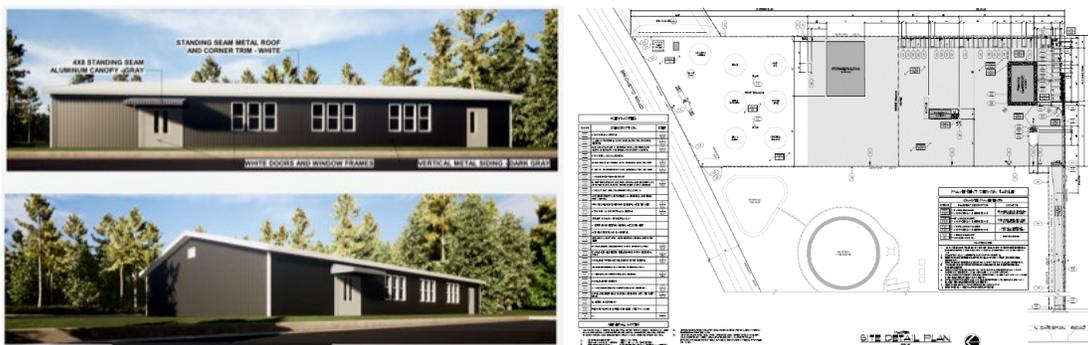
## Leprino Foods

In March of 2021, Leprino Foods had a HAZMAT incident at their Tracy site involving a leak of anhydrous ammonia which resulted in a fine from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result of this incident, Leprino Foods was offered the opportunity to engage with the Authority on a Supplement Environmental Project Agreement (SEP). The SEP Agreement is an enforcement settlement that allows the penalized agency to redirect up to 50% of the fine to another agency that would provide a tangible environmental or public health benefit. This presents a potential funding opportunity up to \$180,000, which will allow SSJCFA to procure multiple pieces of simulation training equipment and a HAZMAT sensing drone.

SSJCFA continues to await final decisions and funding status from the EPA. The latest update was received on November 29<sup>th</sup> and Leprino Foods advised that the EPA has reviewed and accepted their response and offer. Leprino Foods affirmed that the agreement is under review by EPA's management, but do not have an update on the timeframe that we can expect a sign off and further direction on the next steps.

## Training Facility Update

Training Facility construction drawings are now 100% complete and are now in the review process. This will go to Council for consideration of land commitment on January 15<sup>th</sup> and if approved we plan to go out to bid on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The provided photos include a rendering for the proposed classroom buildout and a copy of the site detail plan.



## Training

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

- Driver Operator Training
- Paramedic Infrequent Skills
- Structure Fire Simulations
- Boat Operations Awareness Training

Authority personnel logged over 1,300 hours of training during the month of November. The Division of Training is dedicated to supporting the mission of the Fire Authority to provide a well-trained and professional fire agency to serve our community.

### **Captain Havicus Memorial Plaque Ceremony**

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority held a Memorial Plaque Unveiling Ceremony to honor Captain Daniel “Havi” Havicus on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was held at the Fire Administration Building’s courtyard to unveil the engraved plaque that was installed on the memorial monument. In the months preceding, Hometown Heritage held a brick fundraiser to fund the plaques being made and installed. The bricks will be installed in the courtyard surrounding the statue and monument. These monuments are open to the public and will stand to honor our fallen and their sacrifice for years to come.



### **Get together for Heather Freligh**

On November 1, 2023, SSJCFA held a small ceremony for Heather Freligh and her family at the Administration Building. Heather is a 13-year-old Tracy resident who had gone into full arrest at Freiler Elementary school on September 22, 2023. Staff worked with Heather’s father to arrange this gathering so she and her family could meet some of her rescuers. Four of the six Authority personnel who responded to her call were able to attend. We were all able to spend time together and we are so thrilled at her outcome and recovery.



## Board Action Recap

The Board of Directors for the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority met in a Regular Meeting on November 8, 2023. The Board took the following actions:

- Adopted a resolution to approve the updated Master Pay Schedule and publicly available pay schedule for the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority retroactive to July 2, 2023
- Approved the signing of a side letter with the Tracy Firefighter’s Association (TFFA) to correct a date error and memorialize current practices in the current Memorandum of Understanding regarding future medical contributions
- Approve a new contract with additional funding between SSJCFA and Schack & Company for the continued development of site plans and construction documents for the fire training facility
- Adopted the final budget for the fiscal year 2023 – 2024
- Approved the Fire Chief to have authority to enter into a master services agreement for emergency management planning consulting provided by TetraTech Inc, not to exceed \$100,000
- Established an Ad Hoc Committee to develop recommendations for board review on the allocation of surplus funds from fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

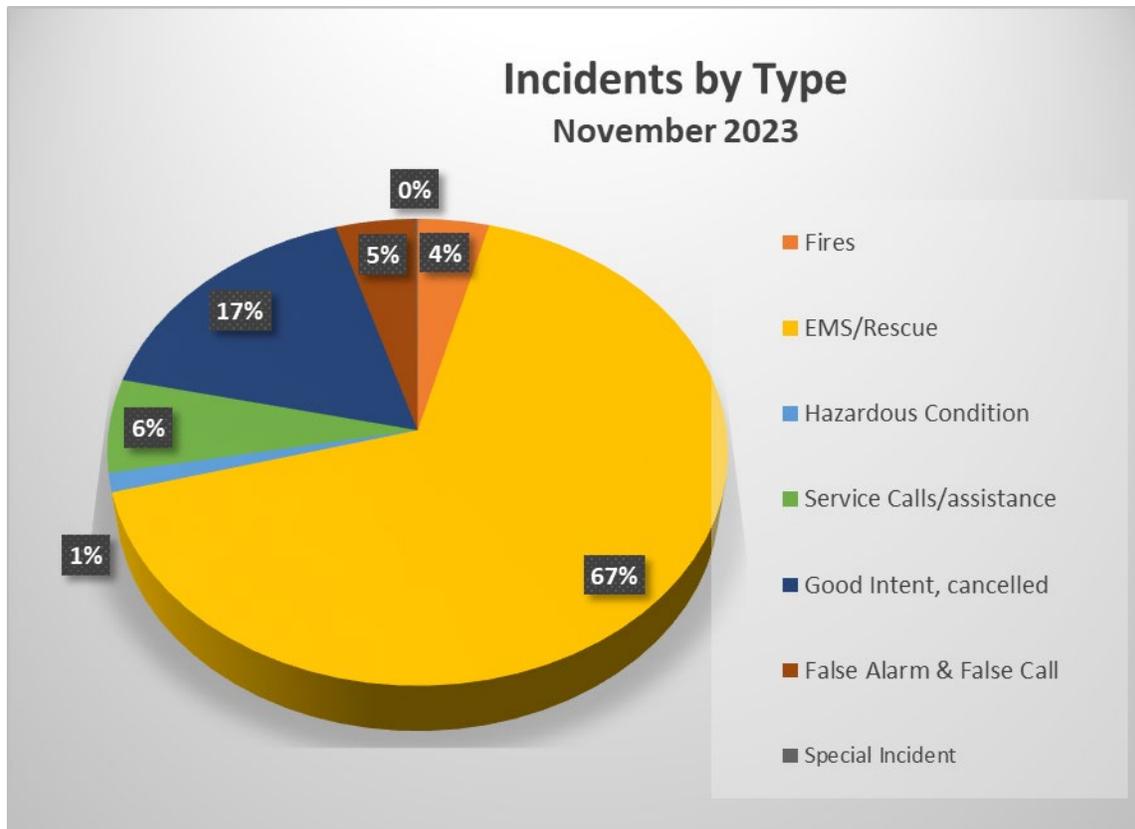
## Emergency Response Highlights

- **November 11, 2023** – At approximately 3:45 AM, crews were dispatched to a vehicle rollover accident requiring extrication on Highway 205 at Grant Line Road. Moments later the call was updated that a pedestrian who stopped to help was hit by a big rig. Unfortunately the victim succumbed to their injuries.
- **November 12, 2023** – Crews responded to a call for smoke being seen from a residence on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Upon arrival, crews found a bedroom fire and they were able to keep it to the room of origin. No injuries were reported, however nine people were displaced from the home.
- **November 30, 2023** – Just after 5:45 PM, crews were dispatched to a call for a vehicle accident involving a big rig and two vehicles on Eastbound Highway 205 at MacArthur Drive. Multiple injuries were reported and one fatality.



## November 2023 Response Data

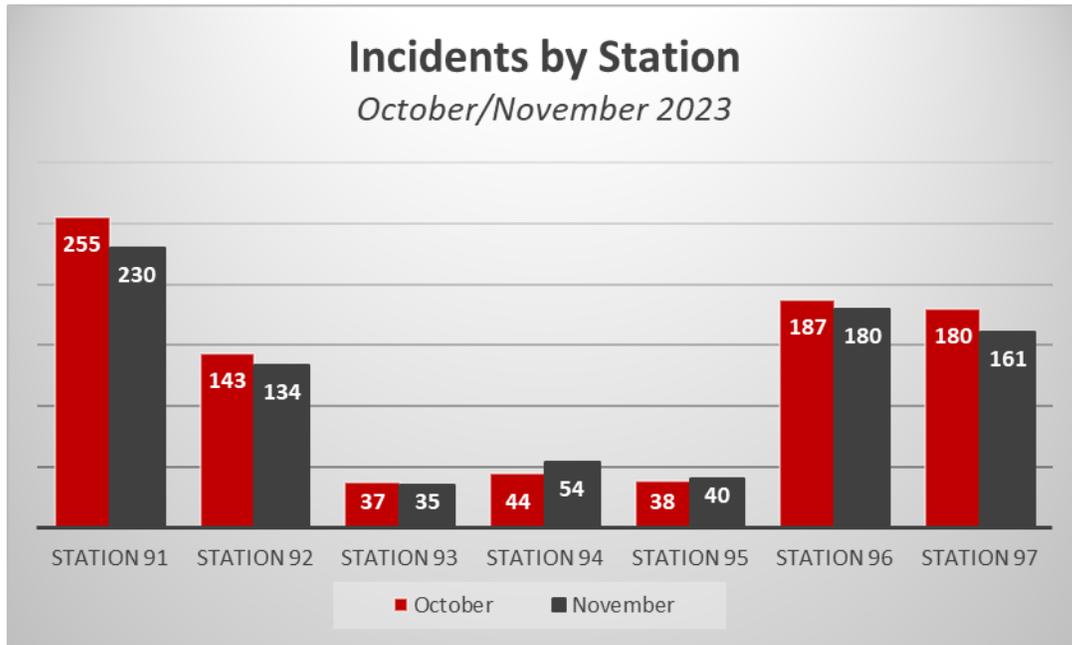
There were **835 reported incidents** in the month of November 2023, reflecting a slight decrease from the number of calls in October. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (557 incidents comprising 67% of all calls for service). While there were 835 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus. There were **1,364 total apparatus responses** in November.



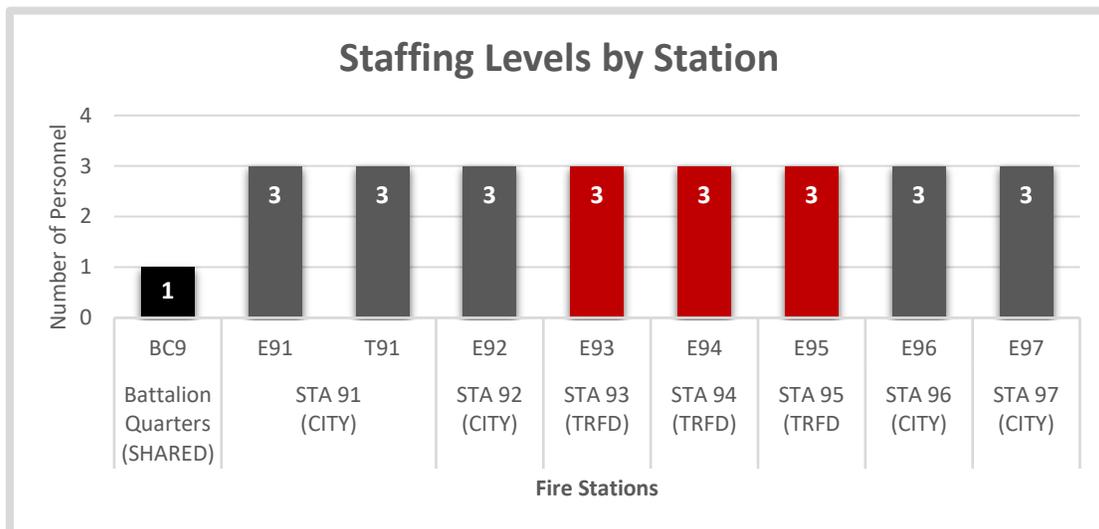
Incident by Type	# of Incidents	% of Total
Fires	34	4.07%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	0.00%
EMS/Rescue	557	66.72%
Hazardous Condition	11	1.32%
Service Calls/assistance	54	6.47%
Good Intent, cancelled	140	16.78%
False Alarm & False Call	38	4.34%
Special Incident	1	0.12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### November 2023 Response Data (continued)

Station 91 continues to be the busiest fire station in the month of November. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. Lastly, we are trending slightly below last year's call volume with **9,607** alarms in 2023 compared to **9,713** alarms in 2022.



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.



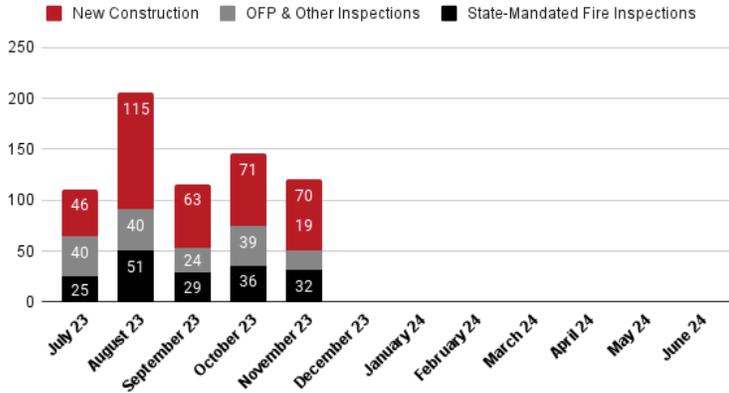
# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## November FY23/24

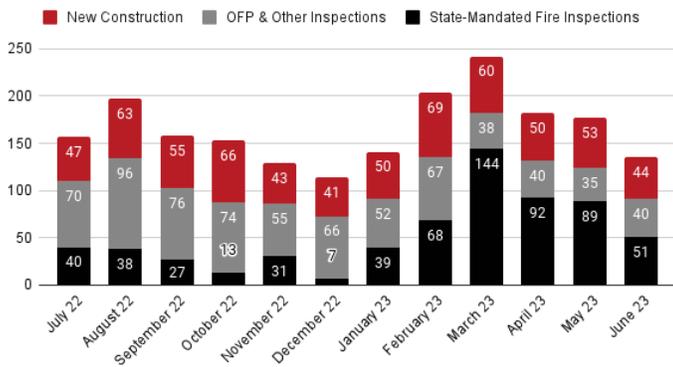
### FIRE INSPECTIONS

#### Fire Inspection Totals:

FIRE INSPECTIONS FY23/24



FIRE INSPECTIONS FY 22/23



#### YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

	Completed	Total	%
Multi-family Residential and Hotel/Motels	2	159	1%
Schools (K-12)*	33	35	94%

### Annual Revenue

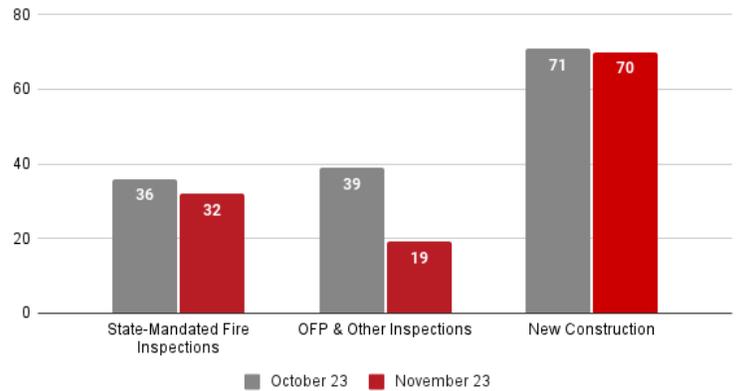
COT CRR Fees

\$221,082.45

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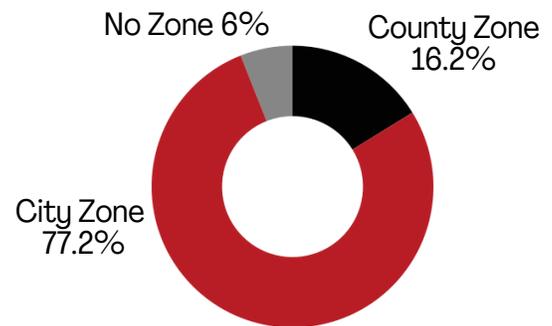
\$12,266.95

#### MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

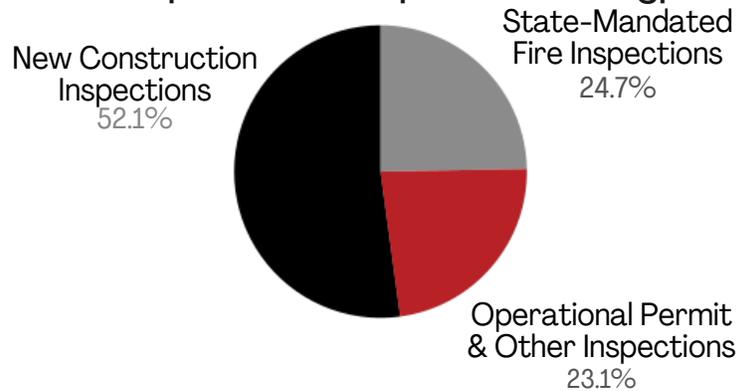


#### YTD FIRE INSPECTION OVERVIEW

##### Completed Fire Inspections Per Zone:



##### Completed Fire Inspections Per Type:

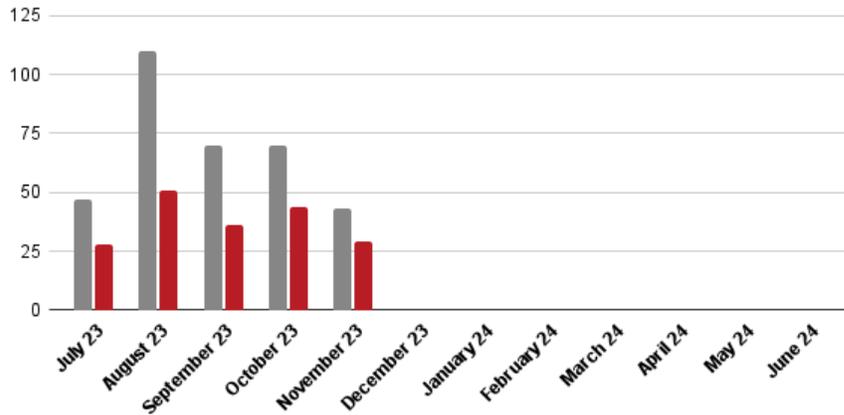


# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## November FY 23/24

### PLAN REVIEWS FY23/24

■ Initial Plan Reviews ■ Resubmittals



### PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

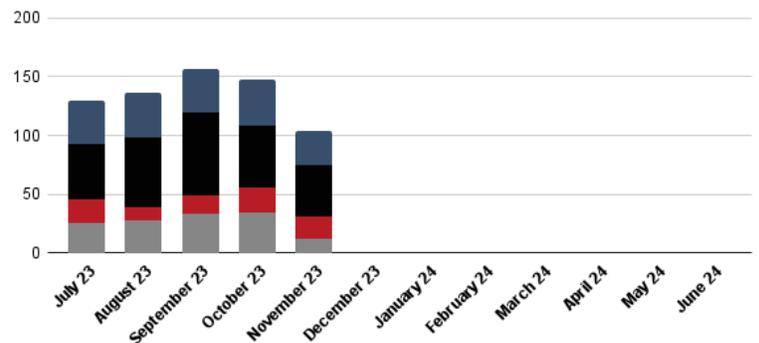
- There were 72 plan check activities in November
- In November 60% of the plan check activities were initial submittals and 40% were resubmittals

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 12 new construction permits were issued in November
- Received and processed 44 new plan submittals
- Received and processed 29 resubmitted construction documents
- 19 operational fire permits were issued in November

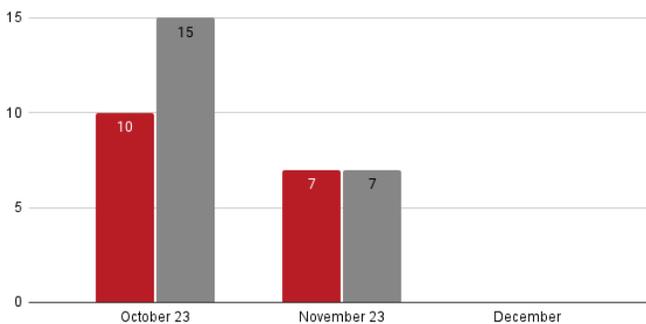
### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 23/24

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



### Weed Abatement Inspections

■ Initial Inspections ■ Re-inspections



### WEED ABATEMENT

- We continue receive reports of overgrown and dry vegetation.
- In November we conducted 7 initial inspections and 7 re-inspections.

# November Social Media Overview

**FY 23/24**

**4.6K**

Facebook Page Followers

**20**

New Facebook Followers

**10K**

People reached on Facebook

**1.3K**

People reached on Instagram

**1.3K**

Instagram Followers

There were a few posts that stood out in terms of engagements, shares, likes, comments, impressions, and people reached. Here is an overview of the content:



A post on November 3rd about our CERT Class Graduation had:

- 10 shares
- 47 reactions
- 3 comments
- 2,687 impressions and reached 2,441 people.



The Instagram post had 1 comment, 4 shares, 70 likes, and reached 627 people.



A post on November 10th on the retirement of Division Chief Chris Martin had:

- 7 shares
- 125 reactions
- 38 comments
- 3,180 impressions and reached 2,963 people.



The Instagram post had 5 comments, 6 shares, 143 likes, and reached 770 people.



A post on November 11th honoring Veteran's Day had:

- 0 shares
- 16 reactions
- 0 comments
- 311 impressions and reached 258 people.



The Instagram post had 0 comments, 4 shares, 39 likes, and reached 479 people.