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### MEMORANDUM

Date: November 9, 2022  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Chief Bradley  
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update – October 2022

#### Recruit Academy

Firefighter recruits currently in the fire academy participated in live burns during the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of three days each of the groups were able to participate in simulated structure fires, search and rescue/VEIS, fire attack and RIC operations. Drills were performed on a simulated single story home as well as a two story home where recruits were required to work in tandem with other crews to perform forcible entry, begin a primary search for possible victims, extinguish multiple points of fire sources and also continue up to a second story to complete the fire attack and rescues. Our recruits performed well, and no injuries were sustained. The week was finished out with EMS/Handtevy, and HAZMAT First Responder Operations (FRO). They also prepared for night drills which are expected to be performed in upcoming weeks.

All recruits are performing adequately and are expected to graduate from the academy on November 16<sup>th</sup>. A graduation ceremony will be held at 3:00 PM at the Arnold Rue Branch Library in Stockton.



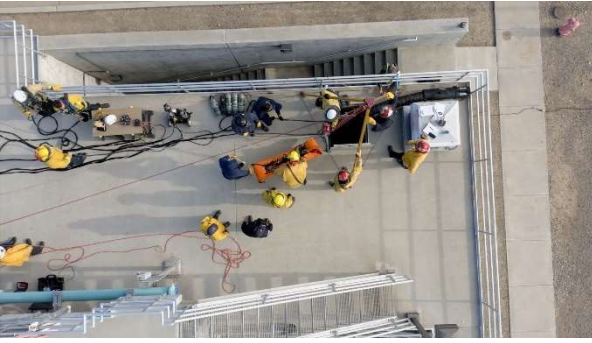


## Training

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

- All personnel were given a detailed tour of Big Bird and the suppression systems the building has. Fire Prevention and construction staff lead the walk through
- HAZMAT personnel trained in Level A suits of a simulated chlorine leak from a 150lb cylinder
- All Personnel completed CPR recertification
- All line personnel attended a hands-on Confined Space Awareness class
- Rescue Technician personnel attend a Confined Space technician drill at the City of Tracy's water treatment plant

On October 16, the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority rescue technicians participated in a confined space drill at the City of Tracy Fresh Water Treatment Plant on south Tracy Blvd. The drill was attended by 20 of the Authority's rescue trained members, which included a Division Chief, Battalion Chief, and Incident Safety Officer, as overhead personnel. The objectives of the drill were to establish an effective Incident Command, provide for personnel safety, establish confined space operational positions, effectively utilize confined space rescue tools and equipment, utilize confined space permits and air monitoring logs, effectively utilize rescue teams to enter an IDLH atmosphere, and to mitigate a confined space rescue. The drill was a below grade rescue of an injured person in a potentially IDLH atmosphere. Operations included filling out a confined space rescue permit, continuous air monitoring, forced air ventilation, confined space communications, supplied air system, rope rescue techniques with a tripod high pick point, safety line, and patient packaging and hoisting. A debrief was conducted following the drill to discuss the operations and ways to improve operations. The drill was successful, objectives were met, and learning took place. It was the first Confined Space training of this scale since 2018.



At the company level our firefighters are training daily to better prepare themselves to assist in mitigating emergencies in our community. Personnel logged over 2700 hours of training in the month of October.

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

### **Program Initiatives**

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority is in the beginning stages of re-launching two community education programs.

- After an uptick in drownings and near drownings, staff has decided to reintroduce the Water Watchers public education program. Water Watchers is a drowning prevention program where pool owners are identified through building permit reviews. The homes are then visited by our personnel with drowning prevention materials including pool safety gate information. The goal is to try and make face to face contact with each pool owner, but if no one is home the materials would be left on at the door with the Authority's contact information. We also plan to provide these prevention materials during community events throughout the year.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a program meant to train community members in disaster preparedness. Topics include disaster medical, psychology and incident command systems. There are a total of 8 categories that we provide training on. Once the members meet a minimum of 24 training hours, they are certified and empowered to assist themselves, neighbors, friends and family in the event of a disaster.



### Badge Pinning Ceremony

The Fire Authority's Annual Badge Pinning Ceremony will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Theatre. The annual event recognizes members that have received promotions over the past year. Invitations to the event will be distributed in the near future.

### Candy Crawl

Community Risk Reduction staff participated in Downtown Tracy's Candy Crawl. South San Joaquin County purchased and passed out 8 large bags of candy. We estimate that we had about 1,500 people stop by our booth. Our ladder truck from Station 91 was on scene and children were lined up to climb the ladder and sit in the Tiller seat. The event was fun for the community and a huge success!



### EMS Litigation

The attorneys are working on finalizing the judgment to present to the court. Concurrently, SCFA and County EMS are negotiating a potential ALS Agreement. We have a tentative agreement that we hope to bring to the Board for approval in December.

### Significant Incidents

- **October 10, 2022** - Crews responded to a report of a structure fire just before 10:00 am at the 1600 block of Linne Road, east of Tracy Boulevard. The first engine arrived on scene within four minutes of being dispatched. Additional units arrived on scene and had the fire out within 30 minutes. Crews stayed on site for a total of two hours to extinguish the fire and clean up. The fire started in the attic space and the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.





- **October 21, 2022** - The South County Fire Authority responded to head-on vehicle collision on Tracy Boulevard near Grimes Road. After an extensive extrication operation, the driver of one of the vehicles succumbed to their injuries. The driver in the other vehicle had minor injuries.

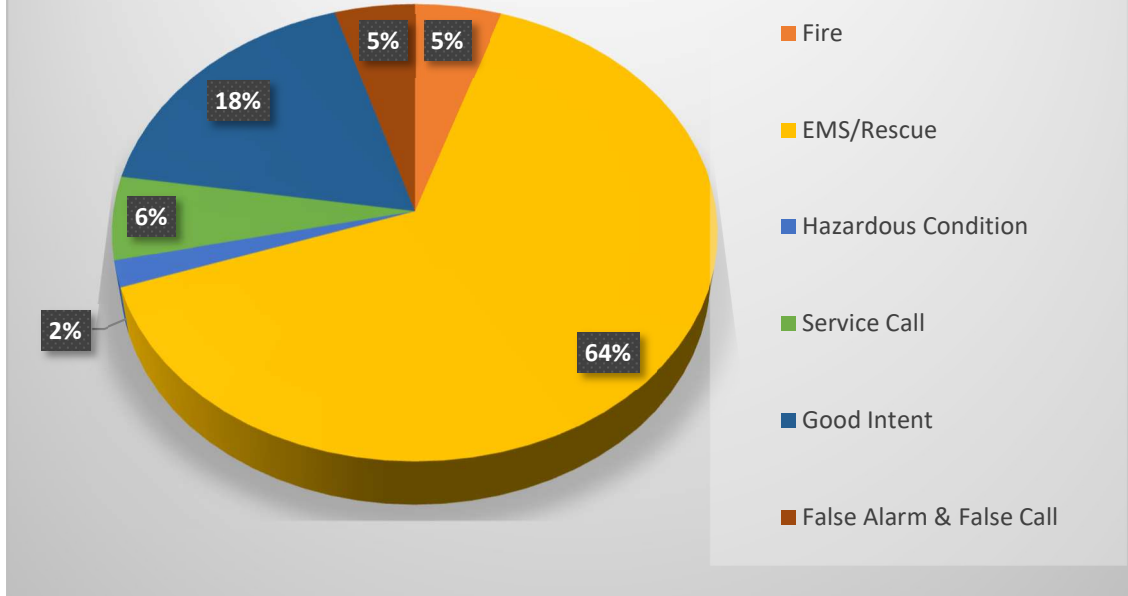


- **October 26, 2022** – Engine 94 responded to a near drowning call of a one-year-old male around 4:00 pm. The patient was out of the pool prior to our arrival and two of our personnel rode into Sutter Tracy Hospital providing advanced life support measures. The outcome is expected to be a positive one. E94 arrived on scene 4 minutes after dispatch. The travel path for the apparatus was up Hansen Rd through the proposed road closure area.

### **October 2022 Response Data**

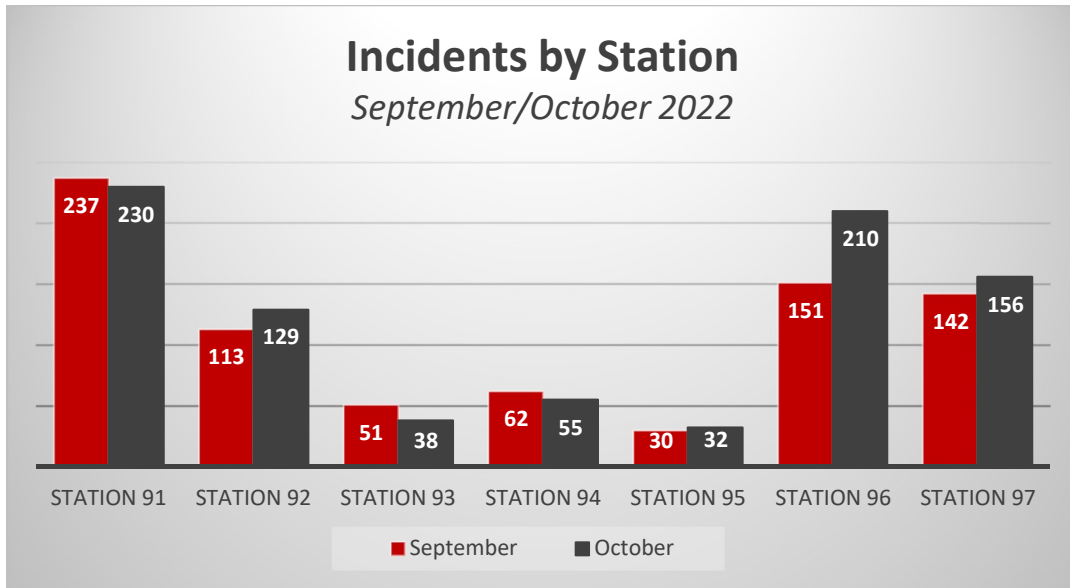
There were 852 total reported incidents in the month of October 2022. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (551 incidents comprising 64% of all calls for service). While there were 852 calls for service, it is important to note that some calls require multiple apparatus. In total there were 1324 total apparatus responses in October.

## Incidents by Type October 2022

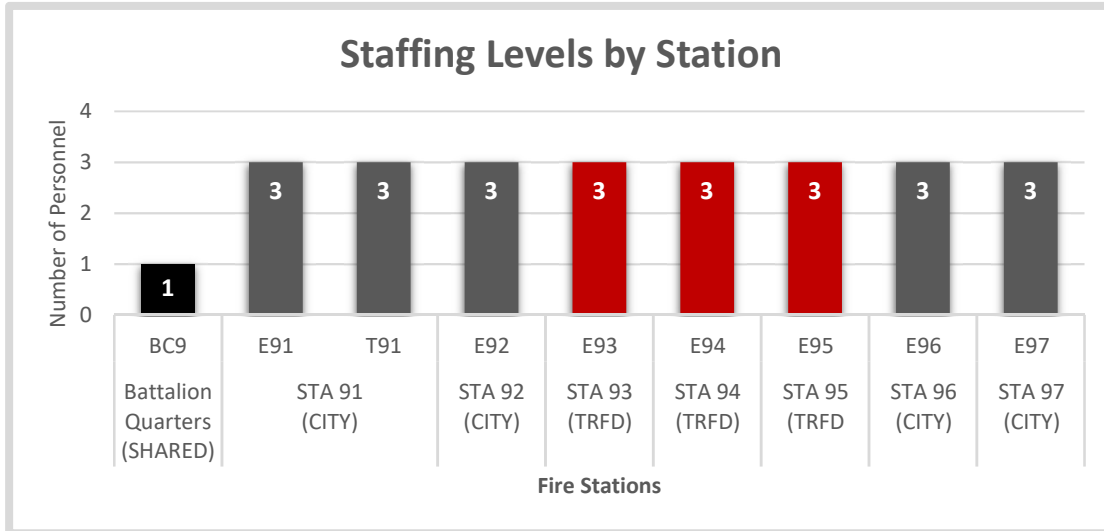


Incident by Type	#Incidents	% of Total
Fire	43	5.05%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, no fire	0	0.00%
EMS/Rescue	551	64.67%
Hazardous Condition	16	1.88%
Service Call	50	5.87%
Good Intent	152	17.84%
False Alarm & False Call	40	4.69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Station 91 continues to be the busiest fire station in the month of October. 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.





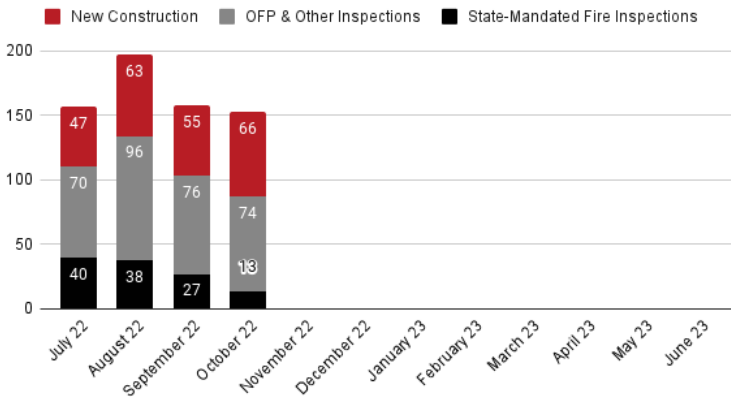
# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## October FY22/23

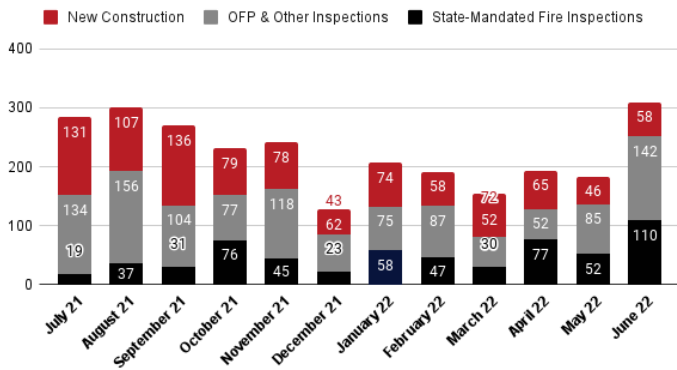
### FIRE INSPECTIONS

#### 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	1	162	.54%
Schools (K-12)*	3	35	8.5%

### Annual Revenue

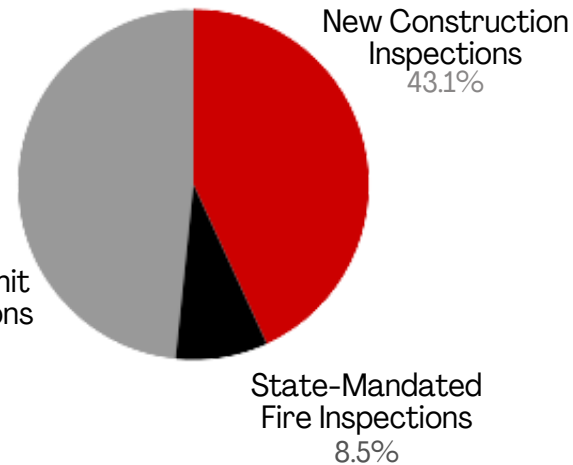
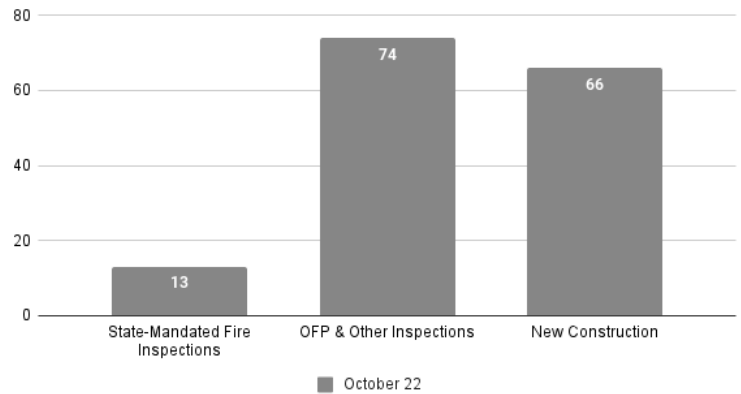
COT CRR Fees

\$194,016.93

TRFPD CRR Fees

\$20,540.92

#### MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON

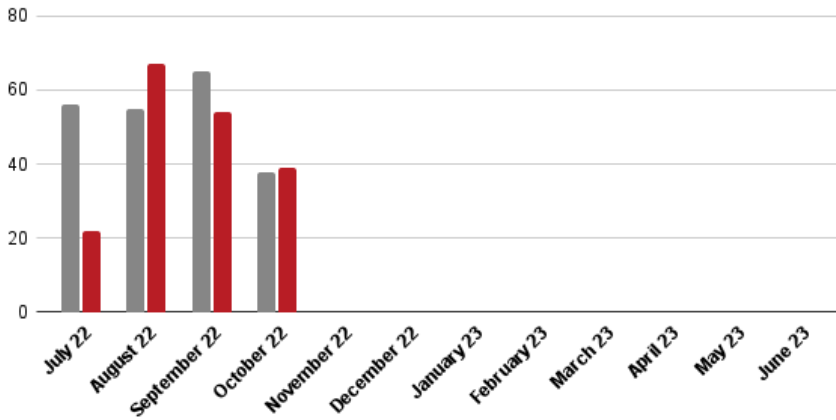


# Community Risk Reduction Statistics

## October FY 22/23

### PLAN REVIEWS FY22/23

■ Initial Plan Reviews ■ Resubmittals



### PLAN REVIEW ACTIVITIES

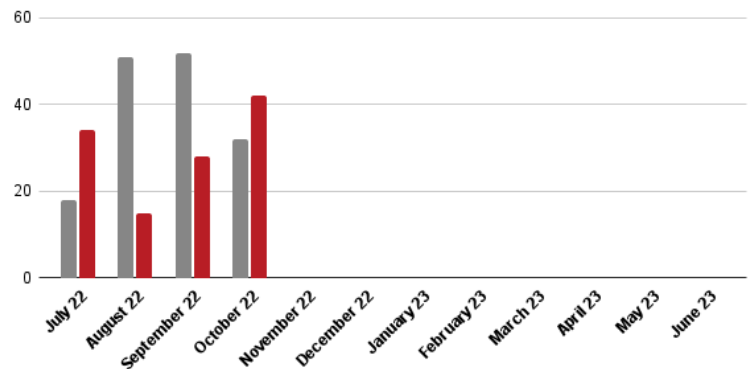
- There were 77 plan check activities in October
- In October, half of the plan check activities were initial submittals and half were resubmittals
- The average plan check turn around time in October was 6 days
- In October, there were 5 occurrences where a plan check exceeded its due date

### PERMIT ACTIVITIES

- 32 new construction permits were issued in October
- 38 operational fire permits were issued in October

### PERMIT ISSUANCE FY 22/23

■ Construction Permit Issuance ■ Operational Permit Issuance



## OCTOBER SOCIAL MEDIA OVERVIEW

# 240

New "follows" on Facebook



# 58.6K

People reached on Facebook



# 866

People reached on Instagram



# Community Risk Reduction Updates

October FY 22/23

## California Fire Chiefs - Northern California Fire Prevention Officers



SSJFA hosted the monthly meeting of the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers. The meeting is where fire prevention officers in Northern California and allied professionals meet to discuss items impacting fire and life safety throughout the State.



# Community Risk Reduction Updates

## October FY 22/23

### Annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest

This year we recognized Fire Prevention Week during our Annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest. The contest was open to all kindergarten to 5th grade students in the City of Tracy and surrounding areas. Students were tasked with designing a poster following this year's theme, "Don't Wait Plan Your Escape."

This year we received many great submissions and it was difficult to narrow it down to the top 3 in each division.

#### Primary Division



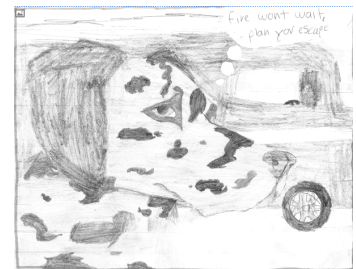
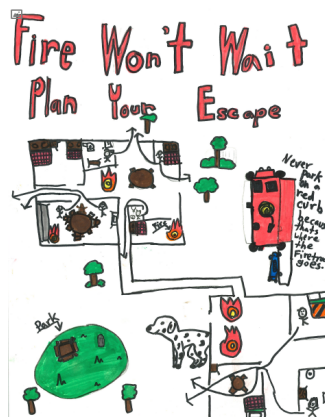
1st Place

3rd Place



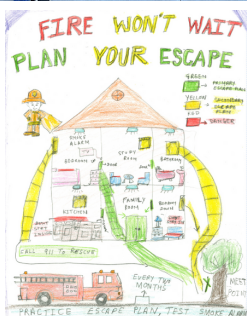
2nd Place

#### Intermediate Division



1st Place

3rd Place



2nd Place