



# WASHINGTON FIRE/EMS

2023 Annual Report



Mayor & Council –

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your fire chief in 2023. A lot of accomplishments were made, and we had the highest call volume ever. I could not have done this job without my entire department. The full-time staff performs several duties around the fire station, that makes our fire department function, and appear in great condition. They are the ones who perform daily duties, cleaning, inspections, respond to calls, and provide that daily public face of the department.

In addition, volunteers are the true backbone of this department. They drop whatever they are doing, at a moment's notice, to respond. Often, we have no idea what we are getting into or what we are responding to. The risk these guys take on, to be a volunteer firefighter is huge and of great character. We truly have the best responders, making this department elite and one of the best.

The support system from our city administration, council & mayor is unmatched. The financial commitment is substantial. I am proud to say we have a great working relationship, and open communication.

In all, I am appreciative of our whole department, administration, and council. Thank you for your support in 2023, and I look forward to a prosperous 2024.

Proudly serving,

Brendan S. DeLong  
Fire Chief

# Mission Statement

*The Washington Fire Department pledges to protect all people, homes, & business in the city and surround district. We are a committed group of volunteers, who respond quickly with highly trained personnel to fire and medical emergencies.*

# Command Staff

Fire Chief  
Brendan S. DeLong

Assistant Chiefs  
Bill Hartsock  
Jim Williams

Asst Chief of EMS  
Lacie Porter, ARNP

Secretary/Treasurer  
Phil Morris

Captains  
Doug Sanders  
Scott Bartholomew  
Tim Wells  
Kelly Williams

# Washington Fire

## Full time staff – 24 on shift/72 off shift

Jerry Guengerich

Tom Wide

Bill Wagner

Mark Chenoweth

## Volunteer Firefighters

Ron Armstrong

Tom Beauchamp

Aaron Deao

Vicktoria Entsminger

Randy Epperly

Dylon Evans

Chris Gipple

Seth Glandon

Jack Guengerich

Charles Halvorson

Zack Hansen

Josh Laws

Bruce McAvoy

Mark McDole

Andy Miller

Joe Redlinger

Craig Rembold

Kevin Shultz

Stephen Swaffer

Zach Thomas

Randy Tisor

Parker Turner

Kurt Venenga

Joey Wallace

Nic Williams



# Technical Rescue Team



- ▶ 14 people specially trained in:
  - ▶ Confined Space Rescue
  - ▶ Trench Collapse Rescue
  - ▶ High Angle Rescue
  - ▶ Grain Bin Rescue
  
- ▶ TRT Trailer equipment was funded through a FEMA AFG Grant
  
- ▶ Dive Team- Owned by Washington County Sheriff
  - ▶ 12 certified dive members including ice rescue

# Washington EMS

Lacie Porter, ARNP, Asst Chief of EMS

## Providers



Brendan DeLong, EMR

Kurt Venenga, RN

Tom Wide, EMR

Bill Wagner, EMR

Vicktoria Entsminger, EMR

Joe Redlinger, EMR

Bruce McAvoy, EMT

Josh Laws, Paramedic

Jim Lester, EMT

Bruce Murphy, EMT

Travis Handy, EMT

Keith Henkel, EMT

Robert Bennett, EMT

Nic Williams, EMR

Doug Sanders, EMT

Mark Chenoweth, EMR

Charles Halvorson, EMR

Jerry Guengerich, EMR

Andy Miller, EMR

Craig Rembold, EMT

Stephen Swaffer, EMT

Ron See, EMT

Dan Stigers, AEMT

Sarah Adrian, RN

Nick Smith, EMT



# Apparatus

Engine 1 – Frontline Pumper

Engine 2 – Backup Pumper

Ladder 1 – 100ft Platform aerial pumper

Tanker 1 – 3,000 gallon tanker with portable pump

Tanker 2 – 2,000 gallon tanker

Truck 3 – Grass fire attack truck with pump

Truck 4 – Grass fire attack truck with pump

Truck 5 – Dodge Ram - Support

Rescue 92A – Car accident rescue truck with Jaws of Life and other rescue tools (owned by Washington County)

EMS – EMS Response pickup



# Major Accomplishments in 2023

Purchased & acquired new SCBAs.

- 27 new SCBAs
- Purchase price of \$220,000
- Received and put into service in May of 2023
- Applied and received a FEMA AFG grant for \$183,000

Designed and ordered a new 2025 Toyne Custom Pumper Truck

- Requested approval in July of 2023
- Expected delivery fall of 2025
- Applied and secured \$250,000 grant from WCRF

Designed and ordered a new 2024 Foam Commander foam trailer

- Requested approval in October 2023
- Expected delivery May of 2024
- Approved railroad funding

Designed, secured funding, and started building expansion project to house our equipment on site

Secured funding and purchased a new Ram 2500 support pickup

Interviewed, and appointed a new Asst Chief of EMS after Carrie Ornduff's resignation

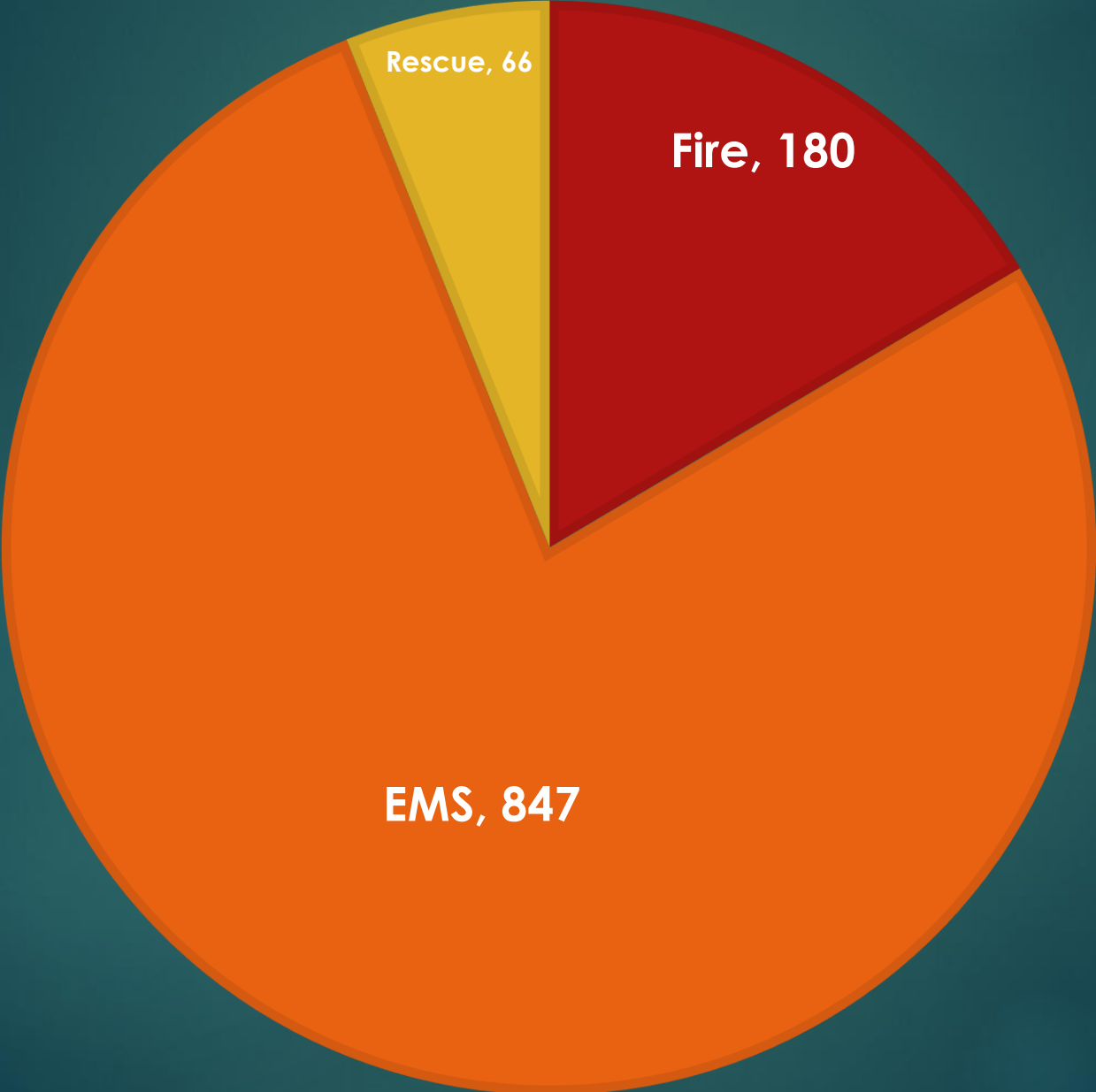
Welcomed 3 new members to our service

# Future Purchases – FY25 & FY26

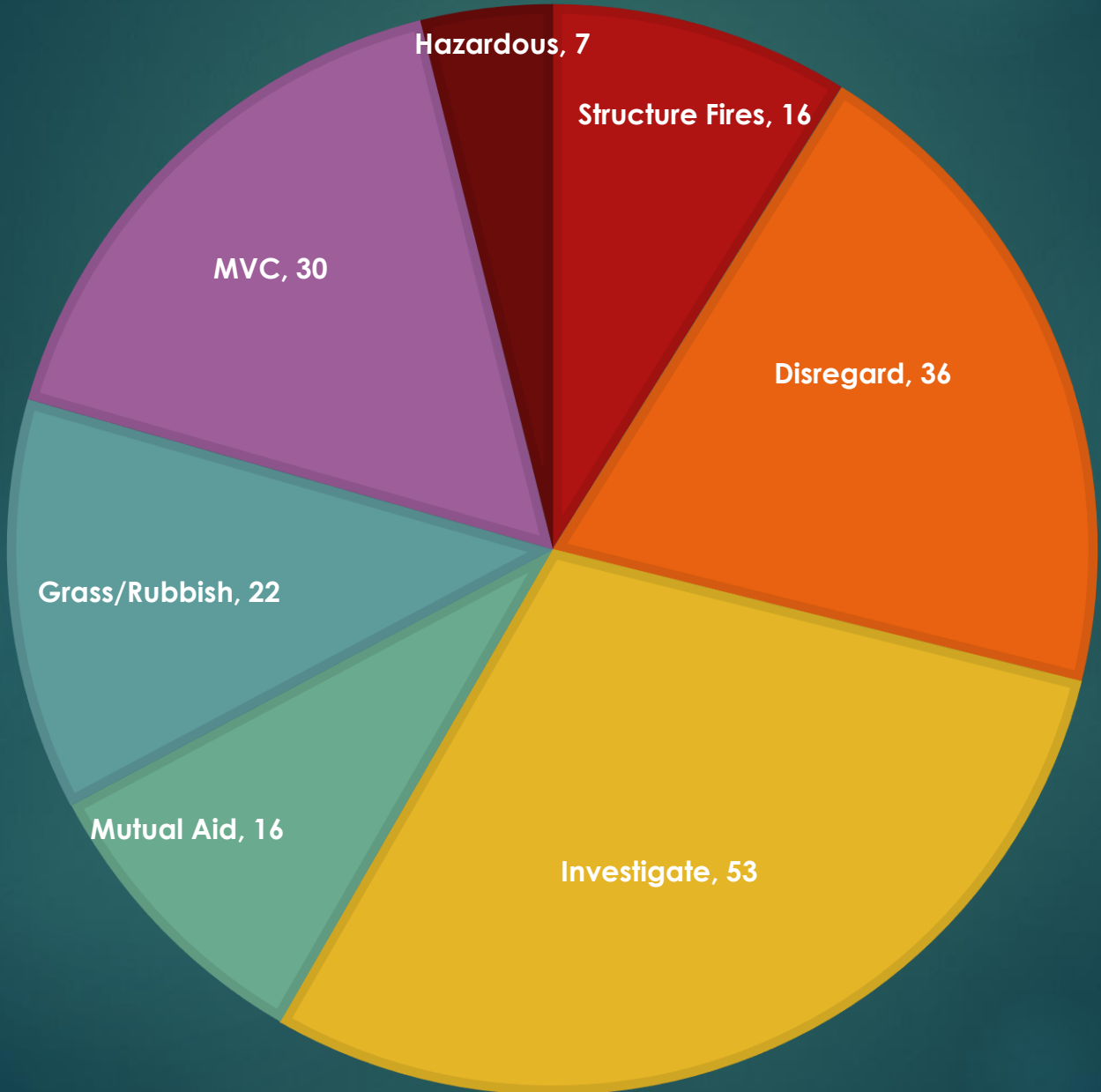


- ▶ New frontline Engine 1
  - ▶ 2025 Toyne 1500GPM pumper
  - ▶ Built in Breda, IA
  - ▶ Ordered in July of 2023
  - ▶ Expected delivery - Fall of 2025
  - ▶ \$990,000 purchase price
  - ▶ \$250,000 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation
  - ▶ Seats 6 people
  
- ▶ New Foam Commander foam suppression trailer
  - ▶ 2024 Foam Commander
  - ▶ Built in Salina, KS
  - ▶ Ordered in November of 2023
  - ▶ Expected delivery – May of 2024
  - ▶ \$70,000 purchase price – purchased with railroad merger funds
  - ▶ Partnered with IRE – for foam supply

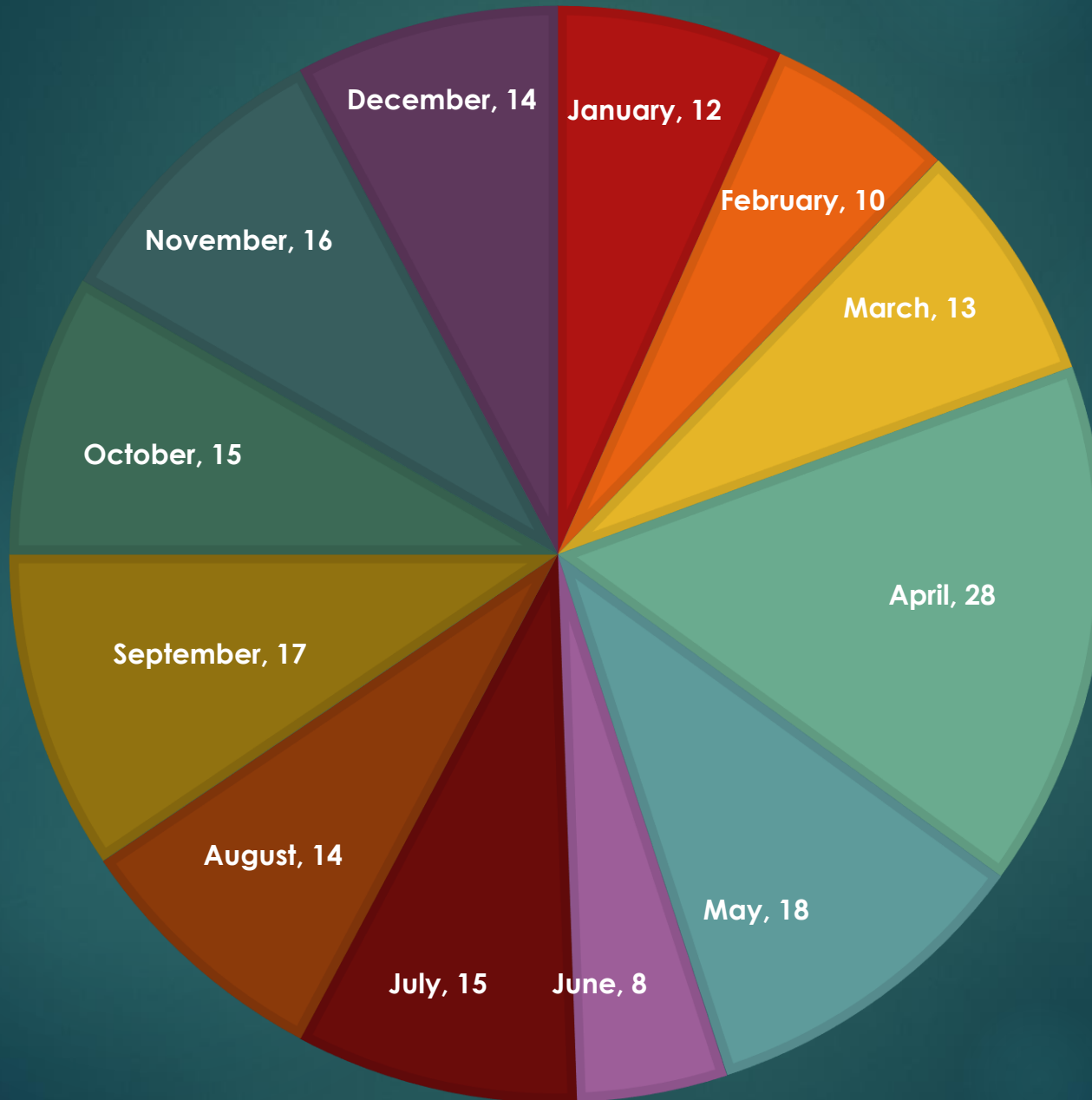
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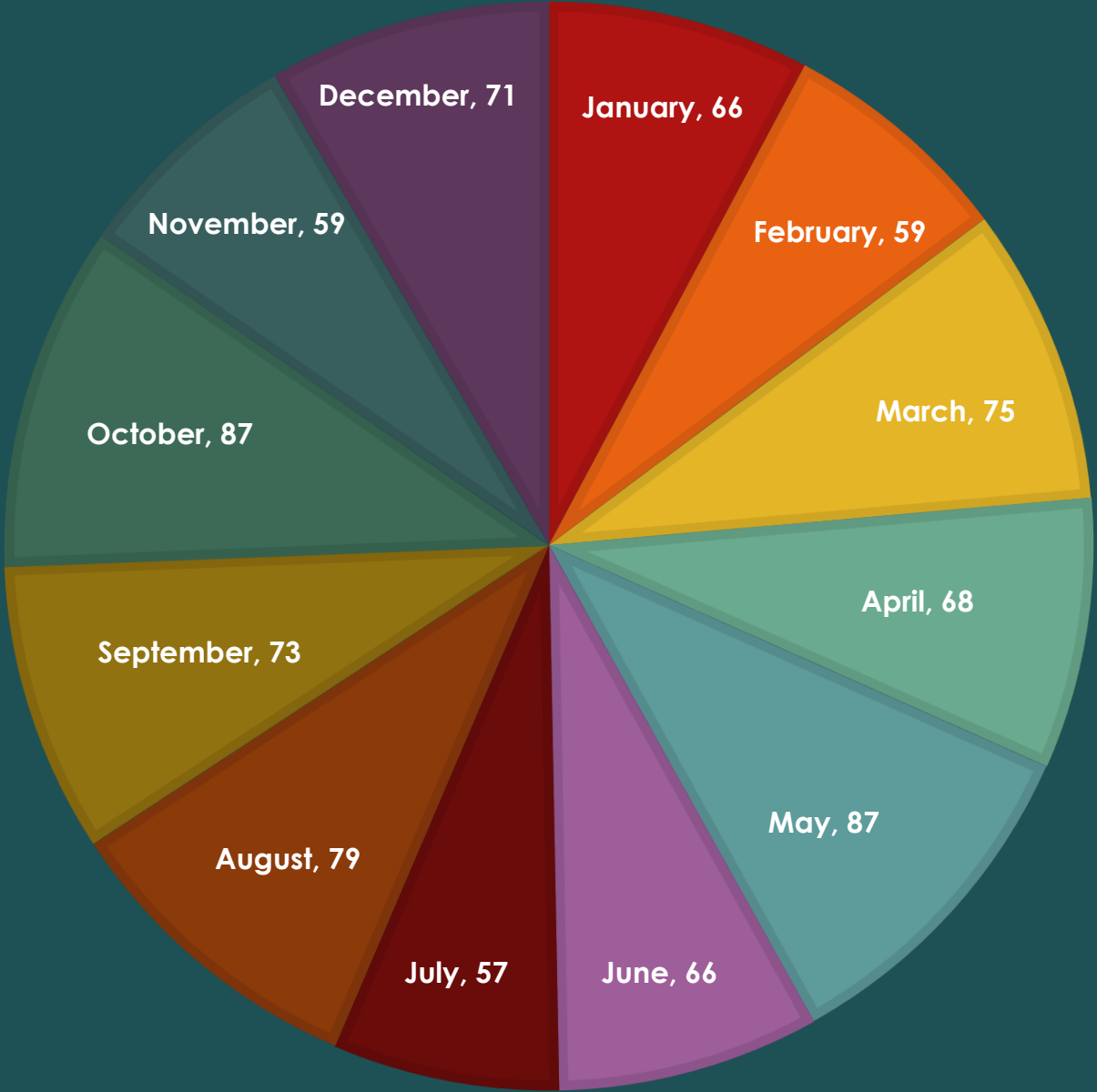
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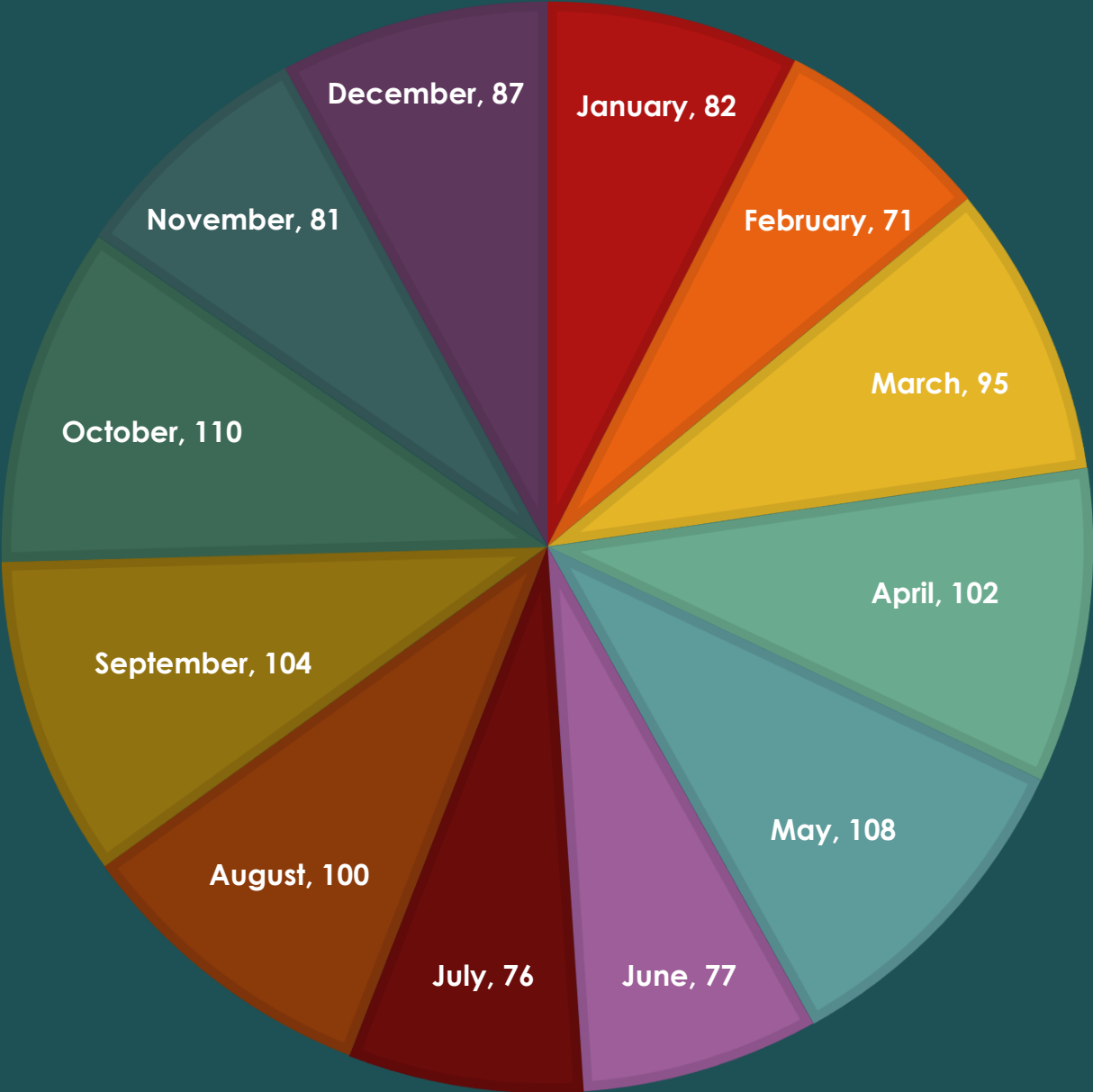
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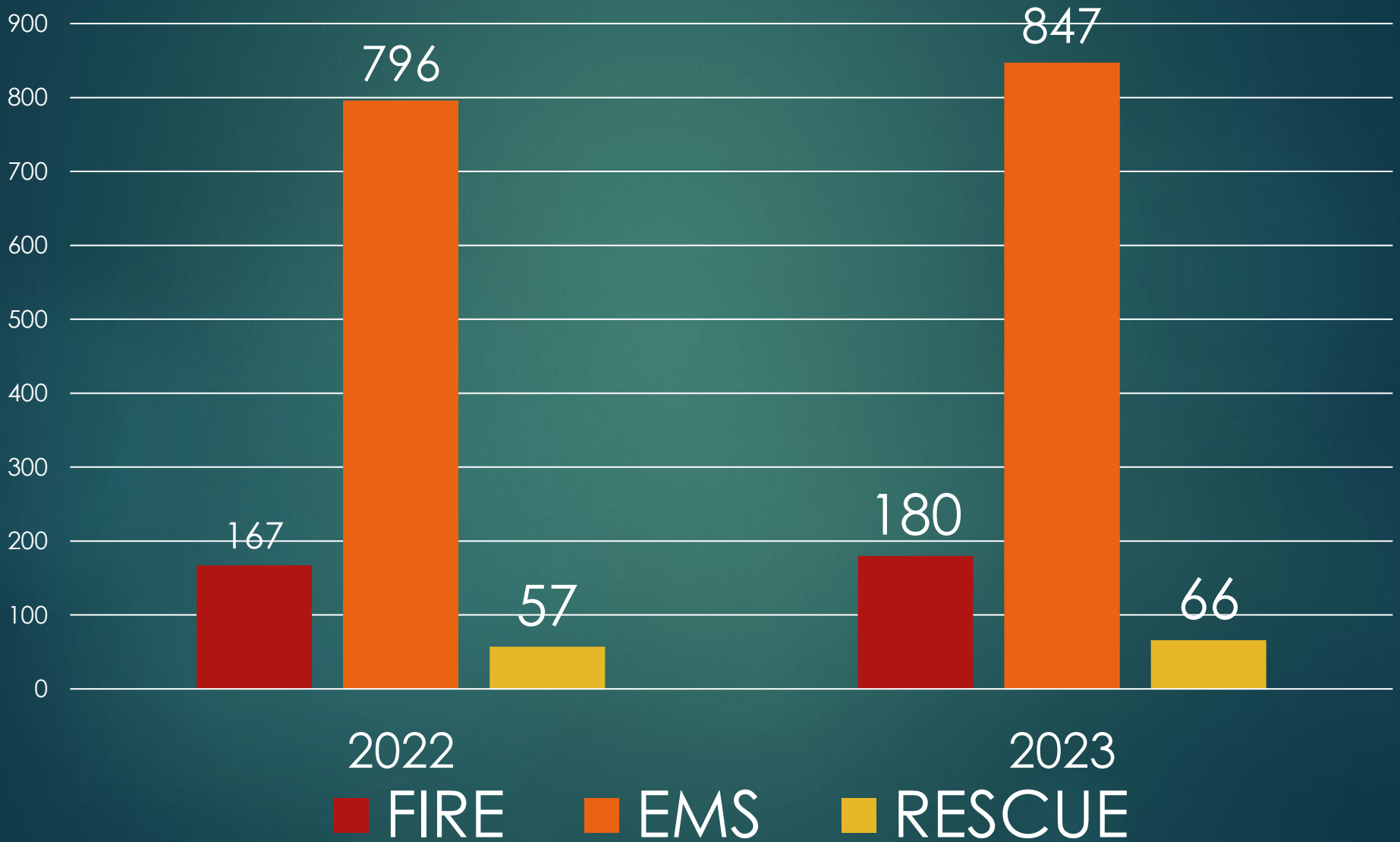
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# 2023 CALL TYPES BY MONTH – FIRE & EMS



# 2022 VS 2023 Calls for Service





# Significant Incidents

- ▶ 2322 303<sup>rd</sup> Street – January 2, 2023
  - ▶ House fire – total loss. On scene for 4 hours
- ▶ 217 West Main Street – February 17, 2023
  - ▶ Porch Fire – 3 story building. Significant damage. On scene for 4 hours
- ▶ 2670 Red Oak Avenue – April 6, 2023
  - ▶ Machine Shed Fire – total loss. On scene for 2 hours
- ▶ 2675 230<sup>th</sup> Street – April 9, 2023
  - ▶ Garage Fire – total loss. On scene for 3 hours
- ▶ 2054 Nutmeg Ave – July 11, 2023
  - ▶ Hog confinement fire – significant damage. On scene for 1 hour
- ▶ 841 W Monroe St – October 14, 2023
  - ▶ Fire in apartment – significant damage. On scene for 2 hours
- ▶ 2705 Larch Avenue – December 21, 2023
  - ▶ Turkey confinement fire – significant damage. On scene for 2 hours







# WAFD Training

- ▶ Training Officer – Doug Sanders
- ▶ 1,141 combined training hours in 2023
- ▶ Meetings on the first Wednesday of every month
- ▶ Training on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month
- ▶ Special trainings on weekends occasionally
- ▶ 24 hours of continuing education per year
- ▶ Attend 2 out of the 3 mandatory drills per year
- ▶ Attend 1 out of every 3 regularly scheduled meetings
- ▶ Take and pass the Firefighter 1 & Hazmat ops class within 24 months of becoming a member.
  - ▶ FF1 & Hazmat class is 105 hours.

# Training Events



- ▶ School bus extrication
- ▶ Ventilation
- ▶ Live Burn – fire behavior
- ▶ Ladder truck positioning – joint training with RFD
- ▶ County wide fire school – training with surrounding fire departments
- ▶ Grain bin rescue training
- ▶ High angle rescue training
- ▶ Trench rescue training
- ▶ Car extrication training
- ▶ LP Fire training
- ▶ Hazardous incidents training









Community  
Engagement

Andy Miller



# Want to join the WAFD?

- ▶ Apply through the WAFD – 319.653.2239
- ▶ Must be 18 years of age
- ▶ Background checks
- ▶ Interview with Chief & Assistant Chiefs
- ▶ Probationary firefighter for 6 months.
  - ▶ Review with Chief & Assistant Chiefs at 6 months
- ▶ Exterior firefighter only until successful certification in FF1 & Hazmat Ops

