

# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL REPORT



APRIL 2019

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## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**4/4 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to a single story residence on the 5300 block of Trumbull SE in fire district 11. Crews found light smoke and flame from the roof and quickly extinguished it before further damage occurred.

**4/10 - Residential Fire:** AFR dispatched with BCFD crews to the 5800 block of Edith Blvd NE in fire district County 36. Engine 19 arrived to find smoke from the eaves and initiated attack in offensive strategy. There was minimal damage to the home and no injuries.

**4/12 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to a single story residence on the 9600 block of La Playa St. NE in fire district 16 for a possible chimney fire. Crews found the fire had spread to the attic space and worked quickly to extinguish it.

**4/16 - Apartment Fire:** AFR was dispatched to the 4200 block of Eubank NE in fire district 16 for reports of a working fire a second story apartment. Crews found a fully involved apartment building fire and were able to perform a primary search on two of the first story apartments but quickly moved to defensive strategy from impending flame. Three victims were transported for injuries sustained in self evacuation and smoke inhalation. Sadly one victim was trapped and did not survive. Eight units were affected and all residents were displaced.

**4/17 - Apartment Fire:** AFR was dispatched to an apartment fire on the 500 block of Tennessee NE in fire district 5. Upon arrival, crews found smoke in the rear of the building and make an interior attack with primary search. The fire was extinguished and no injuries were reported.

**4/17 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to a duplex home in fire district 2 on the 500 block of Arno SE. Units arrived on scene to find smoke and flames coming from the crawl space of the residence that was started by covered floor heater. The fire was knocked down and one patient was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

**4/19 - Residential Fire:** Crews were dispatched to the 500 Block of Iron SW in fire district 1 for reports of a residential structure fire. AFR crews arrived on scene to find smoke from the attic and were able to extinguish the fire before it could progress into the living space within 12 minutes from arrival.

**4/26 - Apartment Fire:** AFR responded to the 3900 block of Montgomery NE in fire district 19 for a reported apartment fire. The fire was found on a third floor abandoned unit and was quickly extinguished before other units were affected.

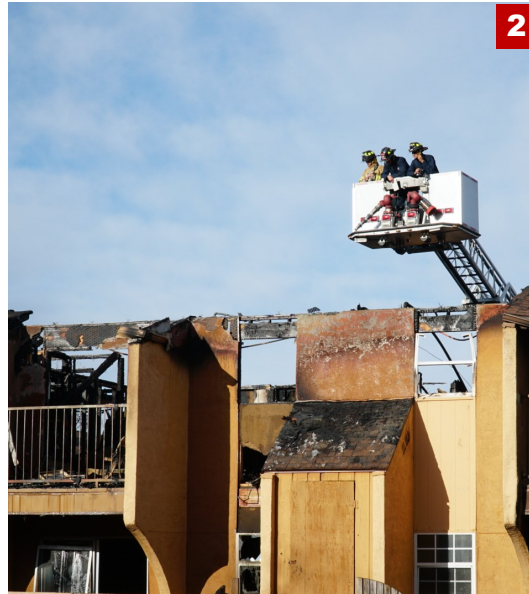
**4/27 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to the 400 block of General Stilwell NE in fire district 5 for two story residence with reported smoke and flame. Fire crews rescued two dogs and were able to extinguish the fire that was believed to have started near the dryer. No injuries were reported.

**4/29 - Residential Fire:** AFR responded to a single family residence in fire district 2 on the 1200 block of Arno Dr SE. Fire units arrived to find smoke coming from the rear of an abandoned home. The fire was quickly extinguished and no injuries were reported.

## APRIL EVENTS

- WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 8TH
- FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB
- HOUSE BILL 324 SIGNED
- NEW RESCUE 5 AND RESCUE 8 IN SERVICE
- RETIREMENTS

JOSH MUNSON



1. AFR and NMSF Wildland firefighters extinguish a tree fire in the Bosque near Central NW.
2. Arson Investigators survey the damage from the Sierra Meadows fire.
3. Station 5 and 8 both received new Rescues this month and were welcomed with a traditional push in ceremony.

4. NM Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed HB324 to recognize PTSD as a job related illness in first responders. Gov. Grisham also signed a bill to secure funding to improve communications systems between law enforcement agencies.





Station 7 hosts a tour for Cub Scout pack 106.

### APRIL BY THE NUMBERS

**STATION TOURS & SHOW AND TELLS** **4** OVER 75 CHILDREN REACHED

**FMO FIRE SAFETY CLASSES** **16** 1025 ADULTS AND 162 KIDS REACHED AND 7 EVACUATIONS PERFORMED

**RISK ASSESSMENTS** **6** 3720 CITIZENS ENGAGED INCLUDING 2 HIGH SCHOOLS, 3 CITY TRANSIT FACILITIES, AND THE ABQ CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

**STOP THE BLEED TRAINING** **3** 118 CITIZENS AND TRAINERS REACHED IN 3 SEPARATE EVENTS

AFR ARSON CAPTAIN ARMANDO MARTINEZ AND KIM KERSCHEN, FROM LOCKER 505, HAVE FORMED A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL PROVIDE FAMILIES DISPLACED AFTER A FIRE WITH DONATED CLOTHES.

### TRAINING | PUBLIC SAFETY



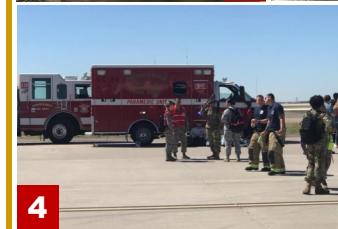
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### IN THE COMMUNITY

1. AFR members celebrate the first place team trophy for competing in the American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb and helped raise money towards research and awareness of lung disease.
2. AFR Captain Martin Salazar working with UNM Children's Campus for Early Care and Education to help distribute stuffed bears to children in need during emergency events.
3. Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller, APD, AFR, and Family and Community Services host a community outreach luncheon in SE Albuquerque.
4. Students from Annunciation School donated stuffed animals to AFR for distribution to needy children.
5. Engine 15 B-Shift helps push a stranded motorist to safety near Academy and Wyoming NE.
6. AFR Engine 22 showed the truck and discussed fire safety to children from Petroglyph Elementary Social Communications Class.
7. Engine 14 visited Carlos Rey Elementary to show the truck and discuss fire safety to students.



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1. Multi-agency partnership kicks off Wildfire Awareness Week to help raise awareness for fire safety in the Bosque and Albuquerque Open Space.
2. Station 17 practices hose lays for wildland firefighting in order to always be prepared as we approach wildfire season.
3. Lt. Chris Carlsen teaches AFR members how to use the Gross Decontamination kits that have been placed on field units for use after fires and will drastically reduce exposure to carcinogens.
4. AFR participated in a multi-agency MCI drill at Kirtland AFB along with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, KAFB FD, and KAFB 377.
5. AFR Driver Mike Schum with Homeland Security and Emergency Management has created a Family Preparedness Survey that will help families assess safety in several areas hazards exist. The data from the survey will help AFR provide training and resources to those areas that need it most.





**JOSEPH MILLER**

Joseph Miller has been a member of AFR since 1999, was a member of the 60th Cadet Class and has an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. Joe began his career at Station 4 and has spent time as a firefighter at several other stations in the city including stations 3, 20, 29 and 19. He is currently assigned to Engine 18 on C Battalion. Joe recently served as a member of the Safety committee from 2017-2018 as well as a member of the Negotiations Team for the now present Fire Administration. In 2016 Joe was presented with the “Firefighter of the Year Award” for his outstanding service to the department. He has proudly served not only AFR but has been a prominent member of the IAFF Local 244 Union. Joe is a quintessential firefighter and his on the job experience and expertise allows him to be a dedicated example for up and coming young firefighters. Thank you Firefighter Joe Miller for your service to AFR and the community

## AFR FEATURES **RAPID EXTRACTION MODULE TEAM**



### **ALBUQUERQUE FIRE RESCUE IMPLEMENTS NEW UTV FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING AND FOOTHILL RESCUE OPERATIONS**

AFR has added an invaluable resource to its Wildland Division today, the Rapid Extraction Module. The REM Team is a four person team of Firefighters in a small utility vehicle that is qualified and equipped to provide an advanced level of patient care, extrication and extraction for downed firefighters during wildland fires. This may happen in remote locations where an individual requires rescue via high-angle rope rescue, extrication from an apparatus accident or a fallen tree, etc. The individuals that go out on this resource will be personnel from AFR’s Wildland Division and Heavy Technical Rescue Division. When this unit is deployed it will be staffed with two Paramedic Firefighters and two EMT – Basic Firefighters.

This unit will also be used to support wilderness rescues in the Albuquerque Metro area. AFR Wildland Coordinator Lt. Brian Fox stated “This equipment gives our members more tools to accomplish their missions and can reduce the time it takes to get a victim to definitive care.” Over the last few years, AFR has seen an increase in wilderness rescues on open space trails. AFR Heavy Technical Rescue Coordinator Lt. Chris Carlsen added “This unit and equipment will prove instrumental during these rescues and we are ready to show how we have increased our capabilities and functionality on large complex fires both locally and nationwide where we may be needed.” The Command Vehicle, UTV and rescue equipment were paid for with funds made from wildland deployments during the 2018 wildland fire season through the NM State Forestry Resource Mobilization Plan and totaled \$110,000.



## **FAMILY PREPAREDNESS SURVEY**

Do you know how your family receives emergency alerts and warnings during a disaster? How will you contact each other during an emergency? Where will your family meet? Disasters can strike at any moment, and your family may not be together. It is essential to know which types of disasters can affect our community and how to prepare for them. Whether it is cyber-security, snowstorms or wildfires, Albuquerque Fire Rescue wants to prepare this community for all-hazards. Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) to access preparedness information and steps to create family plans. Once you have reviewed the material and created a plan, take AFR's Family Preparedness Survey. The information from the survey will be used by AFR and its partners to help guide our future community risk reduction programs. Once you complete the survey, you can also enter our Family Preparedness Raffle where you will have a chance at winning a 50" Flat Screen T.V., which was donated by IAFF Local 244.

Please visit this link <https://www.cabq.gov/fire/family-preparedness-survey-1> to participate!

## **PODCASTS**

We have started a Podcast series for our firefighters to listen to while they are engaging in other activities. These Podcasts are recorded at the City of Albuquerque's Public Safety University and involve both fire suppression and EMS related topics. We have several recorded and have uploaded them to our Albuquerque Fire Rescue YouTube channel and Spotify. They should also be available on iTunes soon.

## **HOME ENGAGEMENT & ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE TEAMS (HEART)**

HEART has partnered with the Department of Health (DOH) to help administer Hepatitis A vaccines to at-risk populations. This partnership is expanding to work on other public health issues. Recently we helped advertise the DOH free clinics for pediatric vaccinations. This Division is also piloting a program to work with young mothers and pediatric patients. The goal is to reach out to young mothers and connect them with resources related to maternal health for themselves or health and safety for their children.

## **FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE (FMO)**

FMO personnel continue to build working relationships with other city and outside departments. They are currently working with City Building, Code Enforcement, and Children Youth & Families Department to help with the increased demand for residential daycare throughout our city. The process is currently challenging to navigate, and many people have voiced their frustrations and become discouraged with the process before starting. AFR has formed a working group to make the process more user-friendly. Our goal is to educate and guide those interested in starting a residential daycare so that our community is safe. This effort is one example of the projects our FMO is involved with to improve our community.

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

This Division continues to build working relationships with departments around the state. In April Investigator Gunderson also deployed out to the 267 Fire near Portales, NM under the departments WLD RMP. This Fire burned approximately 1,800 acres, and Investigator Gunderson assisted in the investigation due to needed resources by the New Mexico State Forestry. AFR Fire Investigation Division also worked alongside Bernalillo County Fire Department and Los Alamos Fire Department on the Sierra Meadows apartment complex fire that occurred in mid-April. This working relationship is significant to all parties involved to have the necessary resources to help with sizeable complicated fire scenes. These types of incidents are invaluable in helping all members gain experience and knowledge to make them better fire investigators.

During times of need, AFR has many resources that are willing to help. The newest member of AFR's resource pool, to assist others, is "Locker 505". The Fire Investigation Division has established a relationship with them to support kids after an emergency incident, such as a structure fire. The children will receive a minimum of two outfits and four pairs of new socks and new underwear. A jacket and shoes may be provided, as needed. We genuinely appreciate organizations, such as Locker 505, for their generosity and support.

## LIFE SAVER TRAINING

We recently combined both the "Stop the Bleed" and "Hands-Only CPR" training AFR offers into one course titled "Lifesaver Training". We feel both of these courses combined help our community to become more resilient. This single course empowers the general public to make a difference in a life-threatening emergency by teaching them the basic techniques of bleeding control and CPR.

**FIRE CHIEF** PAUL W. DOW



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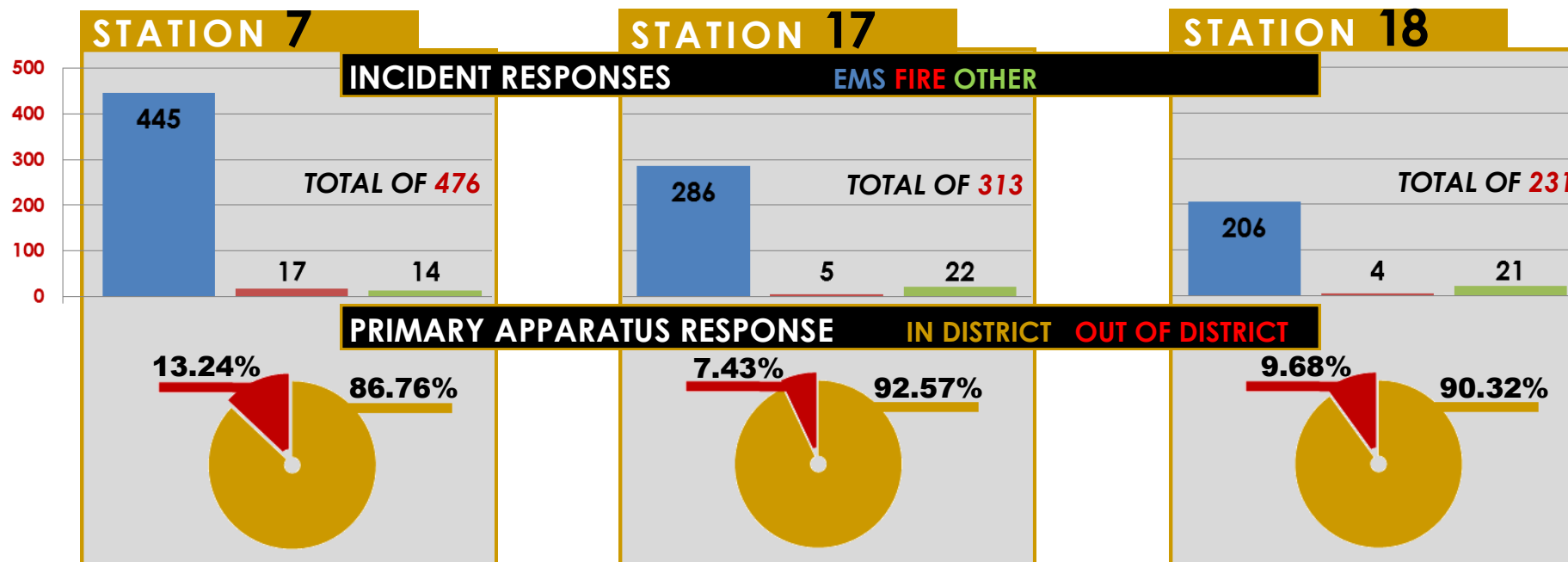


## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIRE STATIONS

**INCIDENT RESPONSES** is the number of calls dispatched to a specific station in one of three categories; **EMS**, **FIRE**, and **OTHER**. The total incident responses is the sum of the three categories and not to be confused with the sum of specific apparatus calls. One response may include more than one apparatus. For example: Engine 13, Rescue 13 and Ladder 13 may respond to the same call but will be counted as 1 incident. The next dispatch might only assign Rescue 13 and will be counted as 1 incident. Therefore, the total incident number will be less than the sum of all apparatus calls for the month.

**PRIMARY APPARATUS RESPONSE** is the amount of calls taken in a specific fire district by that station's apparatus and is represented as the **IN DISTRICT** percentage (a fire district is defined by the number of the fire station and has a fixed geographical boundary). There are times when the in district apparatus is unavailable and an out of district apparatus must be dispatched, represented by **OUT OF DISTRICT** percentage. For example, Station 7 responded to 86.76% of the calls located in fire district 7.

KEN SANCHEZ | CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1





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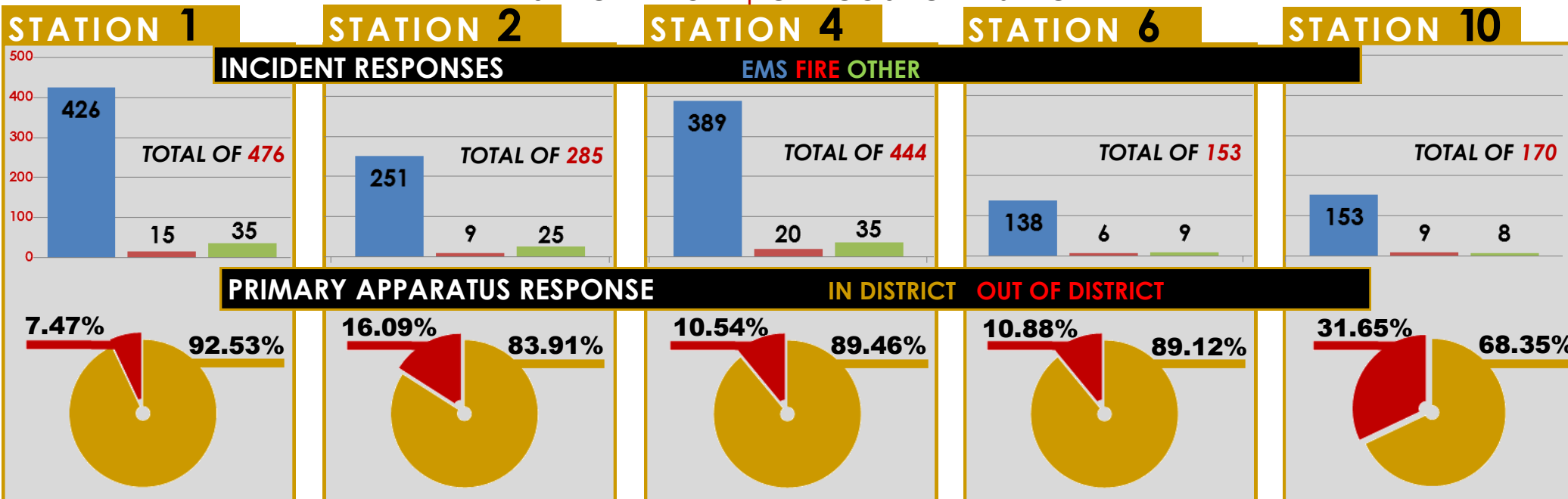
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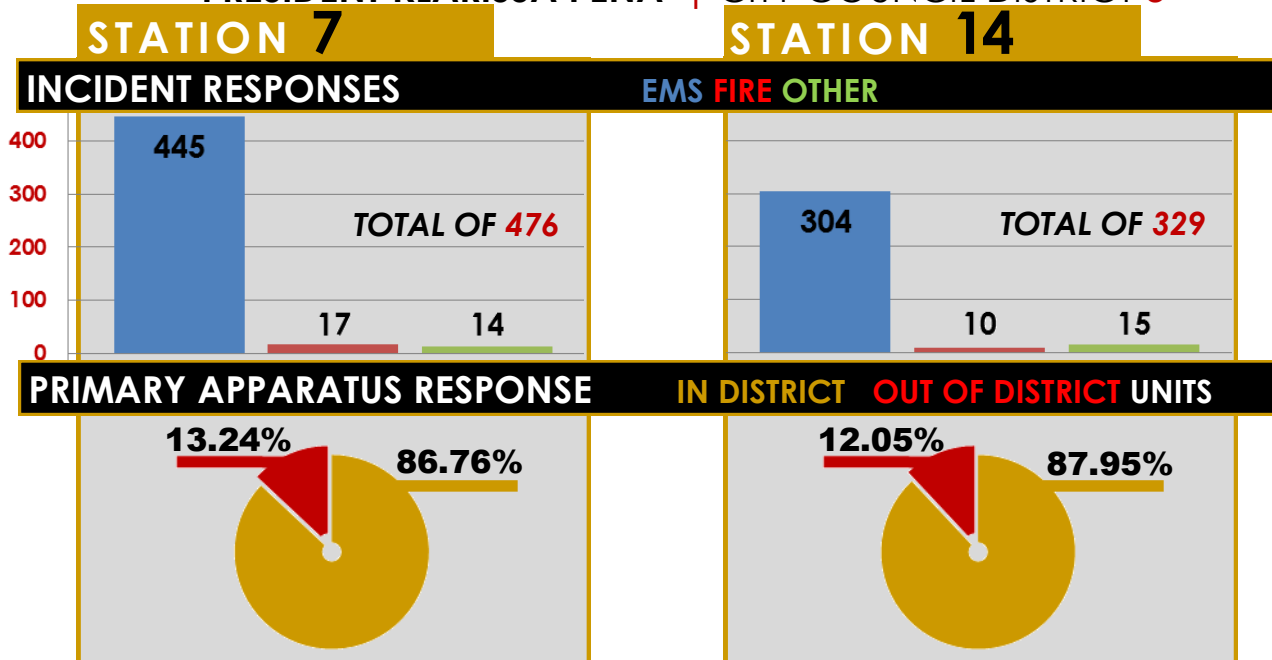
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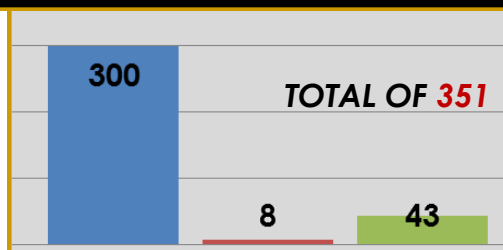
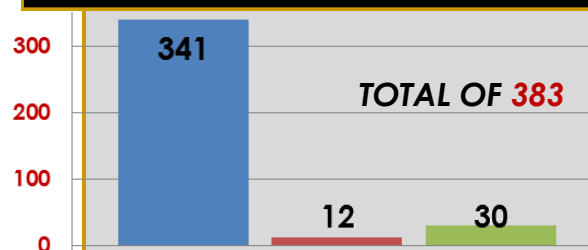
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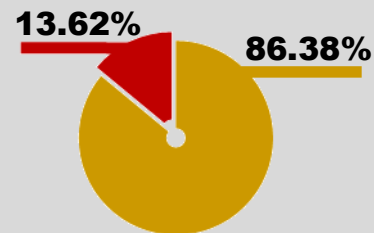
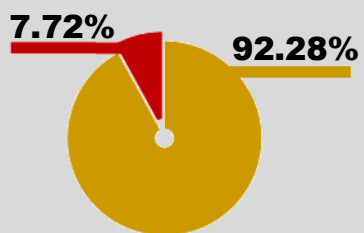
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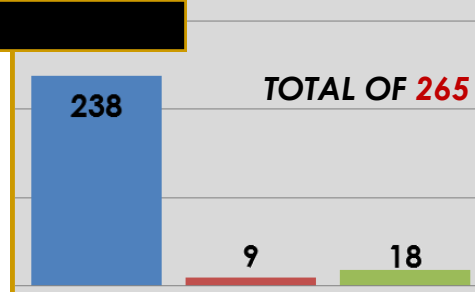
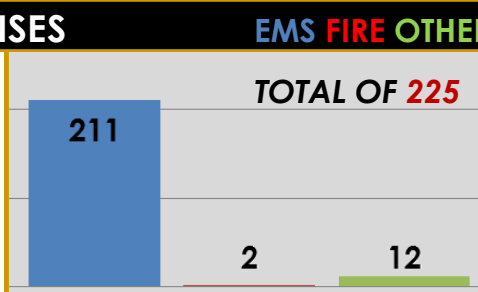
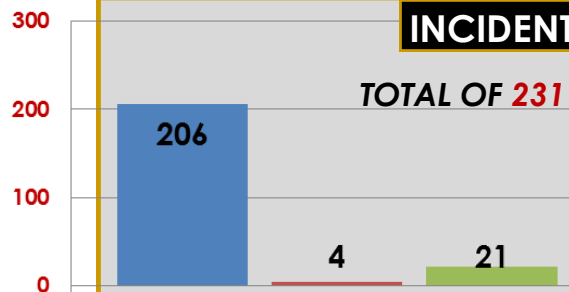
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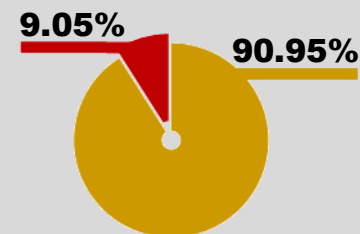
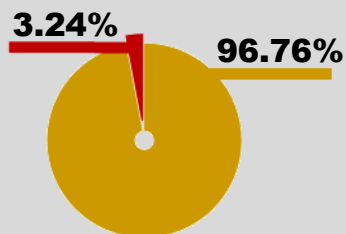
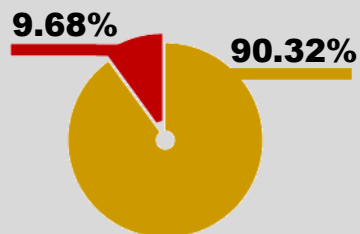
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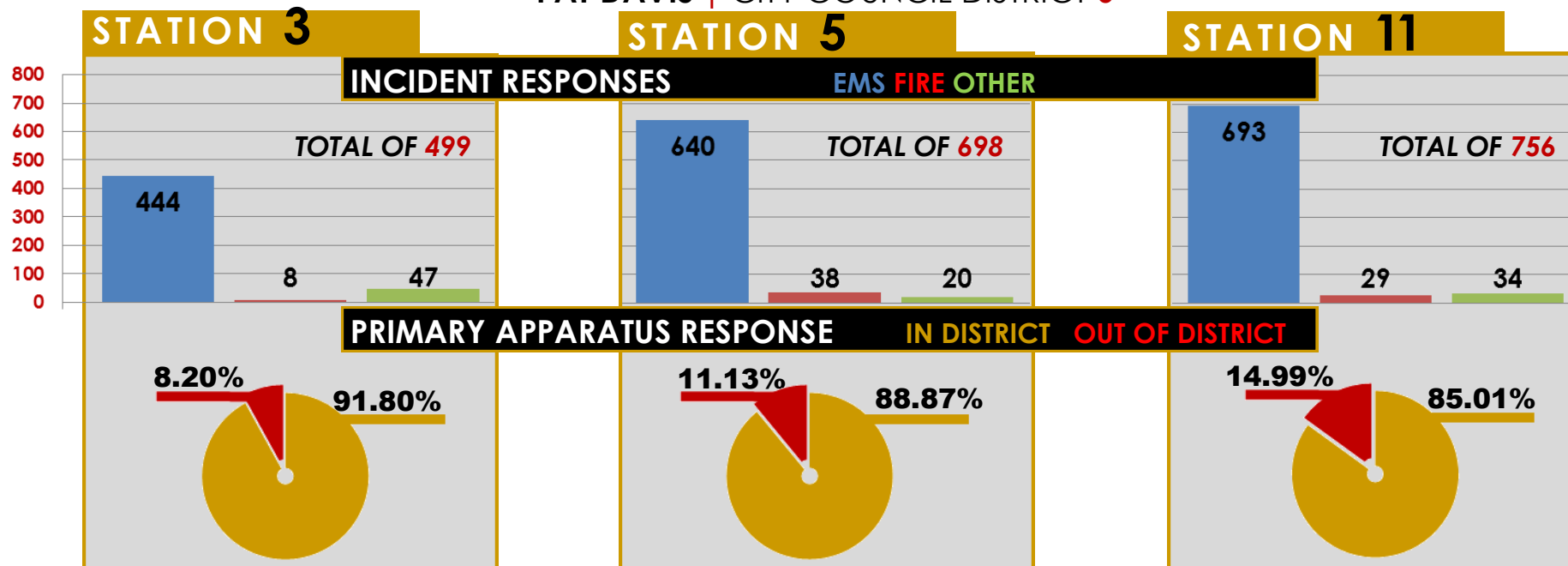
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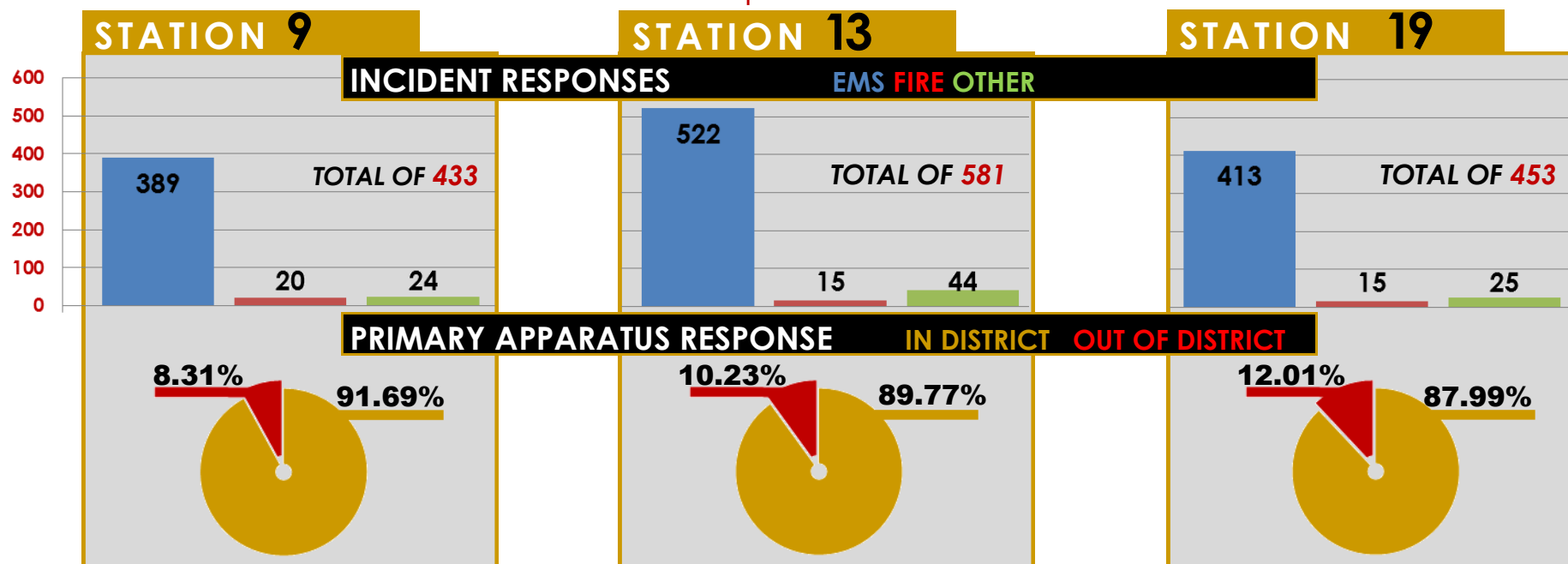
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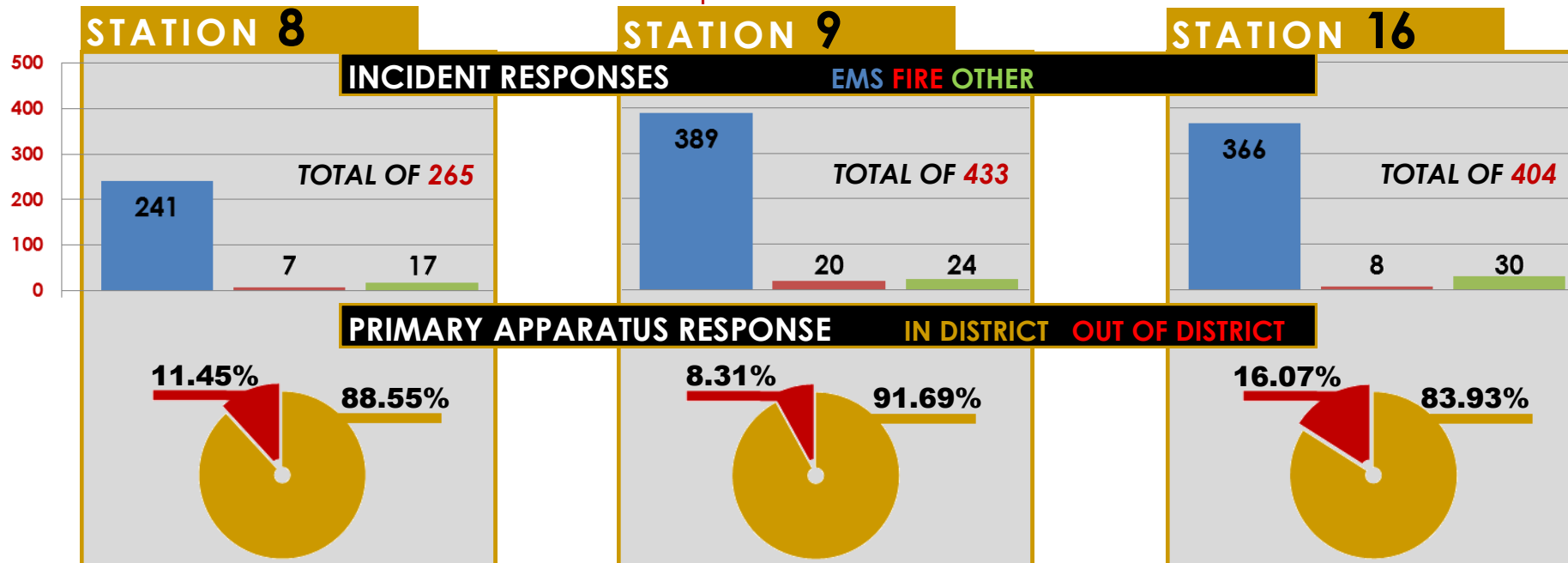
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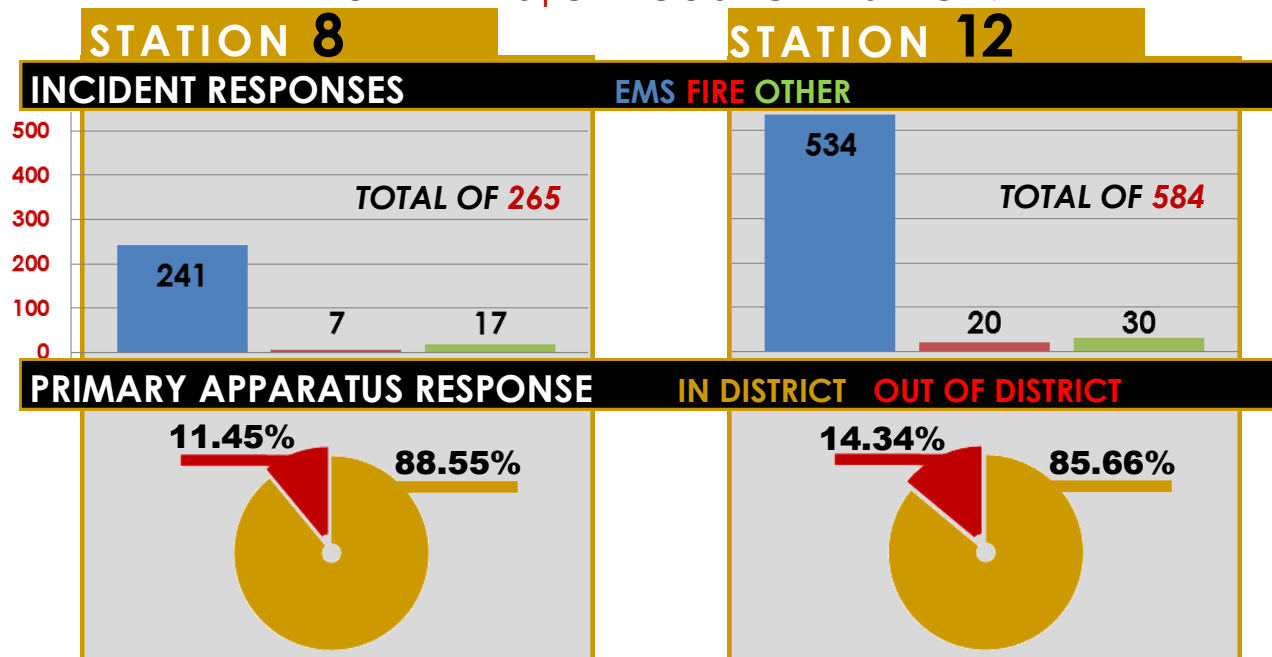
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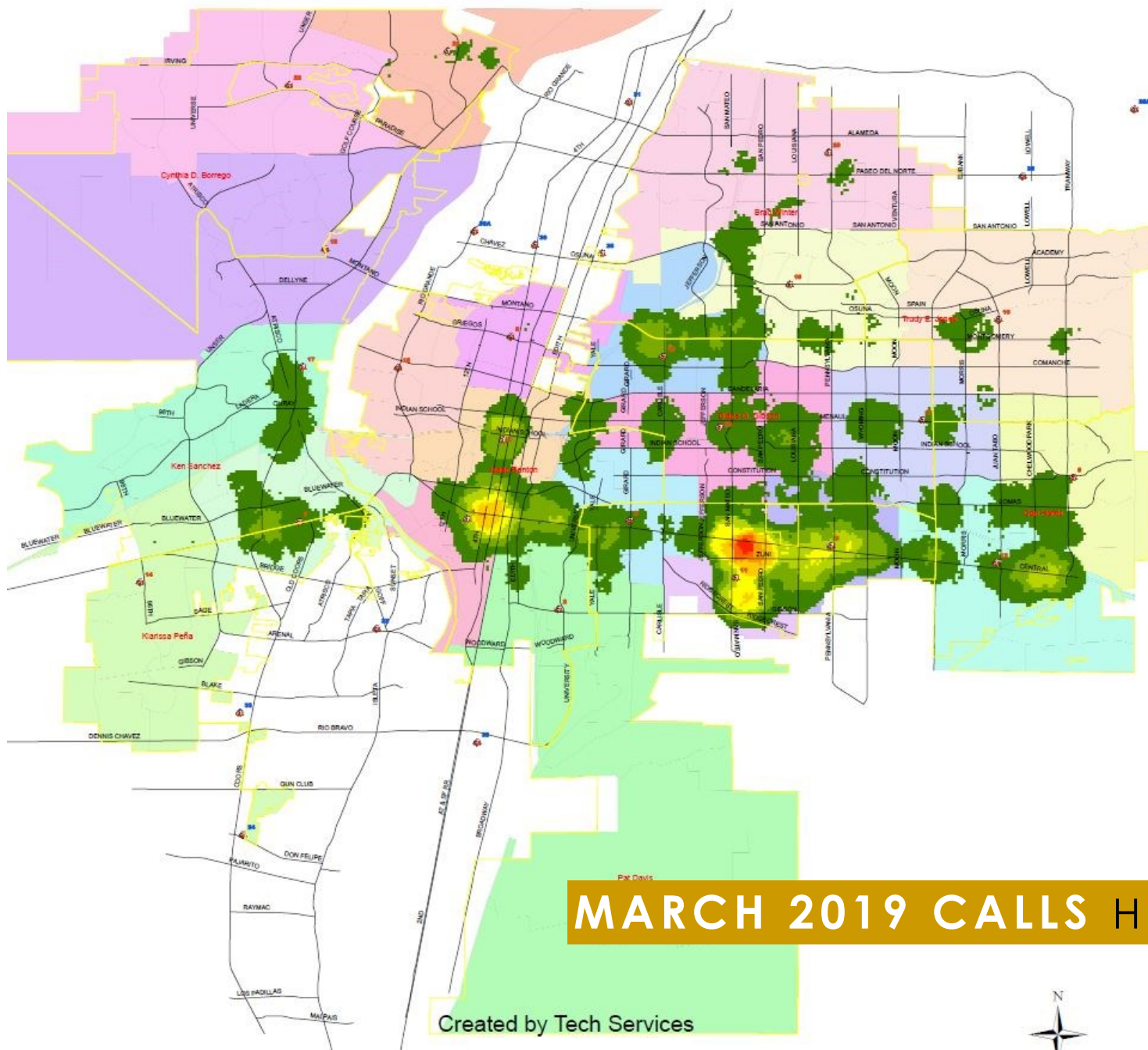


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MARCH 2019 CALLS HEAT MAP

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