



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Items of Business

1. Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department (CARE) Overview

Supporting Documents: [CARE Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (25 minutes)

Presenter: Acting Chief Amy Smith, CARE

D. Public Comment

C. Items of Business, Continued

2. Public Safety Committee Overview

Supporting Documents: [Public Safety Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (10 minutes)

Presenter: Chair Kettle, Seattle City Council

3. Seattle Police Department (SPD) Overview

Supporting Documents: [SPD Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (30 minutes)

Presenters: Chief Adrian Diaz, SPD; Deputy Mayor Tim Burgess, Mayor's Office

4. Seattle Fire Department (SFD) Overview

Supporting Documents: [SFD Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (30 minutes)

Presenters: Chief Harold Scoggins, SFD; Deputy Mayor Tim Burgess, Mayor's Office

E. Adjournment



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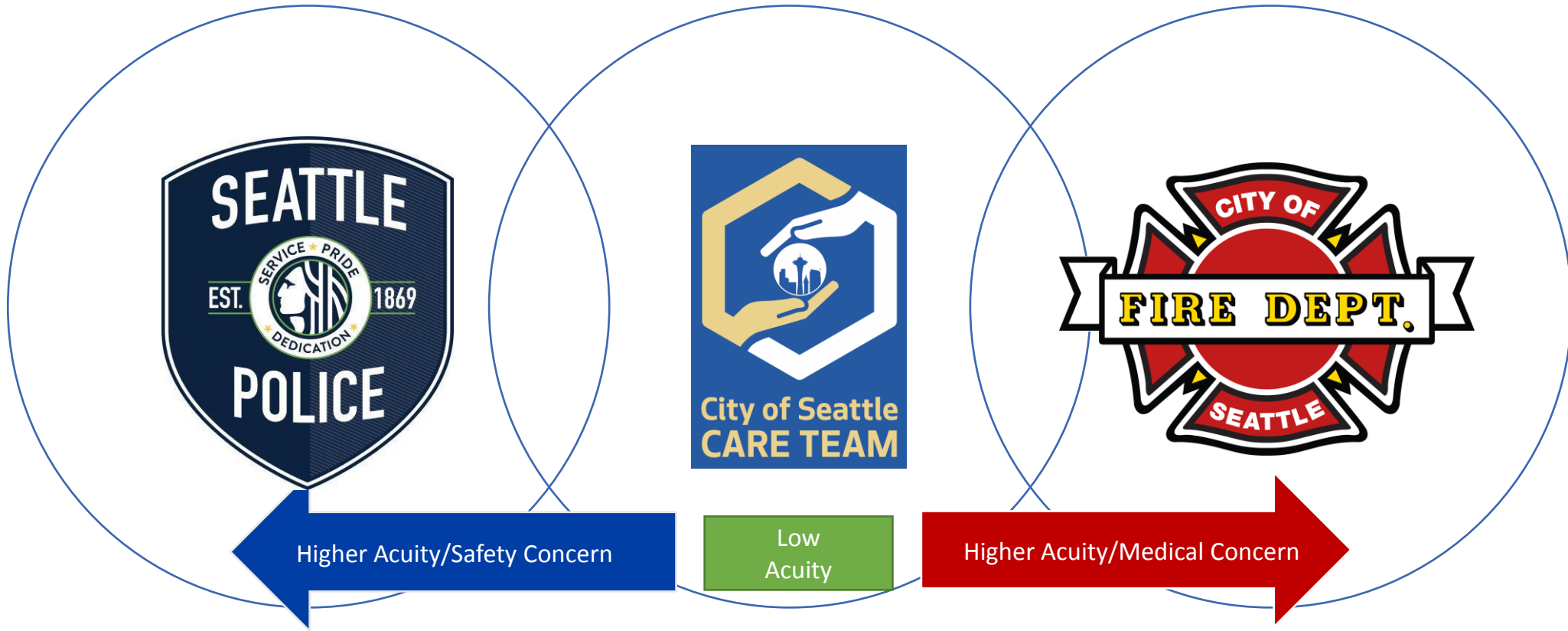
Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department (CARE) Overview

Seattle CARE Department

Amy Smith, Acting Chief
February 13, 2024



Improving Public Safety as a Team



Mission

The Seattle CARE Department's mission is to improve public safety, by **unifying** and **aligning** the City's community-focused public safety investments and services, to resolve low-risk calls for behavioral health matters through diversified responses that are evidence-based, effective, innovative and compassionate.



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Public Safety Answering Point



- Largest PSAP in Washington (1 of 12 in King County)
- Public Safety Data Hub
- *First* First Responders
- 888,691 calls last year
- 150 employees
- \$24,033,277



Dual Dispatch Overview

3 teams of 2 Community Crisis Responders

11:00 to 23:00, 7 days a week

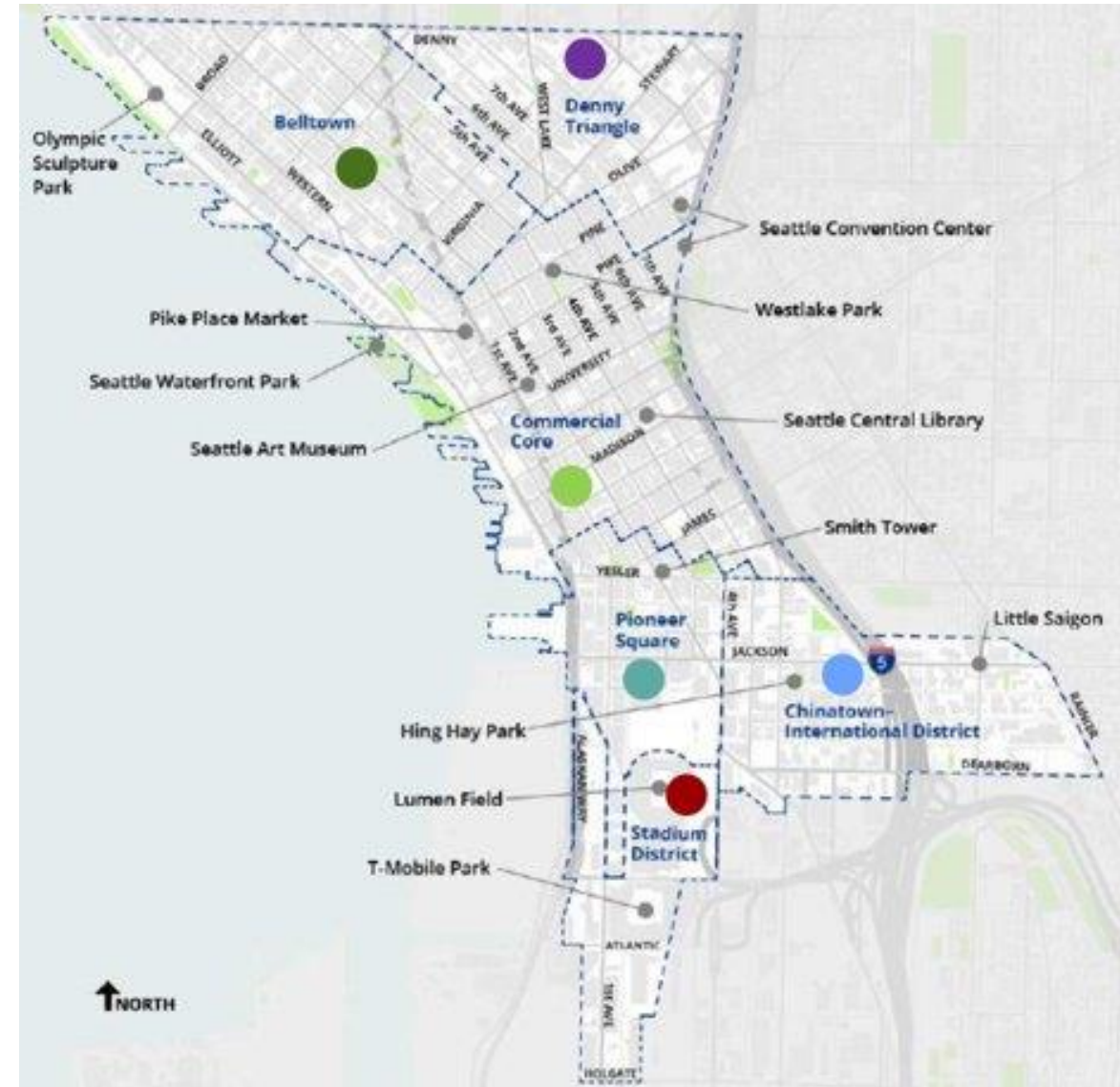
Based at Seattle Municipal Tower

Focused on person down calls

\$2,309,773 budget for 2024

Downtown activation plan zone

Emphasis projects: Morrison (DESC) and Little Saigon



CARE Community Crisis Responders

Dual Dispatch: First 90 Days



Total responses: 248

Total transports: 89 (35.9%)

Average CARE team response time: 8 mins

Average CARE time on scene: 45 mins

SPD returned to the scene 3 times to make a referral to services

2024 CARE Department Goals

1. Transform CARE into a learning organization
2. Improve 911 staffing, recruitment, & retention
3. With SPD and SFD, improve the financial and operational efficiency of Seattle public safety
4. Update and create comprehensive department policy and employee handbook
5. Evaluate effectiveness and efficacy of Dual Dispatch pilot to inform future investment

Discussion



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Public Safety Committee Overview

Public Safety Committee

Vision & Mission from Chair Kettle

Public Safety Vision

We envision a future where families feel safe sending their children on the bus to school, businesses can operate without paying for private security, and the city can respond in a timely and appropriate manner to people experiencing acute crises.

Committee Mission

The mission of the Public Safety Committee is to provide a safe base for Seattle through community engagement, policy direction, and oversight.

Primary Mission Areas, Departments & Oversight

Crime & Security

Seattle Police Department (SPD)

Community Police Commission (CPC)

Office of Police Accountability (OPA)

Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Fire, Rescue, & Alternative Response

Seattle Fire Department (SFD)

CARE Department

Emergency Preparedness

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Law and Oversight: City Attorney's Office (CAO/LAW), Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)

6 Pillars addressing the Permissive Environment

Permissive Environment:

the underlying factors behind crime tied to the lack of deterring structures that allow people to endanger themselves and our city

1. Police Staffing
2. Legal Tools
3. Closing Unsecured Vacant Buildings
4. Graffiti Remediation
5. Public Health
6. Collaboration with County & the State



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Seattle Police Department (SPD) Overview



Public Safety Committee: Seattle Police Department Overview

February 13, 2024



2023 YEAR-END OVERVIEW

Overall Crime

Crime decreased by
nine percent in
2023 compared to
2022



Property Crime

Total property
crime decreased
by ten percent
in 2023



Violent Crime

Total violent crime
decreased by six
percent in 2023



Violent Crime

Homicides increased
by 23 percent in 2023



Gun Violence

Shooting events (fatal
and non-fatal)
increased by three
percent in 2023



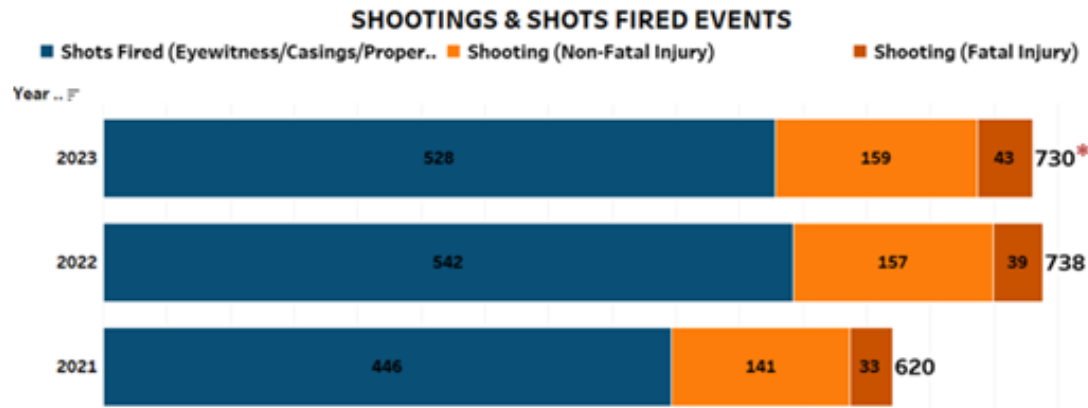
Staffing

Total count of sworn
officers decreased in
2023, however, there
were more hires and
fewer separations
compared to 2022





GUN VIOLENCE OVERVIEW



*1 report pending coding

- **Shots Fired** events include non-injury firearm-related incidents.
- **Shooting** events include firearm-related incidents that resulted in injury or death at the time of the incident.

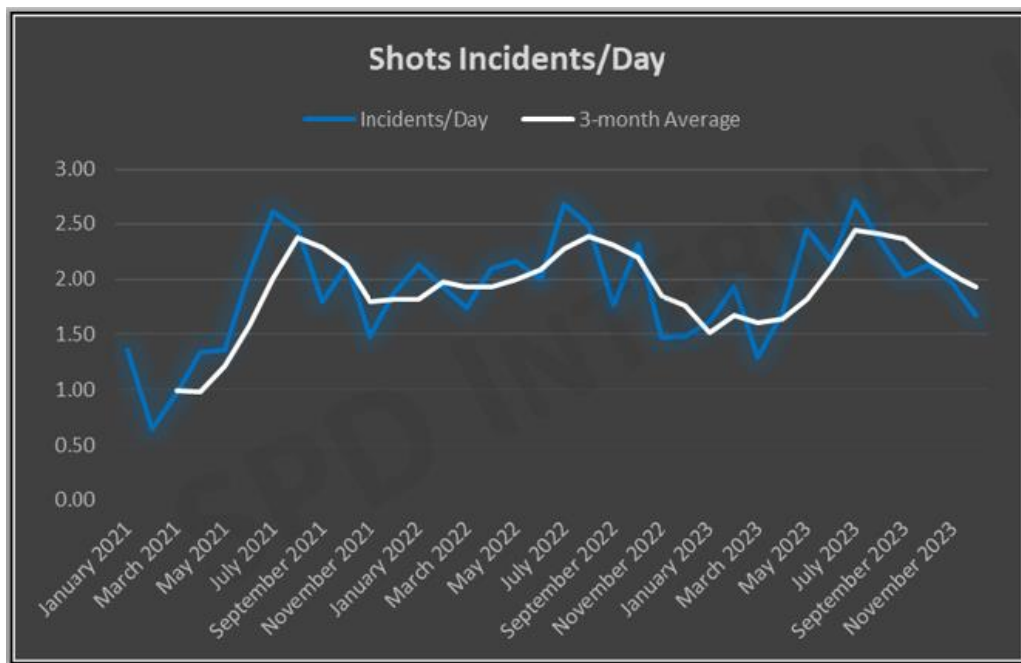
- In 2023, total Shooting and Shots Fired events decreased slightly from 2022.
- However, 2023 Shooting events (non-fatal and fatal) represented a 3% (6) increase compared to 2022.



GUN VIOLENCE – SHOTS FIRED

While 2023 ended with slightly fewer Shots Fired incidents than 2022 overall, **half the months had more Shots incidents/ day**, on average, compared to the previous year.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	1.06	1.32	2.13	1.61
February	0.76	0.64	1.93	1.93
March	0.71	0.97	1.74	1.29
April	0.97	1.33	2.10	1.70
May	0.77	1.32	2.16	2.45
June	1.13	1.93	2.00	2.17
July	1.90	2.58	2.68	2.71
August	1.84	2.42	2.48	2.35
September	1.57	1.73	1.77	2.03
October	1.29	2.10	2.32	2.13
November	0.97	1.47	1.47	1.97
December	0.97	1.87	1.45	1.65
AVERAGE	1.16	1.64	2.02	2.00





GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Gun Violence

There was a 1% decrease in gun violence incidents (Shooting events + Shots Fired events) in 2023.



In 2023, there were **730 verified shooting and shots fired events** citywide. This represents a 1% (8) decrease from 2022, which is the all-time high on record. 2023 represents a 18% (110) increase compared to 2021.

Firearms Taken into Custody

SPD received its highest number of firearms on record in 2023.

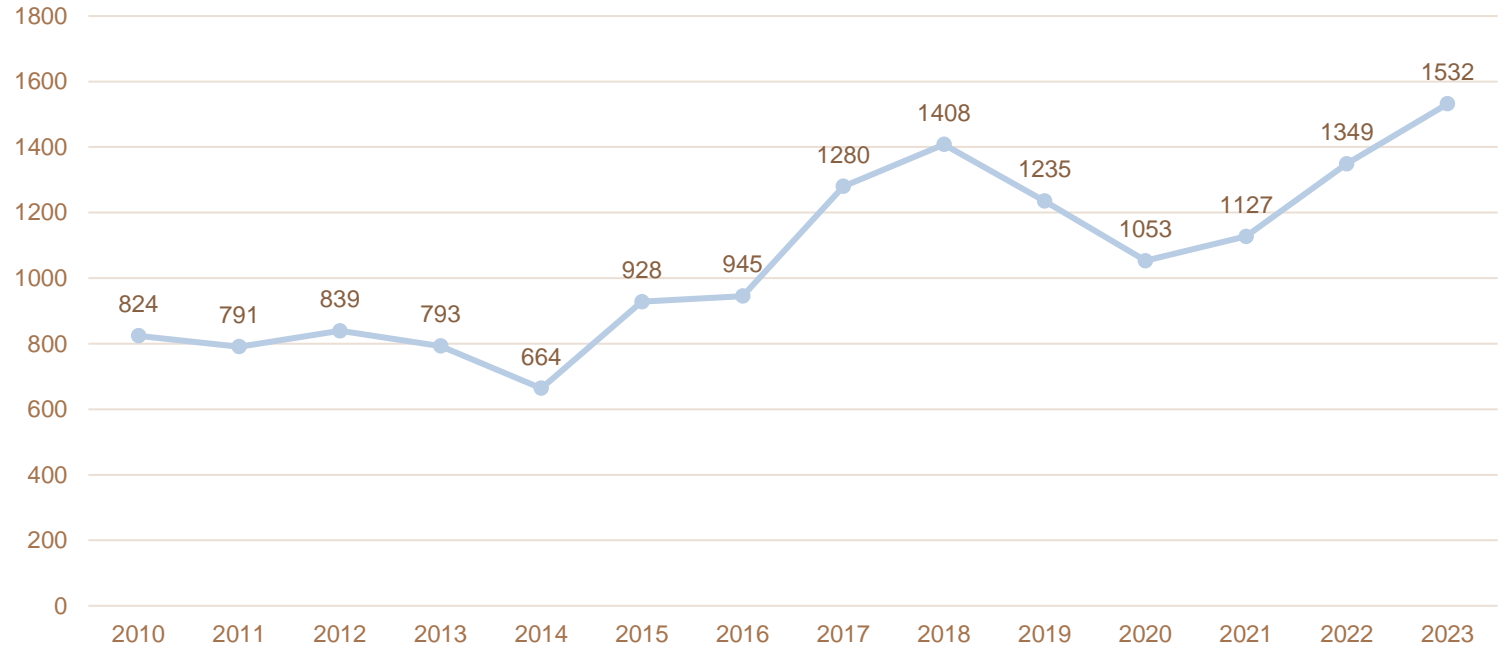


A total of **1,532** firearms were taken into custody by SPD in 2023. 62 (4%) were self-made, un-serialized firearms. *Firearms taken into custody are not all related to criminal activity and may also include surrenders, forfeitures, and found property.*



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

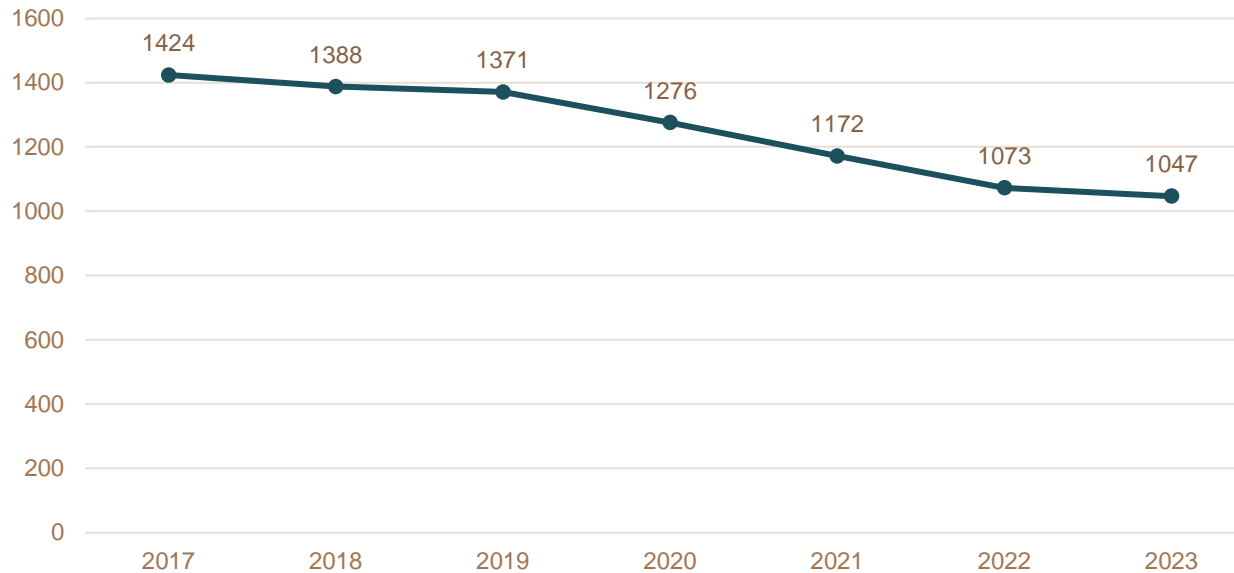
**Firearms Taken into SPD Custody
(2010-2023)**





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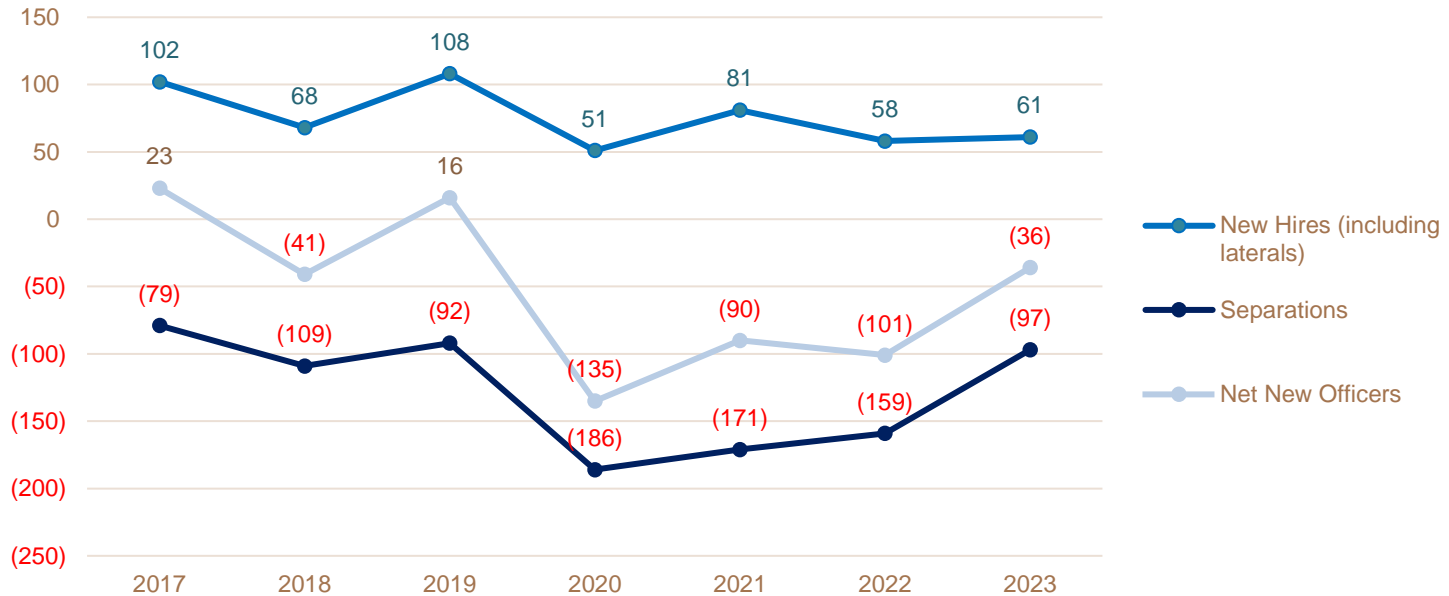
**Count of All Sworn Officers
(2017 - 2023)**





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Sworn Hires and Separations (2017 - 2023)





CONSENT DECREE STATUS

- On September 7th, 2023, the Honorable James L. Robart ruled on the joint motion filed by the City and the Department of Justice, to terminate those paragraphs of the Consent Decree that contain SPD's core commitments.
- The court order requires continued work by SPD related to use of force in the crowd management context and data analytics, and some obligations for the City on accountability.
- We are working hard with the Monitoring Team and the Department of Justice to close out our obligations in 2024.

5	As the court stated in its remarks during its May 30, 2023 hearing on the Parties'
6	joint motion, the court is immensely proud of the efforts SPD has undertaken since this
7	matter began in 2012. In particular, SPD has made tremendous improvements in its
8	policies, methods of operation, and leadership with respect to the areas of use of force,
9	stops and detentions, and crisis intervention. SPD's efforts with respect to data collection
10	and analysis, too, are like night-and-day when compared to the status of data collection
11	and analysis before the implementation of the changes required under the Consent
12	Decree. The court is also extremely proud of the constructive approaches to policing that
13	have resulted from the efforts of the accountability triad of the Office of Police
14	Accountability ("OPA"), the Office of the Inspector General ("OIG"), and the
15	Community Police Commission ("CPC").
16	Therefore, the court finds and concludes, consistent with the Monitoring Team's
17	recommendations in its May 2022 Comprehensive Assessment of the Seattle Police
18	Department ("2022 Comprehensive Assessment"), that the City has demonstrated
19	sustained full and effective compliance with the sections of the Consent Decree regarding
20	creation of the CPC (Consent Decree ¶¶ 3-12); crisis intervention (<i>id.</i> ¶¶ 130-37); stops
21	and detentions (<i>id.</i> ¶¶ 138-44); bias-free policing (<i>id.</i> ¶¶ 145-52); supervision
22	(<i>id.</i> ¶¶ 153-63); and the OPA (<i>id.</i> ¶¶ 164-68). (See 2022 Comprehensive Assessment



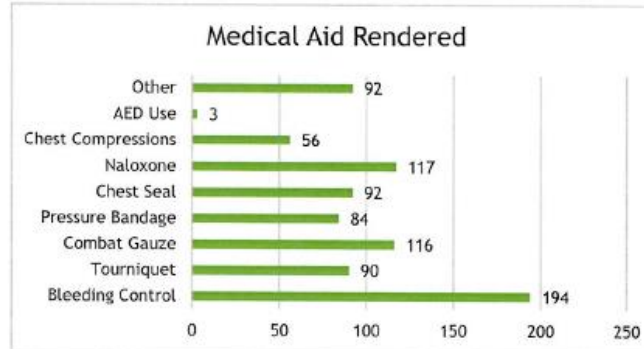
MEDICAL AID PROVIDED

Patients Treated by SPD Officers: 432

Types of Medical Aid Rendered

194 (45%) of cases included bleeding control of penetrating trauma. 90 (21%) were treated with tourniquets, 116 (27%) with combat gauze, 84 (19%) with pressure bandages, and 92 (21%) with chest seals.

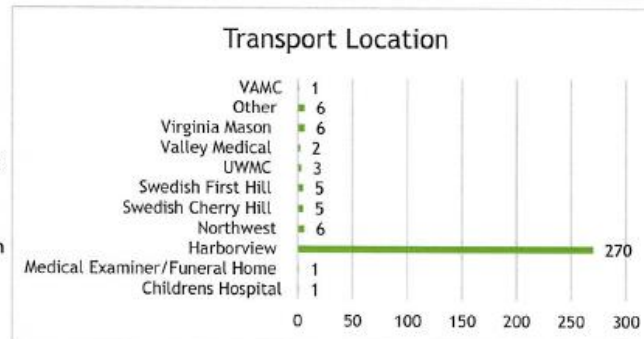
Naloxone was distributed in 117 (27%) of cases; chest compressions 56 (13%) and 3 (0.6%) AED uses. There were 92 (21%) of other aid rendered.



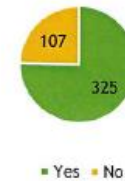
Transportation

325 (75%) of cases transported patients to facilities throughout the area. 145 (33%) were transported by AMR (not Seattle Fire Department).

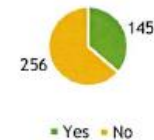
270 (62%) of patients were taken to Harborview.



Transported



By AMR





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Seattle Fire Department (SFD) Overview

SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Harold D. Scoggins, Fire Chief
February 13, 2024



AGENDA

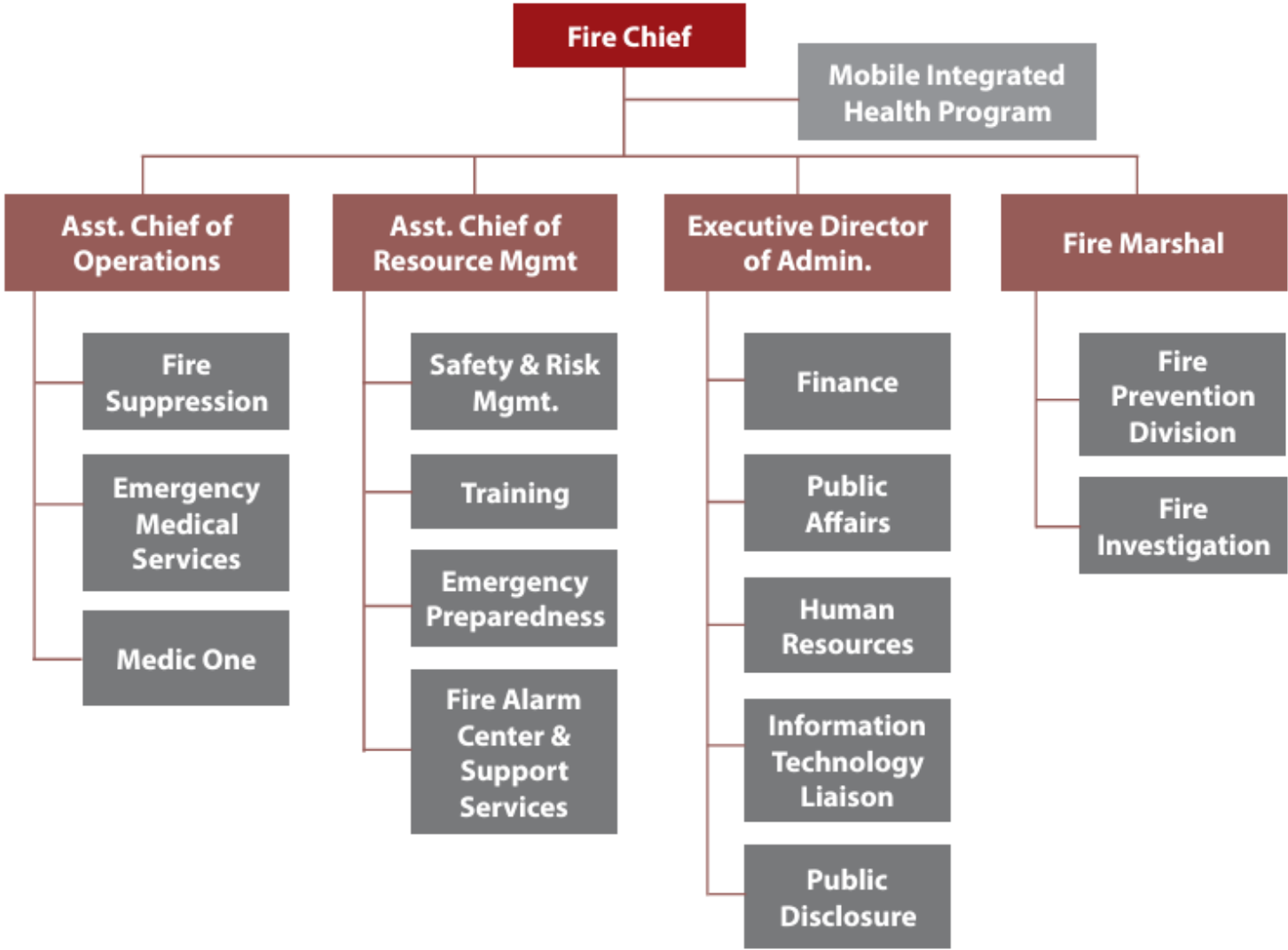
- Department Overview & Staffing
- Operations Overview
- Significant Responses
- Fire Prevention
- Mobile Integrated Health Updates
- Department Updates



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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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STAFFING LEVELS

- 1198 regular positions (1111 uniform, 87 civilian).
 - Current vacancies: 125 (120 uniform, 5 civilian)
 - 26 new positions were added Jan. 1, 2024 (Ladder 13, Medic 26, Paramedic Captain and Fire Prevention Inspector)

In 2023

- 95 recruits hired; 59 successfully completed training
 - 59 retirements

In 2024

- Recruit Class 120 starts Feb. 14 with 47 recruits
- Recruit Class 121 starts Aug. 7; planning in progress
- Entry-level firefighter application window opens in October



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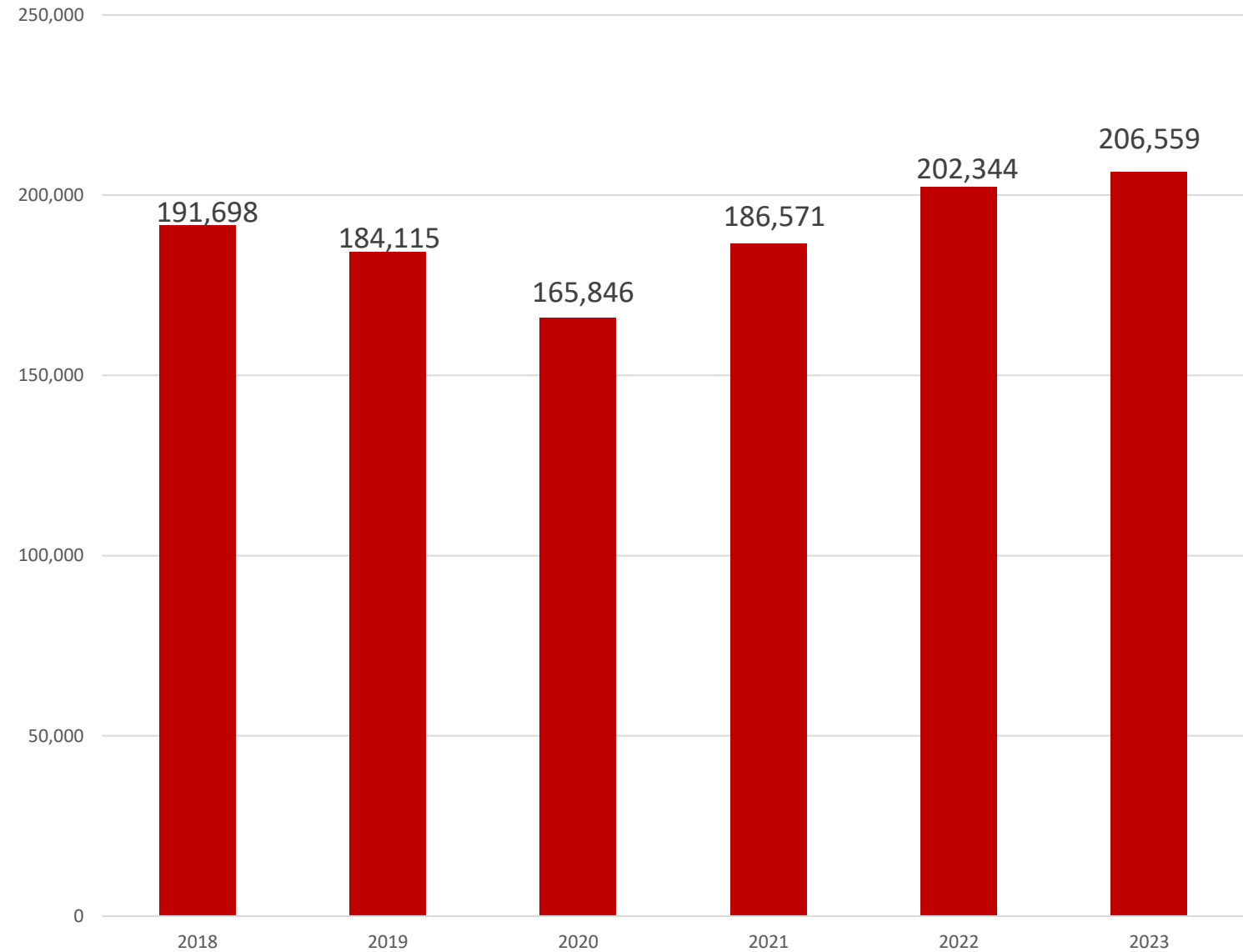
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FIRE ALARM CENTER WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE - CALL VOLUME

The Fire Alarm Center (FAC) handles upwards of 200,000 phone calls per year.

Call volume has been continuously increasing since 2020.

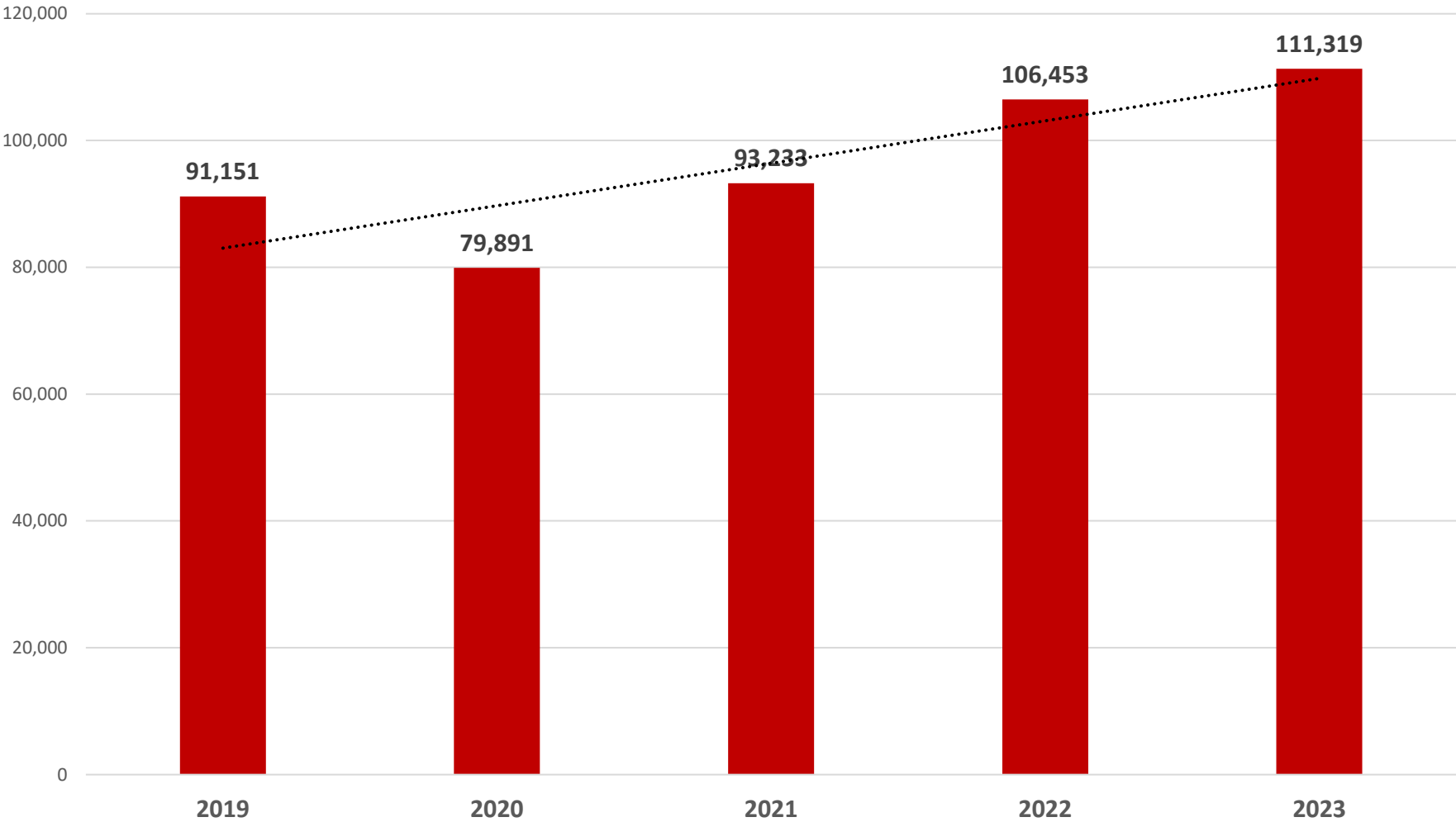
Total FAC Call Volume (SFD Dispatches, Transfers & Admin)



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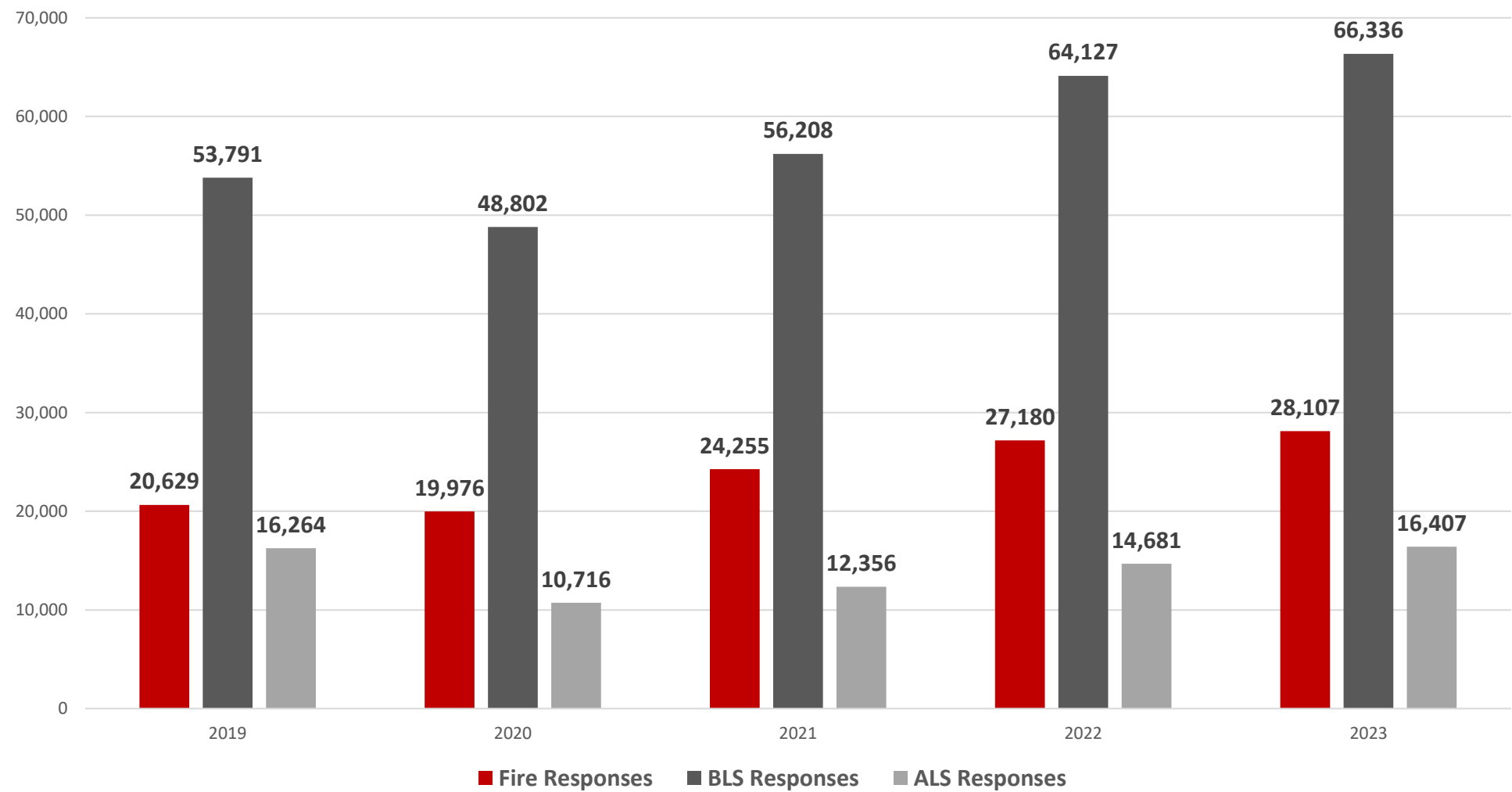
2023 Alarms Dispatched by Fire Alarm Center



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2023 Fire, BLS & ALS Responses

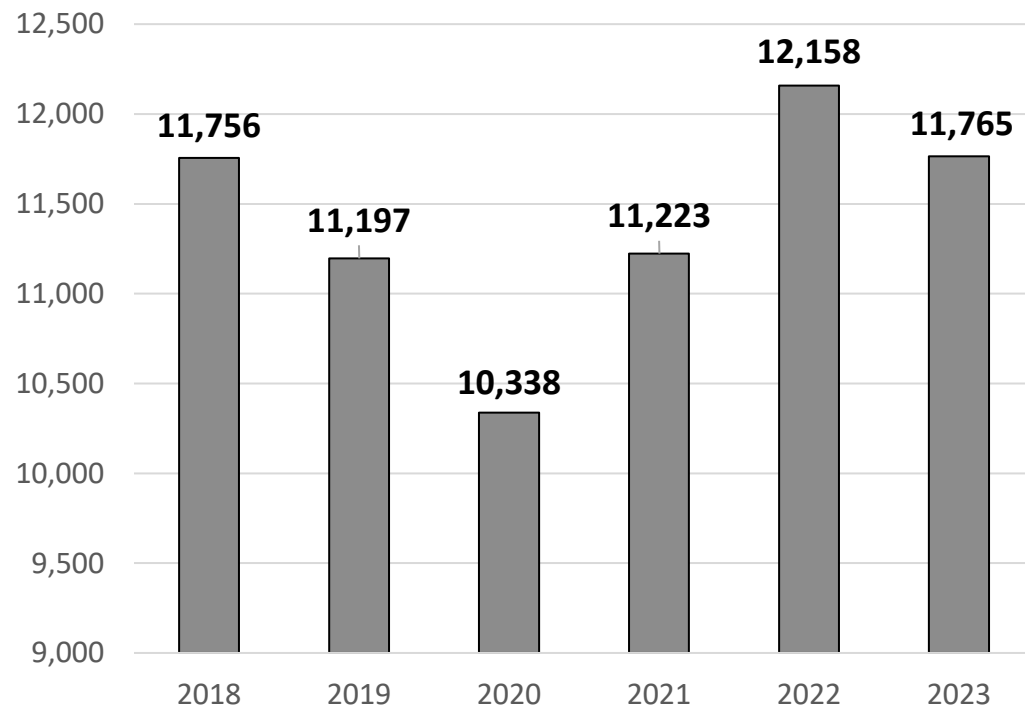


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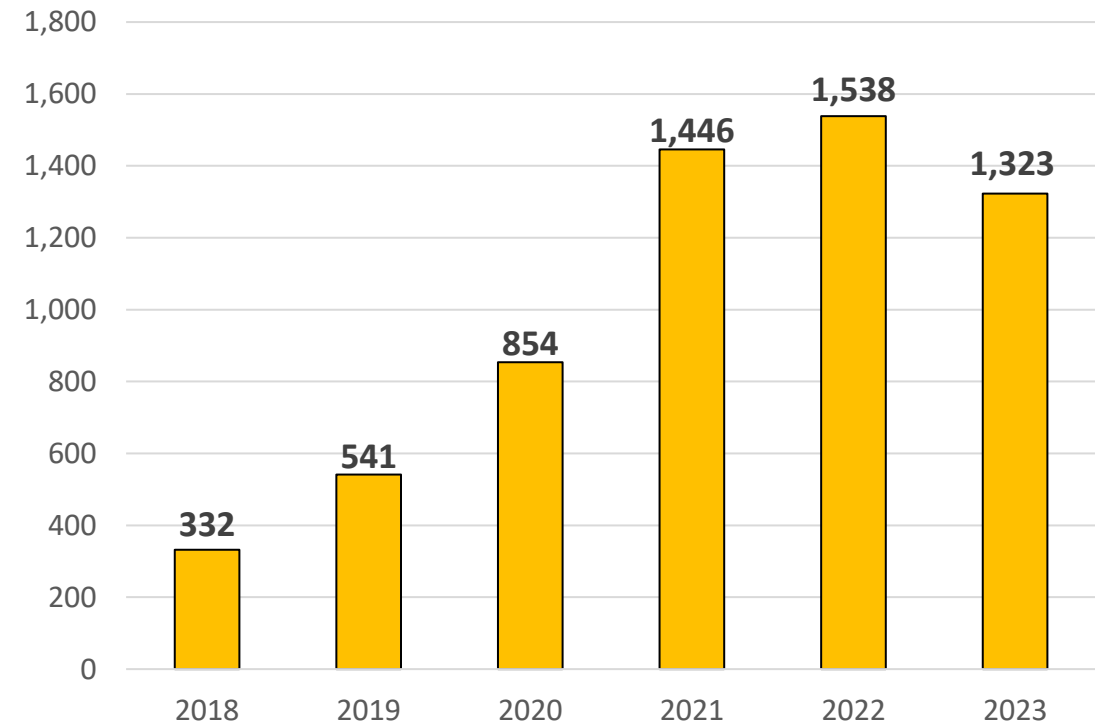
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EMS & FIRE HOMELESS RESPONSES

EMS Encounters with Homeless



Homeless-Related Fires

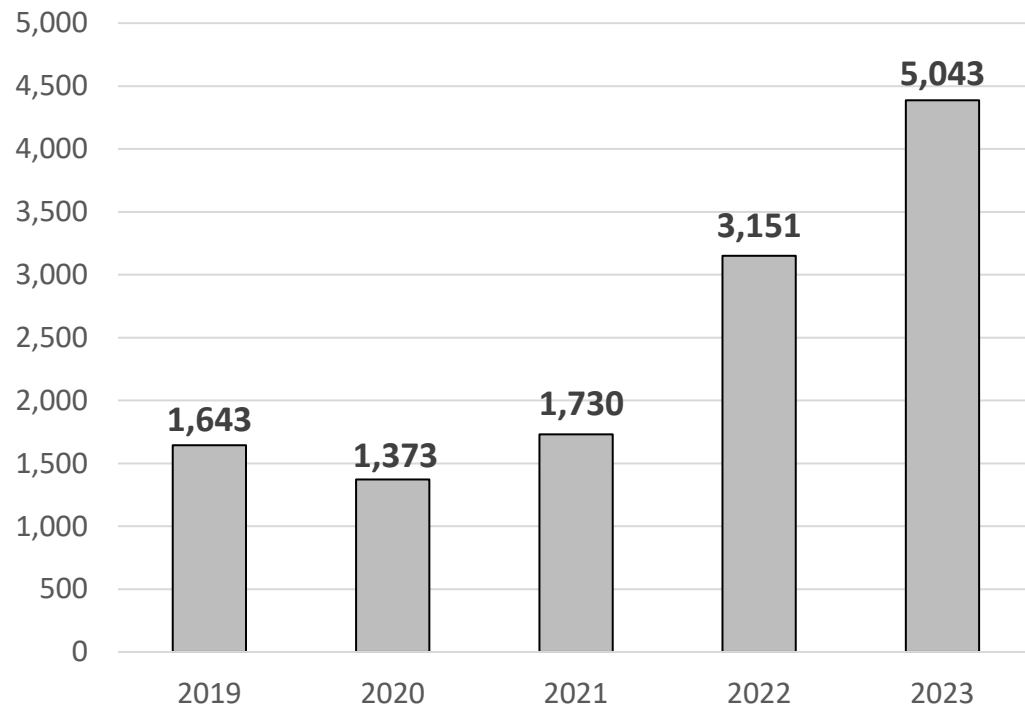


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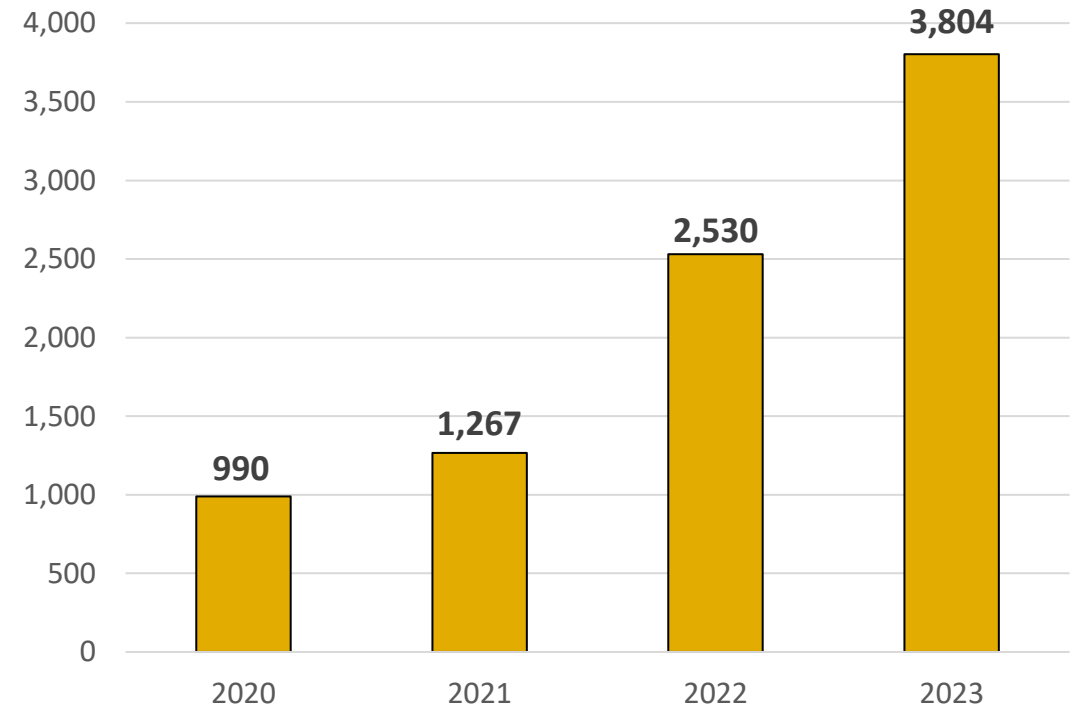
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OVERDOSE EMERGENCIES

Overdose Emergencies



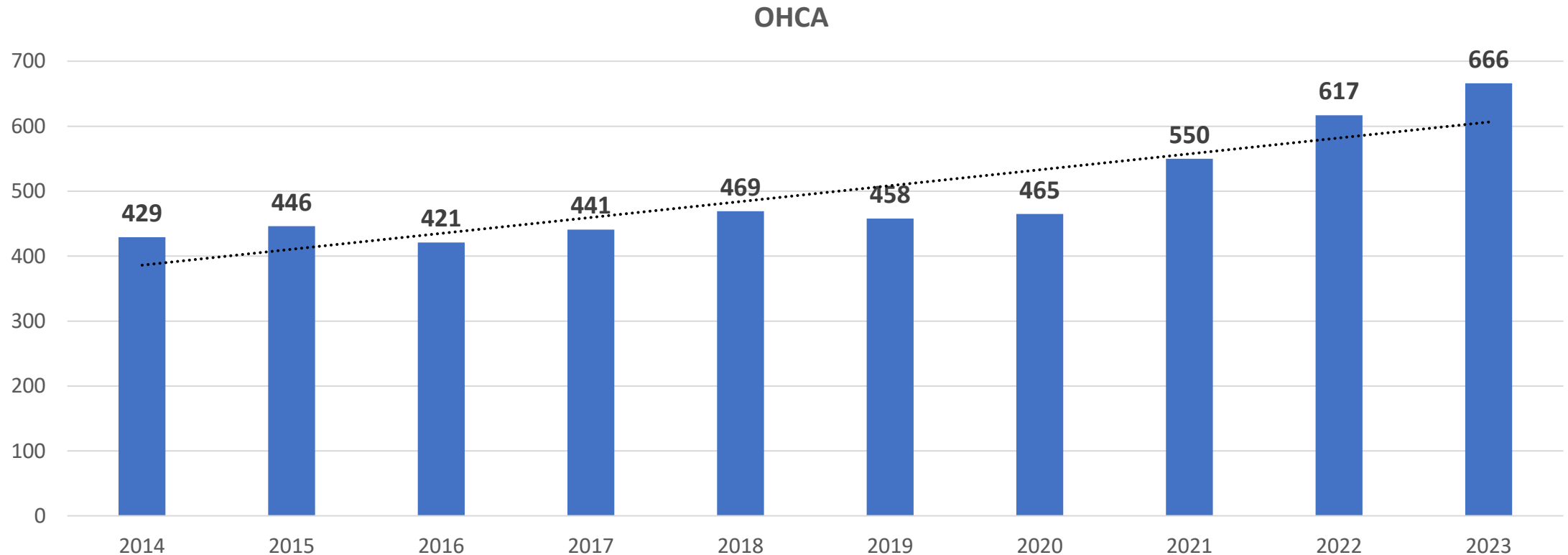
Opioid-only Overdose Emergencies



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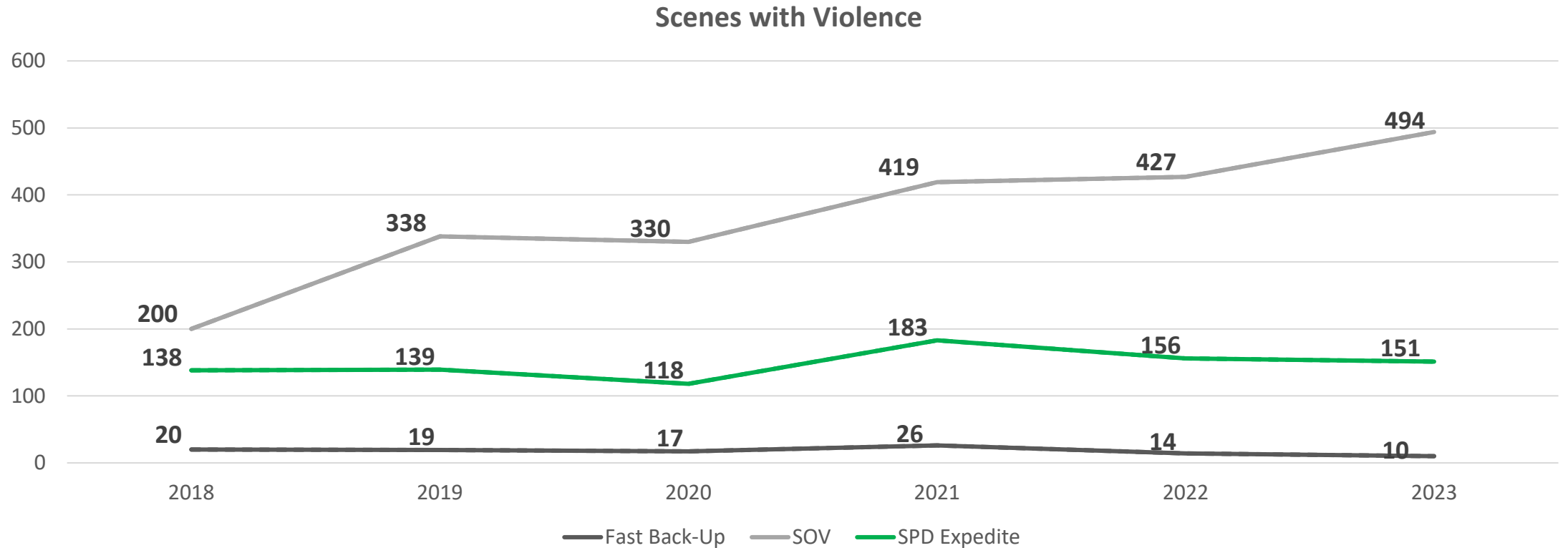
OUT OF HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST



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SCENES OF VIOLENCE | EXPEDITE | FAST BACK-UP



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95 Significant Incident Reports

Notable incidents:

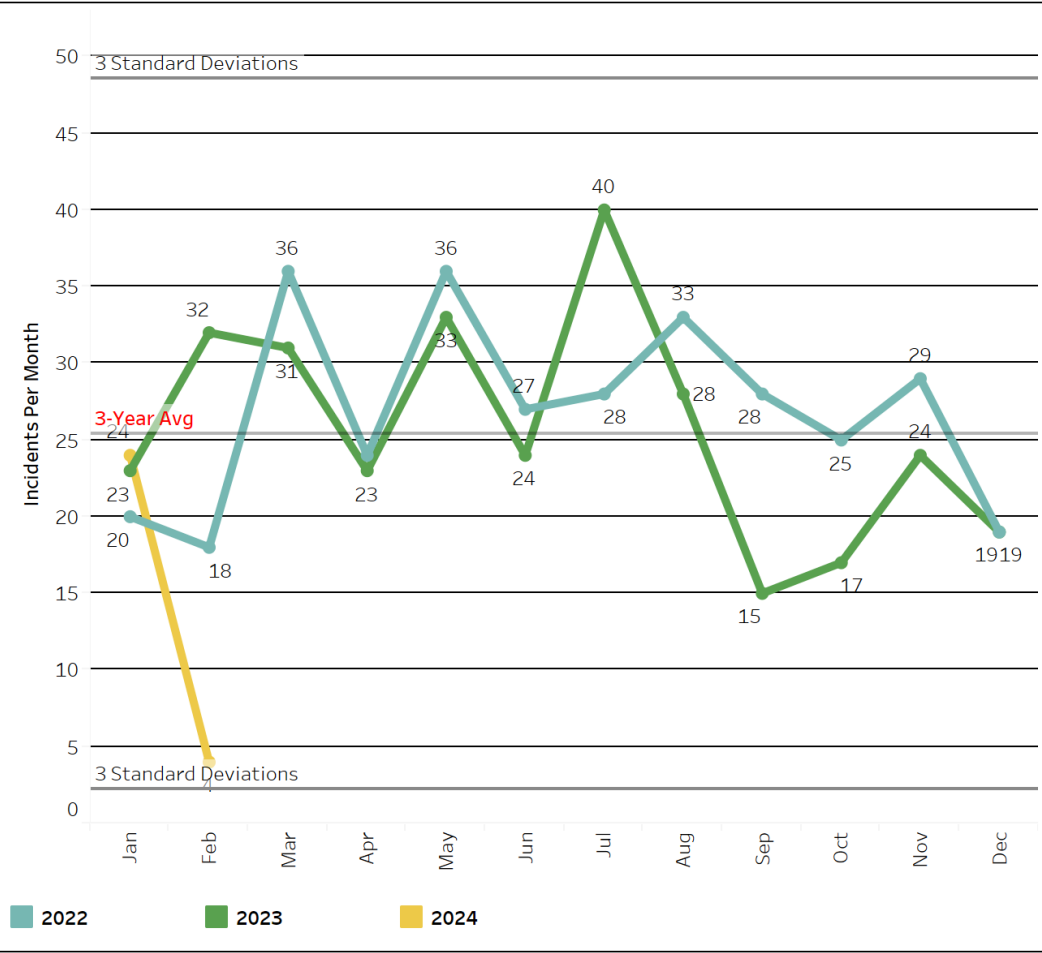
- Eleven 2-alarm fires
- Fire at Lake City doggy daycare
- Northlake Marina fire
- Carkeek Park rope rescue
- Belltown natural gas major
- Haller Lake wind driven fire
- First Hill derelict building fire



November 2023 issue of Fire Engineering Magazine featuring John Odegard cover photo



Clockwise from top left: Rescue Extrication - Salmon Bay Sand & Gravel, Feb. 2023; 2-11 Fire in Building - 300 block NE 133rd St., June 2023; Fire in Building - 6500 block 52nd Ave NE, March 2023; Brush Fire Major - 3100 block 12th Ave S. (behind), July 2023; 2-11 Fire in Building - 1000 block S. King St., July 2023.



Period	Year	Date Range	Records	Records/Month	% Change
Year To Date		1/1 to 2/6	28	14	-91%
Last Year		1/1 to 12/31	309	26	-4%
2 years ago		1/2 to 12/30	323	27	11%
3 years ago		1/4 to 12/31	290	24	0%
4 years ago		1/3 to 12/30	291	24	22%
5 years ago		1/2 to 12/29	238	20	-76%
Null		1/1 to 12/29	1,007	21	

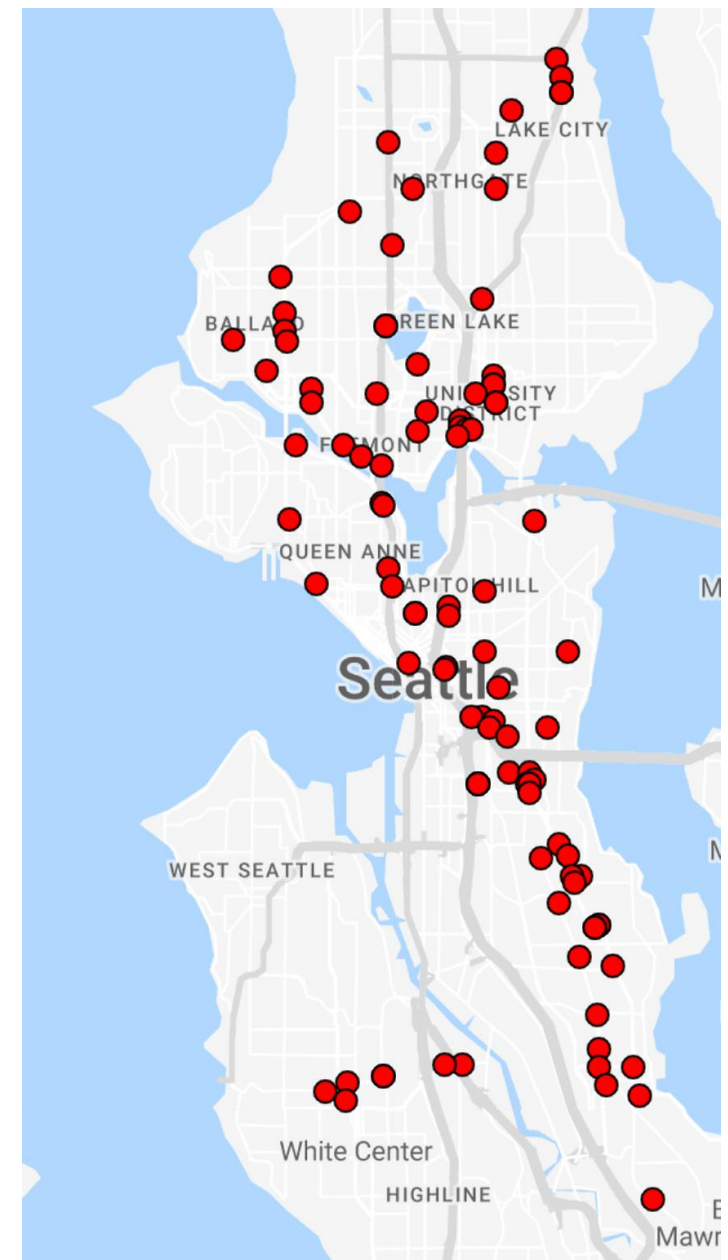
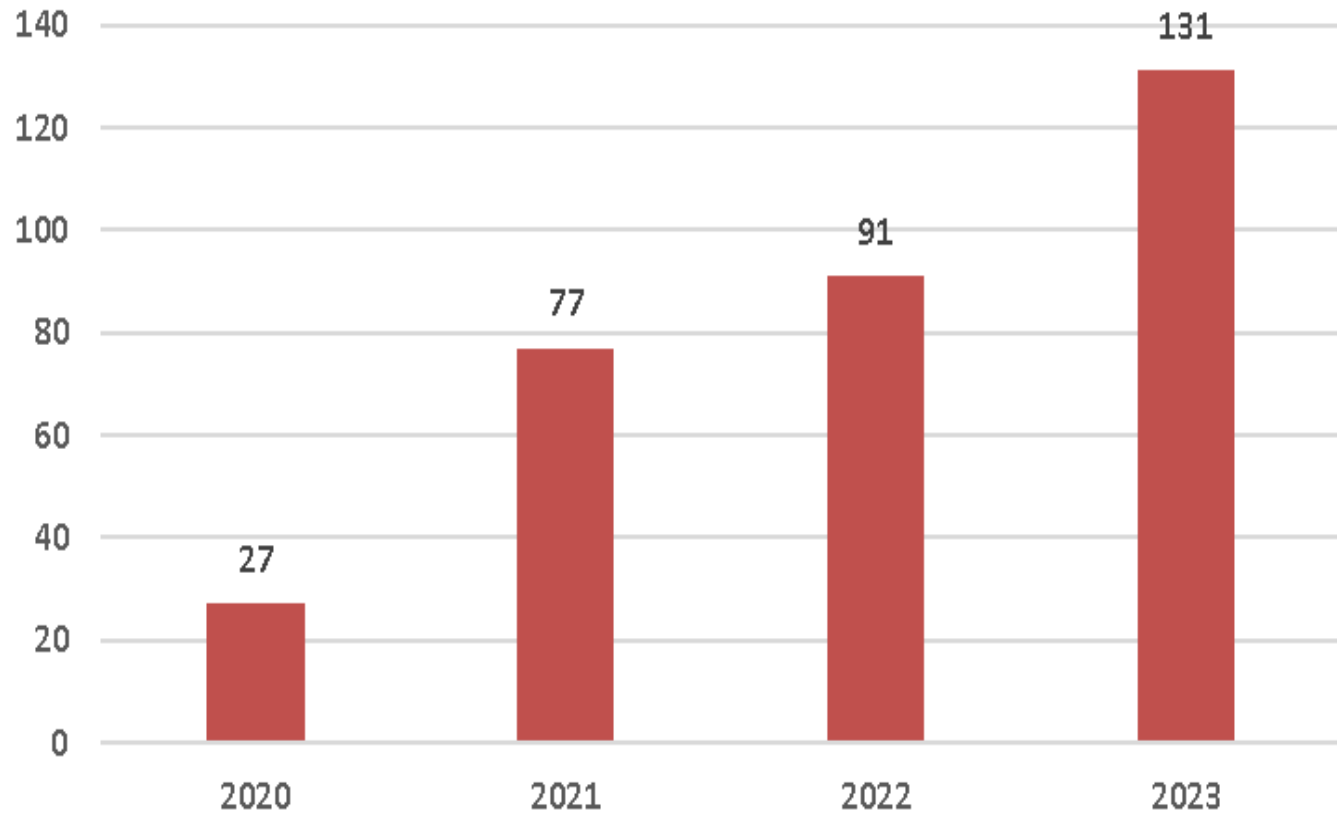
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Derelict Building Fires



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FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Investigation Unit

- Investigated 293 fires including 127 arsons

Special Hazards Unit

- Issued 5,578 HazMat permits
- Led efforts to modify the statewide Fire Code to provide additional safety provisions related to lithium-ion batteries

New Construction and Plan Review Units

- Reviewed nearly 2,900 plans and performed nearly 4,000 inspections
- Work in progress to reduce wait times (hiring and process efficiencies)

Compliance

- Resolved public reports of safety violations in neighborhoods
- Dangerous buildings, preventable alarms, resolution of persistent violations to promote safe buildings for Seattle residents



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FIRE PREVENTION

Special Events Unit

- Provided over 2,000 inspections
- Seafair, New Year's at the Space Needle, major concerts, sporting events

High Rise Unit

- Annual inspections for approximately 500 high-rise buildings

Systems Testing

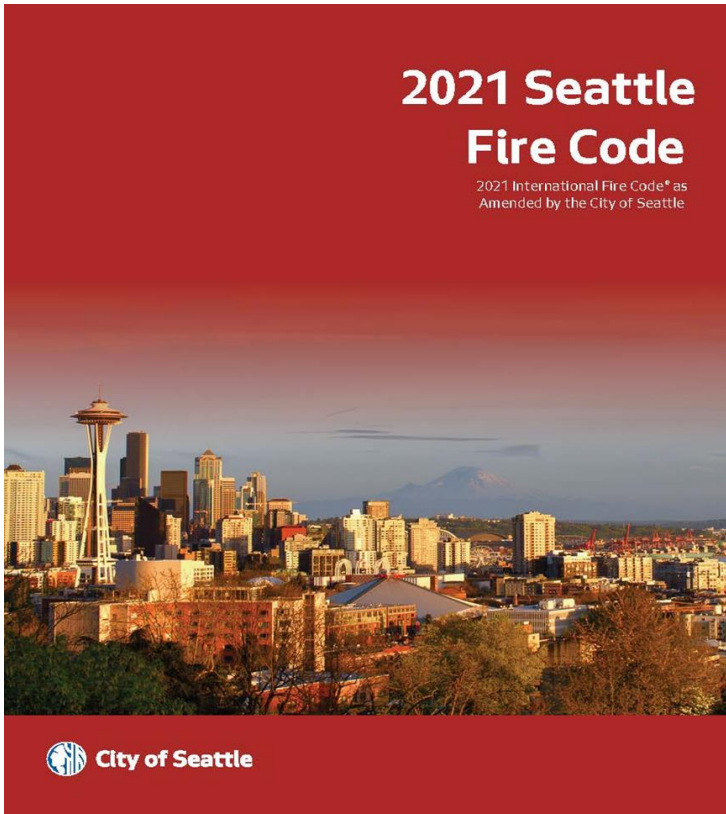
- Oversight to testing and repairs of 27,000+ fire protection systems in nearly 15,000 buildings
- 3,000 systems repaired during 2023, but 4,000 systems still have open deficiencies



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2021 SEATTLE FIRE CODE



- The Fire Code is based on national "model code." Currently USA is using 2021 codes
- Seattle Fire Code is reviewed by the Public Safety Committee
- For permitting, the Seattle Fire Code needs same effective date as other construction codes (building, energy, etc.)
- SFD works with the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board (**FCAB**) to create Seattle amendments. This is a 15 Mayor/Council confirmed Board.
- The SFD recommendations and expertise for the FCAB.
- The 2021 Seattle Fire Code will be transmitted to Council in Q2 (est.)



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BUILDING AND HYDRANT INSPECTIONS



Building Fire Safety Inspections

Annual inspection program, buildings inspected: 11,987 (84%)

Buildings w/violations found: 1,006 (7%)

Total Operations inspections: 14,297

Annual Fire Hydrant Inspection Program

Total hydrants: 17,300

Hydrants inspection completion: 99%



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MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH



- Average on-scene time: 56 minutes (increase)
- Health One-unit responses (excluding Health 99): 1,115
- 2,968 submitted referrals
- 2,129 referrals accepted, 826 rejected.
- Top reasons for referral to MIH:
 - High utilizer (1,948)
 - Low acuity medical complaint (1,876)
 - Concerning living conditions (1,571),
 - Homeless (1,478)
 - Falls (1,428)
 - Neglect/abuse/no self-care (1,380)
 - Mental health/substance use (1,130)
 - Reported vulnerable adult (827)



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HEALTH ONE

- 835 new enrollments created in 2023
- 1,064 clients additionally accepted for indirect case management or care coordination services
- 260 Health 99 responses
 - 57 follow-up
 - 203 direct overdose response
- Health 99
 - 94 doses of Narcan given out in Narcan kits to OD survivors and bystanders
- Staffing: 6 full-time case managers (soon to be 7), 36 firefighters in our pool



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UPDATES & INNOVATIONS



Fire Station 31 groundbreaking

WA Task Force 1 deployments

Nurse Navigation first full year & Corti AI launch

Behavioral Health training

Suicide intervention training

Therapy Dog team

Resiliency coaching

Launched new LMS System – Vector Solutions

New Staffing and NFIRS Systems In Flight

SFD Class 1 Fire Department Rating!



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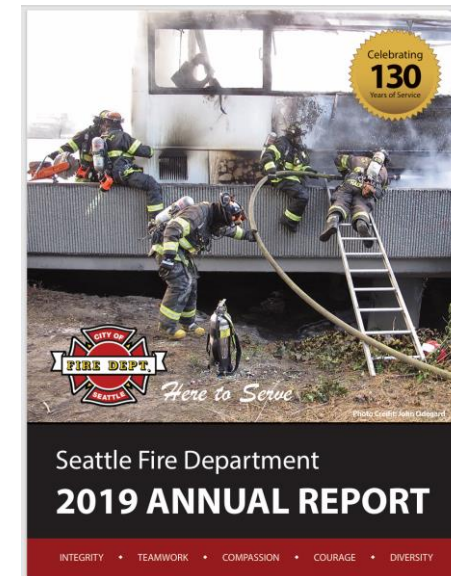
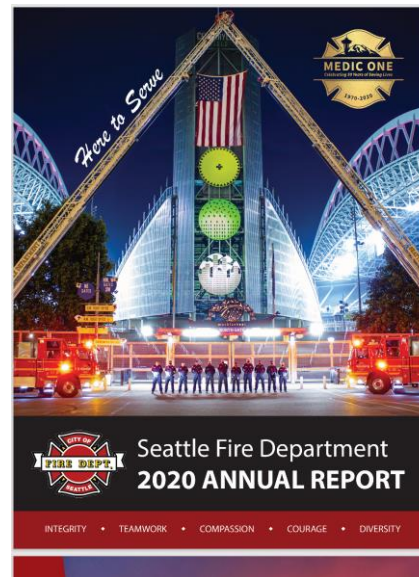
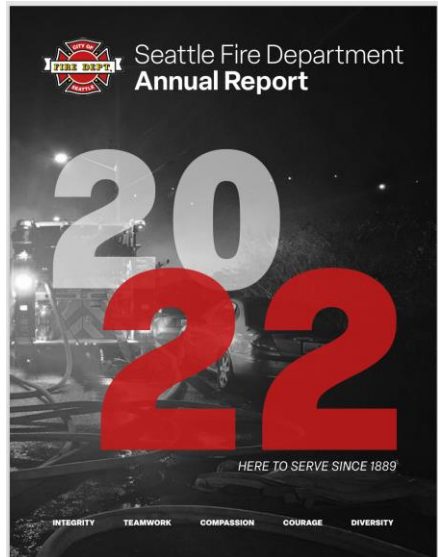
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