

# PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE

## 2022 THIRD QUARTER REPORT



The Department was awarded the **Florida Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Award in EMS Education**. This award recognizes those who have taken a leadership role and have made a positive contribution in the field of EMS education within the community and throughout the state and nationally. Chief Training Officer Myers accepted the award at the Excellence in EMS Awards Ceremony in Orlando.

**PATIENT CARE SATISFACTION RATING: 97.48%**

**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION SATISFACTION RATING: 80%**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the third quarter of 2022, Fire Rescue responded to **3,300** emergency calls, **71%** of which were medical calls.



Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue mobilized one rescue with three personnel and two credentialed strike team leaders as part of the State Emergency Response Plan (SERP) on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Battalion Chief Markle was assigned as the Strike Team Leader of this multi-agency strike team and was charged with re-establishing emergency medical services and coordinating evacuations on hurricane-ravaged Fort Myers Beach. The Department's chaplain, Chad Lang, also deployed as part of a group of fire department chaplains to support first responders and residents.

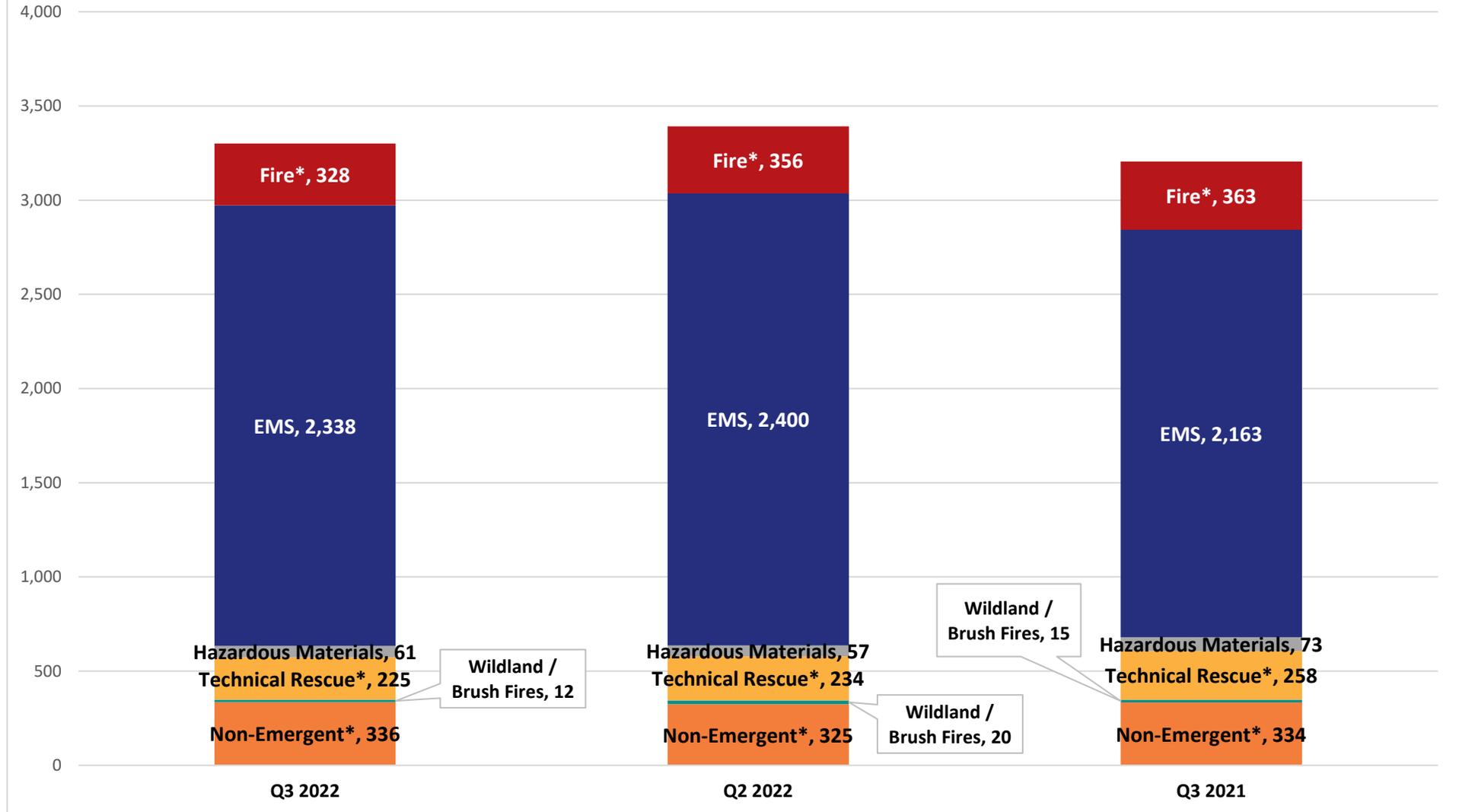
Assistant Chief Broedell, Assistant Chief Bessette, and Driver/Engineer Hewitt participated in the **Remember the Fallen 9/11** memorial ceremony at Palm Beach State College Eissey Campus.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION

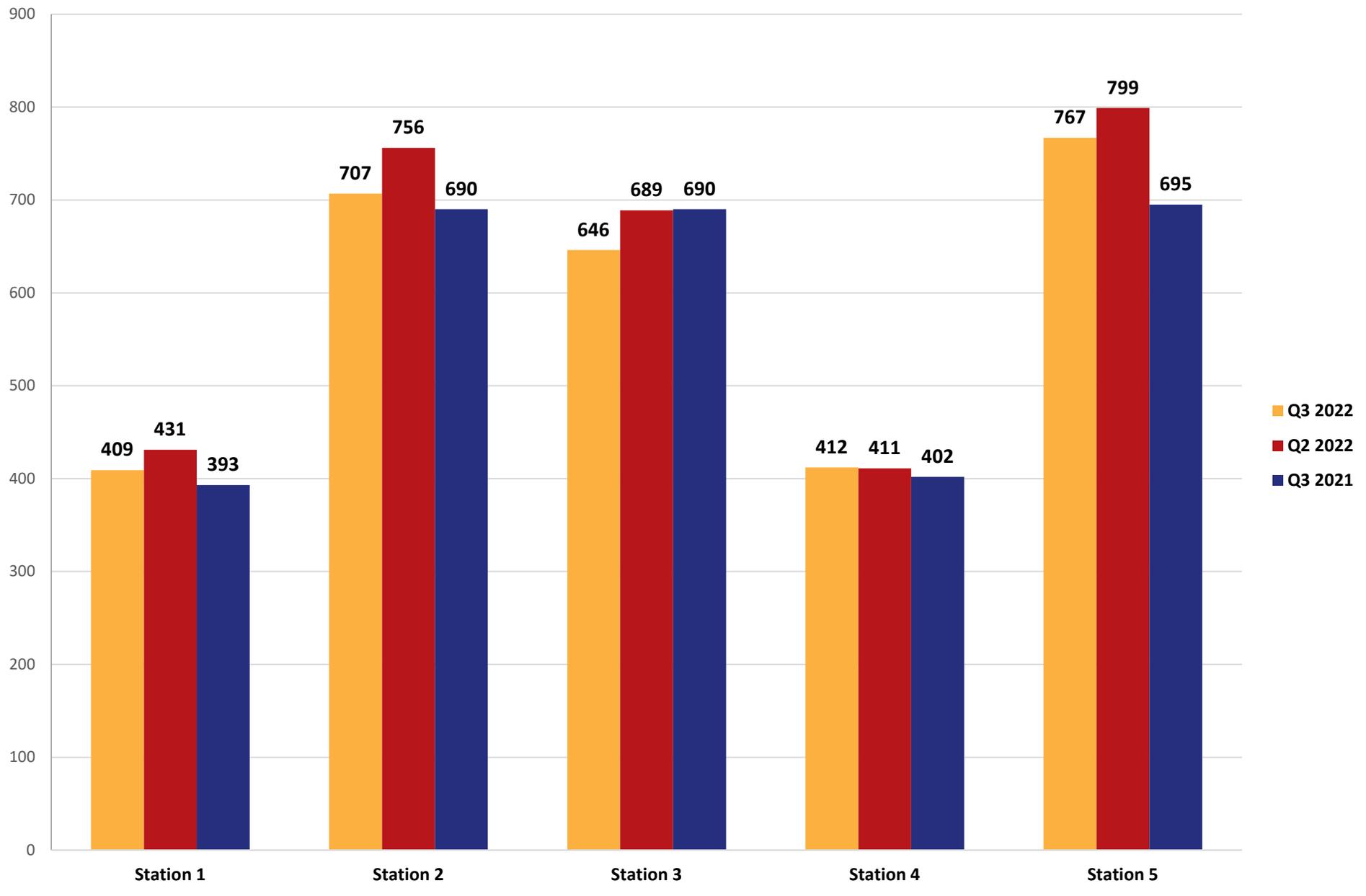
## Dispatched Call Types

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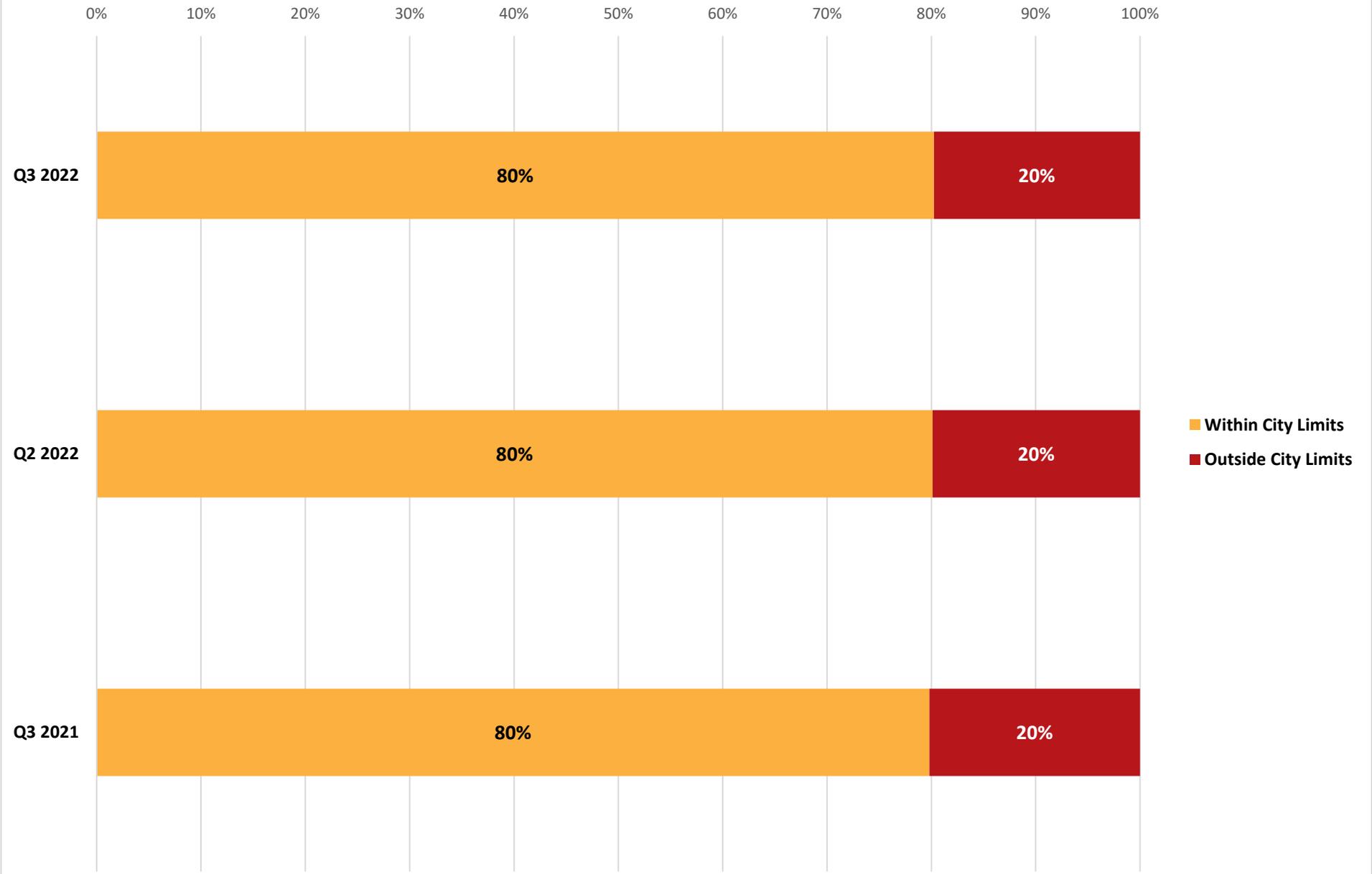


\*Fire calls include responses to fire alarms. Technical rescue emergencies include car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial accidents. Non-emergent responses include calls such as public assists, investigations, or falls without injuries.

# Total Call Volume by Station Zone



# Calls Inside and Outside of City Limits



# EMS DIVISION



Ladder 61 crews used their stokes basket to conduct a rescue of a trauma patient that went into cardiac arrest after a fall from one roof top to a lower roof top.

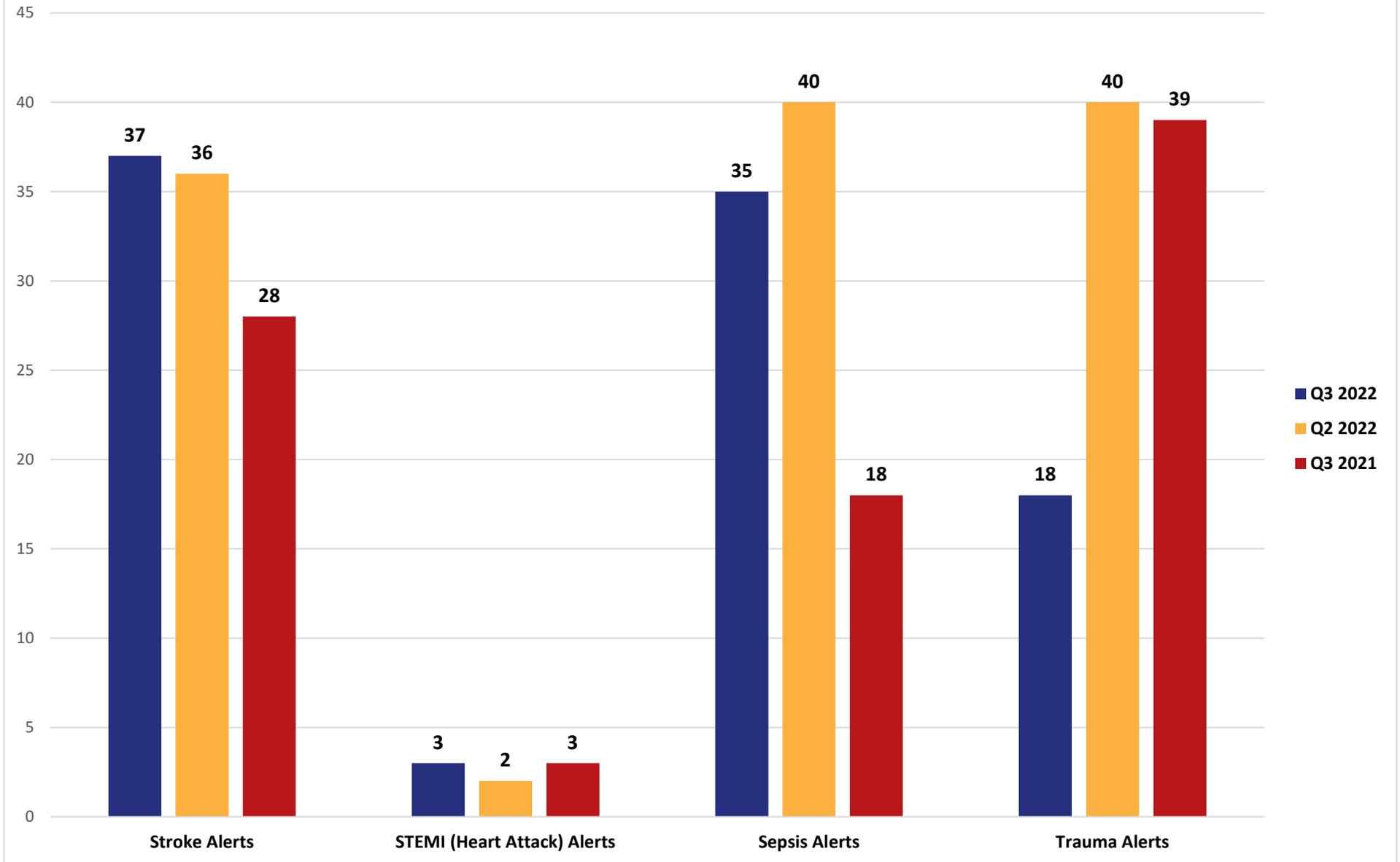


District Captain Terrana was recognized by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for her efforts in assisting their crews with resuscitating a patient who had gone into cardiac arrest. The patient was discharged neurologically intact thanks to their collective efforts!



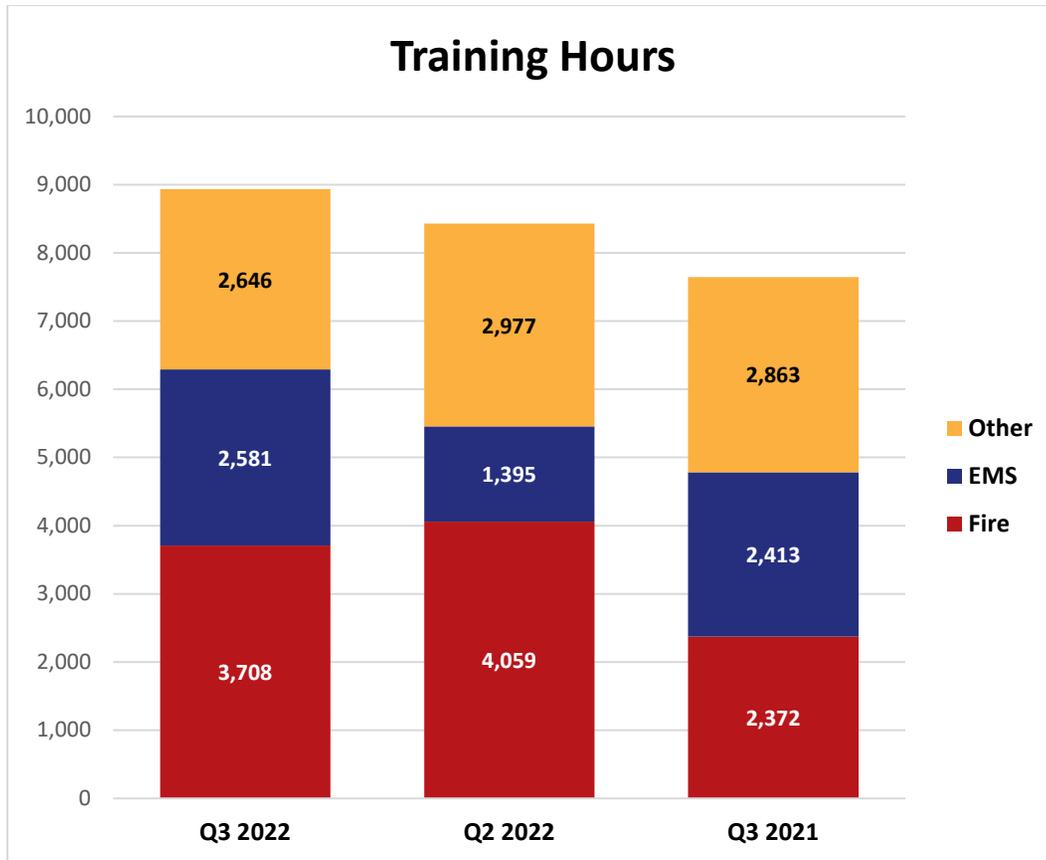
Captain Caraballo, Driver/Engineer Reynolds, Fire Medic Iriban, Rescue Lieutenant Duval, Fire Medic Walukiewicz, Rescue Lieutenant Orr, Fire Medic Rocklage, and District Captain Terrana were recognized for resuscitating a newborn in cardiac arrest after an unscheduled home birth. The infant was discharged from the neonatal intensive care unit with no neurological deficits.

## Number of Alerts



*Patients that meet “alert” criteria are critically ill and require rapid transport to specialty hospitals so that they can receive the best possible care to decrease morbidity and mortality. The goal is to provide rapid stabilization and short on-scene times of  $\leq 10$  minutes. Hospitals are notified early so that they can prepare to receive the patient upon Fire Rescue’s arrival.*

# TRAINING DIVISION



*Fire Rescue personnel conducted training with the City's lifeguards.*

- Department personnel attended 12-lead EKG training with **Dawn Altman, RN, EMT-P**. Dawn is a nationally known instructor who specializes EKG classes for all levels of healthcare professionals.
- All Department personnel re-certified in **Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)**.
- The Department also hosted training with its automatic/mutual aid partners, including North Palm Beach Fire Rescue and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, at the Public Safety Training Complex. This training is conducted quarterly and helps the Department meet requirements for its Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating.
- Other training hours include activities such as 'hot wash' discussions to review significant calls, officer development academies, and daily physical training.

## COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION



**The Gardens Oaks** neighborhood hosted a Back-to-School event for their community and invited Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue to participate. Department personnel shared information on bike safety for children as well as fire prevention and safety tips. Attendees received a tour of the fire engine, saw what a firefighter looks like in their bunker gear, and even got a chance to spray the fire hose.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Department personnel and their families volunteered with other City employees at Christ Fellowship to participate in the **Make a Meal** event. Christ Fellowship partnered with Rise Against Hunger and Convoy of Hope to package over 600,000 meals to be delivered to Honduras to feed those in need.

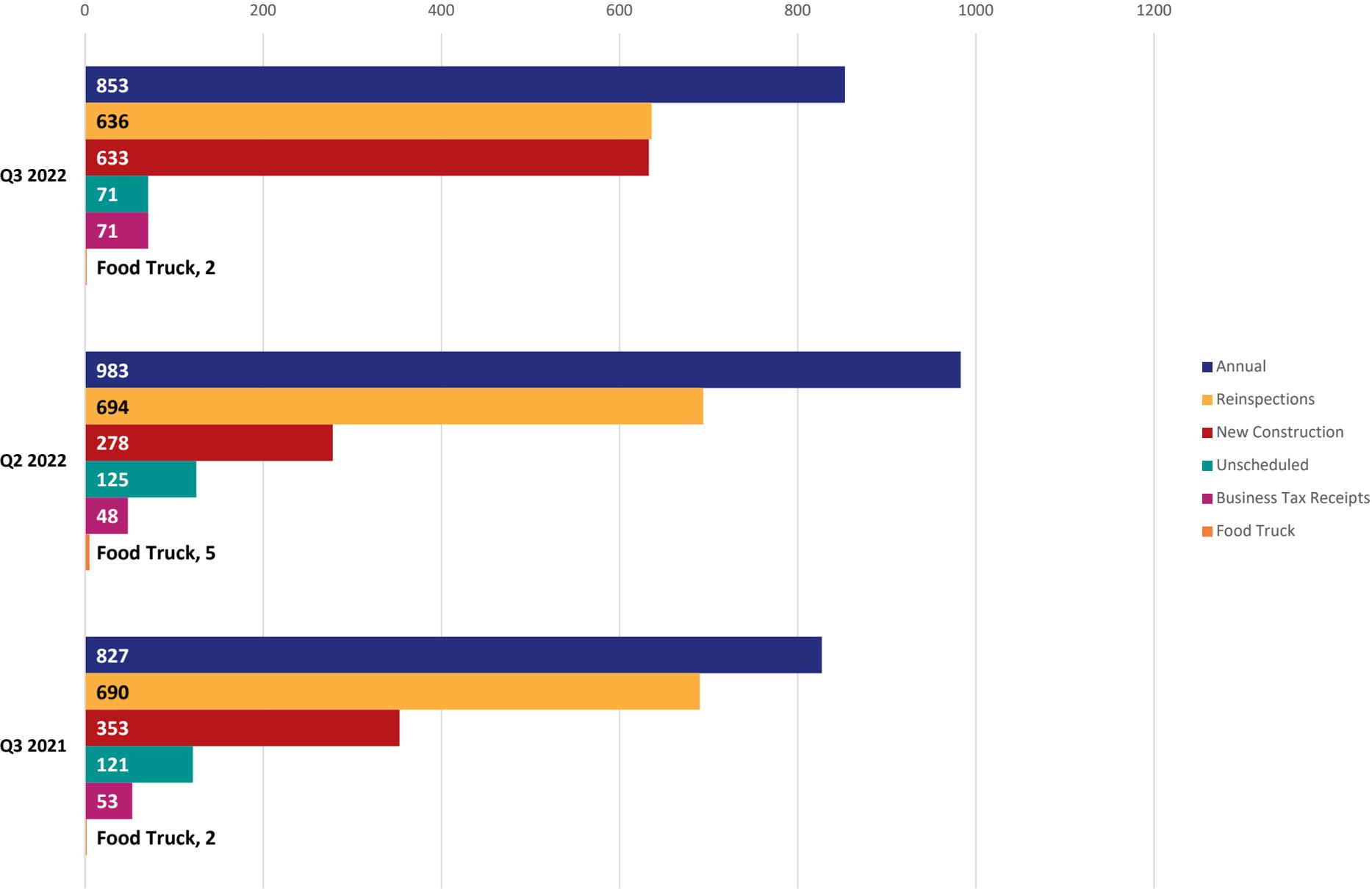




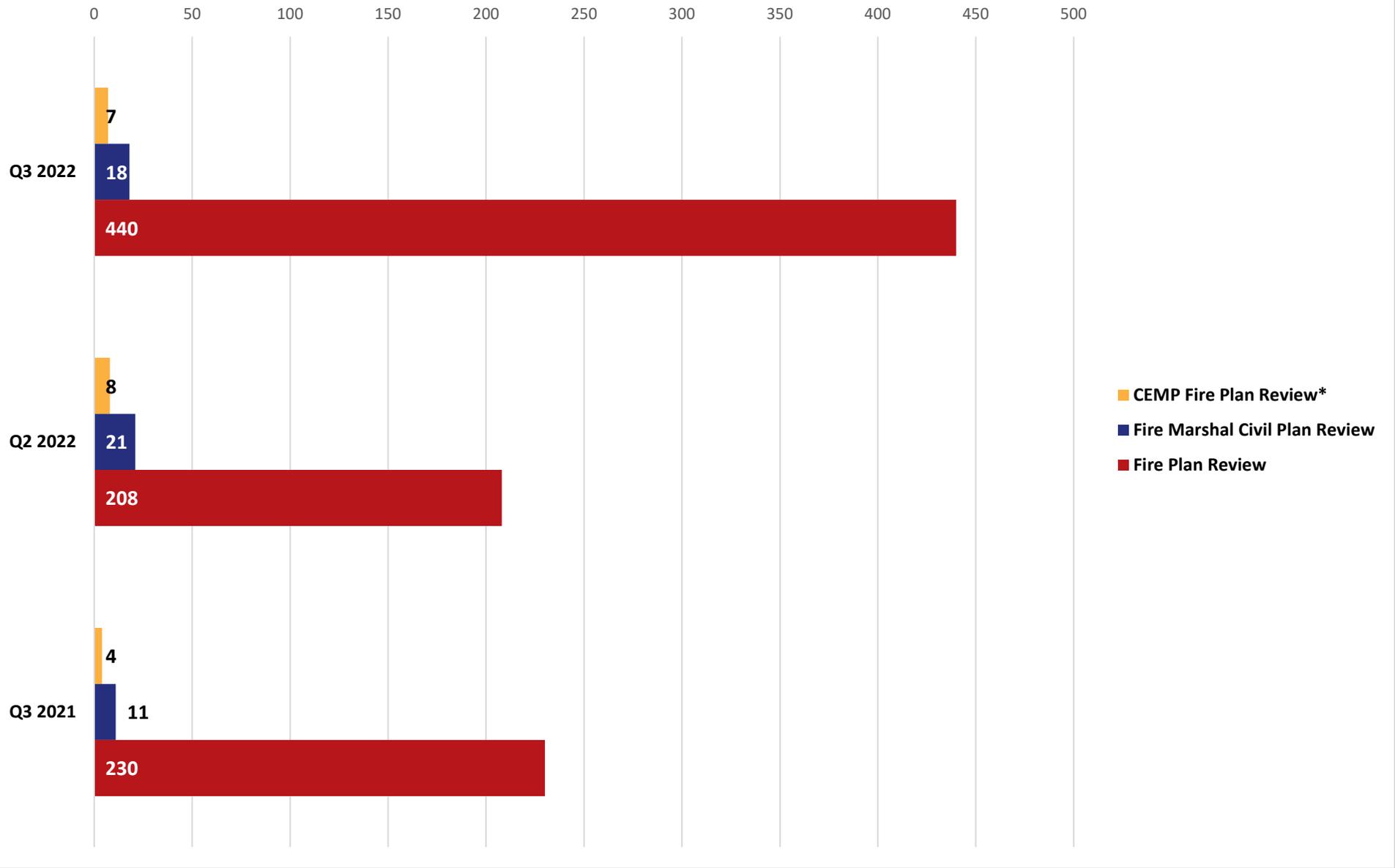
The Recreation Department kept Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue busy this summer as we partnered together for seven different events with **Camp Gardens** and **Magic Camp**. Activities included touring the fire station and the Public Safety Training Complex fire tower, learning about fire safety in the mobile education trailer, and teaching hands-only CPR to middle school students.



# Inspection Activities

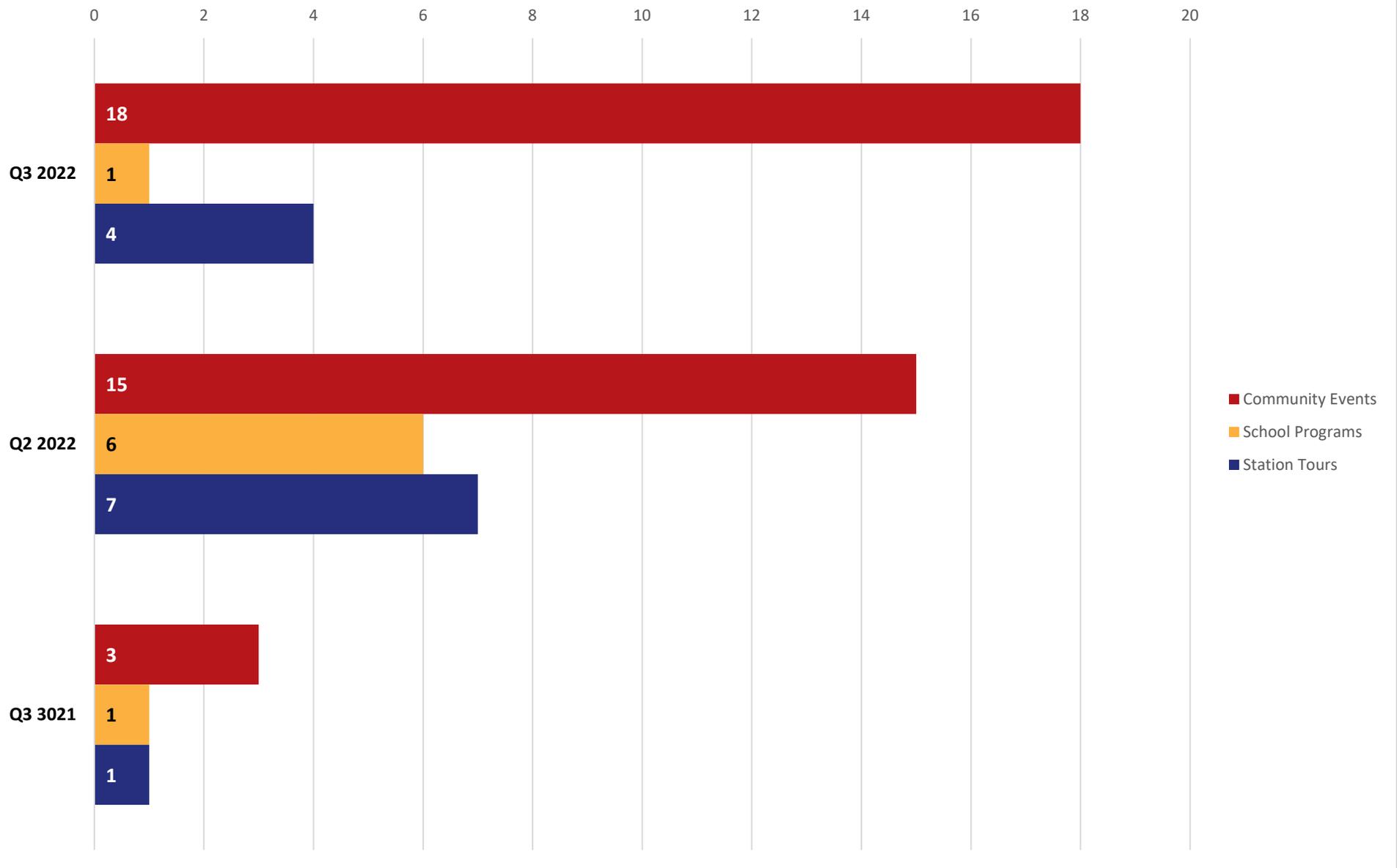


# Plan Review



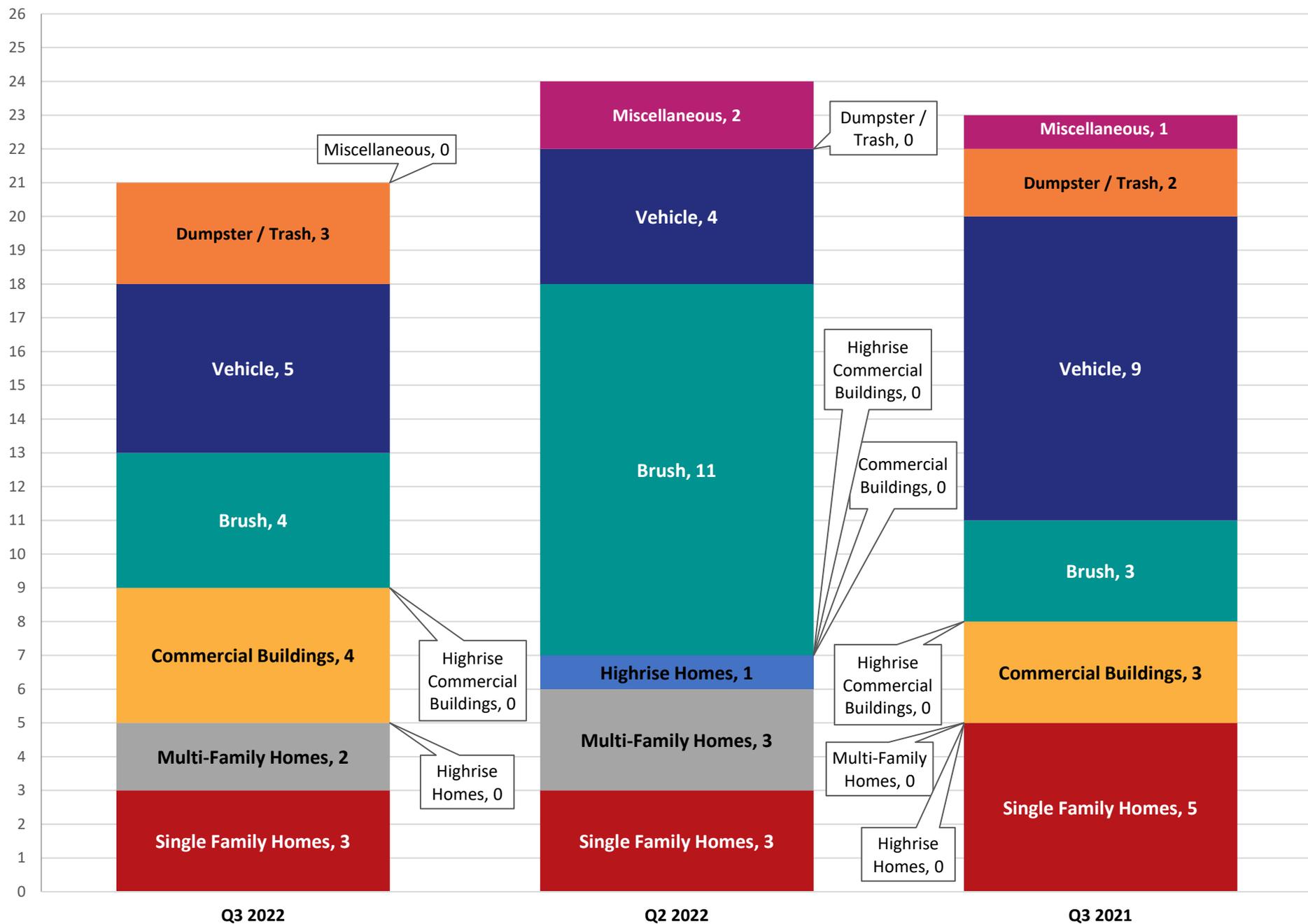
*\*Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (“CEMP”) are required by all healthcare occupancies. They are designed to help mitigate any type of threat to their operations.*

# Community Education Events

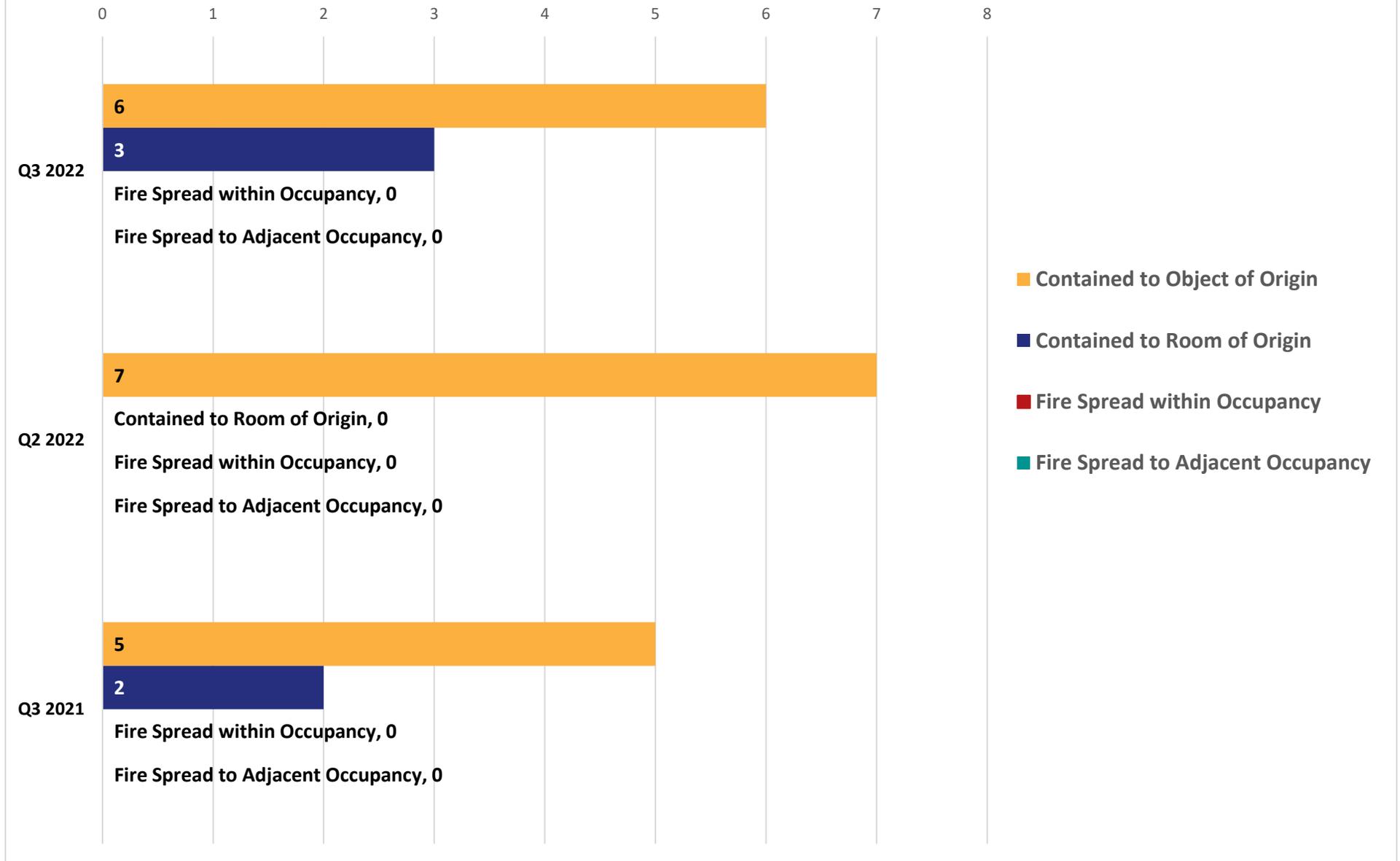


Community education events were reduced during Q3 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Fire Activity Within City Limits



## Structure Fire Containment



Structure fires occur in single family homes, multi-family homes, high-rise homes, commercial, or high-rise commercial buildings. The object of origin is the item identified that first caught fire. The room of origin is the space identified where the fire started.

## ***FIRE LOSS***

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2022***

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$49,900*
- *Potential Loss: \$2,555,462*

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022***

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$7,150*
- *Potential Loss: \$1,233,006*

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021***

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$98,899*
- *Potential Loss: \$14,274,470*

- ***Total Dollar Loss:*** *defined as the dollar amount of the property plus contents.*
- ***Potential Dollar Loss:*** *defined as the dollar amount of the property and contents that was saved.*

## DEPARTMENT NEWS: NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS



**Kevin Cherubin**, promoted to  
**Captain**



**Welcome Fire Medics**  
**Kyle Drew & Vintavis Taylor**