



PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE

2022 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT



Congratulations to Recruit Class 01-2021 on completing their one-year probation.

PATIENT CARE SATISFACTION RATING: 95.58%

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION SATISFACTION RATING: 100%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the fourth quarter of 2022, Fire Rescue responded to **3,498** emergency calls, **69%** of which were medical calls.

Fire Chief Bryer and Deputy Fire Chief Ippolito presented departmental updates to the North County Neighborhood Coalition and Oaks East homeowners' association.

A total of 14 PEER Team members were certified as **Mental Health Resilience Officers (MHRO)** through the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). This certification provided the PEER Team members with additional training on understanding mental health issues and how to support a culture of mental health resilience and emotional wellness.

Deputy Fire Chief Ippolito was appointed as the council member representing the Palm Beach County Fire Chief's Association on the **Palm Beach County EMS Advisory Council**. He joins Assistant Chief Bessette, who also serves on this council as the representative for the Palm Beach County EMS Provider's Association.

This year's fire prevention week held in October was a huge success, with many of the local elementary schools participating.

The department took delivery of its new, state-of-the-art air and light and ladder trucks.





The department sent a second strike team to the Fort Myers Beach area following Hurricane Ian as part of the continued recovery efforts led by the State Emergency Response Plan (SERP). The crew responded to emergency calls and conducted wellness checks.

Nine personnel attended a **health and safety officer class** hosted by the department. This class provides a foundation on national and Florida-specific information as related to the role of an EMS Health and Safety Officer at emergency scenes.

Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue received the **2022 Florida Fire Chiefs' Association Firefighter Safety, Health & Wellness Award of Excellence**. This award recognized the efforts made by the Health & Wellness Committee in contributing to the department's overall safety, health, and wellness culture.

The department also received the **2022 National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) and EMS World Magazine: Award of Excellence for Wellness and Resilience**. This award represents the department's commitment to keeping its personnel physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.



**FFCA Firefighter Safety, Health, & Wellness
Award of Excellence**

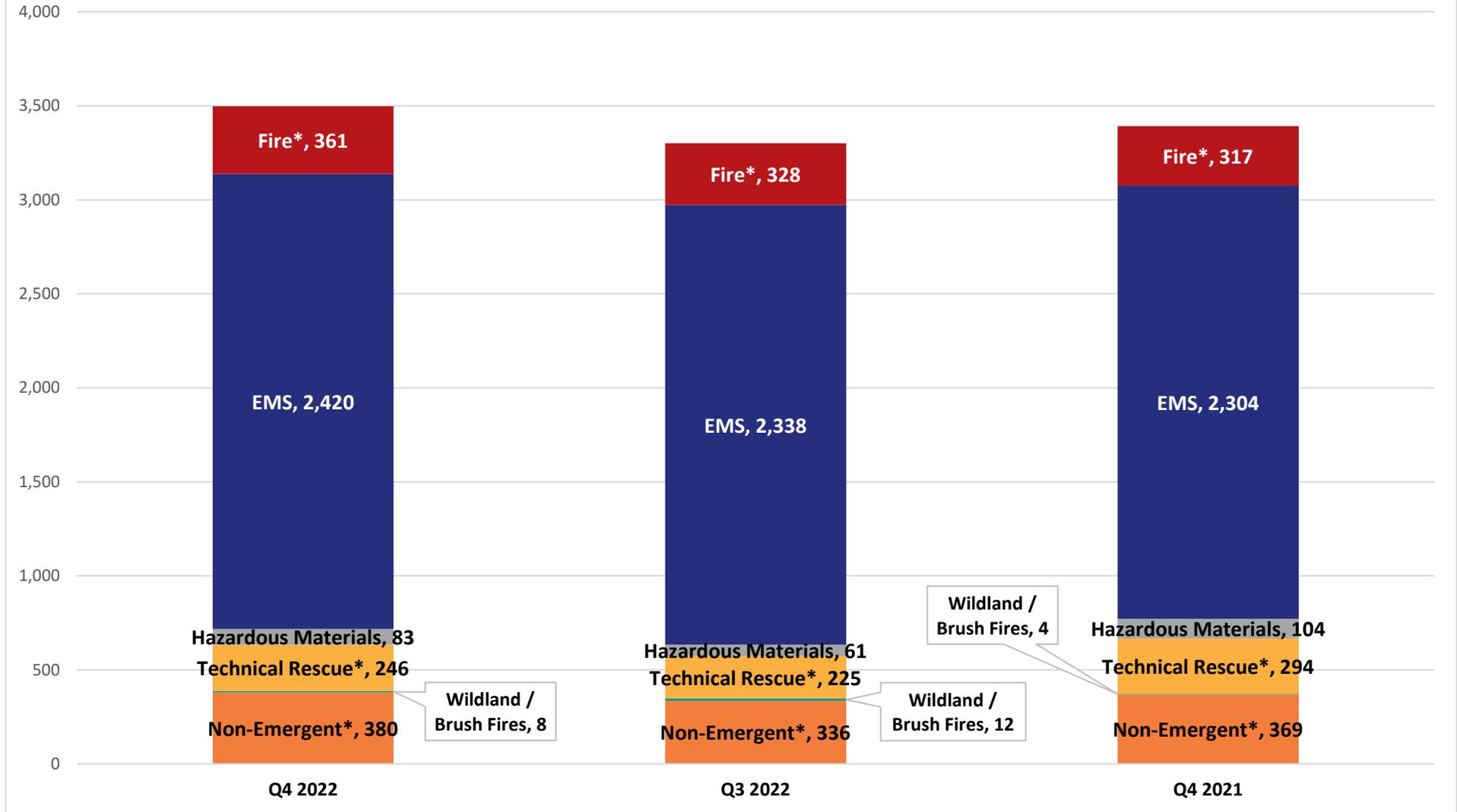


**NAEMT & EMS World Magazine Award of
Excellence for Wellness and Resilience**

OPERATIONS DIVISION

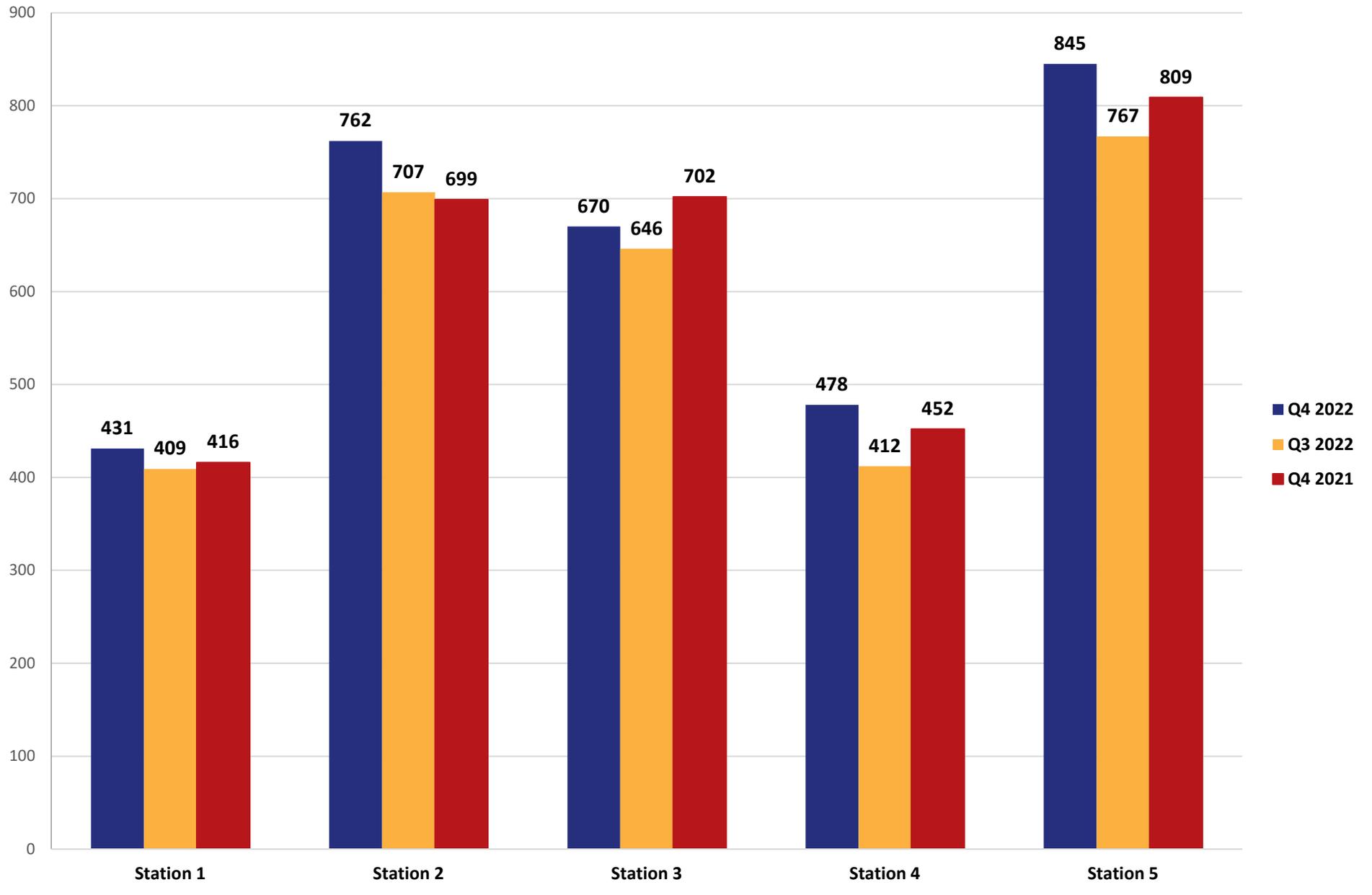
Dispatched Call Types

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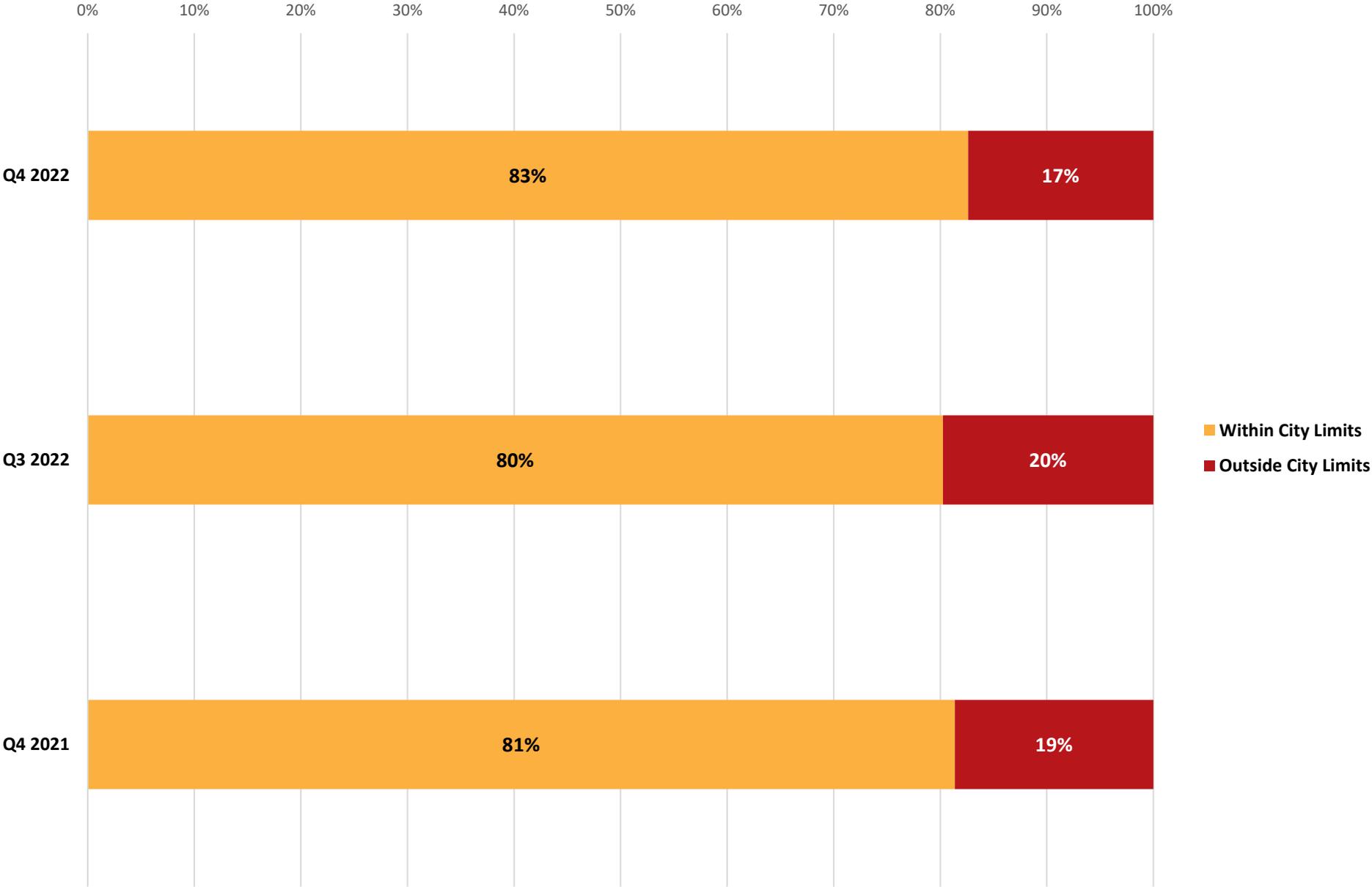


*Fire calls include responses to fire alarms. Technical rescue emergencies include car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial accidents. Non-emergent responses include calls such as public assists, investigations, or falls without injuries.

Total Call Volume by Station Zone



Calls Inside and Outside of City Limits





Thanks to the efforts of District Captain Terrana and Rescue Lieutenant Ventura, they were able to register 179 AEDs within the City to win the PulsePoint AED contest.

PulsePoint AED



November 29, 2022

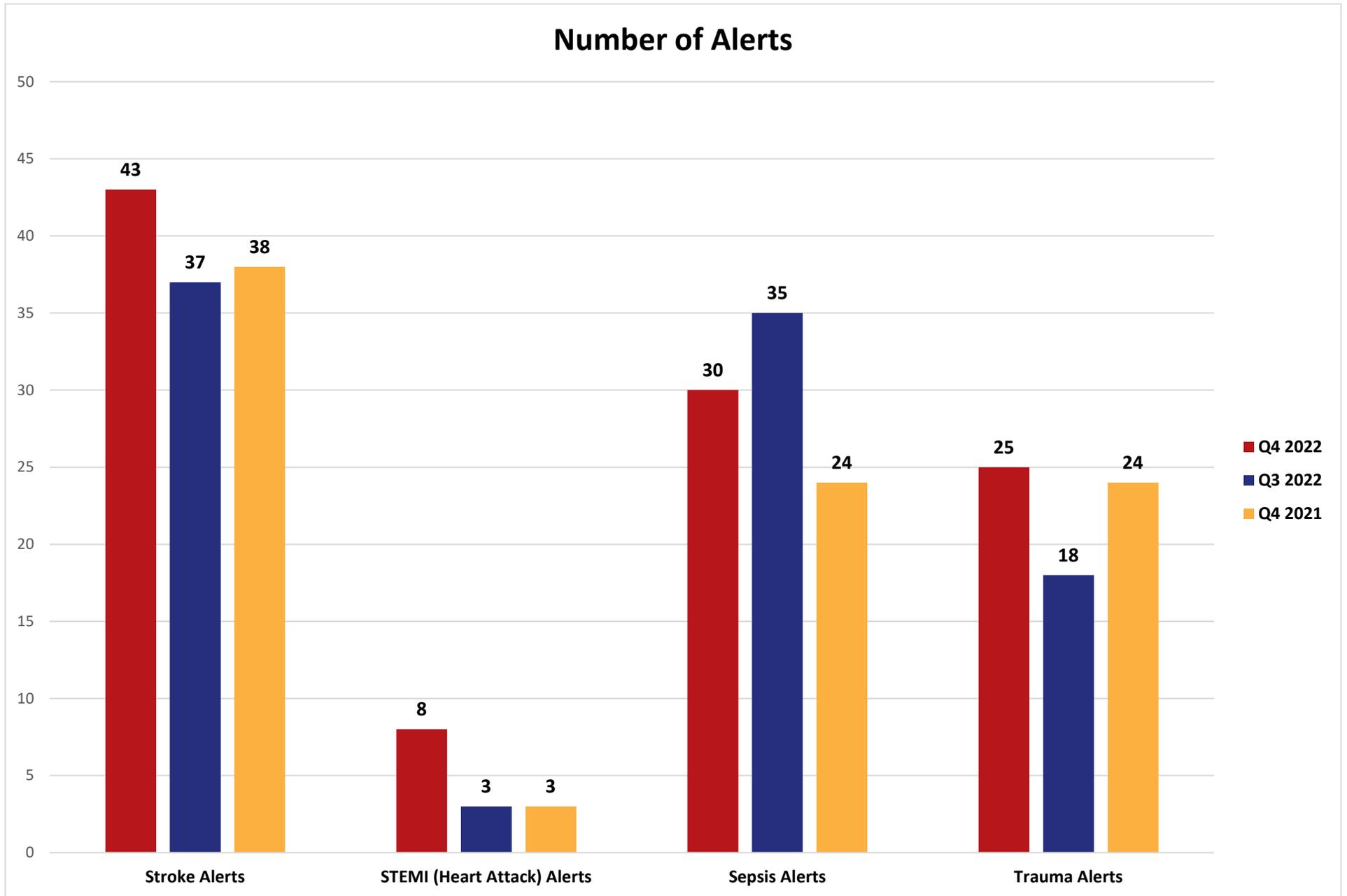
PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE WINS 2022 PULSEPOINT AED CONTEST

Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue was awarded a **\$5,000.00** grant to purchase additional AEDs for the community after winning the PulsePoint AED competition in October. The department registered **179** AEDs at locations throughout the City, including schools, government buildings, local businesses, places of worship, and gyms.

The locations of the newly registered AEDs will be made available to local community and emergency responders during cardiac emergencies through the PulsePoint AED app.

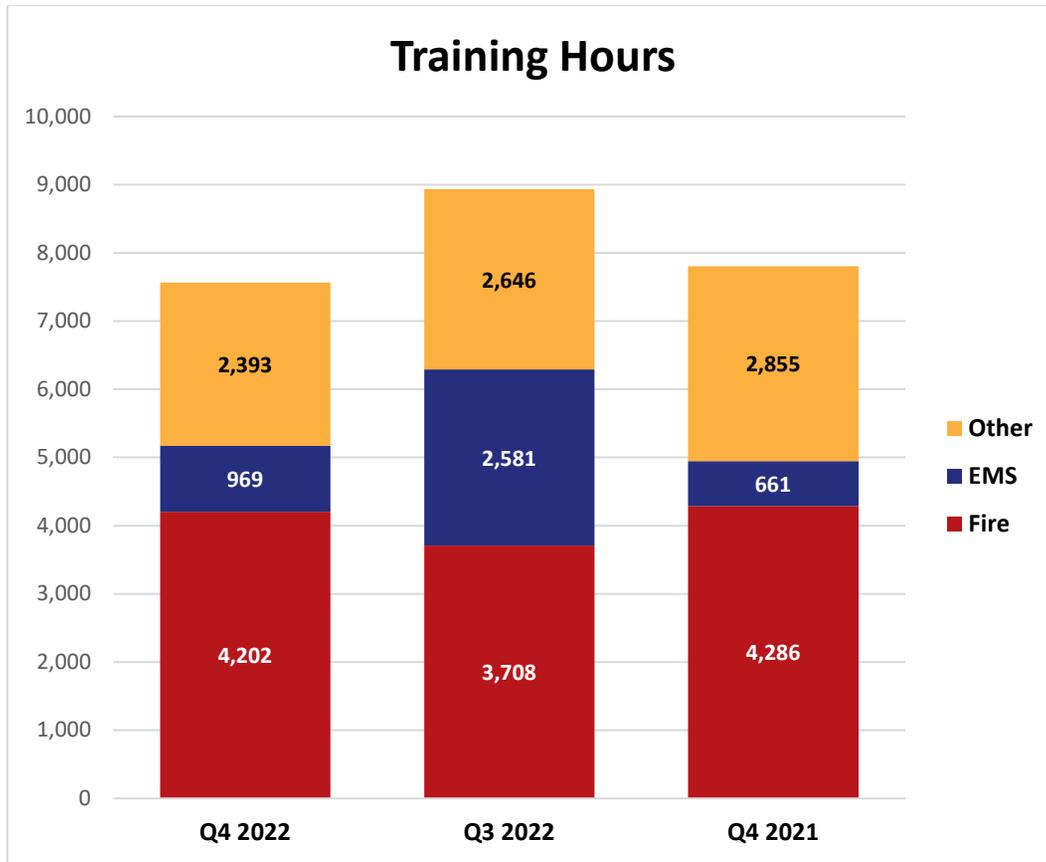
The PulsePoint app notifies off-duty first responders of the location of a cardiac arrest and the closest AED to the location.

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 ≤ 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 receive training on the department's new ladder truck from Seagrave Fire Apparatus representatives.

- Department personnel trained on ground ladder operations. Proficiency in the use of ground ladders ensures that firefighters are able to ascend and descend quickly and safely from one level to another when performing emergency operations.
- Representatives from **Seagrave Fire Apparatus** provided on-site training of the department's new ladder truck, which is anticipated to be placed into service during Q1 2023.
- All personnel attended phase two of the **Resuscitation Academy** and were provided refresher training on the key elements needed to successfully resuscitate a patient in cardiac arrest.
- 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

Quarter 4 was very busy with community education events! There were **25** planned events during Fire Prevention Week in October, and almost **2,400** interactions with the public! Six local elementary schools participated in a contest to create home fire escape plans, with the winning class at each school receiving an ice cream party with a crew. Additionally, the department provided **11** hands-only CPR classes to the community.



This class of 5th graders from Timber Trace Elementary school won the home fire escape plan competition by creating more escape plans than any other class in their school.



Captain Miller and Fire Inspector Perez had an opportunity to meet with students at PBC who are considering a career with fire rescue.

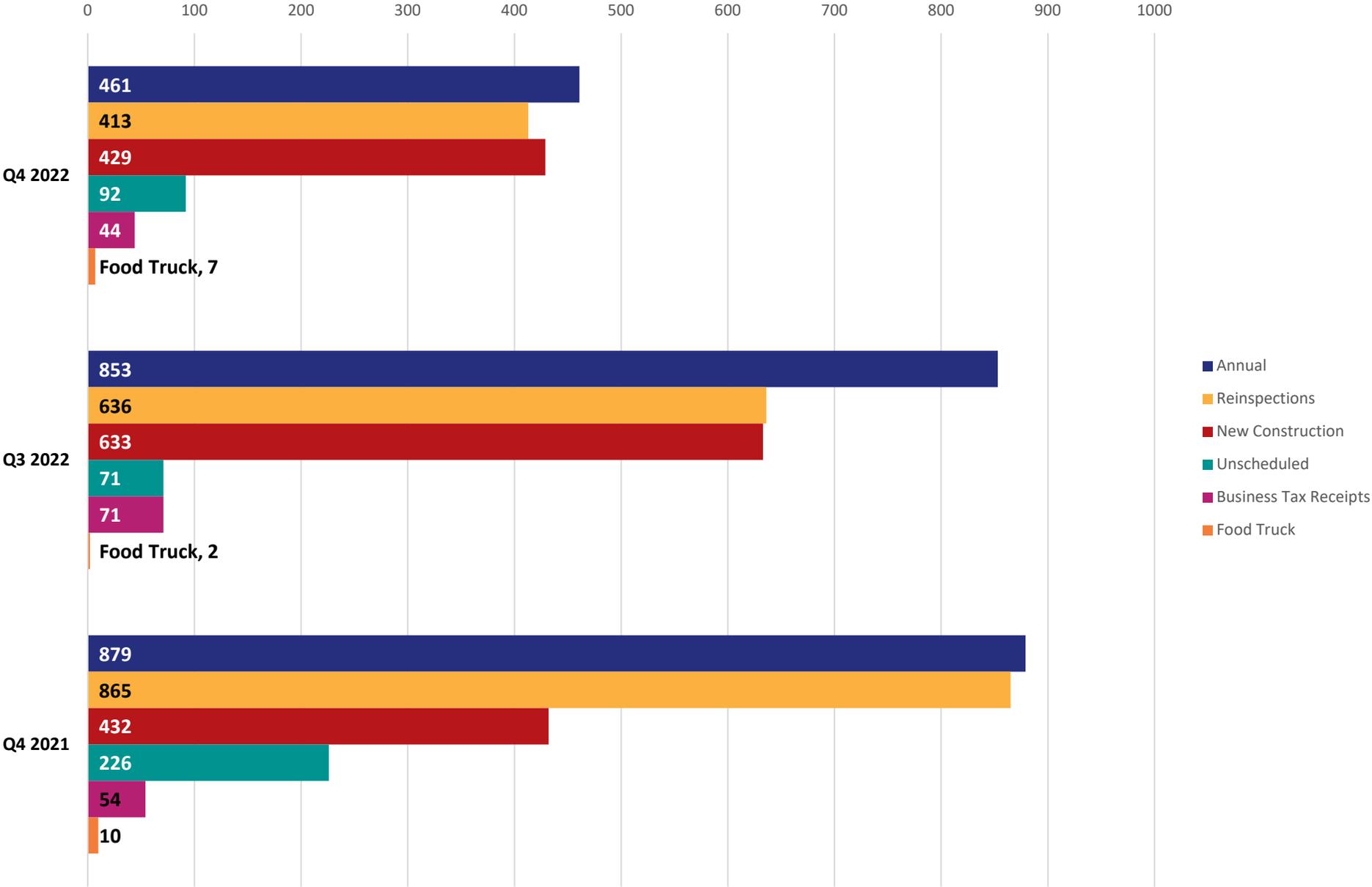


A local home school group visited Station 61.

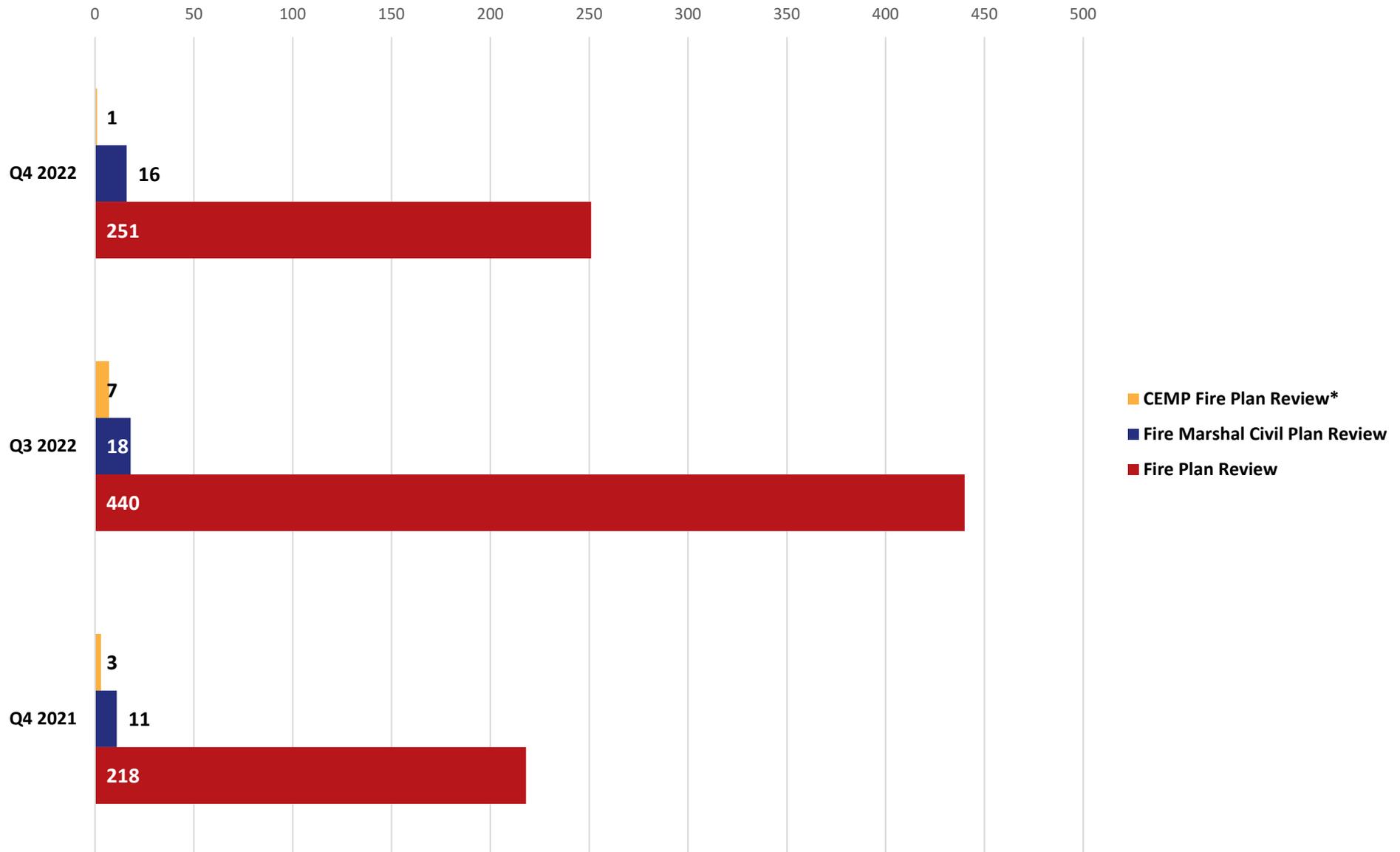


Lieutenant Ventura served ice cream and sprinkles to a class of 2nd graders that earned an ice cream party with a crew by completing more home fire escape plans than any other class in their school.

Inspection Activities

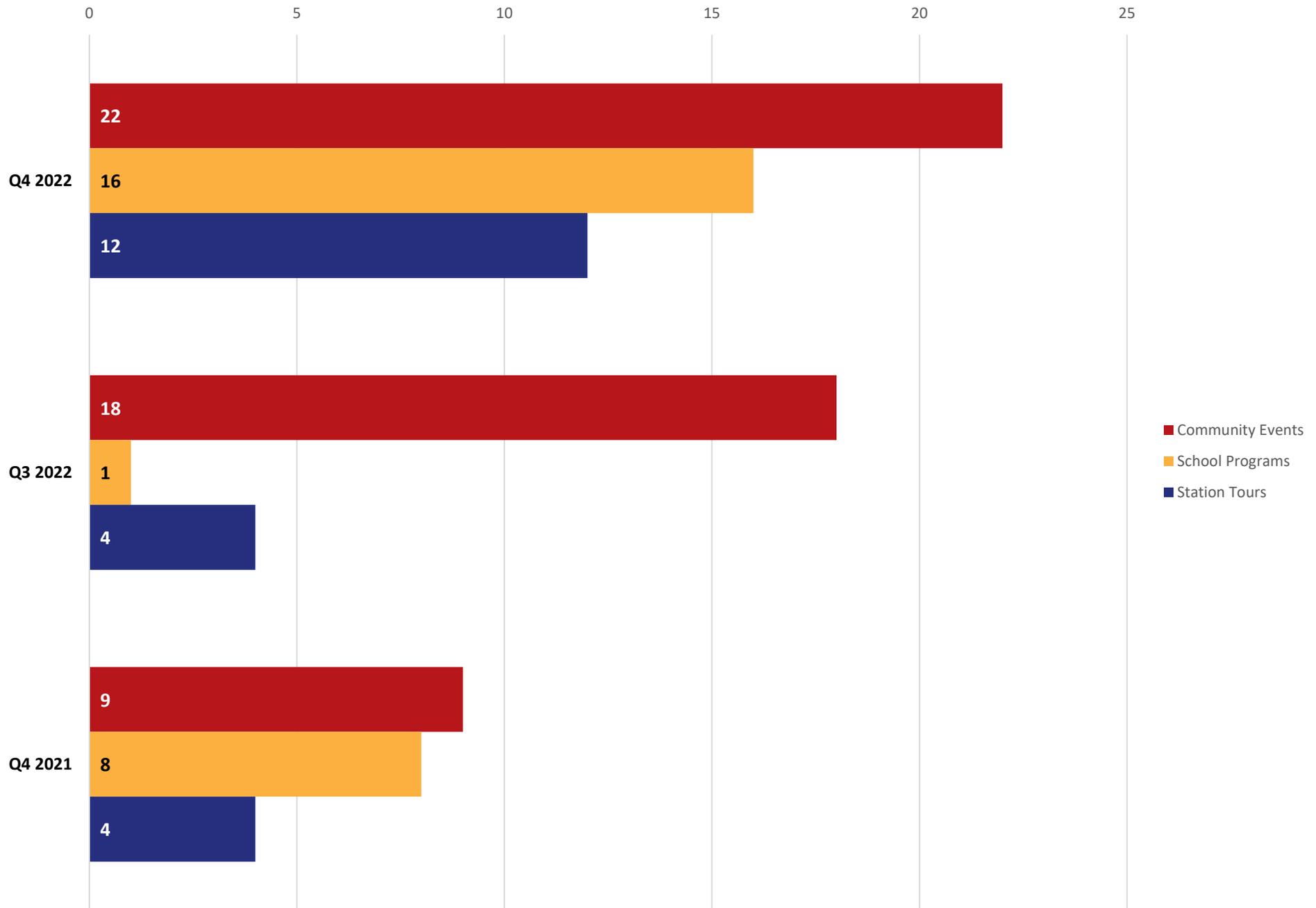


Plan Review

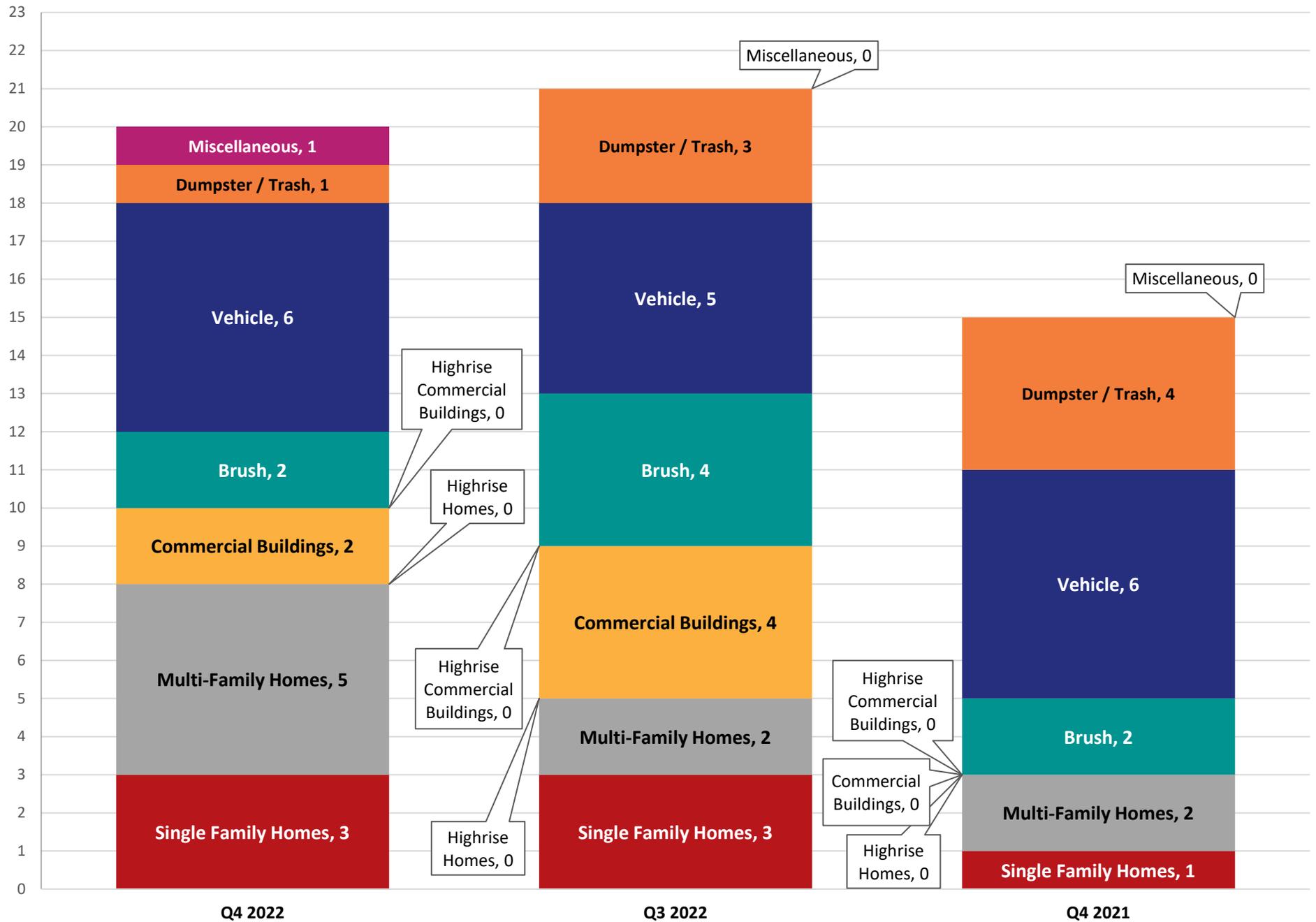


**Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (“CEMP”) are required by all healthcare occupancies. They are designed to help mitigate any type of threat to their operations.*

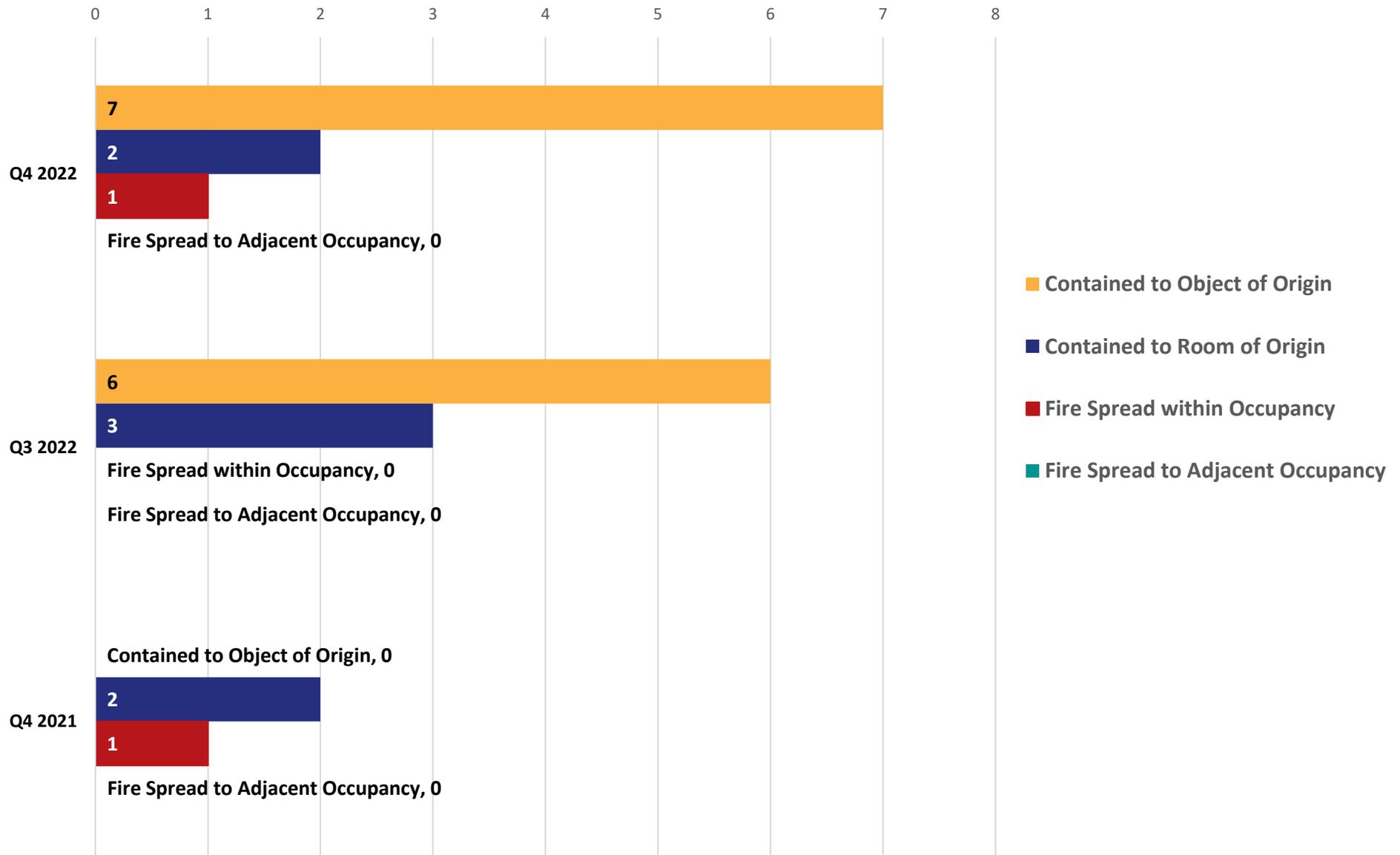
Community Education Events



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

4th Quarter 2022

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$162,520*
- *Potential Loss: \$2,609,753*

3rd Quarter 2022

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

4th Quarter 2021

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$215,230*
- *Potential Loss: \$710,000*

- ***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

David Murry, promoted to
Administrative Chief



Monica Marzullo,
promoted to **Captain**



Carlos Urquiza,
promoted to **Rescue
Lieutenant**

Welcome to **Joel Orr** & **Darius Young**,
Logistics Coordinators



Chase Garitson,
promoted to **Rescue
Lieutenant**



Michael Ilarraza,
promoted to **Rescue
Lieutenant**



Mark Shutts,
promoted to
Driver/Engineer