



PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE

2023 FIRST QUARTER REPORT



Congratulations to the 2022 Awards recipients! Their accomplishments were recognized during a ceremony held on March 31st.

PATIENT CARE SATISFACTION RATING: 95.66%

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION SATISFACTION RATING: 100%

CPR ATTENDEES: 479

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the first quarter of 2023, Fire Rescue responded to **3,635** emergency calls, **68%** of which were medical calls.



RIT Competition

In January, the department’s rapid intervention team (RIT) competed in the **Fire-Rescue EAST RIT Competition**. The goal for this competition is for teams to demonstrate the skills needed to rescue a downed firefighter.

The new air and light and ladder trucks were also featured and on display at the **Fire-Rescue East** conference held in Daytona Beach.

Deputy Fire Chief Ippolito was appointed as the chair of the **Palm Beach County EMS Advisory Council**.

Division Chief Lezza attended the Florida Fire Chiefs’ **Safety and Health Conference** in Orlando.

The department’s antique 1940 American La France fire engine, which was restored by Loud Mouth Customs and Christian Lee Concepts won the **Best of Show** award at the 16th Annual “100 Years of Cars” show in Stuart.

Fire Chief Bryer, Police Chief Shannon, and Deputy Fire Chief Ippolito spoke at the

Frenchman’s Creek External Affairs Committee meeting. They provided an overview of department activities and hosted a Q&A session for attendees.

Robert Steelman, EVT Mechanic, was named as the 2022 **Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year** by Firehouse and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association. EVT Steelman was recognized at the March City Council meeting.





Univ. of Miami FF Cancer Symposium

Deputy Fire Chief Ippolito, Division Chief Lezza, Captain Terrana, Rescue Lieutenant Krakowski, and Driver/Engineer McCall attended the **University of Miami International Firefighters Cancer Symposium**. This symposium brings together members from the scientific, academic, firefighting, government, and labor/management communities to support the reduction of cancer in the fire service.

A **Promotional Ceremony** was held on January 27th to recognize the eleven personnel that were promoted in 2022. The department also recognized the personnel who were promoted in 2020 and 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic with a ceremony on February 10th. Congratulations on your hard work!



2022 Promotional Ceremony

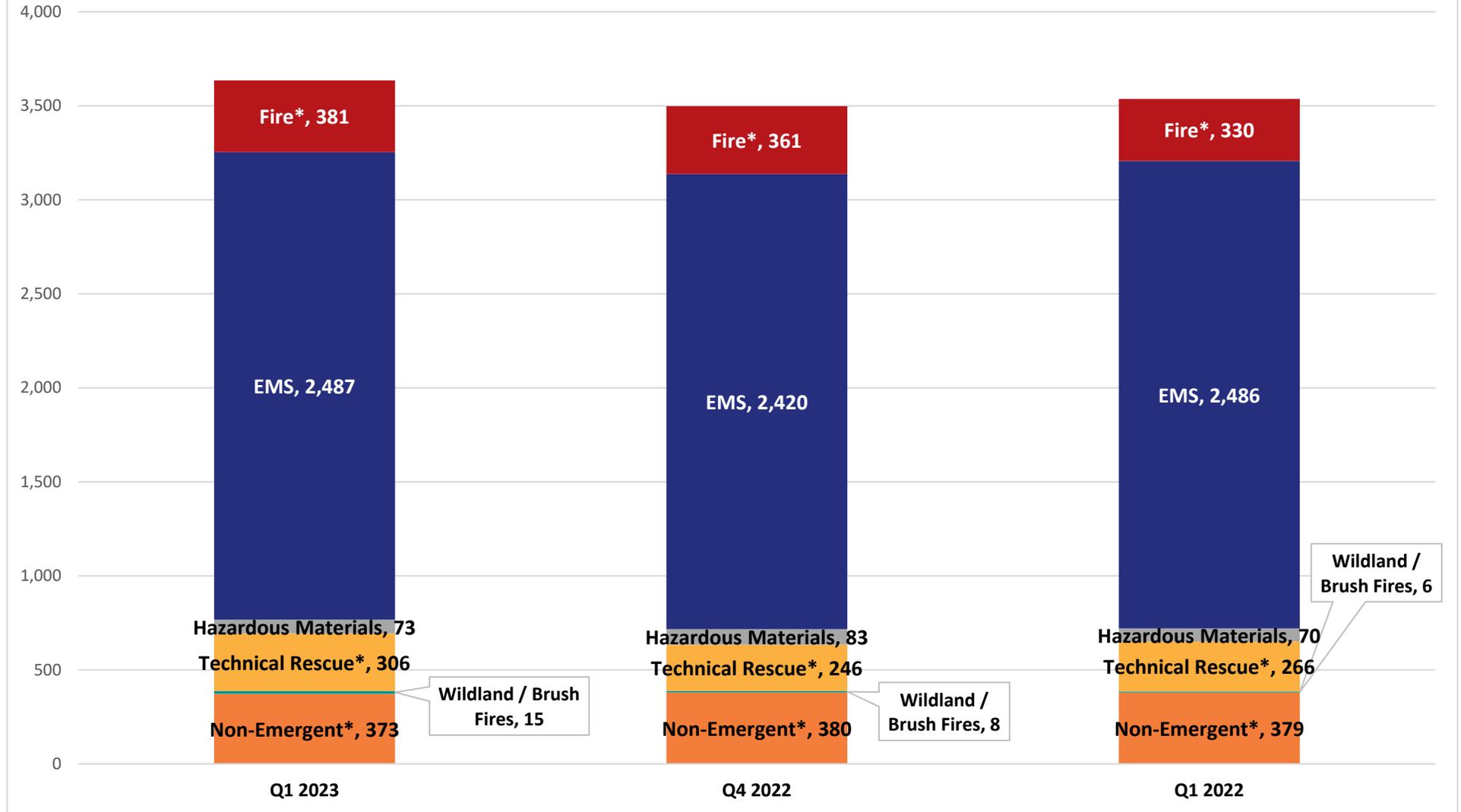


2020 & 2021 Promotional Ceremony

OPERATIONS DIVISION

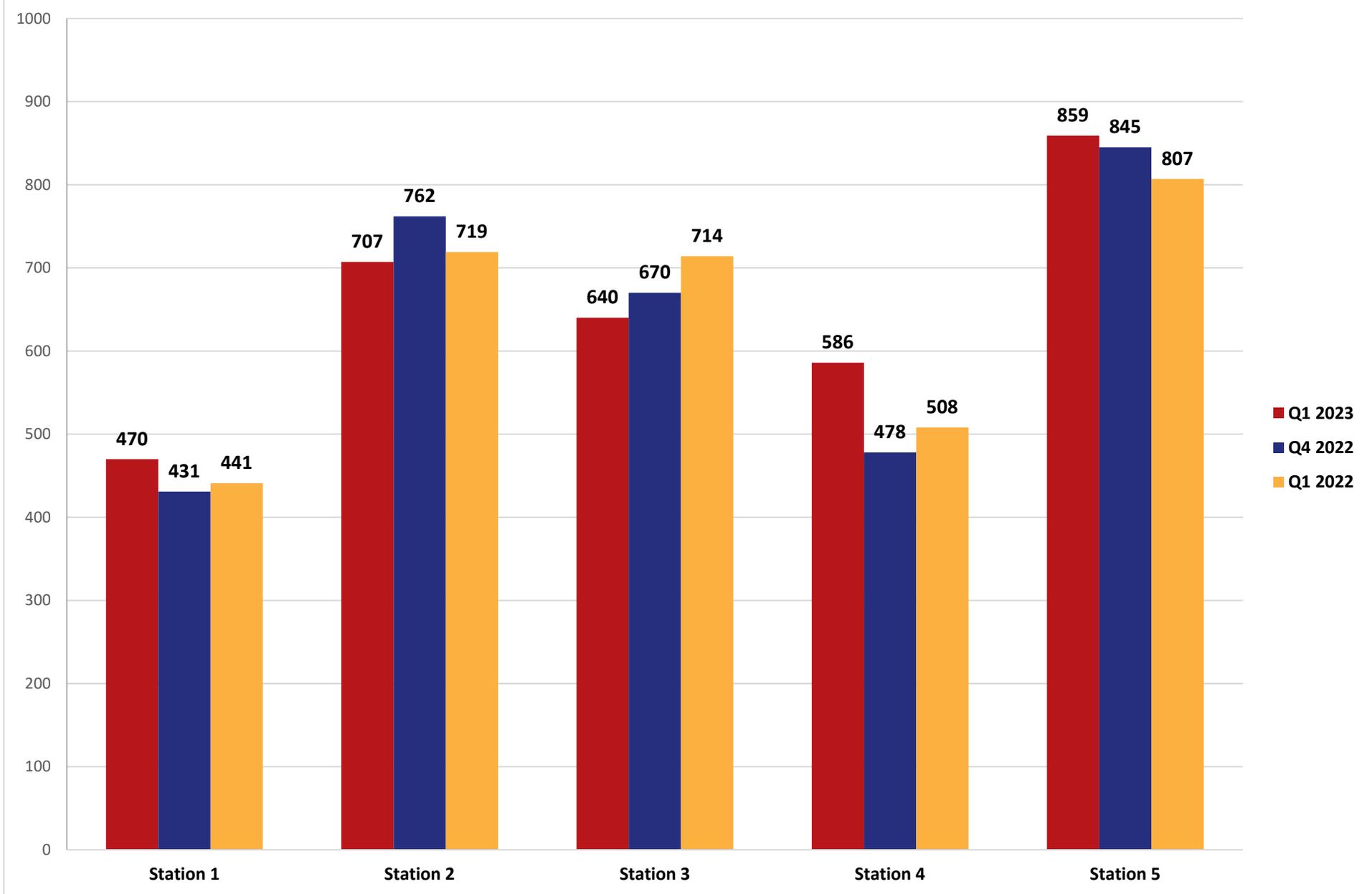
Dispatched Call Types

(may be different than the actual call type found on arrival)

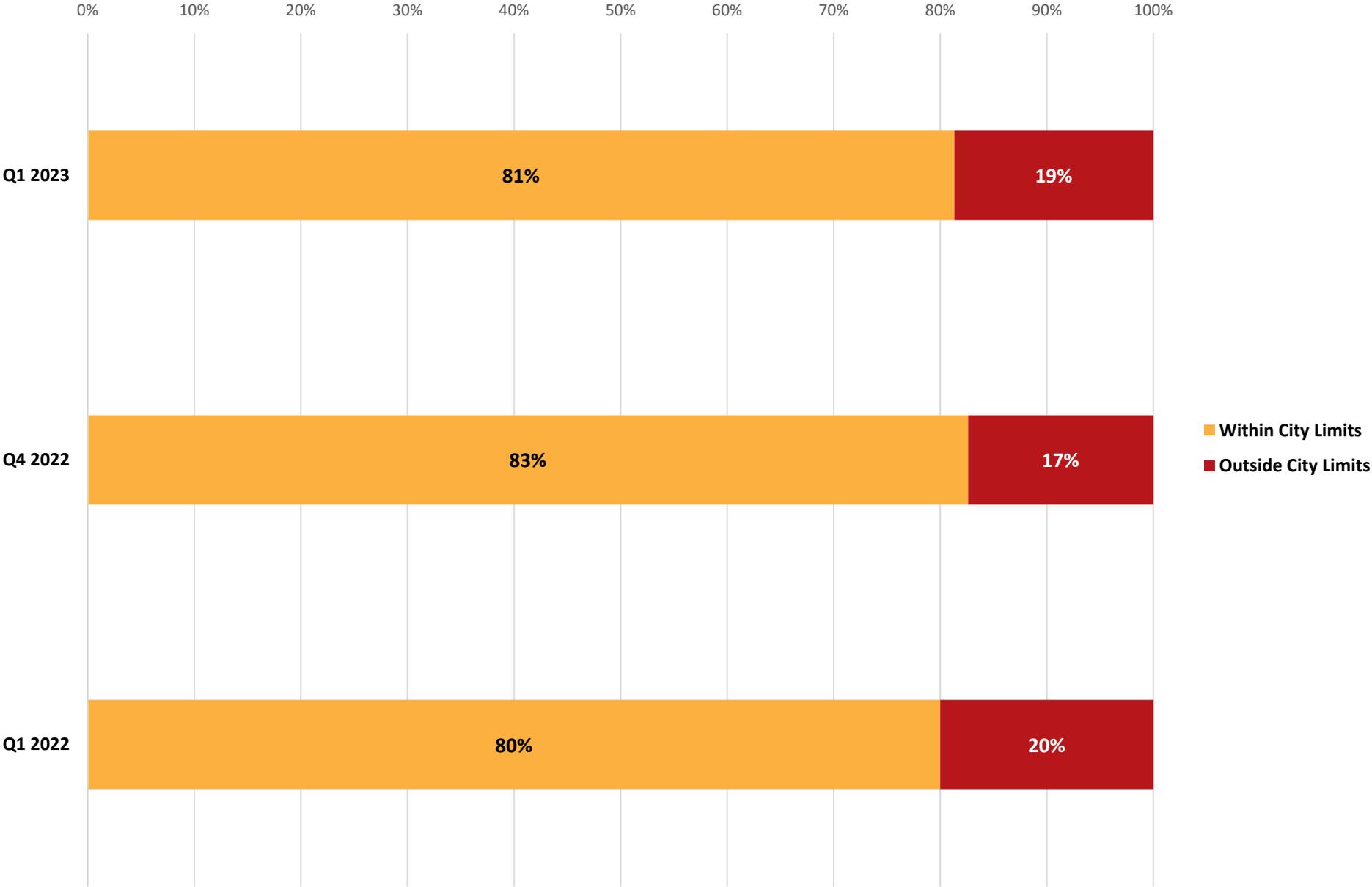


*Fire calls include responses to fire alarms. Technical rescue emergencies include car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial accidents. Non-emergent responses include calls such as public assists, investigations, or falls without injuries.

Total Call Volume by Station Zone



Calls Inside and Outside of City Limits



EMS DIVISION

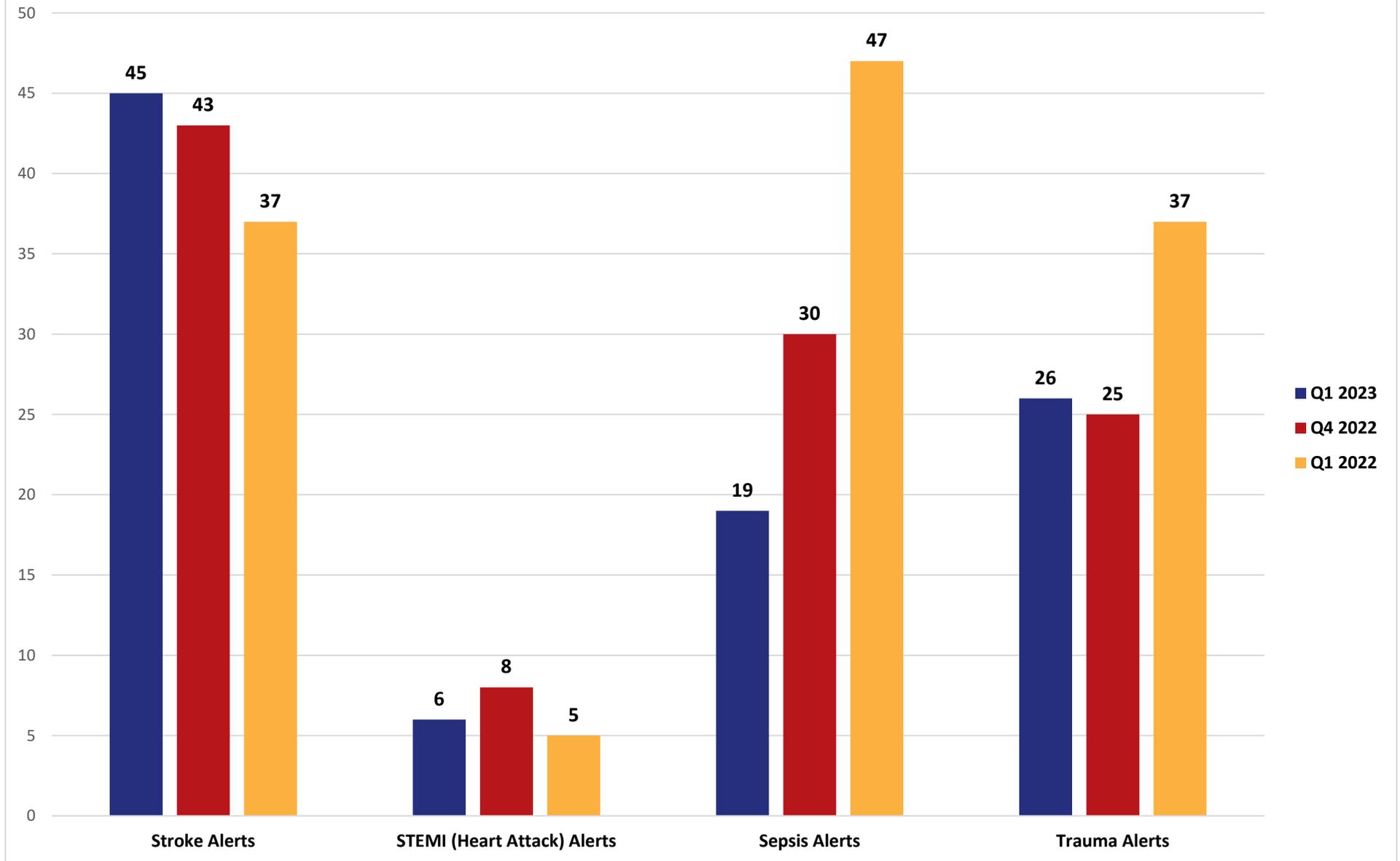


The City was designated as a **HEARTSafe Community** by the Citizen CPR Foundation. HEARTSafe Communities promote survival from sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest which includes as widespread CPR instruction, public access to defibrillators (AEDs), and aggressive resuscitation protocols.



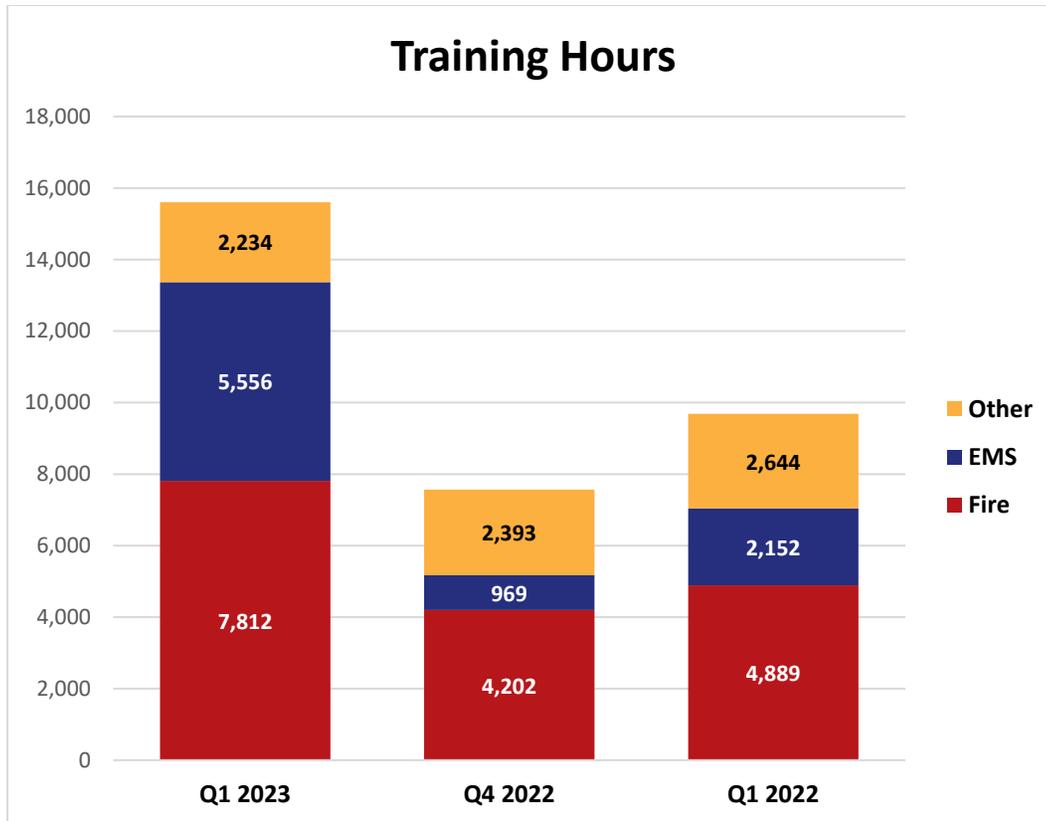
The department's Q1 Call of the Quarter recipients were recognized for their efforts in responding to a car accident following a shooting. One patient was found to have a gunshot wound to the head and multiple other patients required extrication from their vehicles and transport to the hospital.

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 train on rope rescue operations at the Public Safety Training Complex.

- Department personnel were trained on the new **Handtevy** system, which is a resuscitation system proven to save lives and reduce medication dosage errors when treating pediatric patients.
- **Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)/Mayday** training was also conducted. RIT teams are comprised of two or more firefighters dedicated to the search and rescue of other firefighters in distress during mayday events. A mayday is declared for three main reasons: firefighters are lost or trapped, injured, or are missing/unaccounted for on an emergency scene.
- The Department sponsored rope operations courses as part of its initial steps in developing a technical rescue team. Personnel who attended the courses were trained to the highest level of rope rescue operations, which are necessary for rescuing a victim on a high angle (e.g., rescuing a window washer who is stuck).
- 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 department participated in Public Safety Day, which was held on February 4th. Attendees were able to see a demonstration of the sprinkler trailer and practice their home escape plans in the public education trailer. Sparky™ even made an appearance and read a story with Logistics Coordinator Young!

The department trained **479 attendees** in hands-only CPR at 11 events throughout the quarter. The Oaks East, Villa De Este, and BallenIsles communities, along with all City staff, all participated in this lifesaving training.

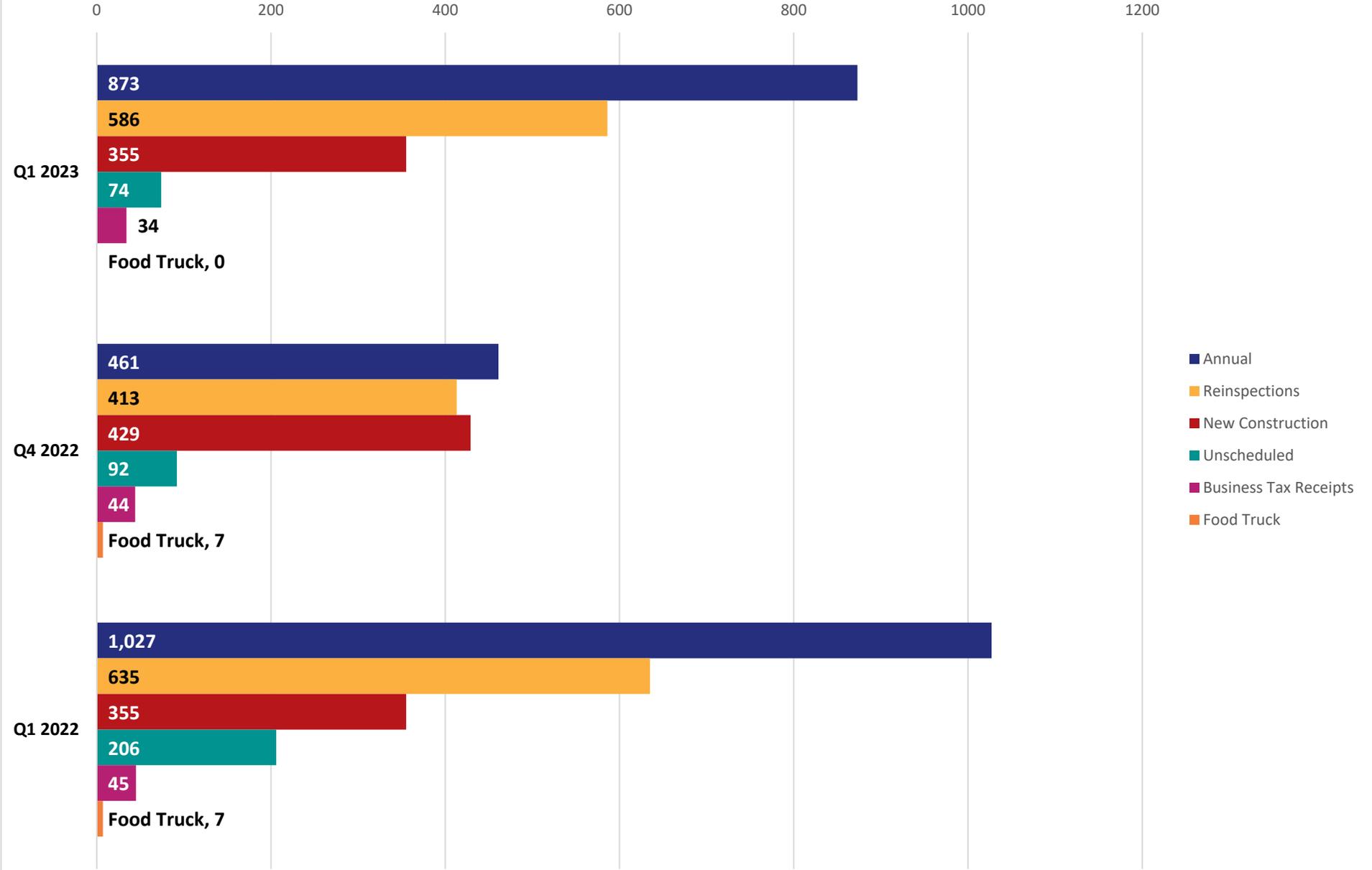


One of the department's rescues visited Conviva Care Center, which is a senior-focused primary care provider. The paramedics provided an overview of the rescue to attendees so they would know what to expect if they ever had to be transported.

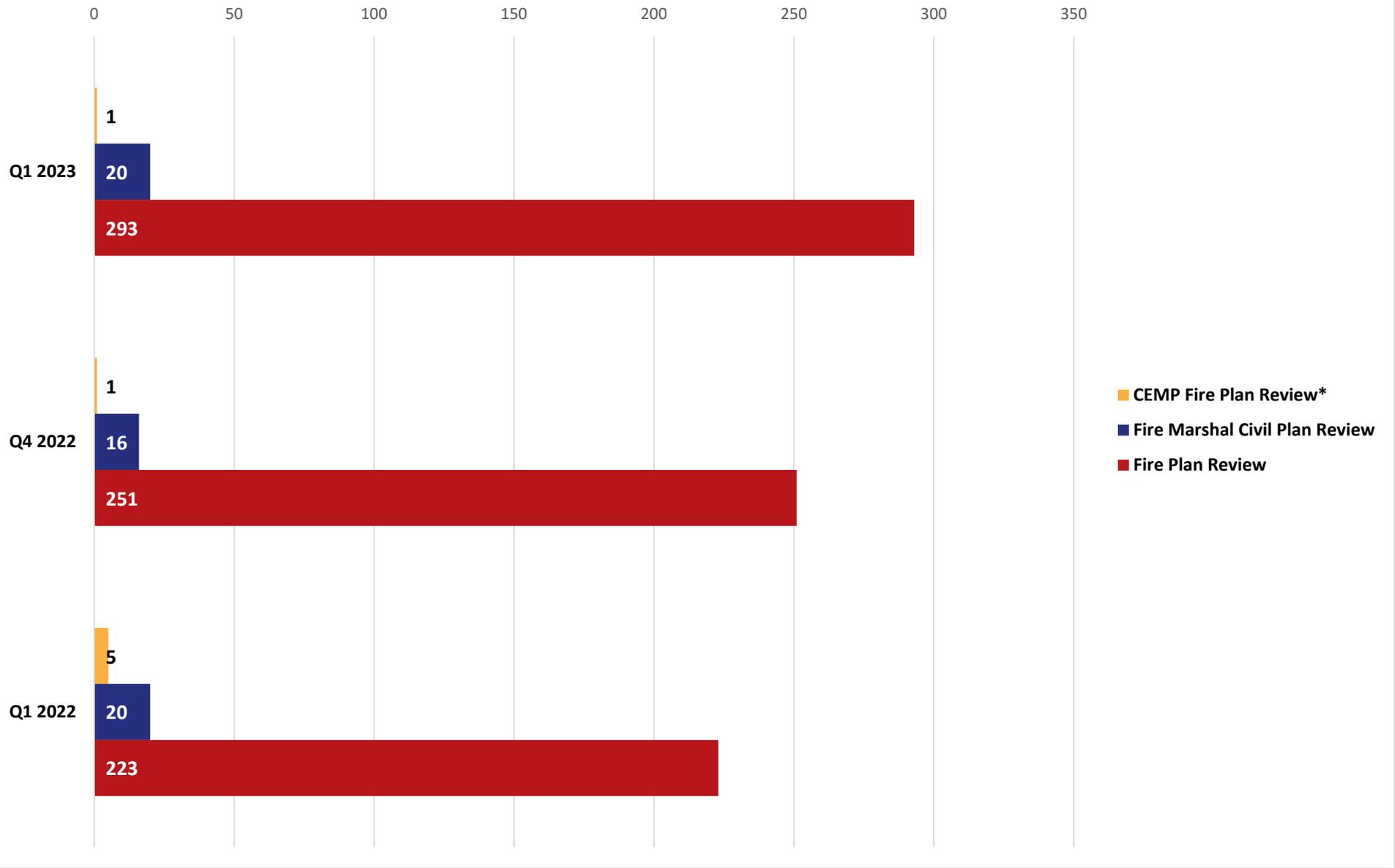


Inspector Seay greeted local residents at one of the City's Green Markets. She provided lessons to the children on staying safe and provided parents with literature and other resources available from the department.

Inspection Activities

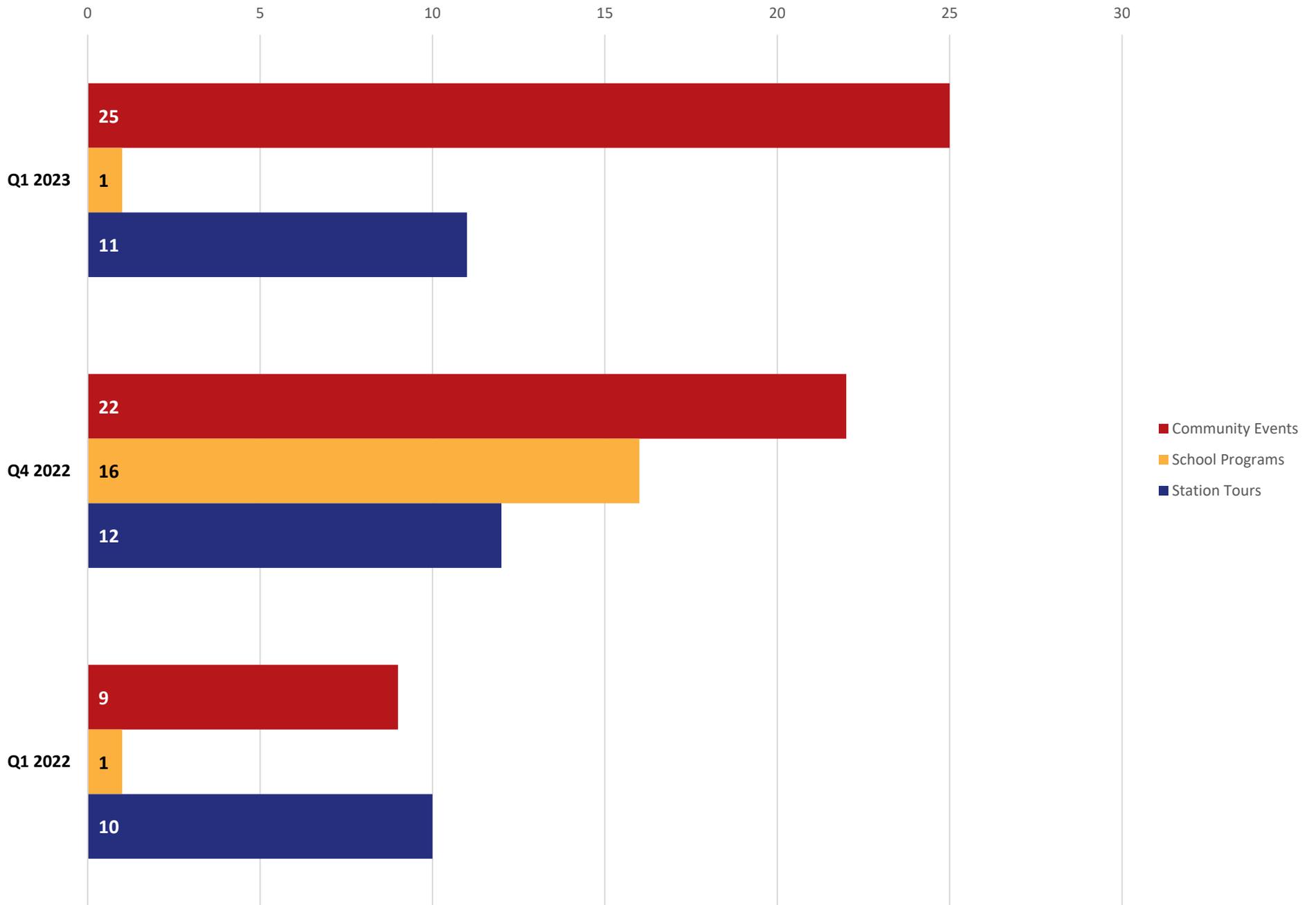


Plan Review

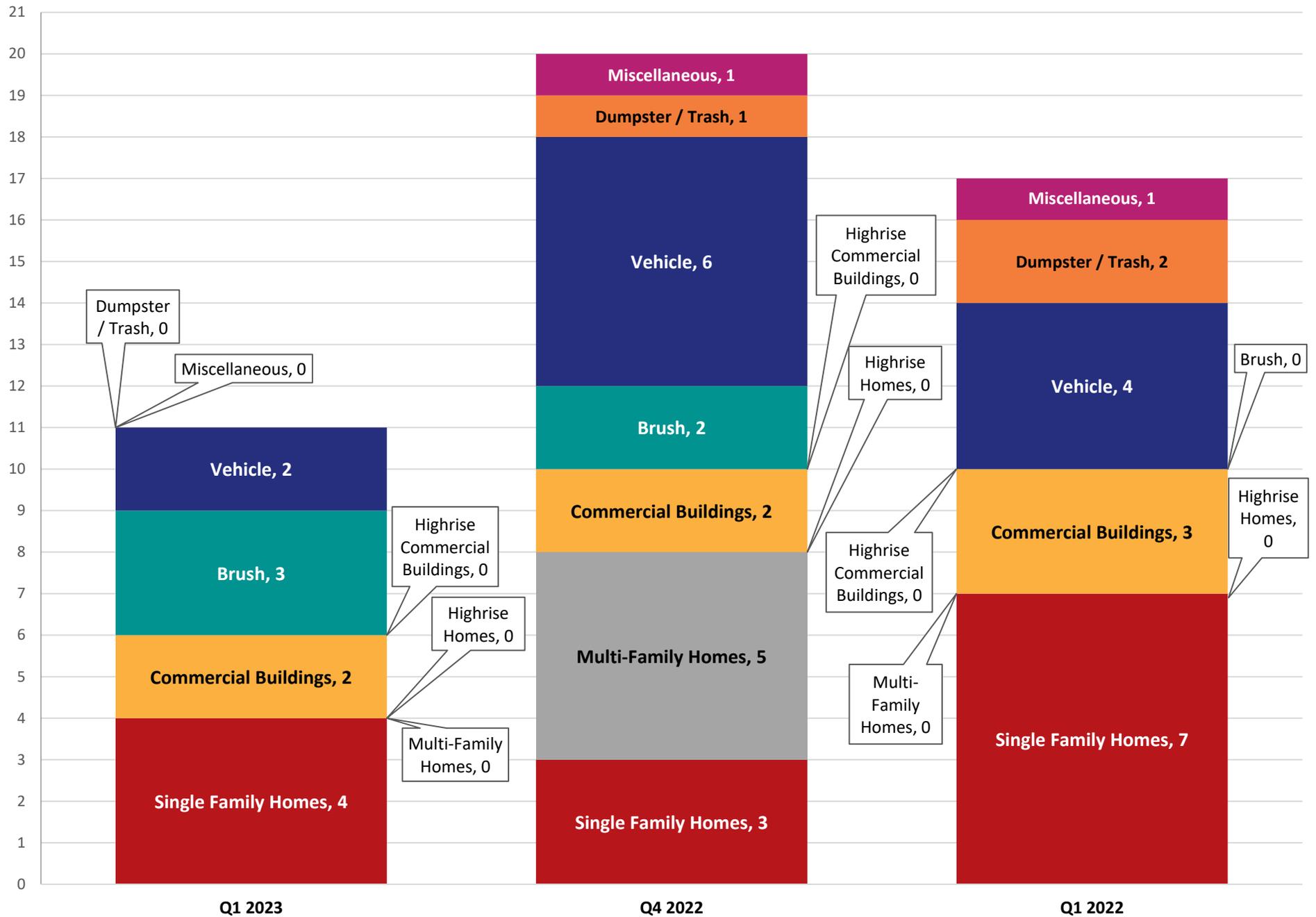


**Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (“CEMP”) are required by all healthcare occupancies. They are designed to help mitigate any type of threat to their operations.*

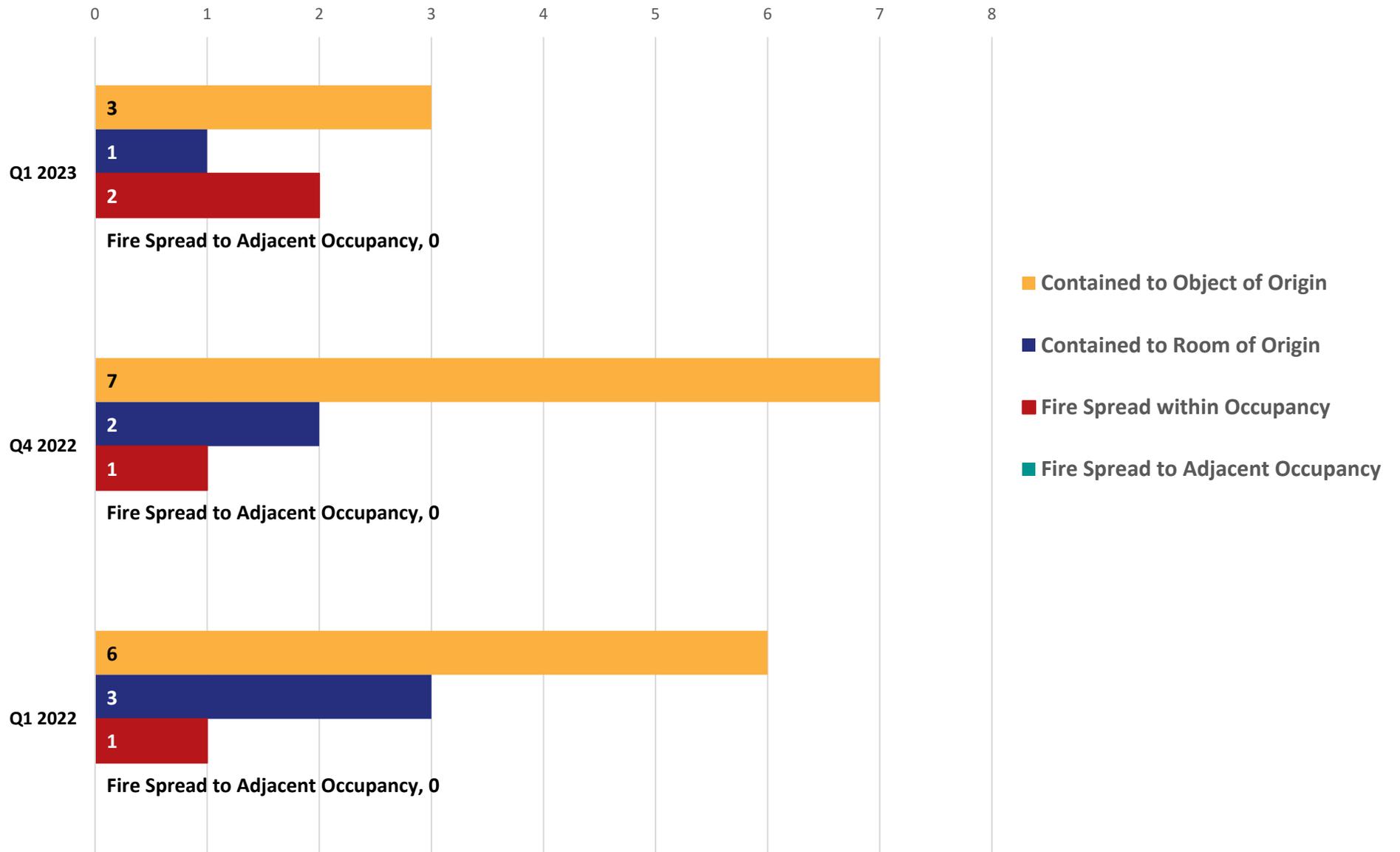
Community Education Events



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

1st Quarter 2023

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$393,780*
- *Potential Loss: \$7,147,715*

4th Quarter 2022

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

1st Quarter 2022

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$392,200*
- *Potential Loss: \$3,155,747*

- ***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: RETIREMENTS & NEW HIRES



Firefighter Jerry Suiter

Years of Service: 21

Firefighter Suiter honorably served the City as a Firefighter/EMT for the past 21 years. He played an instrumental role in the department's water rescue program with his expert knowledge in lifeguarding and swiftwater rescue techniques.



Welcome to **Fire Inspector Mark Halleran** and **Recruit Class 01-2023**

Adam Arbogast, Fire Medic

Daniel de la Calle, Firefighter

Allen Escuage, Firefighter

Adrian Gordillo, Firefighter

Gabriel Mauri, Fire Medic

Jared Olsen, Firefighter

Derich Petrovich, Firefighter

Hannah Veale, Firefighter

Matthew Coon, Firefighter

Christopher Denhart, Firefighter

Kaysa Flemk-Joli, Firefighter

Joseph Huber, Firefighter

Joseph Montgomery, Firefighter

Dallas Orr, Fire Medic

Thomas Sinatora, Fire Medic