



# **PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE**

## **2023 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT**



*Department personnel participated in live fire training at the Public Safety Training Complex.*

**PATIENT CARE SATISFACTION RATING: 95.52%**

**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION SATISFACTION RATING: 100%**

**CPR ATTENDEES: 408**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the fourth quarter of 2023, Fire Rescue responded to **3,703** emergency calls, **66%** of which were medical calls.

The department hosted a **Clinician Awareness Program** in October in collaboration with the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative. This program is designed for mental health clinicians wishing to gain insight into the firefighter culture to be more effective in treating firefighters. The class provided a comprehensive look into understanding the culture, lifestyle of firefighters, and details about their unique job stressors. Attendees participated in several training scenarios and watched a live burn training scenario at the Public Safety Training Complex.



**Clinician Awareness Program Attendees**



**Brotherhood Ride**

The 2023 **Brotherhood Ride** honored Captain Brian Wolnewitz. Participants in the Brotherhood Ride honor fallen first responders by bicycling throughout the state of Florida for 9 days and over 600 miles. The cyclists stopped at Station 61 to meet with department personnel and visited the 9-11 Memorial at Station 63.

Captain Wolnewitz's name was added to the **Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial** in Colorado Springs, CO this year. The Memorial honors the sacrifice made by IAFF members who

serve as professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel and have given their lives in the line of duty. Several members of the department's Honor Guard participated in the memorial presentation, and Captain Wolnewitz's family was also present.



**Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial**



### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Division Chief Lezza was sworn in as the **Vice President of the Fire Training Officers Association of the Palm Beaches** and Assistant Chief Bessette was sworn in as the **President of the EMS Providers Association of Palm Beach County** during the December meeting of the Palm Beach County Fire Chief's Association.

The department collected a total of **\$4,650** during Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Donations were made to **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** and **Firefighters to the Rescue**.

Fire Chief Bryer was re-designated as a **Chief Fire Officer** through the Center for Public Safety Excellence's Commission on Professional Credentialing. The Chief Fire Officer designation is part of a professional designation model that recognizes career excellence and offers strategies for continuous personal improvement.



### Palm Beach State College Job Fair

Fire Medic Bonavia and Fire Medic Munoz attended the **Palm Beach State College** job fair in November. They provided attendees with information on working for the department.

District Captain Terrana was invited to present at the **Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit** hosted by the Citizen CPR Foundation in San Jose, California. Her presentation was titled "Upping the Game from ROSC to Neurologically Intact" and focused on the strategies implemented through the department's efforts in becoming recognized as a HEARTSafe community. Rescue Lieutenant Ventura and Community Risk Educator Cline also attended the conference.

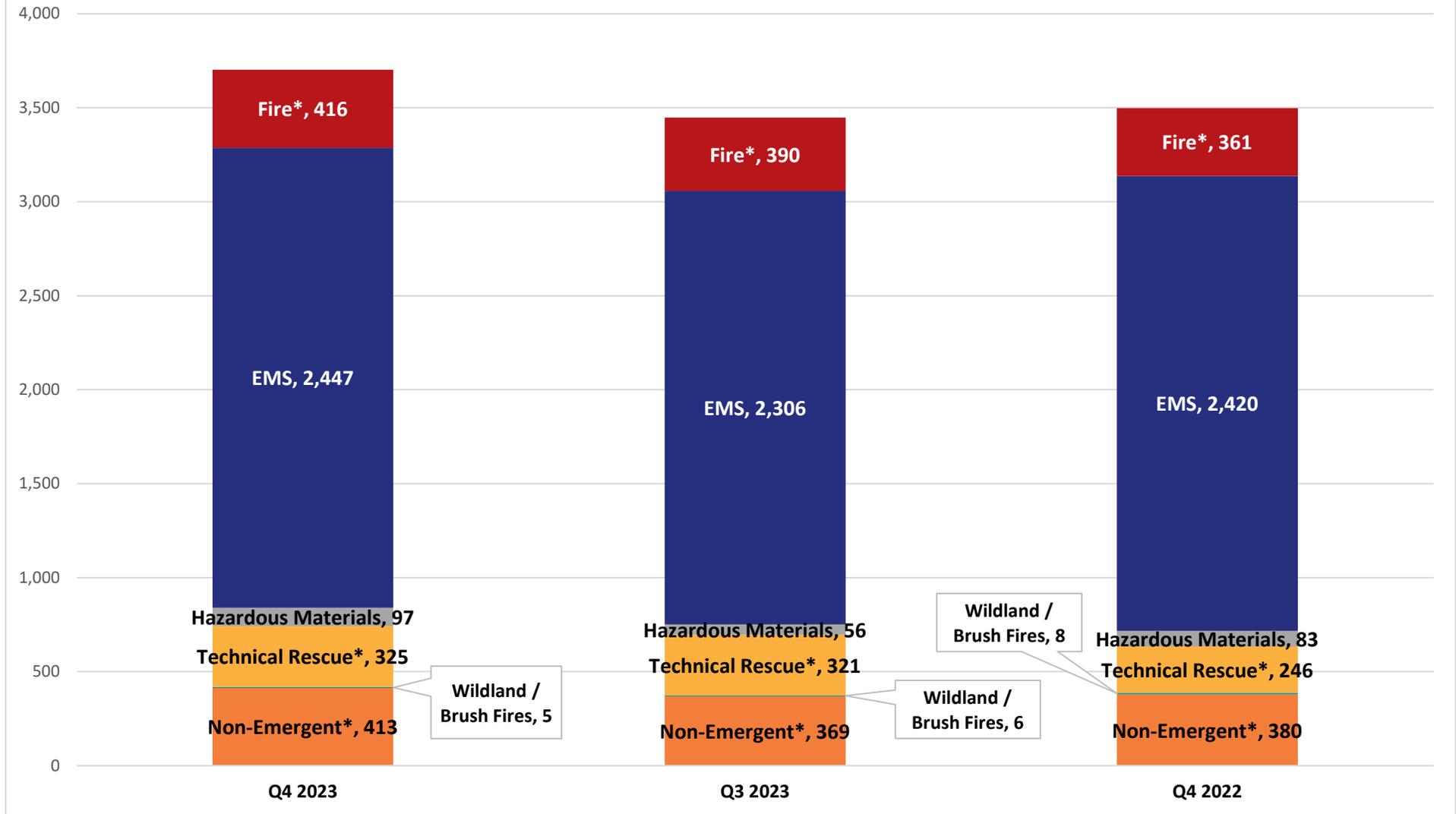


### Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit

# OPERATIONS DIVISION

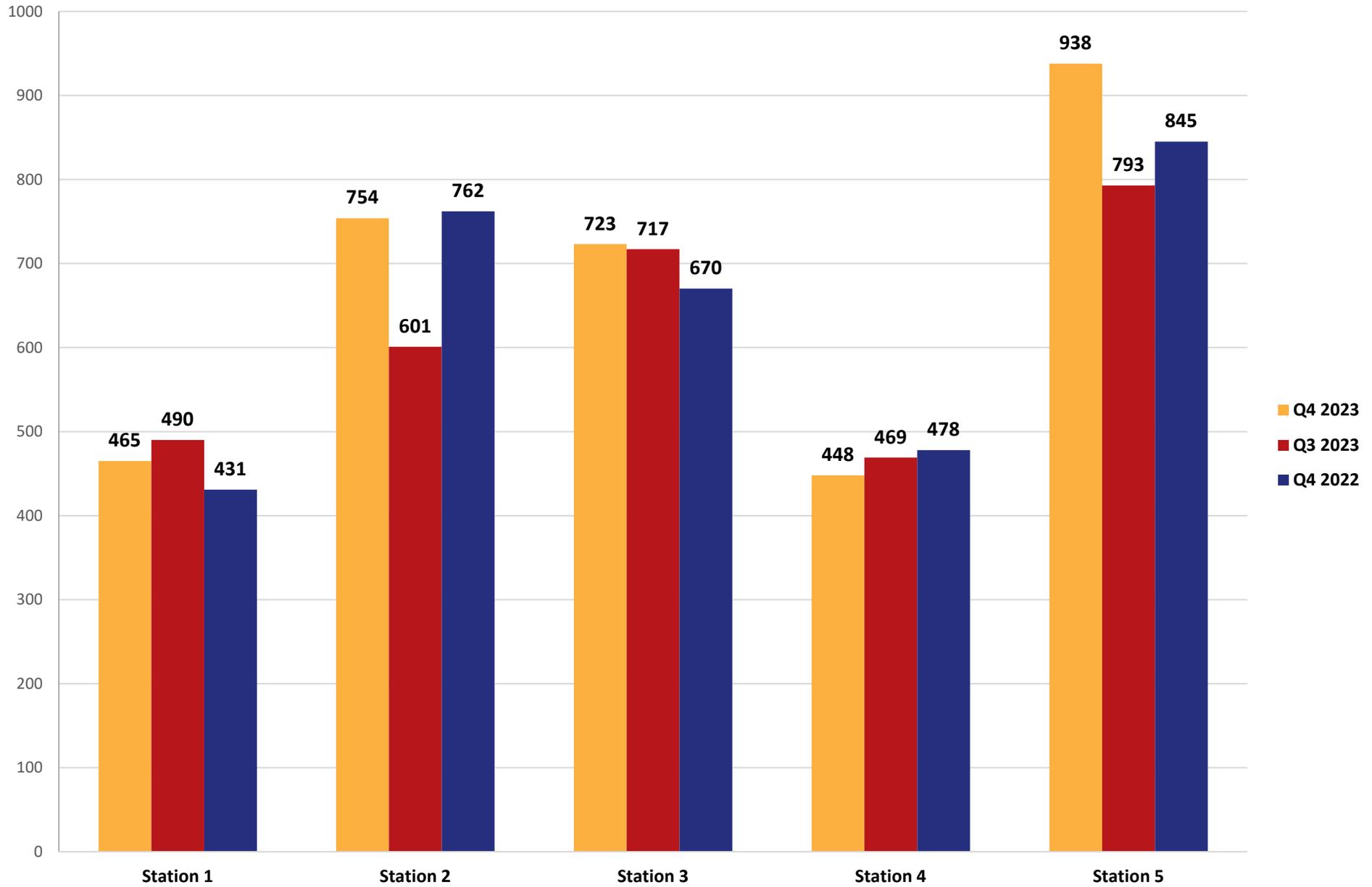
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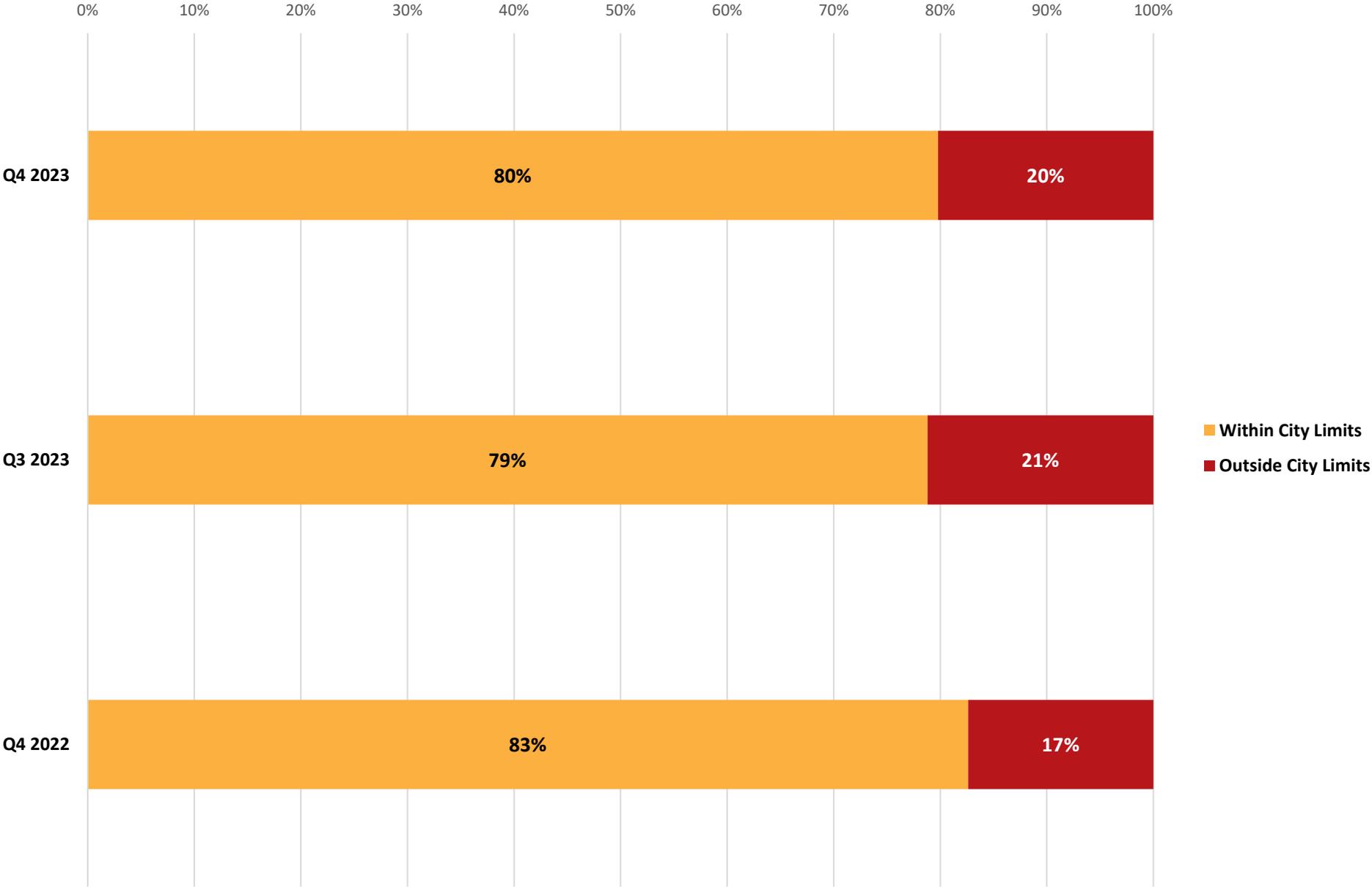


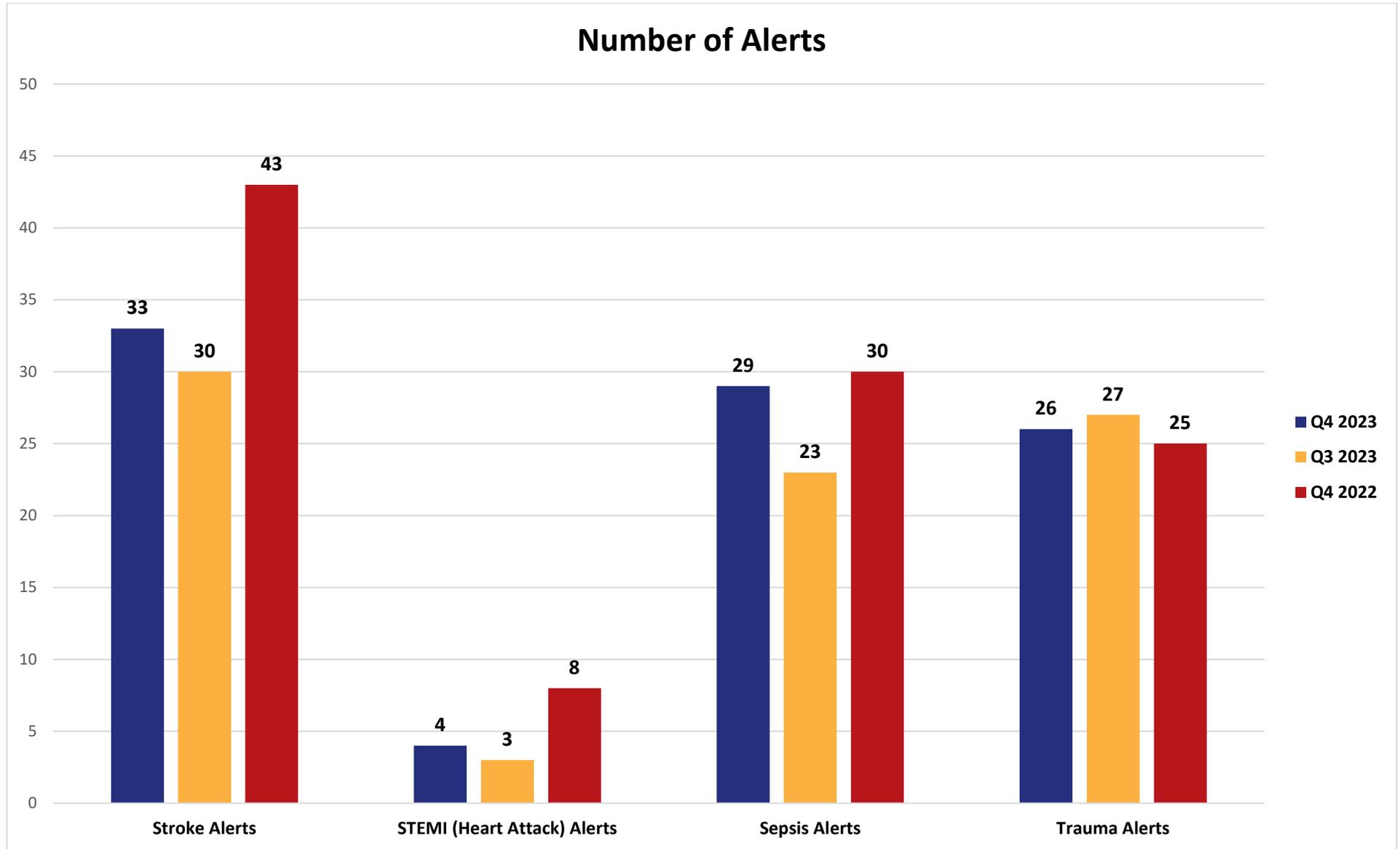
\*Fire calls include responses to fire alarms. Technical rescue emergencies include car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial accidents. Non-emergent responses include calls such as public assists, investigations, or falls without injuries.

# Total Call Volume by Station Zone



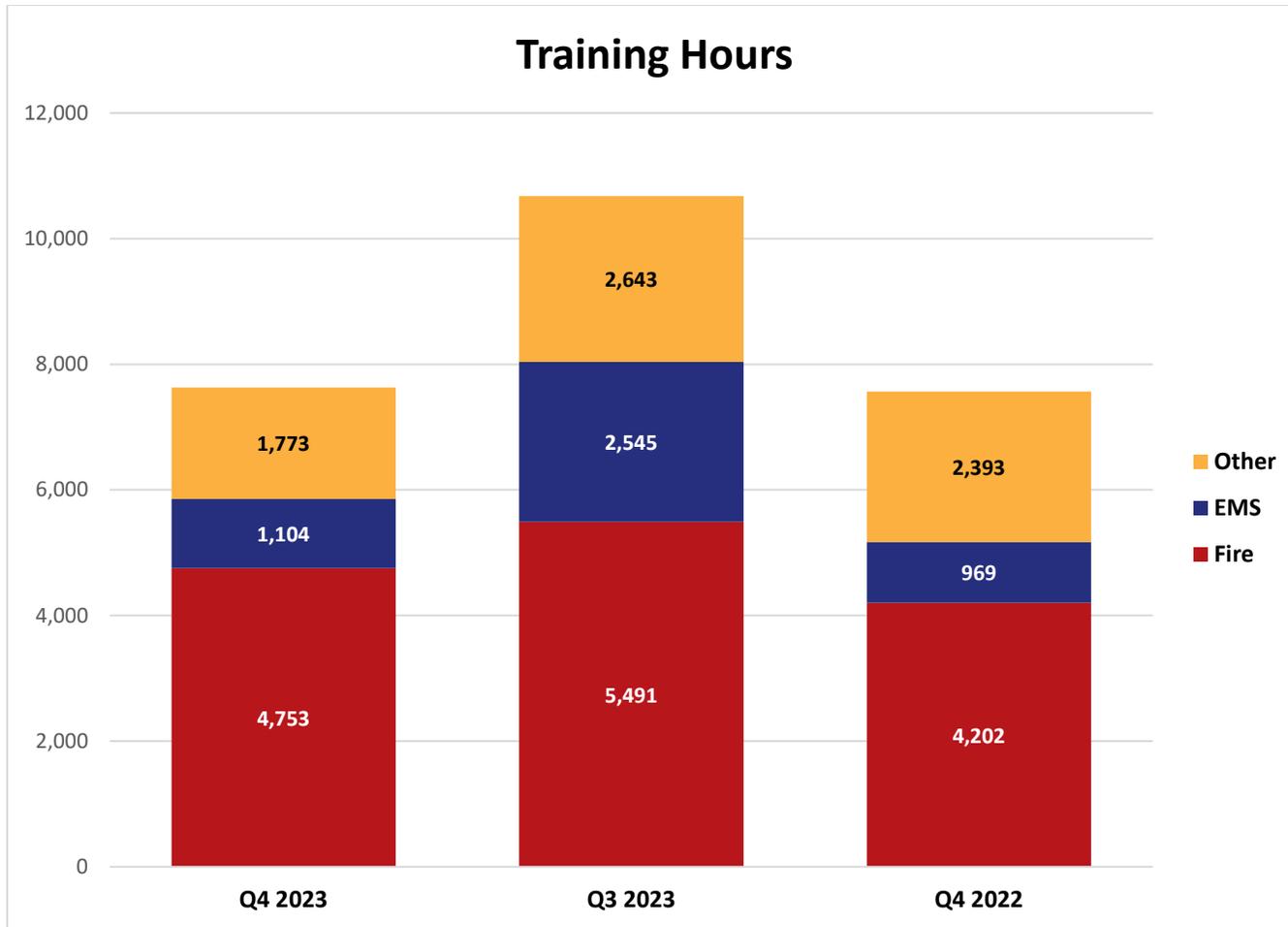
# Calls Inside and Outside of City Limits





*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



- Department personnel attended several sessions of live fire training that included hose line operations and the use of a pressurized water can for interior firefighting.
- The Resuscitation Academy training continued and focused on secondary cardiac arrests and airway management for pediatric cardiac arrests.
- 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

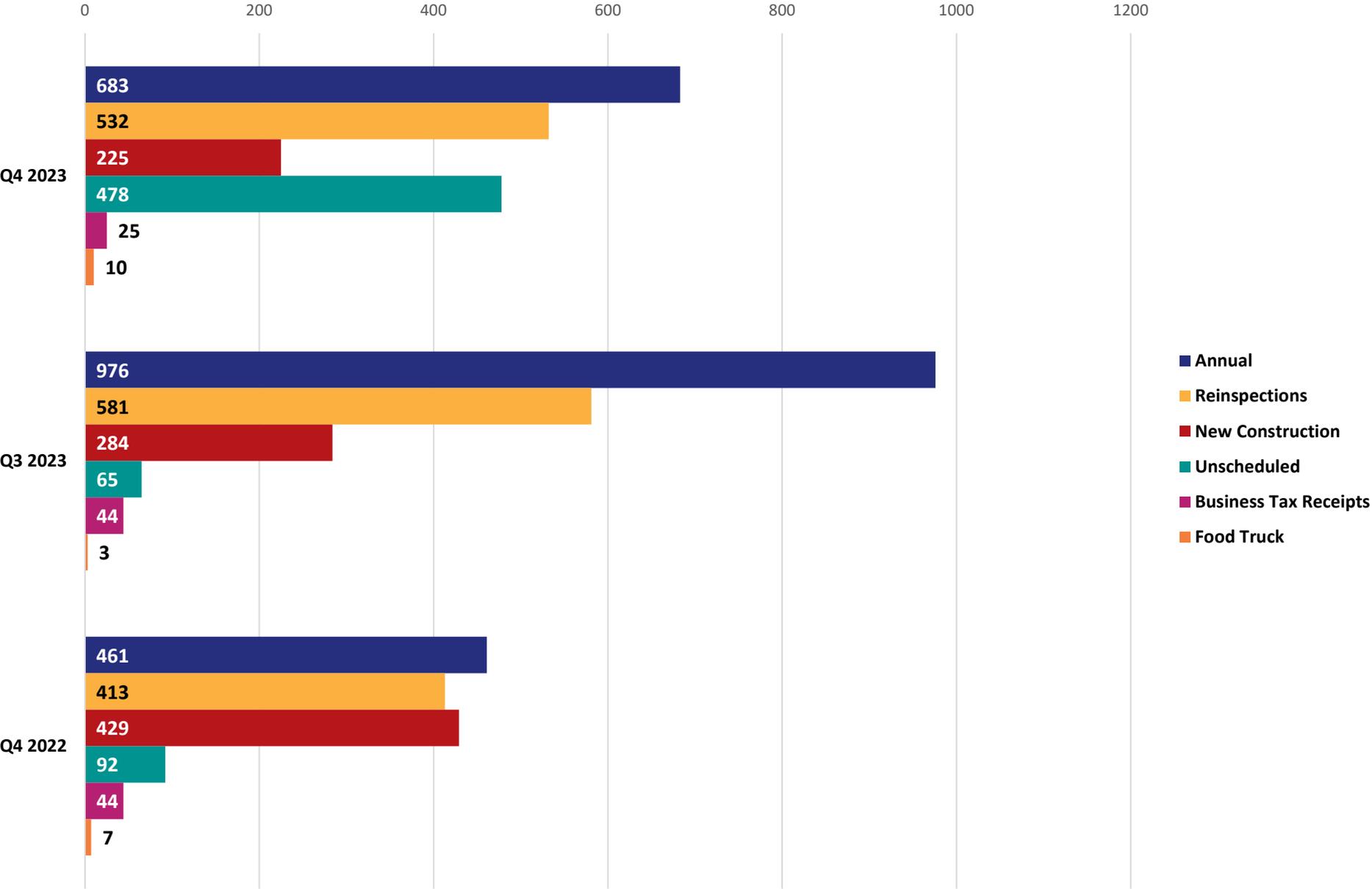
Fire Prevention Week is a great opportunity for the department to connect with the community. This year the theme was "**Cooking Safety Starts with You**". Over 2,000 residents participated in a total of 29 events!

Students from St. Mark's Episcopal School and a homeschool co-op had the chance to see a firefighter up close with all of their gear. Students from Timber Trace Elementary School learned about some of the tools on the engine.

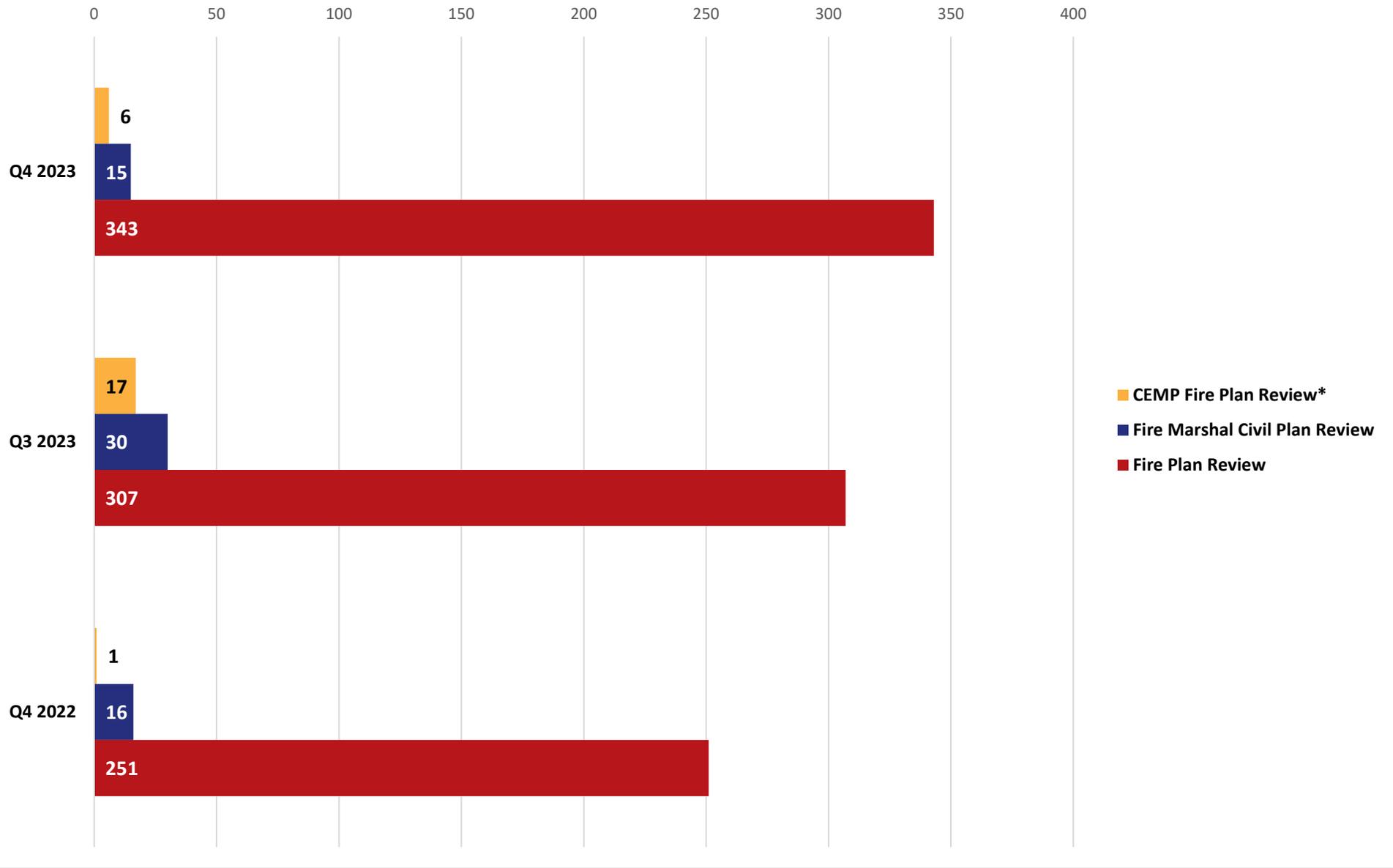


Patrons at the **Fall Festival** had an opportunity to not only enjoy the costumes and carnival games, but also to learn the life-saving skill of Hands-Only CPR. Almost **250 attendees** took advantage of the opportunity and are now ready to save a life!

# Inspection Activities

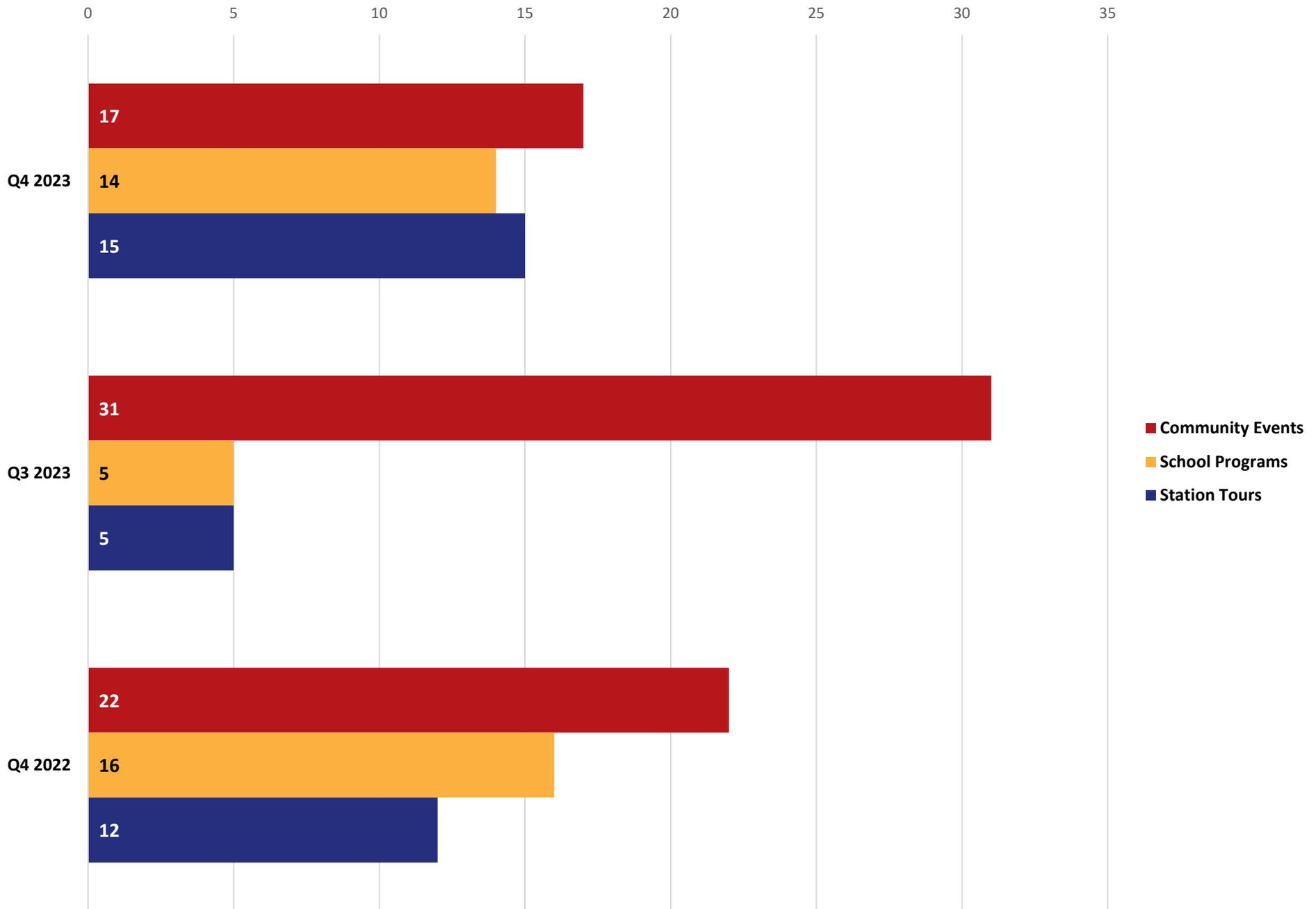


# Plan Review

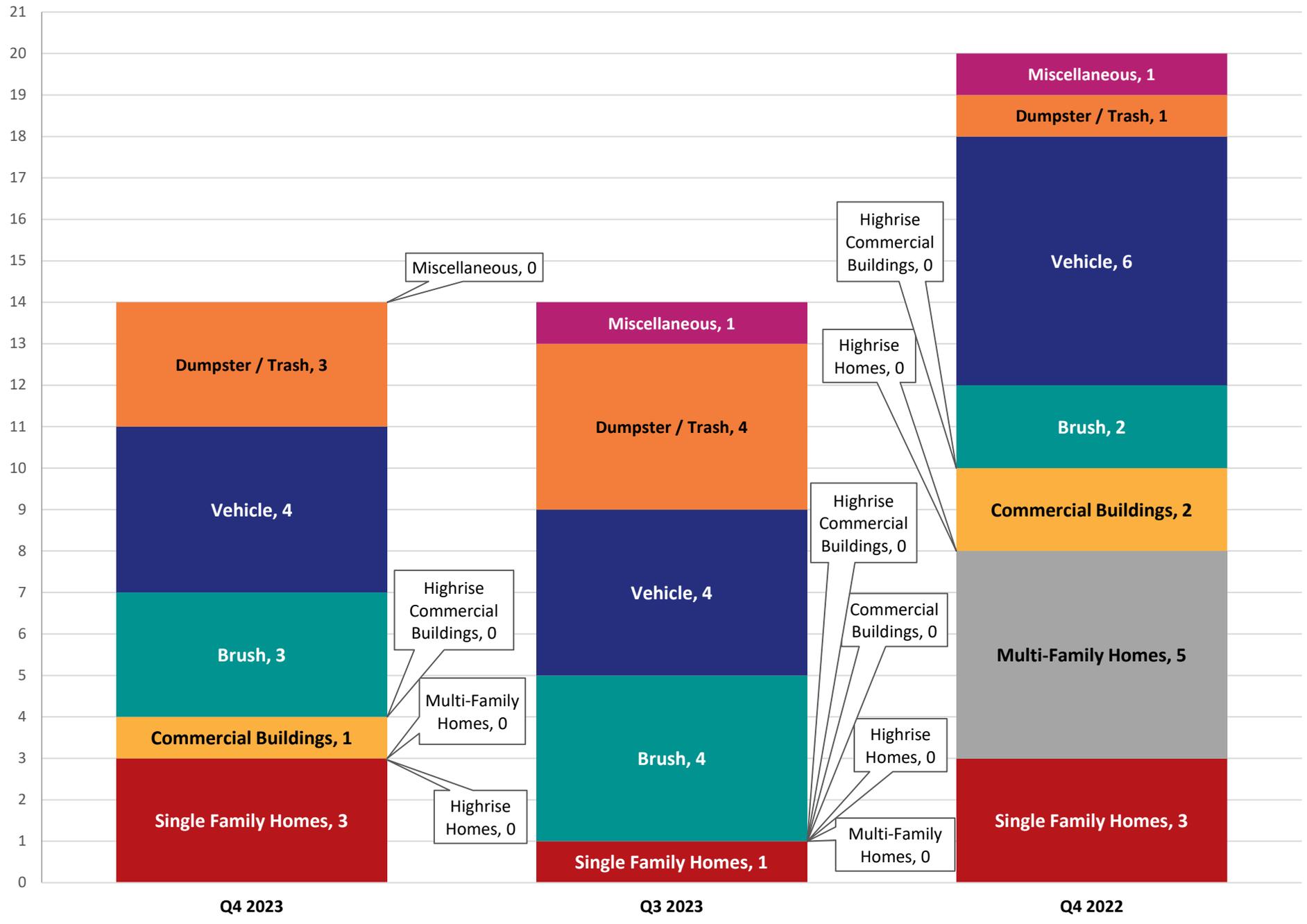


*\*Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (“CEMP”) are required by all healthcare occupancies. They are designed to help mitigate any type of threat to their operations.*

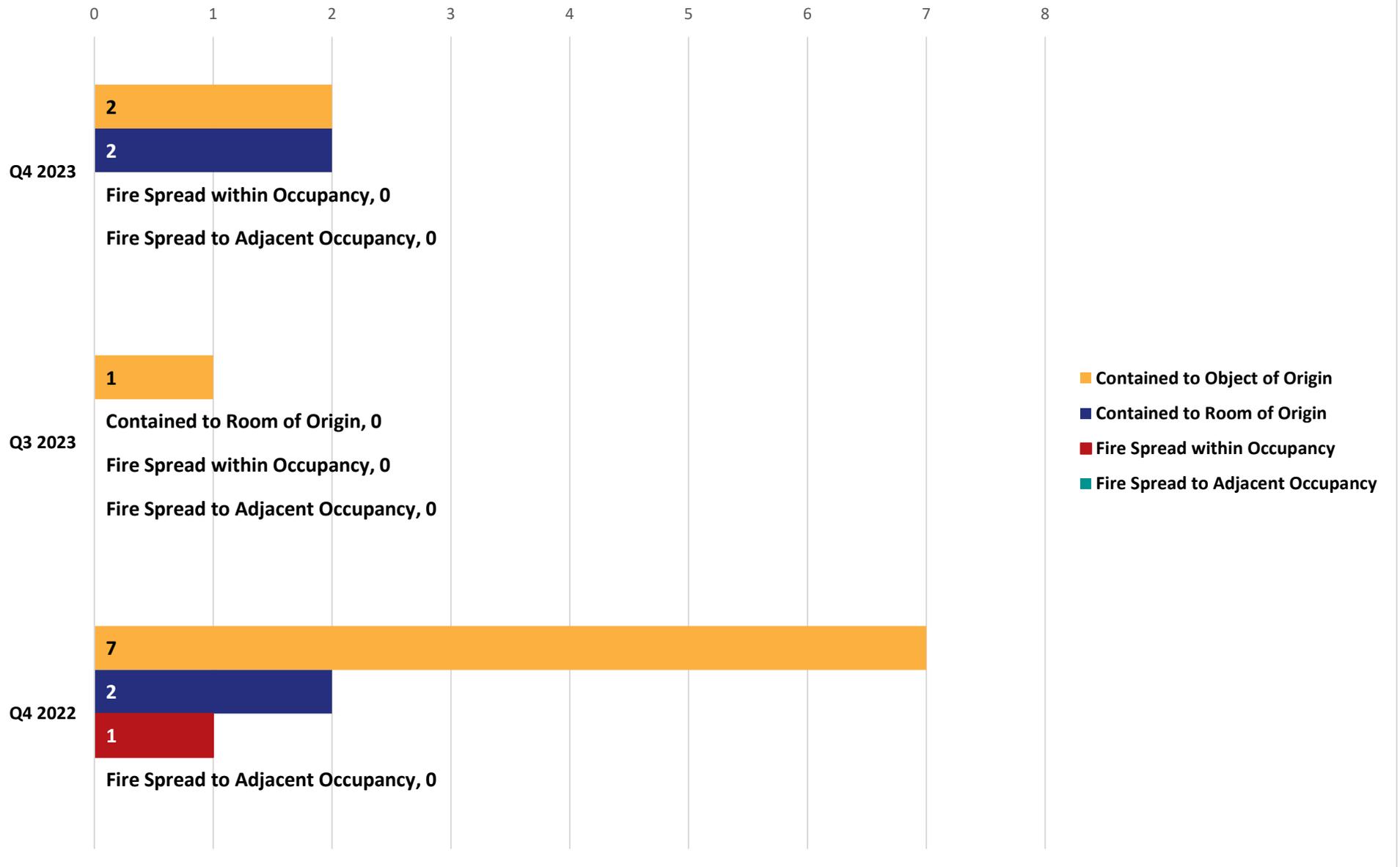
# Community Education Events



# 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.

## **STRUCTURE FIRE LOSS**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023**

- Total Dollar Loss: \$3,000
- Potential Loss: \$4,907,651

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023**

- Total Dollar Loss: \$13,000
- Potential Loss: \$750,000

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022**

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

- **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: RETIREES, PROMOTIONS, & NEW HIRES



## Captain Allen Schocken

### Years of Service: 31

Captain Schocken started as a volunteer firefighter for the Palm Beach Gardens Fire Department in 1992 and was hired as a career firefighter in April 1994. Captain Schocken worked as a firefighter, corporal, fire medic, lieutenant, and captain throughout his tenure. He also served as a fire standards instructor at Palm Beach State College for 15 years.

Captain Schocken is a proud award-winning chili chef and brewmaster.

## Christopher Bradley, hired as Fire Training Instructor



## Brian Marx, promoted to Captain



## Hunter Travis, promoted to Rescue Lieutenant



## Bruce Donofrio, promoted to Rescue Lieutenant