



# PALM BEACH GARDENS FIRE RESCUE

## 2024 THIRD QUARTER REPORT



*Congratulations to our Paramedic Class of 2024 (J. Huber & J. McCoy not pictured).*

**PATIENT CARE SATISFACTION RATING: 94.92%**

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

**CPR ATTENDEES: 317**

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\* The department conducted a total of 2,274 inspections during this quarter. This rating indicates that all returned feedback surveys from annual fire inspections of local businesses reported complete satisfaction.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the third quarter of 2024, Fire Rescue responded to **3,281** emergency calls, **66%** of which were medical calls.

Eleven individuals from our department took part in the **2024 First Responders Games** from September 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, where they competed in soccer against 18 other teams. This annual event unites first responders from across the country in a range of sports and activities. We are proud to share our team made it to the second round.

In response to Hurricane Debby, Captain Green participated in the **Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team** deployment to Taylor County in August. Over the course of seven days, Captain Green led the **Strike Team**, coordinating operations and ensuring the safety of his team while successfully executing **seven rescues**, each tailored to the unique challenges of the day.



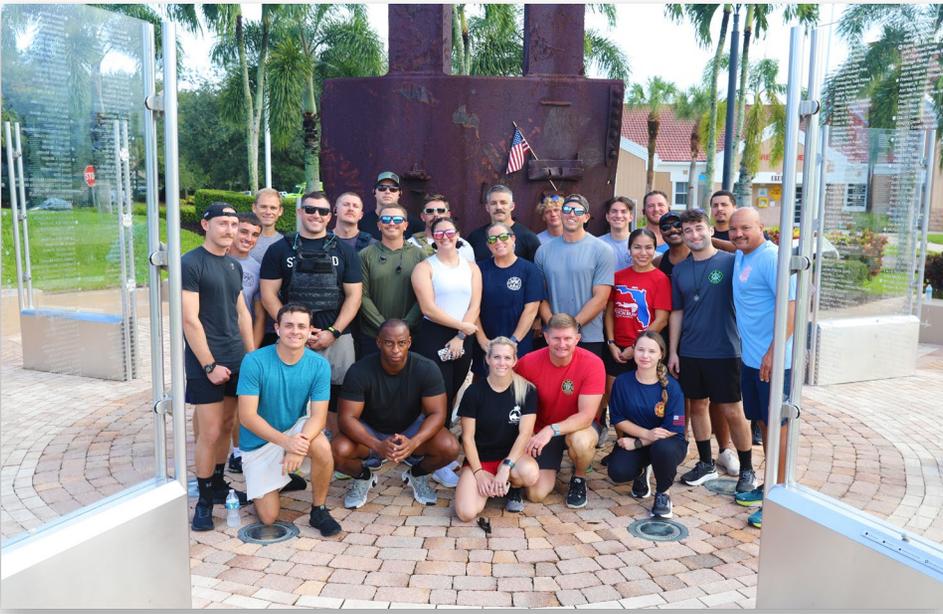
2024 First Responders Games

His division functioned as the **technical rescue team**, conducting thorough assessments and providing essential support for recovery operations. Captain Green's leadership had a significant impact during this vital response effort.

Our department participated in the annual **Benefiting Connections 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Truck Pull Fundraiser**, which aims to benefit students with autism. We proudly secured **1st place** in the **Lowest Combined Weight Pull** category, achieving a total pull weight of 658 pounds.



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Truck Pull Fundraiser



*Chief Brodell spoke at the 9/11 Ceremony at Palm Beach State College while Chief Bessette spoke to attendees at The Weiss School (not pictured).*

On **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, 35 individuals came together at Fire Station 63 for the **Patriots Day Workout**, honoring the memories of those we lost. This heartfelt tribute not only commemorated the day but also strengthened the spirit of resilience and unity among participants, becoming a meaningful part of our annual tradition. As we gather, we honor the past while embracing the future with courage and solidarity.



We are proud to receive the **American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Gold Award** for the tenth consecutive year. This esteemed recognition honors agencies that meet stringent standards in providing outstanding care to heart attack patients.

The department partnered in a study with **Indiana University** to facilitate opioid awareness training. This training will be pushed out monthly via the PulsePoint platform.

Casey Cline became **EMT State Certified**.

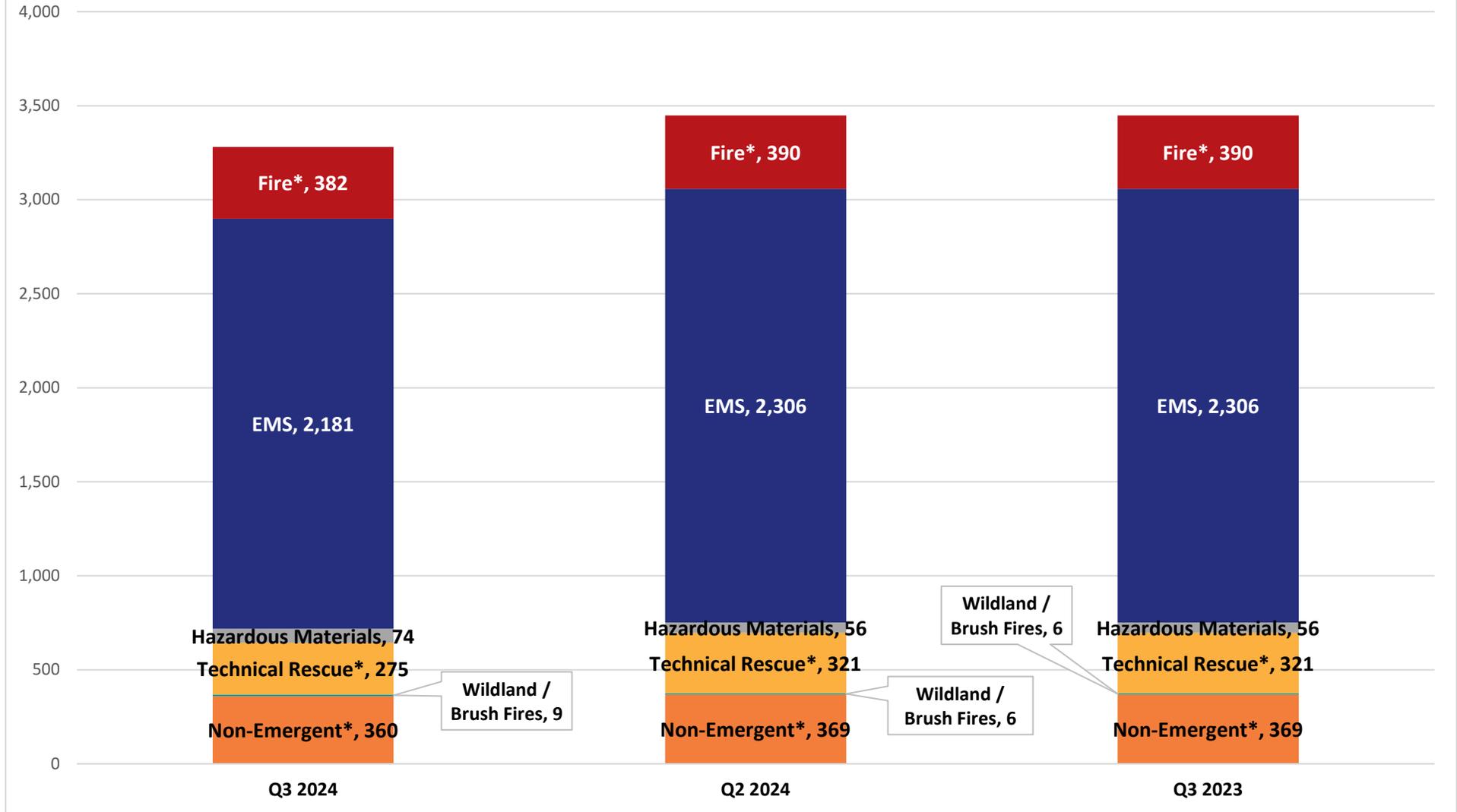
Shyanne Jenkins received her **Master's degree in Homeland Security**.

John Moore received his **National Fire Protection Agency's Certified Plan Reviewer Certification**.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION

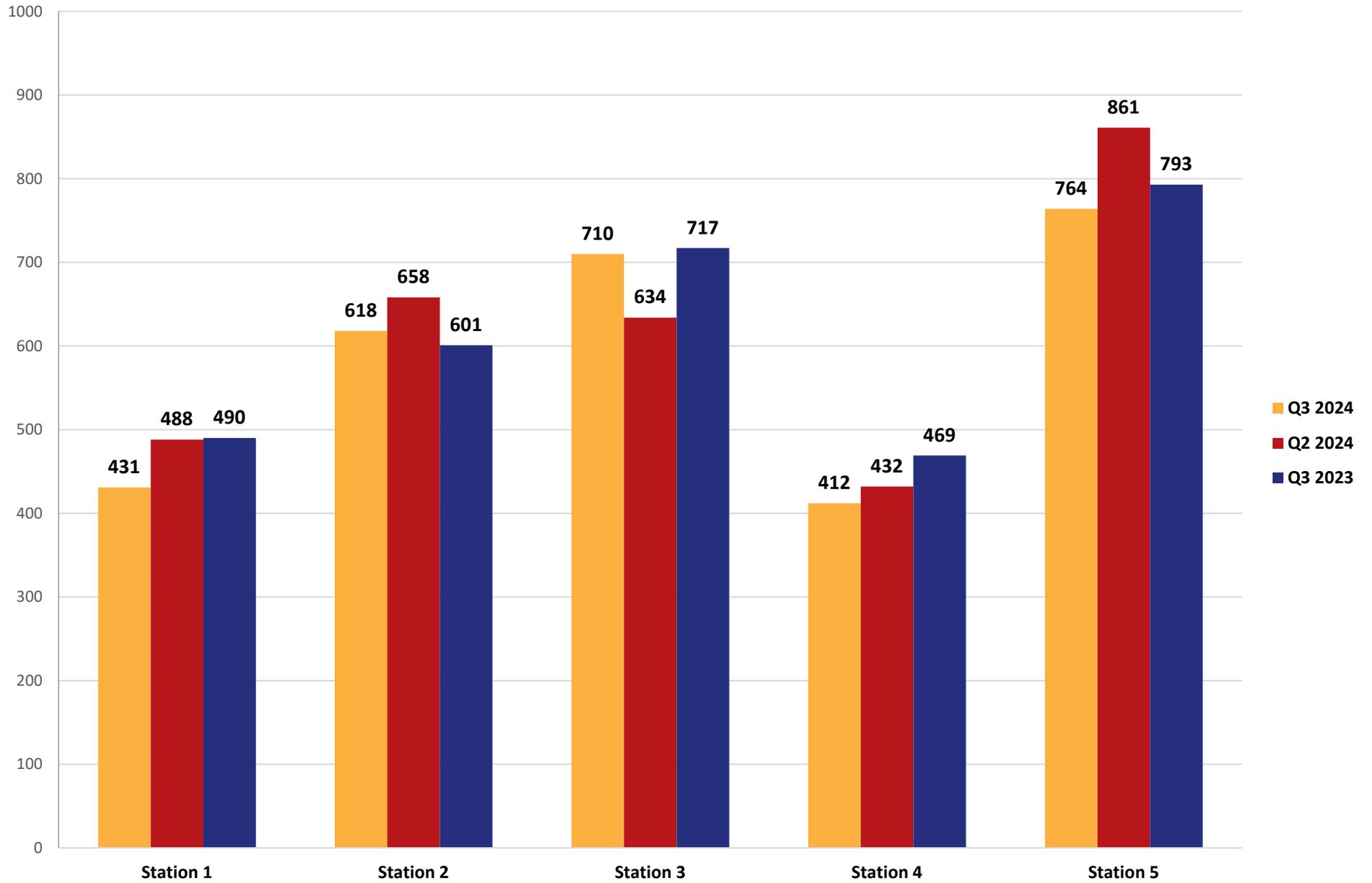
## Dispatched Call Types

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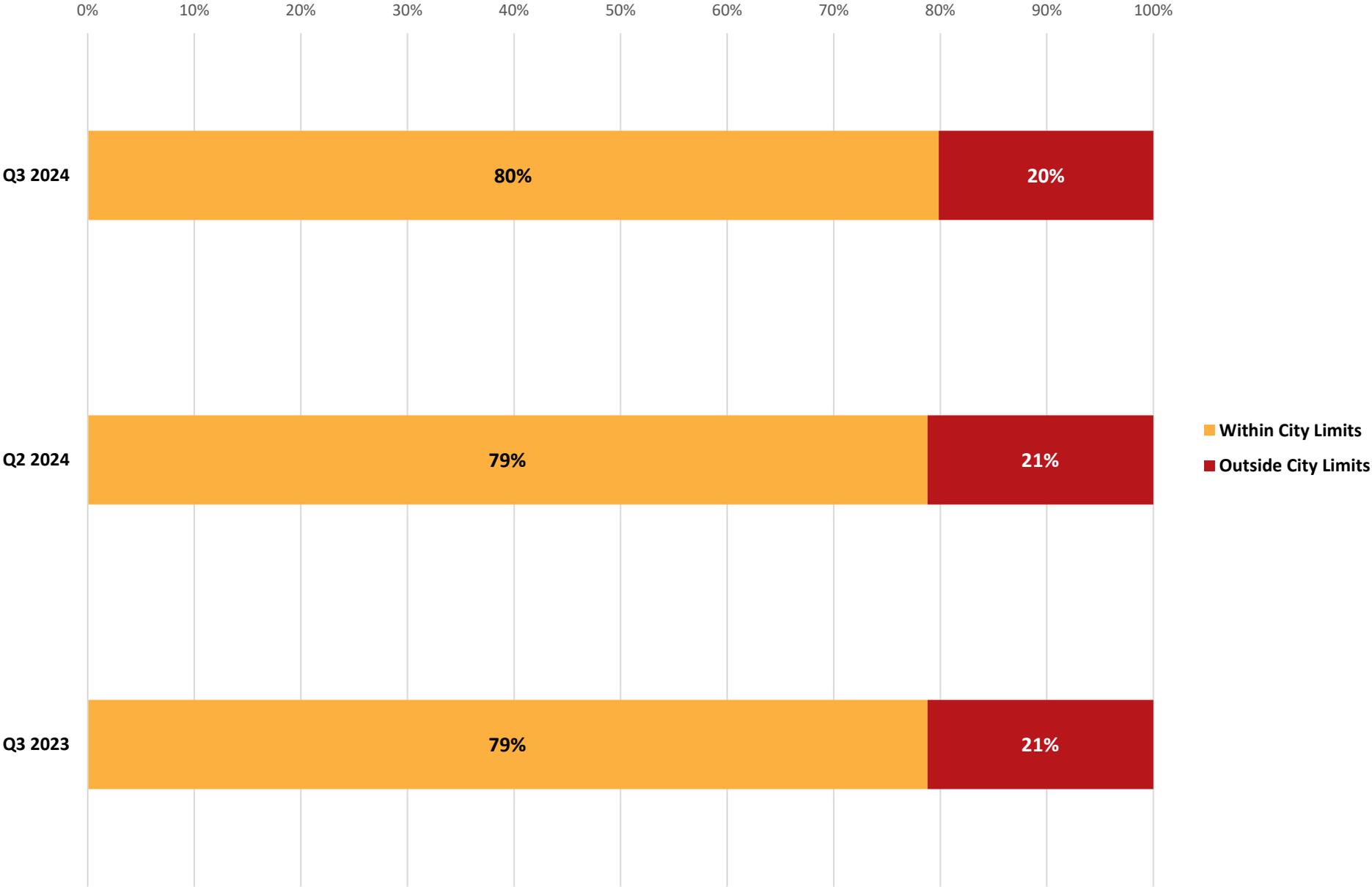


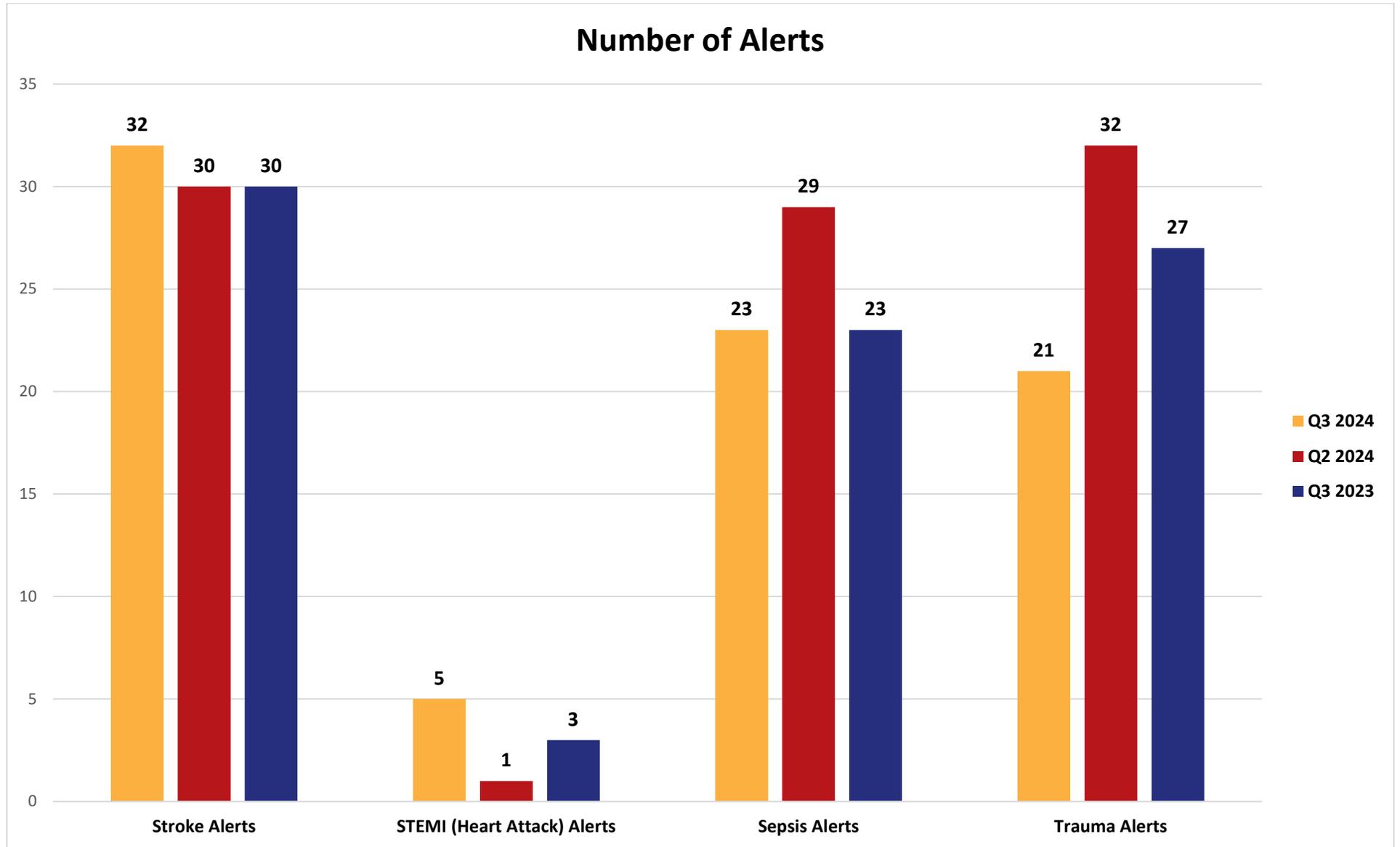
\*Fire calls include responses to fire alarms. Technical rescue emergencies include car accidents, construction accidents, open water incidents, high-angle rescue, and industrial accidents. Non-emergent responses include calls such as public assists, investigations, or falls without injuries.

# Total Call Volume by Station Zone



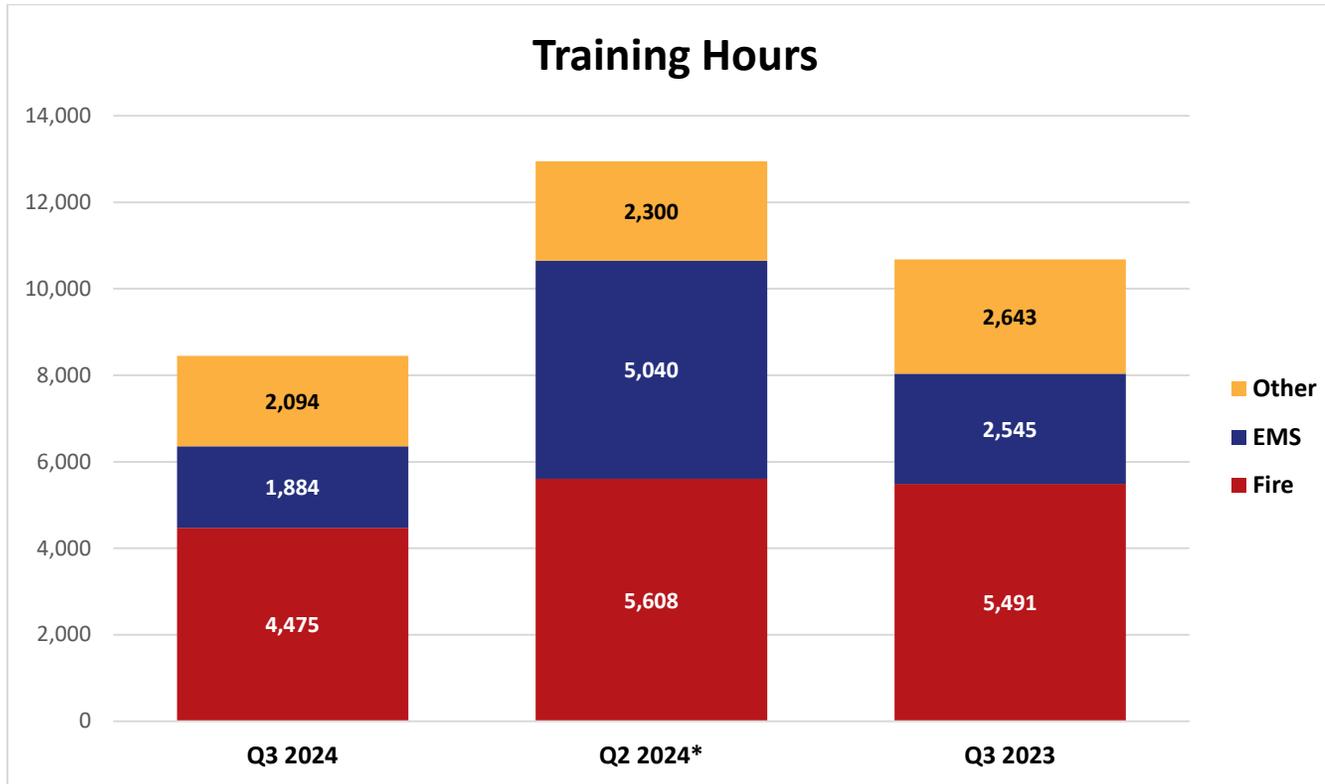
# Calls Inside and Outside of City Limits





*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



*\*The increase in training hours for Q2 2024 is due to the number of personnel who attended the new hire academy.*

- The department collaborated with the Police Department to host a two-day **ASHER (Active Shooter Hostile Event Response) Training** course at St. Mark’s Episcopal School, concentrating on active shooter response. Those who attended were trained to work with our police officers to safely care for and extract the injured to a safe location for transfer to local hospitals.
- Other training hours include activities such as ‘hot wash’ discussions to review significant calls, officer development academies, and daily physical training.



Twenty-four personnel attended a 40-hour **Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technician** course over four consecutive days. The course included hands-on exercises and practical simulations, allowing attendees to apply their learning in realistic scenarios. Emphasizing safety protocols, technical rescue techniques, and teamwork, the curriculum ensured participants were well-prepared to handle emergencies involving vehicles and machinery. By the end of the course, our team was equipped to undertake challenging rescue missions safely and efficiently.



# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION



*Community Risk Educator, Casey Cline, provided hands-only CPR training for teachers at The Benjamin School, equipping them with essential skills to respond effectively to cardiac emergencies within the school.*

The department successfully conducted **15 hands-only CPR classes**, training a total of **317 participants**. In partnership with Palm Beach Health Network, these classes targeted various community groups, including faculty and staff at The Benjamin School, employees at Frenchman’s Creek Beach & Country Club, and coaches, parents, and volunteers from PBGYAA. By offering this training, the program aimed to enhance awareness and preparedness for cardiac emergencies within the community.

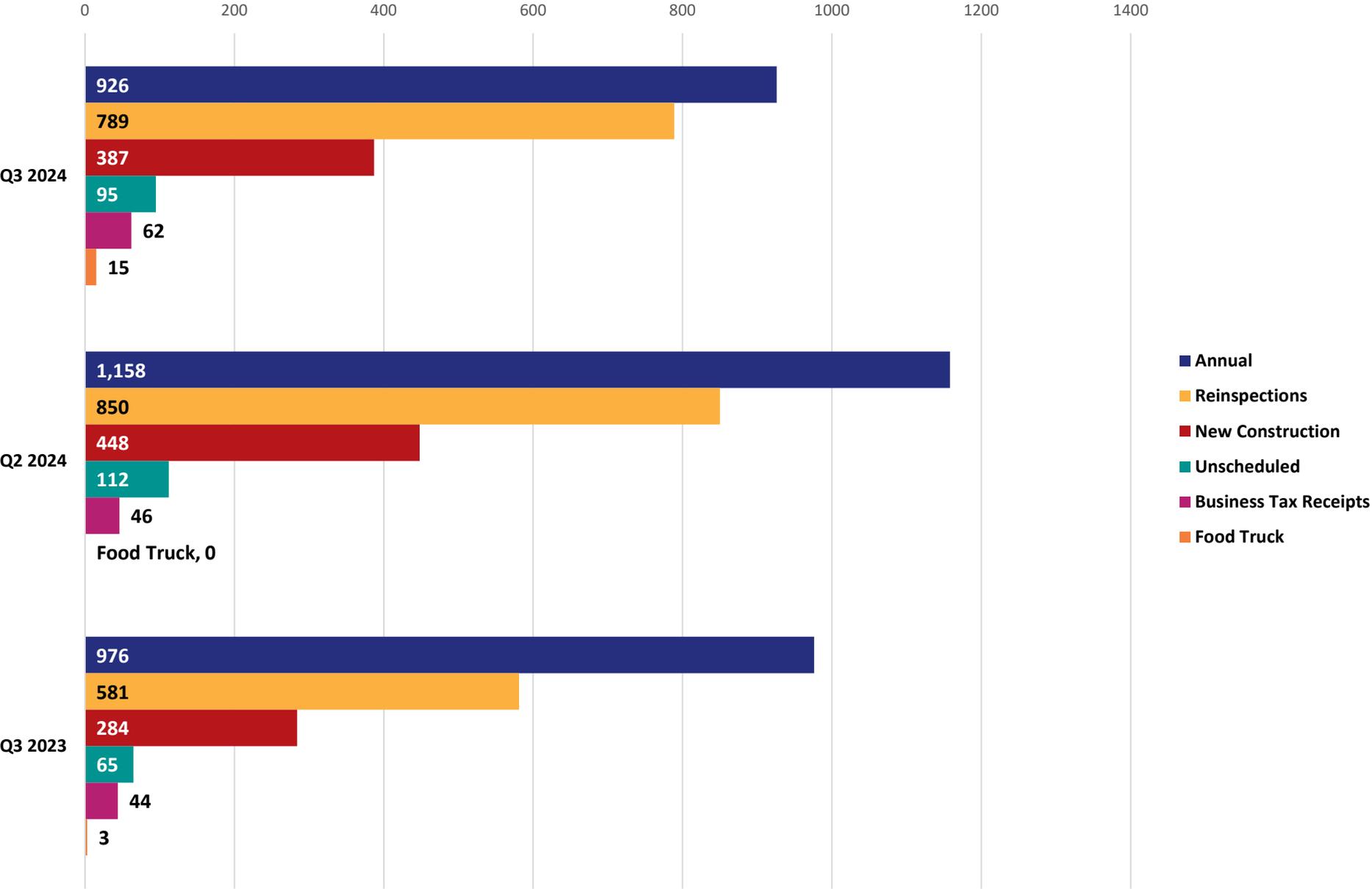


*The department conducted two Child and Infant CPR courses to equip caregivers with vital lifesaving skills, covering CPR techniques and AED use for emergencies.*

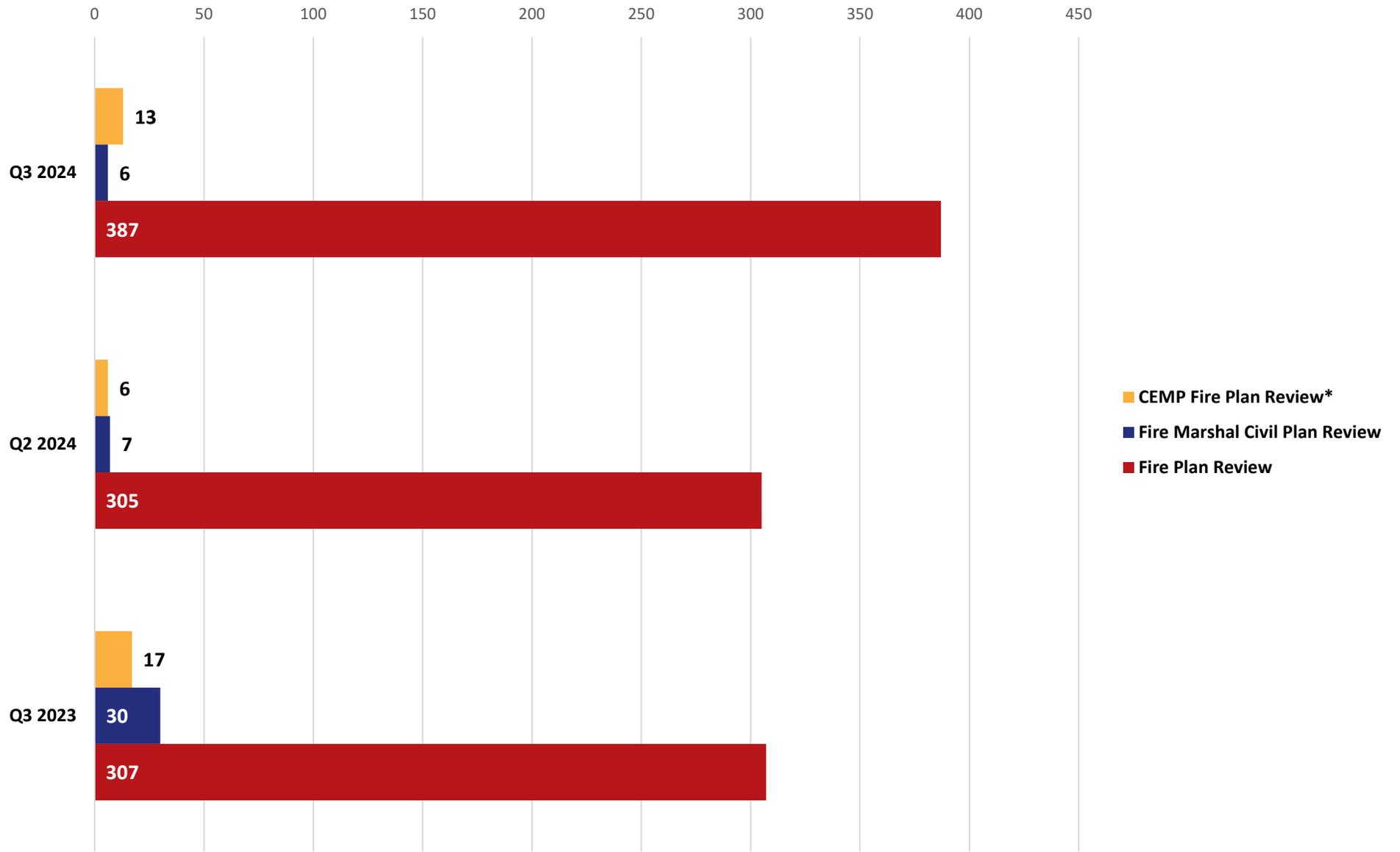


*The department offered 13 Adult CPR courses, including sessions for Carrier Global employees.*

# Inspection Activities

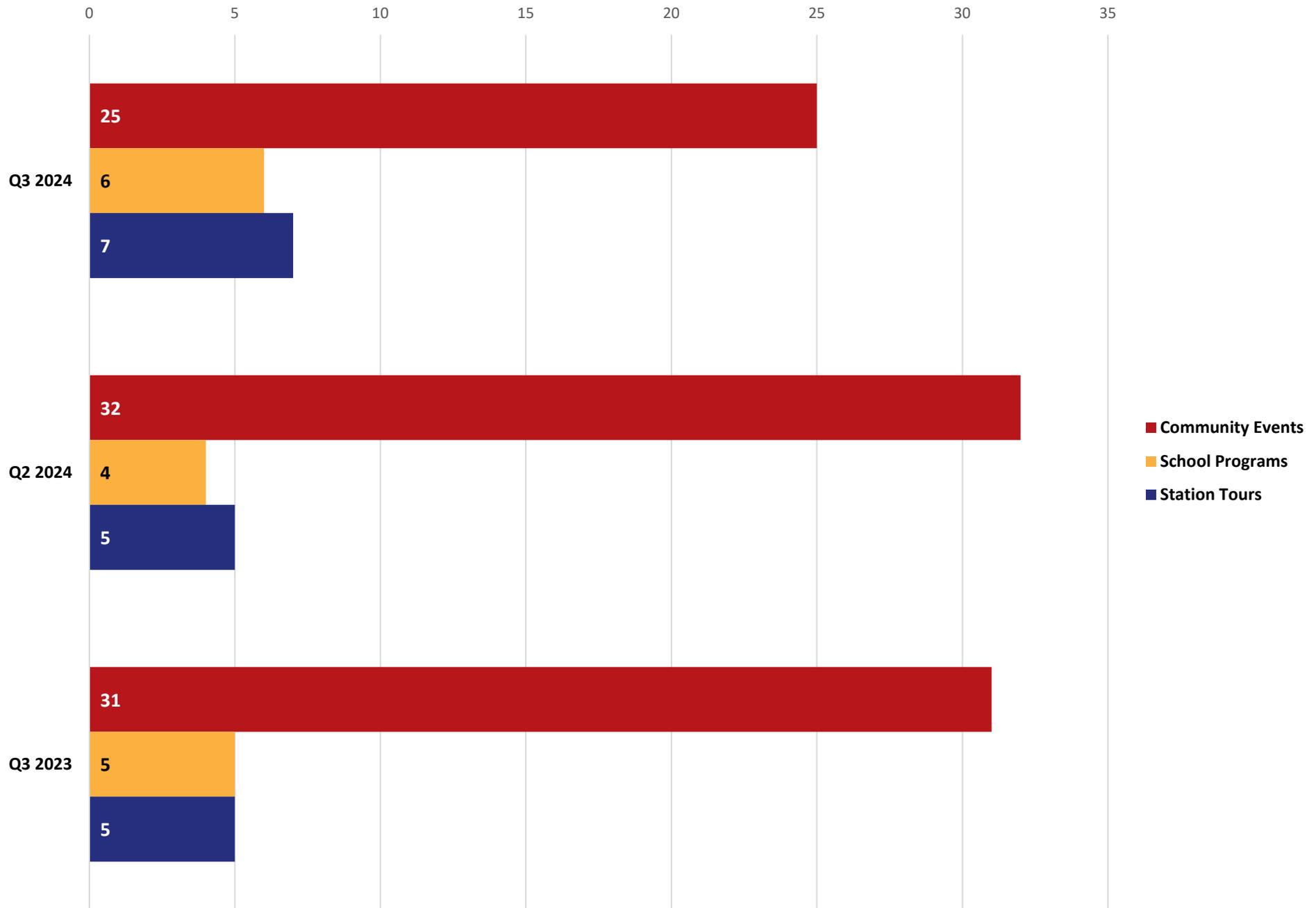


# Plan Review

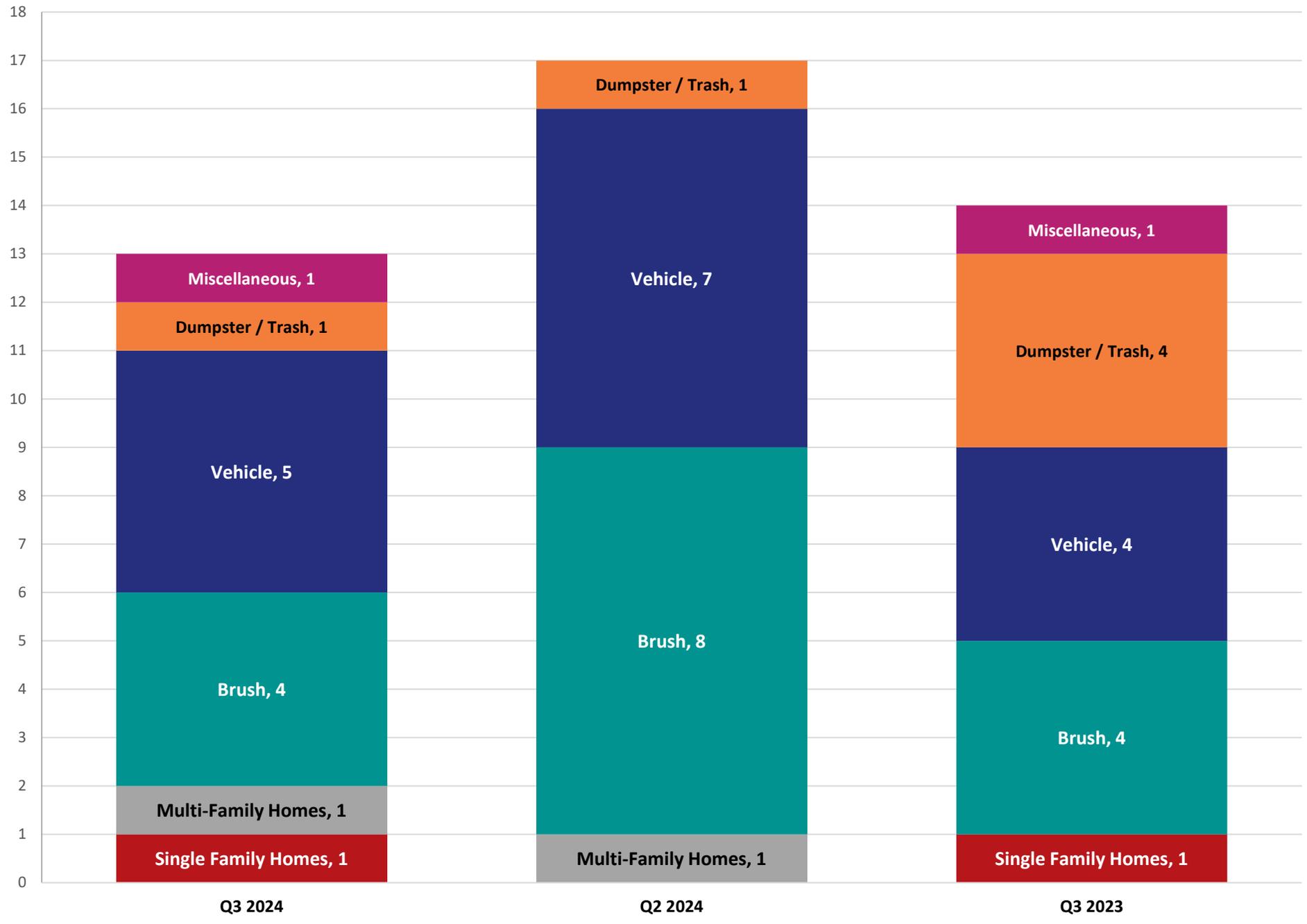


*\*Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (“CEMP”) are required by all healthcare occupancies. They are designed to help mitigate any type of threat to their operations.*

# 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**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024**

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$195,000*
- *Potential Loss: \$570,000*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024**

- *Total Dollar Loss: \$325,000*
- *Potential Loss: \$450,000*

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

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

- **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: RETIREES, PROMOTIONS, & NEW HIRES



**Alex Lamb**, promoted to **Administrative Chief – Operations**

**Timothy Hewitt**, promoted to **Rescue Lieutenant**

**Cody Wohlitka**, promoted to **Fire Captain**

**Jesse Egert**, promoted to **EMS District Captain**

**James Walukiewicz**, promoted to **Driver Engineer**



**Administrative Chief David Murry**  
**Years of Service: 30**

After 30 years of dedicated service, Chief Murray's retirement leaves a lasting positive impact on the department and community. He began his career on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1994, as a firefighter and advanced to Driver Engineer, then Fire Captain, showcasing exceptional leadership. In addition to his fire service, he served on the police department's SWAT Team as a SWAT Medic. His career culminated in his promotion to Administrative Chief. With an associate's degree in Fire Science and EMS from Palm Beach State College, Chief Murray's focus on professional development has distinguished his service to the community.

Welcome to: **Reuben Diaz**, our new **Logistics Coordinator**