



# St. Johns Fire Department 2025 Annual Report



# Introduction from the Fire Chief

It is with great pride and pleasure I bring to you the 2025 St. Johns Fire Department Annual Report. 2025 has been a year of transition and growth for our department. To start the year, we bid farewell to Chief Jordan Whitford who retired after over 12 years of service to the department. I was sworn in on February 10<sup>th</sup>, as Fire Chief and the first Full Time Fire Chief in the departments 167-year history. Over the course of the year our department has continued to grow and provide excellent service to the citizens of St. Johns, Bengal Township, Bingham Township and Greenbush Township.

- Chief Kevin Douglas



# Mission Statement

## ***ST. JOHNS FIRE DEPT. MISSION STATEMENT***

***"We strive to Promptly and Professionally serve our community with Pride, Dedication, and Excellence. Never failing to deliver Quality emergency services with the highest level of Integrity, Commitment, and Community Involvement through Teamwork, Training, and Technology."***



# Administration



# Command Staff

- Fire Chief Kevin Douglas
  - Deputy Chief John Kochensparger
  - Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Mark Wineland
    - Captain Mike Zlotek
    - Captain Matt Chapko
      - Lieutenant Vince Towne
      - Lieutenant Chad Moinet
      - Lieutenant Colton Martin



# Firefighters

- Firefighter Jacob Scheib
- Probationary Firefighter Kayla Knaggs
- Probationary Firefighter Noah VanKampen
- Firefighter Conner Rademacher
- Probationary Firefighter Cameron Kolhoff
- Firefighter Kobe Genereux
- Probationary Firefighter Hunter Furman
- Firefighter Clint Canfield
- Probationary Firefighter Jared Kolhoff
- Firefighter Jacob Train
- Firefighter Nicholas Kramer
- Firefighter Ken Goldman
- Probationary Firefighter Brett Martin
- Probationary Firefighter Alex Madejczyk
- Photographer Russ Pierce





SJFD at 2025 National Night Out



# Personnel Changes

- New Members
  - Chief Kevin Douglas started in February.
  - Firefighter Jacob Scheib joined the department in April
  - Captain Mike Zlotek returned to the department in April
  - Probationary Firefighter Noah VanKampen joined the department in June
  - Probationary Firefighter Kayla Knaggs joined the department in June.
- Departing Members
  - Chief Jordan Whitford retired after over 12 years of service
  - Firefighter Jeff Shannon resigned after over 8 years of service
  - Firefighter Zane Cook resigned after over 3 years of service
- Promotions
  - Captain Mike Zlotek was promoted from Firefighter to Captain in November



# Administrative Highlights

- City hired the First Full Time Fire Chief in department history.
- Were able to sign new contracts with Bengal Township, Bingham Township and Greenbush Township to continue providing Fire Services.
- We joined Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MI-MABAS) allowing the department to have access to resources both locally and statewide for large scale incidents.
  - Initiated Automatic Aid Agreements with surrounding departments for structure fires.
- Implemented First Due, our new Records Management Service and NERIS Reporting Software.
  - Also have ability for members to complete monthly truck checks electronically.
- Probationary Firefighters Hunter Furman, Kayla Knaggs, Alex Madejczyk, and Brett Martin all completed the Clinton County Fire Academy.



# Training

- 4 Members completed and became NFPA 1001 Certified Firefighters
- Chief Douglas became a Certified Fire Instructor 3
- Chief Douglas attended Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs Chief Officer Development Workshop in March
- Department members spent over 800 hours training on topics including vehicle extrication, hose line advancement, pumping the engines, Truck 36 and other tasks.



# Legislative Engagement

- In 2025 we were fortunate to host the following lawmakers:
  - Representative Penelope Tsernoglou
  - Representative Tim Kelly
  - State Senator Sam Singh
  - Congressman Tom Barrett



# Firefighter of the Year

- In 2025, we started the Firefighter of the Year award that is voted on by members of the department. Members were asked to “vote a member of the St. Johns Fire Department who you feel exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, dedication, and service to the department.”
- The 2025 Firefighter of the Year recipient was Lieutenant Colton Martin.
  - Chief Douglas had this to say “The person that was voted on this year, was someone from my first day was willing to help in any way he could. He was always asking “what do you need done chief?” Or “what can I do to help out chief?” He has been willing to bring new ideas forward on how to try things and also tell me my idea may not work. This person has done a great job of being an ambassador for the department and making sure that we continue to uphold the great image that we have. He is always willing to train and work with the new members of the department and helps instill a passion for the fire service with all members of our department.

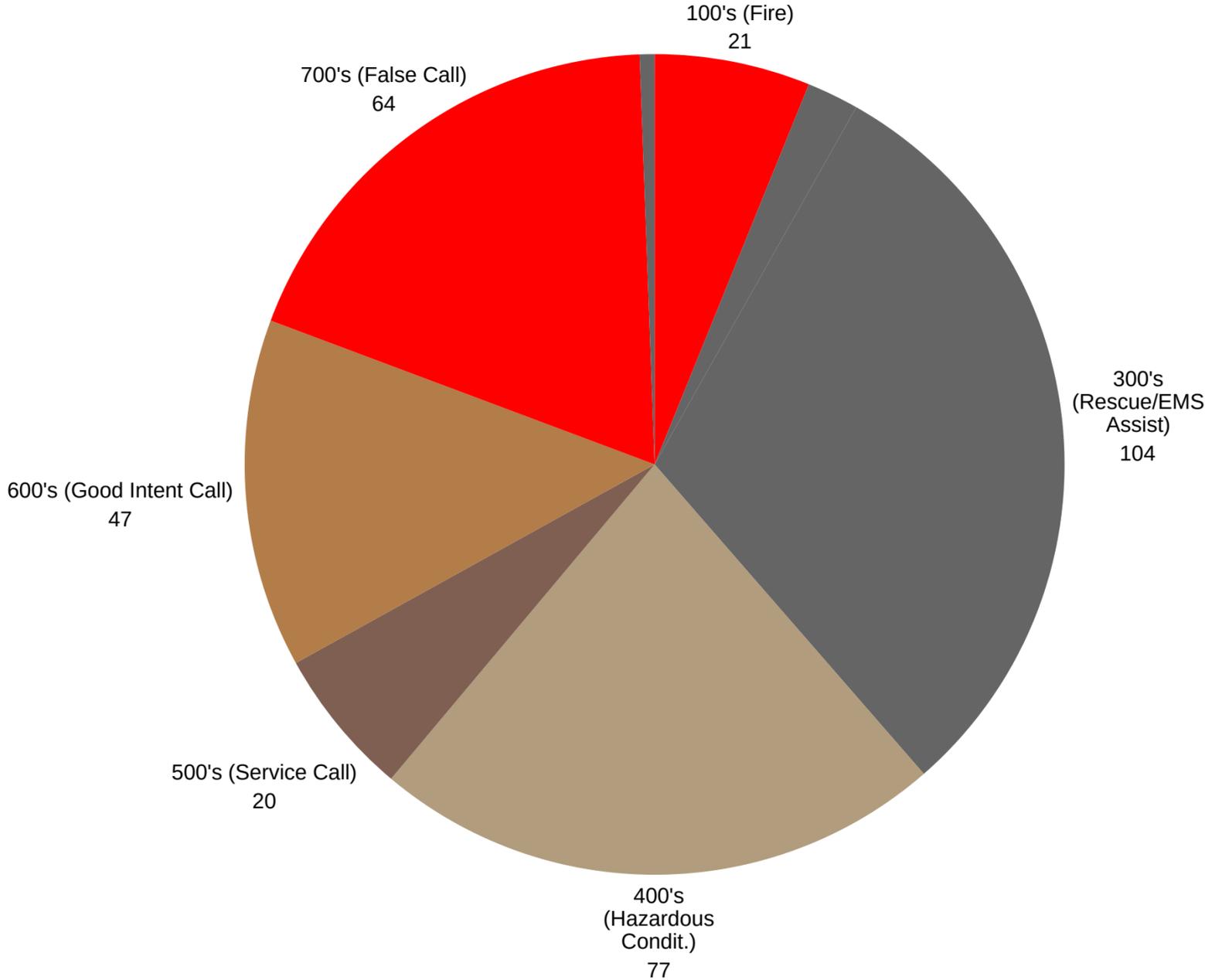


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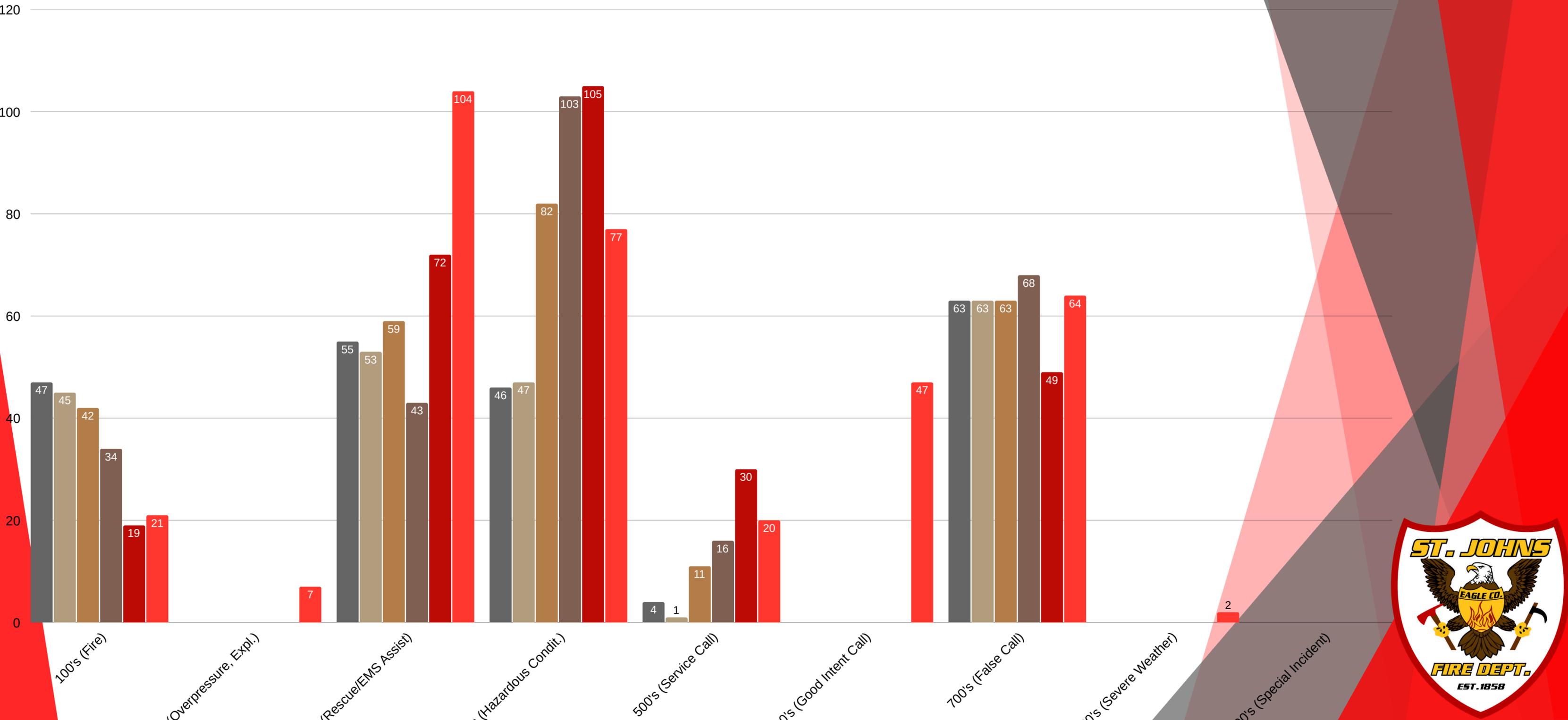
# 2025 Calls for Service

- 100's (Fire)
- 200's (Overpressure, Expl.)
- 300's (Rescue/EMS Assist)
- 400's (Hazardous Condit.)
- 500's (Service Call)
- 600's (Good Intent Call)
- 700's (False Call)
- 800's (Severe Weather)

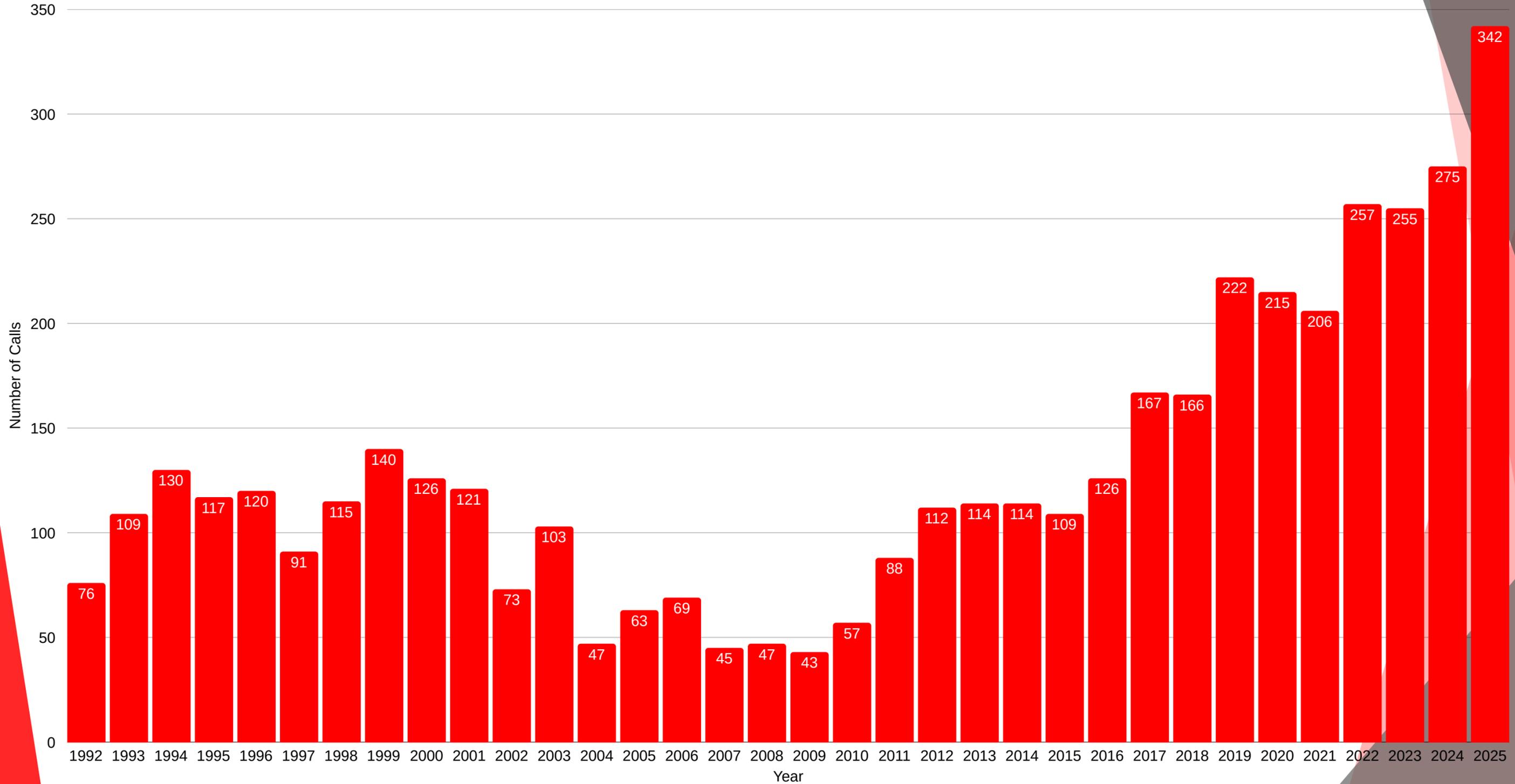


# 2020-2025 Comparison

● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023 ● 2024 ● 2025

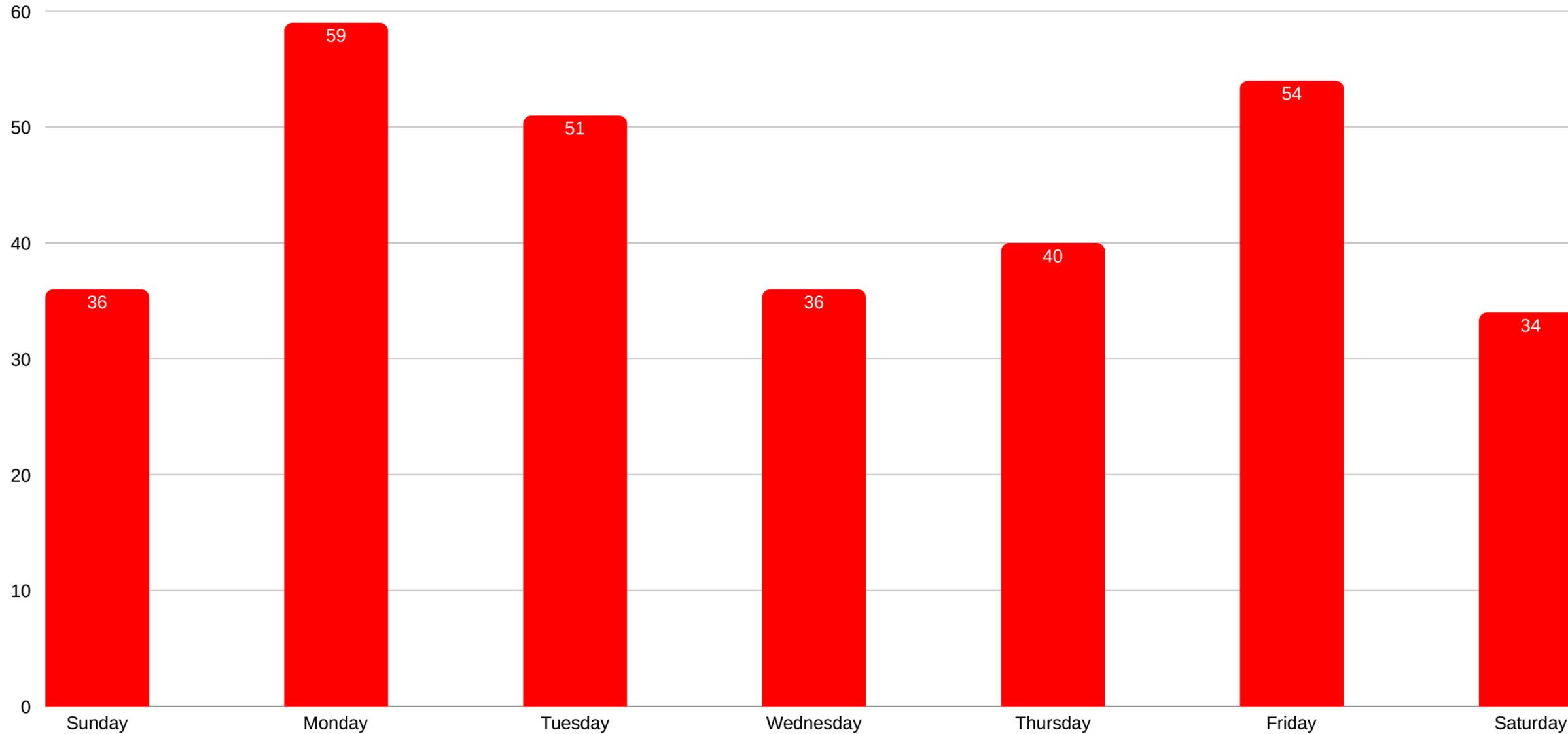


# Call Volume from 1992-2025

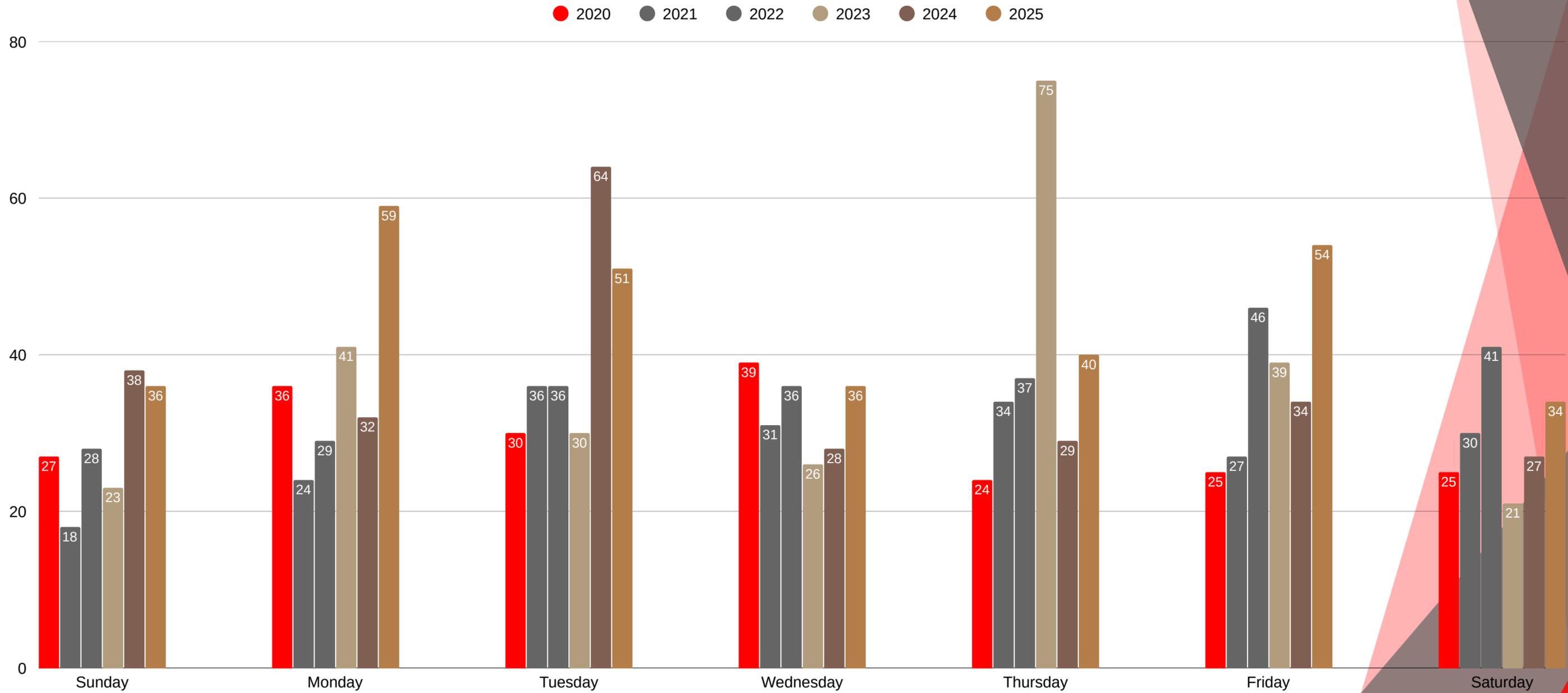


# 2025 Calls by Day of the Week

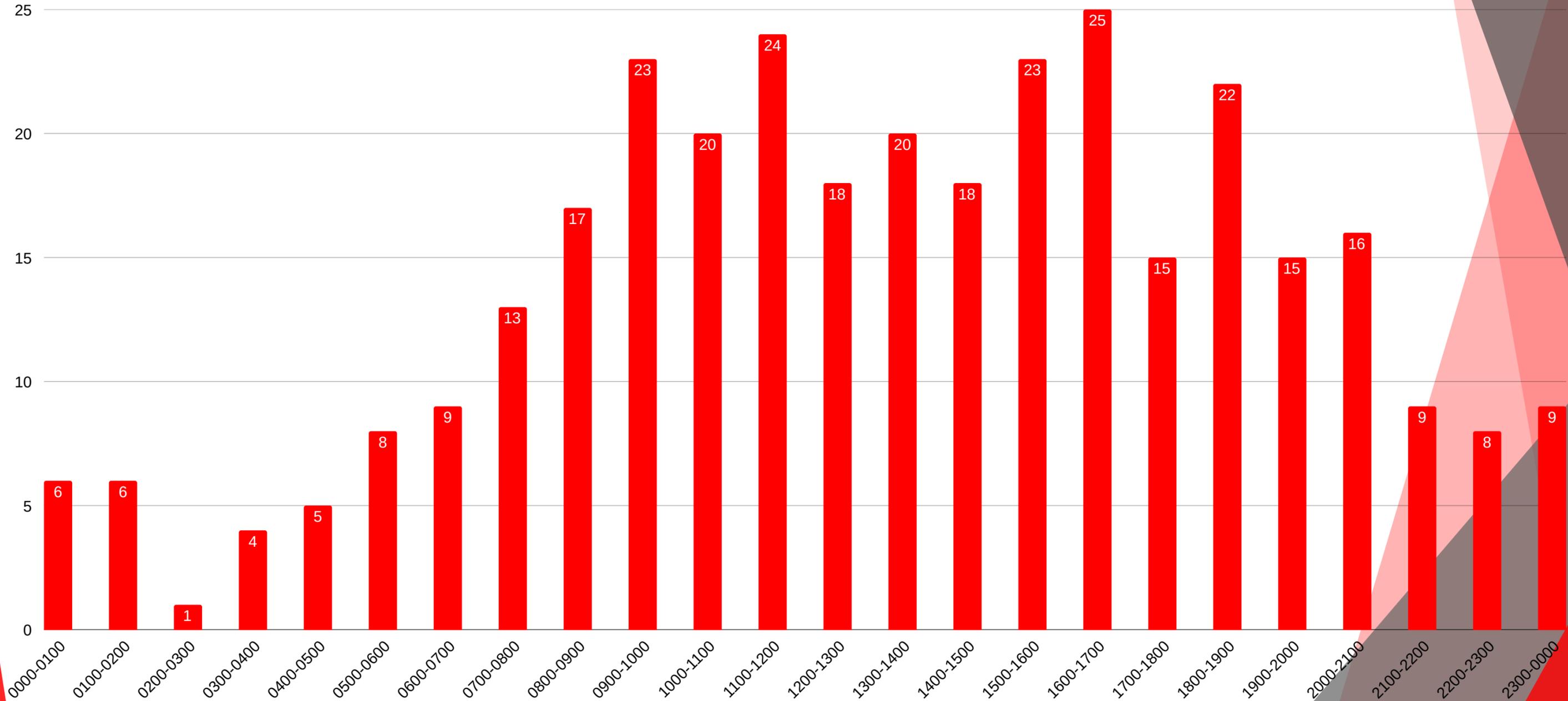
● Total # of Calls



# 2020-2025 Calls by Day of the Week Comparison



# 2025 Calls by Hour

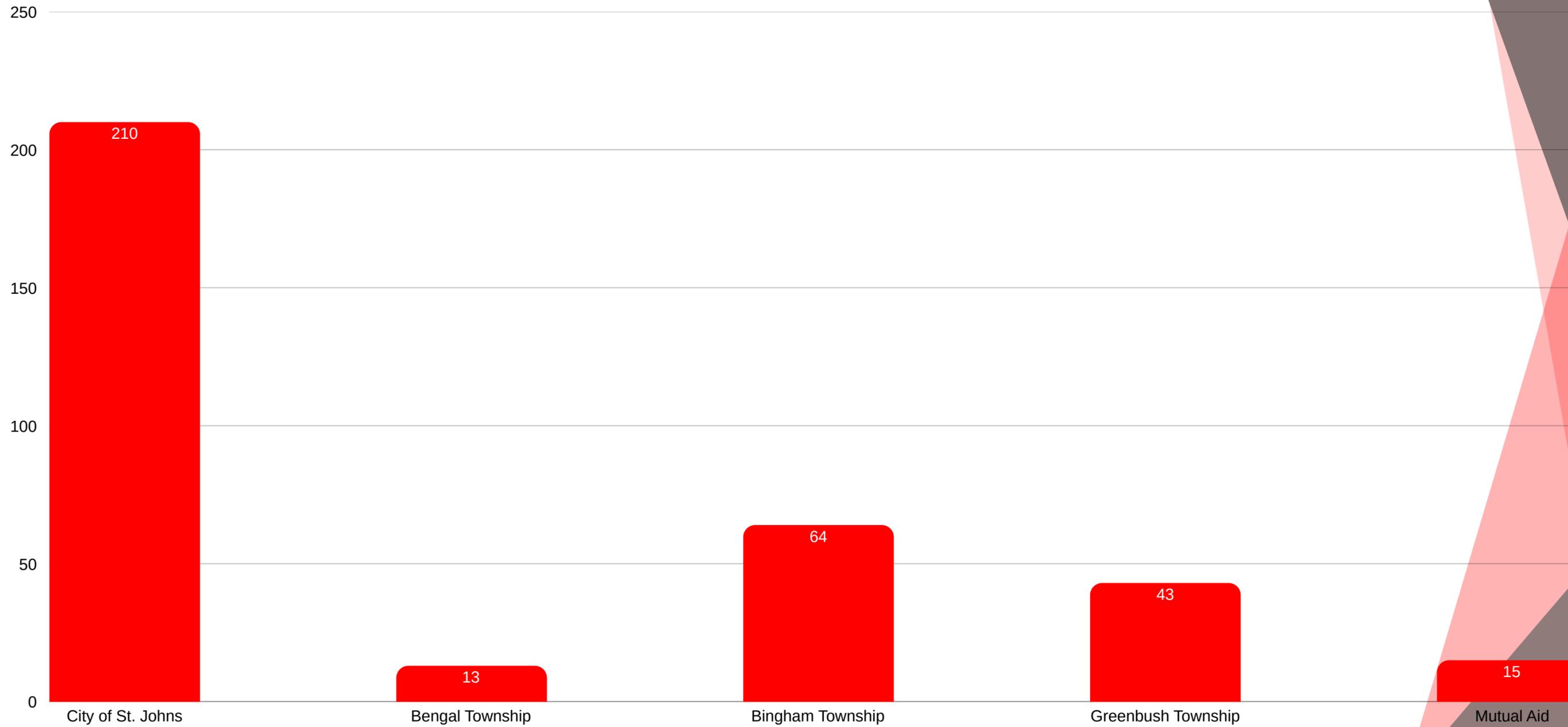


# 2020-2025 Calls by Hour Comparison

Hours of day	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0000-0100	6	2	8	6	8	6
0100-0200	4	2	4	6	11	6
0200-0300	3	4	6	5	2	1
0300-0400	3	3	3	5	4	4
0400-0500	4	1	6	7	7	5
0500-0600	4	4	7	11	4	8
0600-0700	6	5	5	8	11	9
0700-0800	4	6	19	7	15	13
0800-0900	12	13	16	16	21	17
0900-1000	12	8	13	12	11	23
1000-1100	11	15	14	16	17	20
1100-1200	7	10	11	16	17	24
1200-1300	16	23	17	18	12	18
1300-1400	17	17	16	16	18	20
1400-1500	19	13	17	15	20	18
1500-1600	24	12	23	18	21	23
1600-1700	17	19	14	12	48	25
1700-1800	14	14	17	11	23	15
1800-1900	19	20	21	18	18	22
1900-2000	12	8	17	13	15	15
2000-2100	10	7	16	12	17	16
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2200-2300	9	14	10	7	11	8
2300-0000	4	7	8	12	7	9

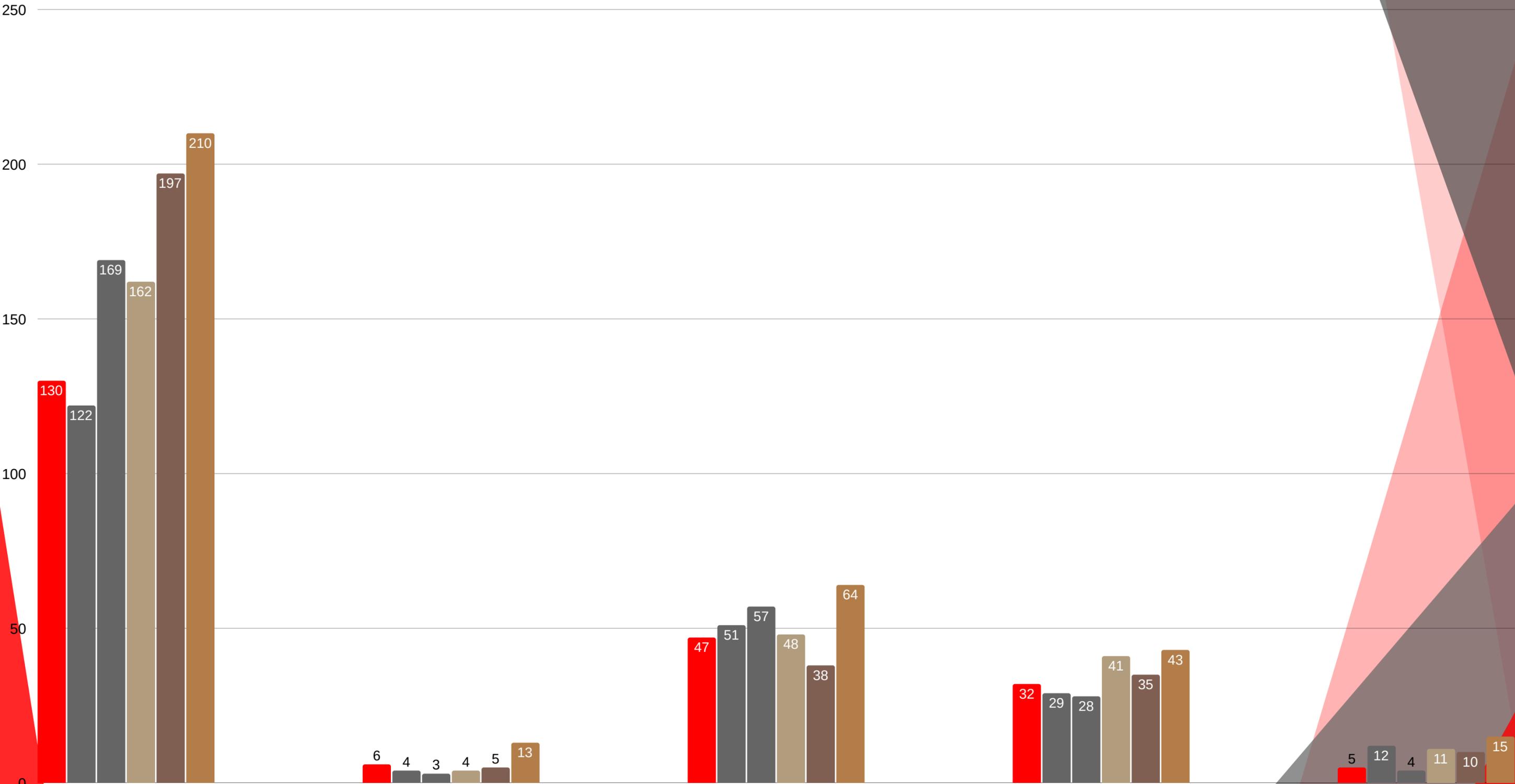


# 2025 Calls by Municipality



# 2020-2025 Calls by Municipality Comparison

● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023 ● 2024 ● 2025



# 2025 Mutual Aid/Auto Aid Summary

- Mutual Aid Given- 75 Times
  - CAASA- 67 Times
  - Ashley Fire- 3 Times
  - Ovid Fire and Rescue- 4 Times
  - Vernon Fire- 1 Time
- Mutual Aid Received- 14 Times
  - Maple Rapids Fire-2 Times
  - Westphalia Fire- 2 Times
  - Bath Fire- 4 Times (Light and Air Truck)
  - Elsie Fire- 2 Times
  - Dewitt Twp Fire- 2 Times (Ladder Truck)
  - Dewitt Area Fire- 2 Times
- Automatic Aid Given- 3 Times
  - Fowler Fire- 1 Time
  - Elsie Fire- 1 Time
  - Ashley Fire- 1 Time
- Automatic Aid Received- 19 Times
  - Fowler Fire- 8 Times
  - Ashley Fire- 2 Times
  - Elsie Fire- 2 Times
  - Ovid Fire- 6 Times
  - Dewitt Area Fire- 1 Times

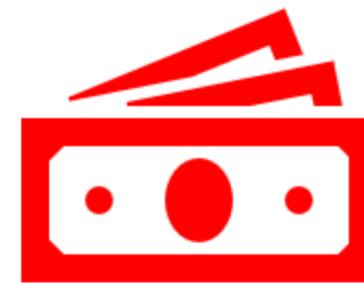


# 2025 Estimated Losses to Structure Fires



**Property Loss**

\$1,960,000



**Content Loss**

\$1,337,500



# Community Risk Reduction/ Community Events





# Smoke Detector Installations

- In coordination with MI Prevention, St. Johns Fire received Smoke Detectors, Combination Smoke/CO Alarms, Plug in CO Detectors, and Bed Shakers for hearing impaired residents.
- Chief Douglas installed:
  - 157 Smoke Detectors
  - 22 Combo Smoke/CO Detectors
  - 28 Plug in CO Detectors
  - 3 Bed Shakers
- Installed detectors in 35 different residences
- Number of residents and age of residents impacted by installations
  - Newborn - 5 Years Old: 10
  - School Age (6-17 Years Old): 26
  - Adults (18-55 Years Old): 39
  - Senior Adults (55 + Years Old) 23
  - Total Residents: 98 Residents



# Community Events

- Participated in multiple community events including:
  - Chamber of Commerce Touch A Truck
  - National Night Out
  - Multiple Pre School visits
  - Clinton County RESA Field Day
  - March is Reading Month at Eureka Elementary
  - City of St. Johns Recreation Department Summer Camp
  - 9/11 Remembrance Display



# Apparatus and Equipment



# 301 Vehicle

- 2012 Chevy Silverado
  - Acquired for free through Michigan DNR Federal Excess Personal Property
- Used as daily vehicle for Fire Chief
- Responds to incidents
- Equipped with SCBA, Thermal Imaging Camera and 2 Gas Monitor



# Command Car 300

- 2021 Ford F150
- Used by Officers for responses at night and during the weekend
- Equipped with SCBA, Thermal Imaging Camera, and 4 Gas Monitor



# Engine 31

- 2017 Spartan Chassis/Spencer Polybody
- 1500 Gallon Per Minute pump
- 2000 Gallon Tank
- First out for Mutual Aid
- First out for Car Crashes
- Carries Battery Powered Extrication Equipment



# Rescue 32

- 2011 Ford F550 with Rosenbauer Rescue Body
- Has Light Tower
- Carries Second Set of Extrication Tools
- Carries Ice Rescue Equipment



# Brush 33

- 1996 Dodge Ram 2500
- First out for Brush Fires, Grass Fires and Down Power Lines
- Holds 250 Gallons of Water



# Engine 34

- 2023 Spartan Chassis/Spencer Body
- 1500 Gallon Per Minute Pump
- 1000 Gallons of Water
- First out for Fires, Fire Alarms, and other calls for service



# UTV 35

- 2019 Polaris Ranger
- QTAC 85 Skid Unit in bed with pump and hose reel
- Used for brush and grass fires



# Truck 36

- 2004 Pierce Dash 95' Mid Mount Aerial Truck
- Bought used from Chest Fire District in New York in August 2025
- 2000 Gallon Per Minute Pump
- 300 Gallon Water Tank
- Placed in Service December 20th 2025



# Ladder 350

- 1984 E-One Ladder Truck
- Taken Out of Service June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, due to catastrophic failure of motor.



# Equipment Upgrades

- Purchased 6 sets of turnout gear to ensure all certified firefighters were in NFPA and MIOSHA compliant turnout gear
- Purchased 10 new helmets to ensure all certified firefighters have NFPA and MIOSHA compliant helmets
- Purchased new turnout gear extractor to wash gear and lower our exposure to cancer causing carcinogens



# Equipment Upgrades

- Purchased new SCBA Compressor and Fill Station replacing a 31-year-old system that was unreliable
- Placed 6 new AEDs in service
- Placed 4 new Thermal Imaging Cameras in service ensuring each fire apparatus has a Thermal Imaging Camera



# Technology Upgrades

- Installed TVs throughout station that monitor Active911 so members can see where we have calls and who's responding increasing our situational awareness
- In coordination with Clinton County 911, we were able to purchase iPads and now all fire apparatus have an MDC (mobile data computer) in them allowing us to access critical call information while enroute



# Fire Department in Action



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