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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of June 27, 2006 to July 25, 2006 and detail some activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- ❑ On the 22nd B Group assisted the local Army Reserve Unit in training their people who are soon to be sent to Iraq. This is the third time that our Department has been asked to help in this endeavor. Soldiers were sent to Hdqts, E-24 and E-23 for the exercise.
- ❑ Engine 21(E-21) D Group met with representatives of Lake Waubeka Board of Directors to explain the City's open burning policy.
- ❑ E-23, E-24 and the Fire Marshal did a demonstration on the proper use of fire extinguishers for the employees of the Marriot Hotel.
- ❑ Several neighbors of E-25 have stopped by to see the new station. This is always a great time for our personnel to pass on safety tips to the public.
- ❑ Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at: Crystal Bay Condo site - Lattins Cove, Magnet School on Middle River Rd., walked thru of the new Lowes with building stocked, Best Buy, Scholastic Publishing, Harley

Davidson, Klaff's Wholesale, Lakewood Condos, Stetson Place Condos, WestConn parking garage, Westconn new Westside student center, Crosby St. Apt. complex, and reviewed the sprinkler system connections at Stew Leonard's.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- In last month's report we told you about a kitchen fire that we had on Osborne St. The occupant had suffered severe burns to his upper body. That victim succumbed to his burns this month. He was our first fire victim of the year 2006.
- On July 3rd we responded to a possible drowning at Pleasant Acres during the Fireworks. Upon arrival our crews found off-duty FF Jim Lillis and his wife performing CPR on the victim. Our crew took over and assisted Ambulance 1 in transporting the victim to the ER where he later died.
- On the 10th we responded to a structure fire on Horseshoe Dr. Upon arrival there was smoke coming from the rear of the house. The fire was coming from the deck area. P.O. Critelli was on scene and he was spraying a garden hose on the fire. His quick action held the fire to the deck and some vinyl siding on the house. The occupant was nine months pregnant so EMS checked her out and transported her for possible smoke inhalation.
- On the 18th we responded to Lincoln Ave. for a cellar fire. Upon our arrival we found that most of the fire was put out by the occupant with a garden hose. There was heavy smoke in the cellar and while trying to ventilate a firefighter fell into an interior trench which had been dug. He was taken to the ER by the ambulance unit on the scene. The Fire Marshal and the building department were called to the scene because it looked like a lot of work had been done to the house without any permits. The firefighter remains out on injury leave.
- On the afternoon of the 18th we responded to the Town Park for a possible drowning. Upon our arrival the male victim was being attended to by the Lifeguards. He was transported to the ER where he is recovering.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS certifications requirements of Fire Department First Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with pre-hospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills. The focus of this month's EMS Wednesday has practical skills evaluation. The testing stations are either skill or scenario based. Each individual is evaluated on their ability to assess and manage each situation. Officers are required to guide the actions of the response team while allowing the Firefighter to provide the patient care.

The skill stations consist of:

Kendrick extrication device

Painful swollen deformed upper extremity

Hare traction device

Standing take down and immobilization with backboard and stiff neck collar

The Danbury Fire Departments First Responders have a comprehensive knowledge of Emergency Medical treatments and can recognize the progression of symptoms which directly impacts patient survivability. Thru rapid deployment and the use of Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support skills, firefighters can stabilize a patient and prevent organ failure, system failure and organism death.

The Danbury Fire Department First Responder Program is a key part of the EMS system, cross-trained firefighters that have the knowledge of these lifesaving skills are rapidly deployed to an Emergency Medical call, this advanced life support training coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like CPR training and the "File of Life" has increased the patient survival rates in the City of Danbury.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division

Activity Report -June 25 to July 25, 2006

E911 Changes

The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications has indicated that during the next quarter they will be issuing orthographic pictures as a backdrop to digital mapping. These photographic fly-overs will allow the dispatcher to have a 'top-

down' view of mapping. This style of mapping is becoming very popular as it combines both a line map and a photo representation.

Mobile Data System

Additional hardware has been received by the department from the state Department of Homeland Security. The mobile data computers currently in use for 5 years will be replaced with Panasonic Tough books. These new computers have a greater capability for storage and with energy saving features built in will be much more friendly to the vehicle electrical systems.

As soon as all mounting hardware has been received, these units will be installed.

Training

The hiring of new firefighters is always an excellent time to review all our Department SOP'S, tools and equipment. All the crews this month trained with the Fire Dept. Rescue boat at the Town Park. They worked with and reviewed the use of the Hurst tools, saws, and hand tools on all the engines. With all the recent retirements we continue to train new drivers for all the apparatus.

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

The following is a partial list of some of the highlights and activities of the Apparatus Division for the month of June/July. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Truck 1 is currently at Firematic. They will be modifying our generator so that it will no longer pick up road dirt causing it to fail. Also they will be addressing some problems with the air conditioning as well as the cab lift system. We are hoping that the unit will be returned to us by the end of this week. We will keep you posted on the progress.

All of the Departments BioSystem meters have been span gas calibrated. BioSystems engineers have been repairing our meters one at a time using the meter from Truck 2 as the "swing unit" To date five of our units have been updated. Due to the damage sustained at a gas leak the "swing unit" had to be sent in for repairs. BioSystems has repaired the damaged meter free of charge and it is back in service. We have resumed the update program. We almost have all of the departments meters updated.

All of the parts have arrived for Truck 1 from the damage that was sustained at the Great Plain Road fire. When the truck returns from Firematic we will be installing these items as well as doing a full service on both the truck and the ladder.

The two 2006 Ford Expeditions from the Department of Homeland Defense will be going to Economy Signs of Danbury to be lettered in accordance with the Danbury Fire Department specifications.

We have experienced several breakdowns involving the engine-cooling fan on Engine 23, currently this unit is repaired and in service. Engine 25 received new batteries and is currently in service. Engine 21 and Engine and Engine 24 have experienced problems with air leaks, both units have been repaired and are in service. The Departments Fire Boat was having mechanical issues related to fuel and carburetion, these issues have been addressed and the boat is operational.

We have fit tested our three new recruits, and outfitted them with the necessary equipment so that they were able to report to the Fire Academy for training.

Good of the Organization

- On June 27th we moved into our new Station at E-25 King St. After many years of trying to replace the old station the time has arrived. So far we have received many great comments on the completed project.
- On the 6th we swore in three new Officers. A/C Steve Williams, Capt. Gary Arconti, and Lt. Tyler Bergemann. Three new recruits were also sworn in: FF Shea Hanson, FF Nick

Cabral, and FF Kyle Houser. The three recruits started at the State Fire Academy on the 10th. They will be graduating in Sept.

- ❑ The annual Hydrant Testing continues. This years color is blue.
- ❑ The Fire School ceiling tiles have arrived and been installed. The school can now be used for live burns.
- ❑ The bids for E-26, Westside Fire Station were opened on the 18th.
- ❑ This month all the Companies completed their collections for MDA. They hoped to at least match their collection of \$17,000 last year.
- ❑ Members of the Department have been working as a Committee for the specs for a new multipurpose truck. They have been assisted by area towns of New Fairfield, Stony Hill, and Newtown who have demoed their trucks that they have purchased over the last couple of years.
- ❑ FF Bob Vosburgh built a large display panel for our City Maps.
- ❑ In the tradition of being a good neighbor. We had our dumpster repositioned for a few days at E-23 so one our neighbors could celebrate a wedding without getting it in their pictures.
- ❑ On Sat. the 8th Local #801 had Westerner's night at the ball game. Several members and their families enjoyed a picnic while other members showed the fans the new aerial truck.
- ❑ On the 20th several members of the Dept. attended the City Picnic. Everything from the food, conversation and weather was outstanding.
- ❑ We took delivery of a new ice maker for Hdqts. The ice is used each day on all the machines for rehab. Our people did the hook up of the new machine. The older unit was moved to E-23 and installed there by our people. All our Stations are now equipped with ice machines.

Dates of Importance

- Sept. 10th - Taste of Danbury
- Grand Opening of E-25 - to be announced

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	15
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	2
Rescue/EMS	234
Hazardous Condition	35
Service Calls	27
Good Intent Calls	38
False Alarm/False Calls	92
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
No Report/Incomplete	3

Total Fire Calls..446.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 597 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	597
No patient EMS Calls	94
BLS Patient Calls	279
ALS EMS Calls	215
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	9
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	24

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 3083 with a daily average of 102.77 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	446
EMS Response calls.	597
Abandoned Calls	352
911 Hang Ups	644

Admin Calls Received	680
Cellular 911 Calls	1061

Note - Since multiple 9-1-1 calls are received for many responses, call volume is reflected as a total. Multiple calls received are recorded on individual fire reports and not on CAD generated totals.

Attached please find graphic displays for Fire Response Breakdown, Company Response, Volunteer Company Call and Response Statistics, and EMS Transport Activity Statistics for the reporting period. Additionally, reports on year to date comparison and volunteer response for the month of May are included. These two graphs were not copied into last month's report due to a collating error.

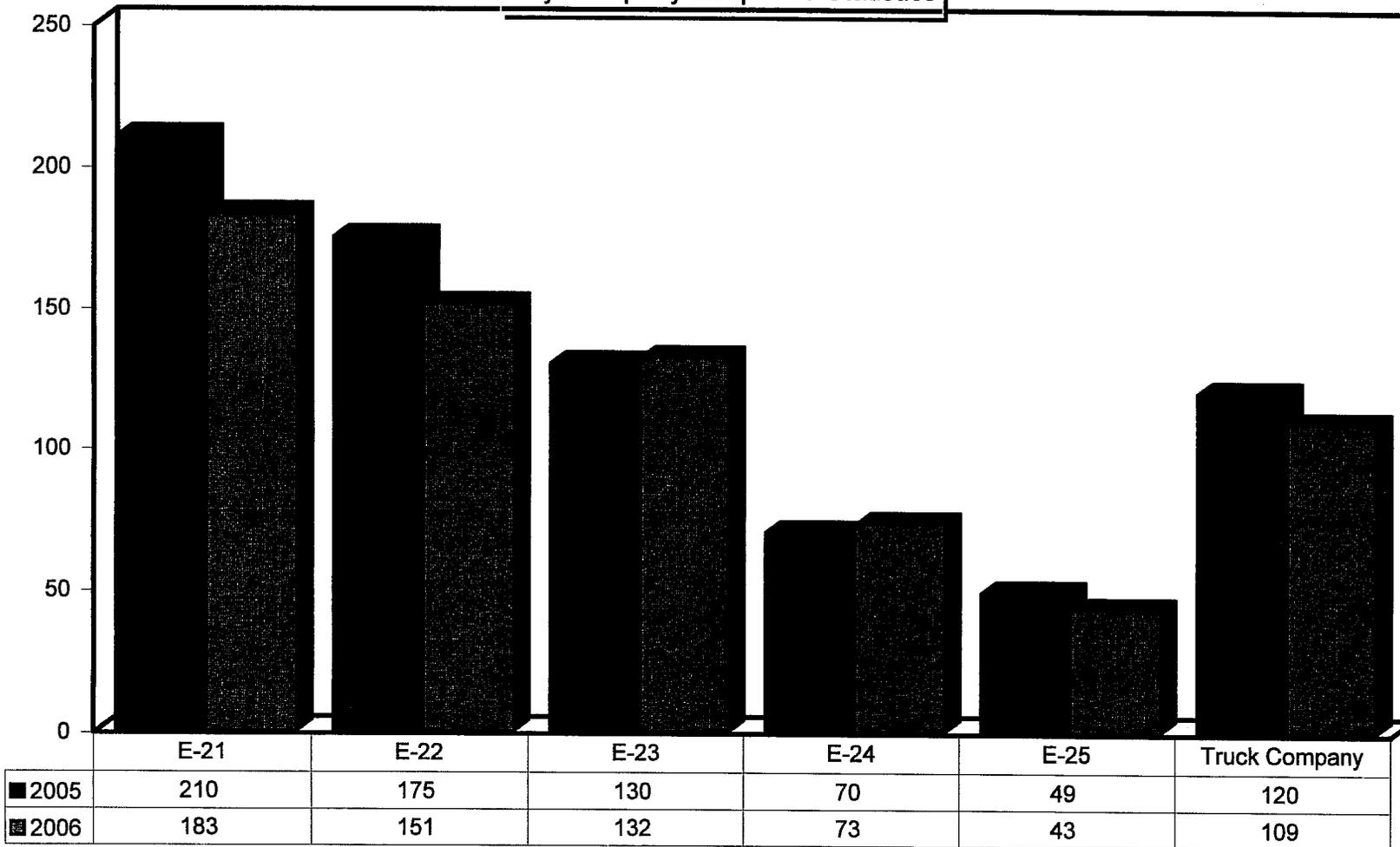
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Respectfully submitted,



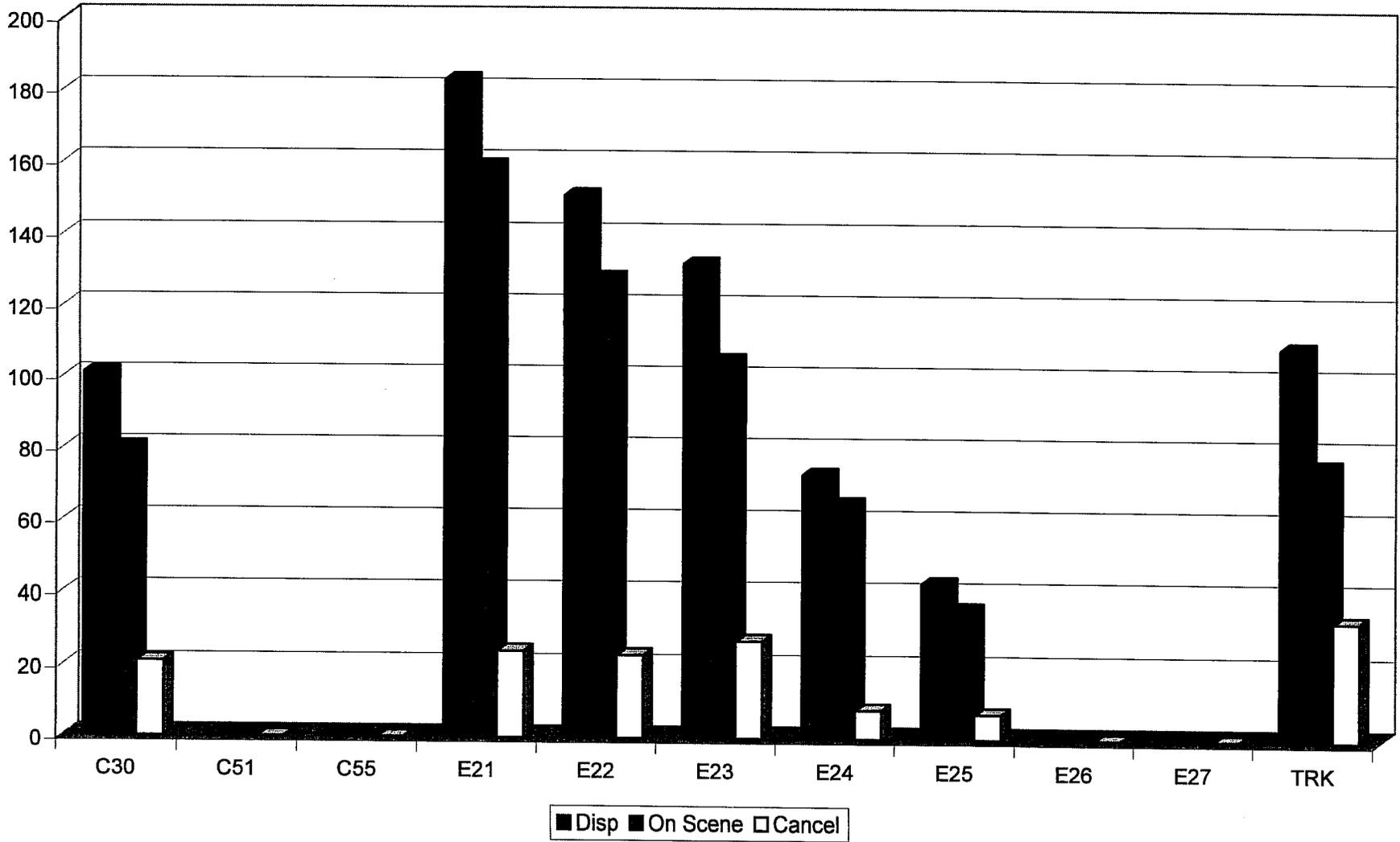
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**Danbury Fire Department
July Company Response Statistics**

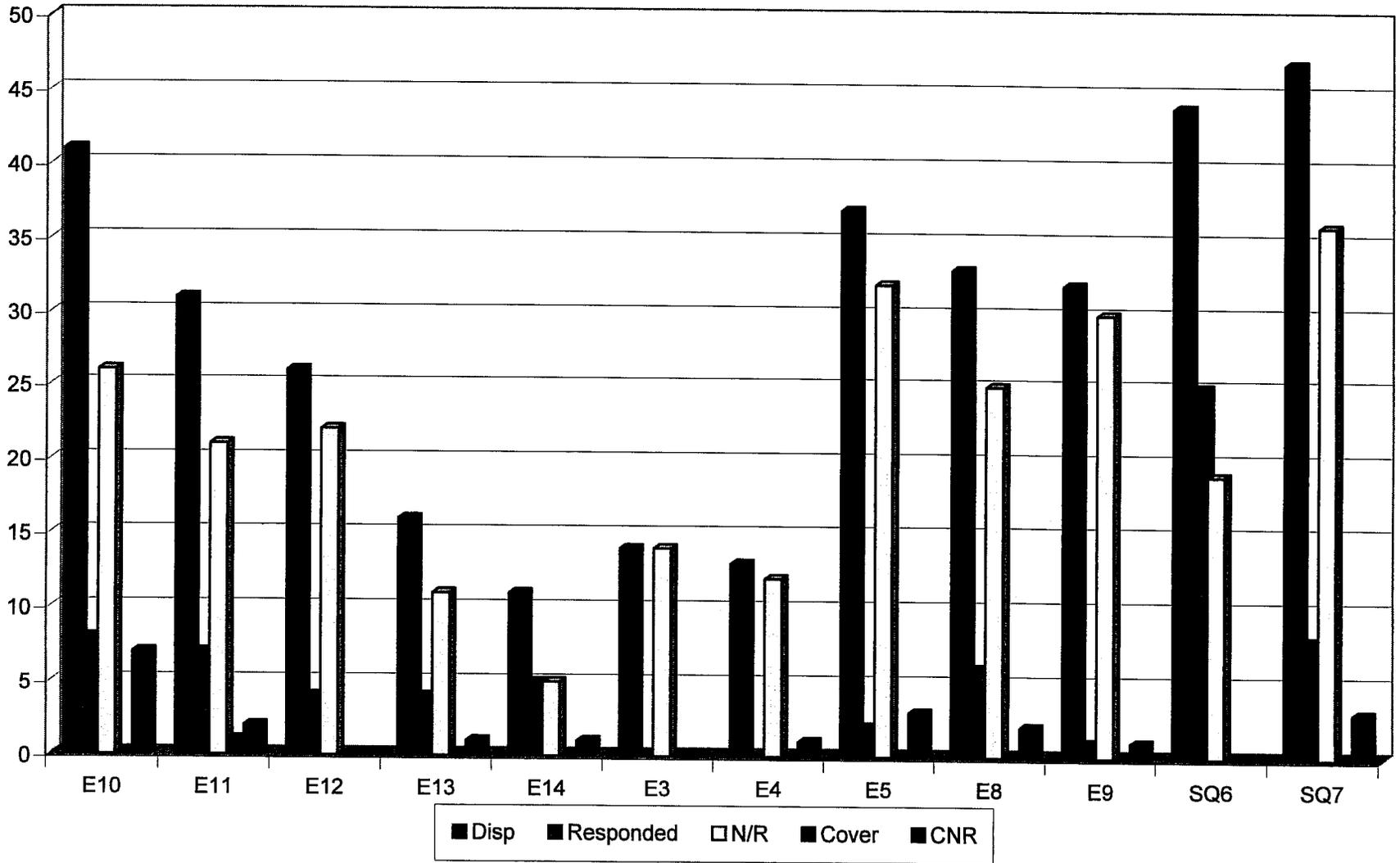


DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESPONSES						2006		
		<i>July Response</i>		<i>Statistics</i>				
	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response		
E-3	14	0	0	0	14	0%		
E-4	13	0	0	0	12	0%		
E-5	37	0	0	2	35	5%		
S-6	44	0	0	25	19	57%		
S-7	47	0	0	8	36	17%		
E-8	33	0	0	6	25	18%		
E-9	32	0	0	1	30	3%		
E-10	41	0	0	8	26	20%		
E-11	31	1	0	7	21	26%		
E-12	26	0	0	4	22	15%		
E-13	16	0	0	4	11	25%		
E-14	11	0	0	5	5	45%		
Totals	345	1	0	70	256	21%		

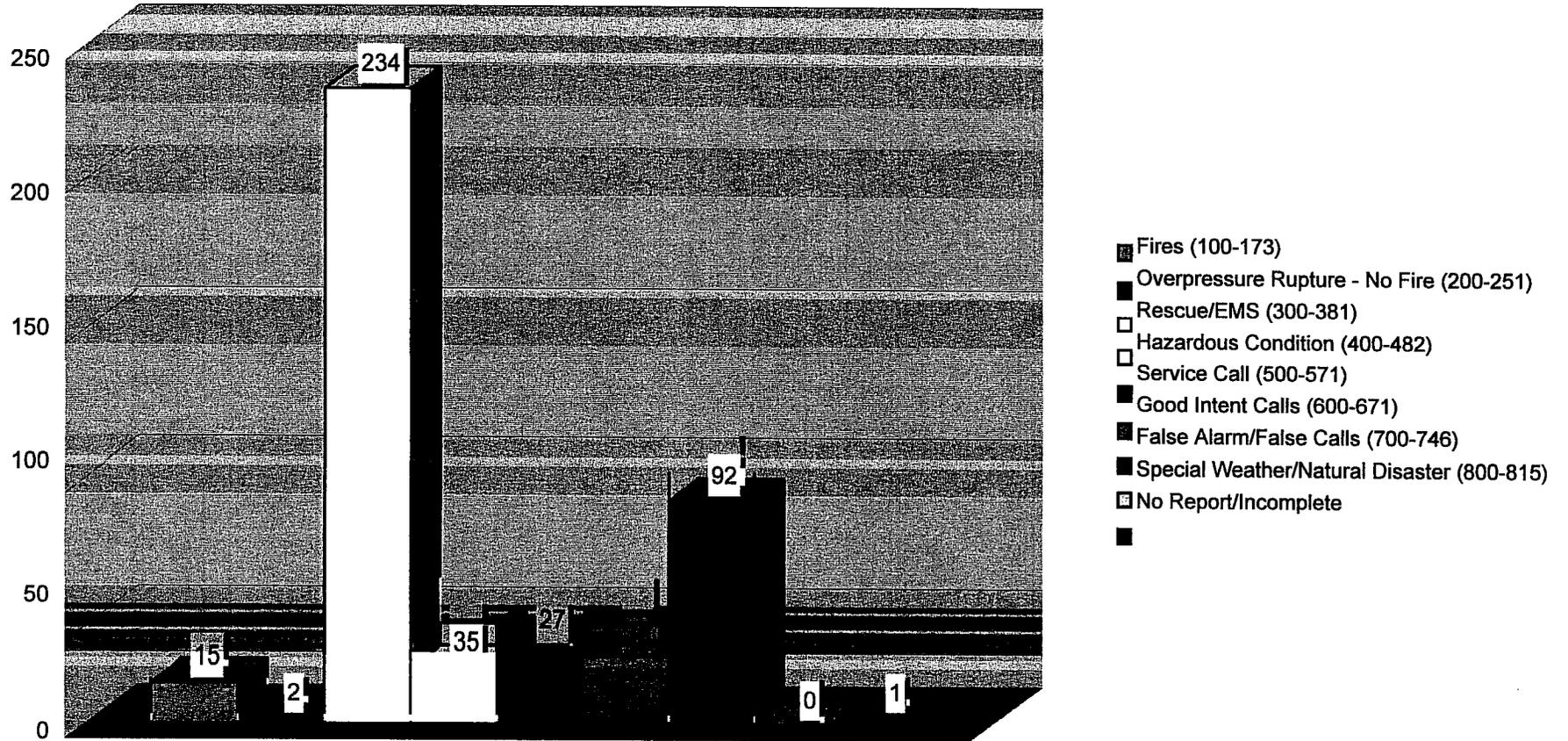
Career Company Response June 27 to July 23, 2006



Volunteer Call Counts June 27 to July 23, 2006



Fire Response Breakdown June 27 to July 23, 2006



EMS Transport Activity June 27 to July 23, 2006



911 Center Activity June 27 to July 23, 2006

