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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Acting Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of October 31, 2006 to November 28, 2006 and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- ❑ C Grp. E-25 crew gave a tour of their engine and equipment along with a fire safety talk at a birthday party at 15 Pondcrest Rd.
- ❑ E-24 assisted the Marshal's Office with fire extinguisher training at City Hall for the City employees.
- ❑ E-21 gave a fire prevention demonstration at Park Ave School for 180 children, grades K,1 & 2.
- ❑ E-23 gave a fire safety presentation at the Interfaith Day Care facility on Osborne St. They also contributed to the Fire Dept.'s public image by supplying 100 gallons of water to a resident during a water main break on Circle Dr. West.
- ❑ E-23 D Grp. Did a Fire Safety presentation at the Osborne Pre-school.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- ❑ On Nov. 6th we responded to what we believe was a brush fire at 26 Irving Pl. Upon arrival E-22 found leaves burning at

the base of the home. The siding was melted on the home. A full response was called for by the Lieutenant. Upon the arrival of the other units the fire was completely out. The units pulled away more siding and checked for further extension of the fire and found none.

- On Nov. 16th C Group was called for a dog in distress at the bottom of a steep river bank near Watson Pharmaceutical Comp. The dog was apparently unable to get himself up the bank. We were able to climb down the bank and pick him up out of harms way. We dried him off and called for the Animal Control Officer. We then checked Putnam Towers to see if anyone there was missing a dog. We were unable to locate the owner so the Animal Control Officer took the dog.

- On the 17th we responded to a possible person missing from a raft in Lake Candlewood. A caller had stated that he had spotted the raft about 150 feet off his shore. There was no one on the raft or in the water that he could see. We brought our rescue boat to the town park boat ramp. We were met there by two men in a boat who took two of our people to the raft. We searched the surrounding area and found no one. We determined that the raft had broken free from its mooring. We brought the empty raft to shore.

- On the 20th we responded to 32 Westville Ave for a possible gas leak. Upon arrival we were met by the home owner who stated that he was uncovering a water line with a backhoe and he hit a natural gas line. The owner had no permits to do the work and was cited by Fran Lollie with a Cease and Desist order. Yankee Gas arrived and shut down the gas line and fixed the problem.

- On the 25th we responded to Ives Manor for a water problem. Upon arrival we found a sprinkler head had gone off on the fourth floor and water had passed down to the basement. While we were at this scene we received a call for a structure fire at 6 Abbott St. E-21 responded from Ives Manor. Upon arrival E-21 reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the second floor of the building. E-21 made the initial attack while waiting for other units to arrive. The water mains in this area of town are only 4" and for this volume of fire we needed much more water. We laid other lines to hydrants but by that time the fire was too far advanced on us. We then turned our attention on protecting the exposures. The fire building was a complete loss. The

companies remained on scene most of the night wetting down the debris. At this time there are no injuries reported.

- Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at: the proposed Berkshire Village condo's, Crown Point at the Reserve was preplanned as 16 of 30 units in Bldg. 7 are now occupied, 408 Main St., Avalon Danbury on Mtview Terr, St. Joseph School, King St. Church, 262 Main St thru 270 Main St., Rivington Estates, Glen Hill, WCSU new parking garage, Medi-Plex, John Paul II home and Union Carbide.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS recertifications 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 topic for the month November has been CPR for the professional rescuer.

Each year sudden cardiac arrest strikes about 220,000 Americans. CPR and early defibrillation are the most critical factors in determining patient survival. Studies indicate that survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest can exceed 70 percent if CPR and defibrillation is administered within the few minutes.

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 the scene of a victim of a sudden cardiac arrest, this ability coupled with the Danbury Fire Departments community education programs like "CPR Saturday" has increased the patient survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest in the City of Danbury.

Community Education

The Danbury Fire Departments "Heart safe community" initiative which placed Public Access Automatic External Defibrillators in the school system is in its second year with CPR training being provided by EMS Coordinator Rodriguez for teachers and the School nurses. These CPR classes are being held at Danbury Fire Headquarters November 27th & 30th and December 5th and 7th.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division
Activity Report -October 30, 2006 to November 26, 2006

I attended a meeting held at the Avon Fire Department on November 2nd. At this meeting staff of the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications reported on a number of items related to 911 updates.

- OSET will begin the process of keeping the GIS component of the 911 Call Handling equipment up to date using in house staff and based on feedback from the field a procedure for reporting street changes will be forthcoming.
- Emergency Medical Dispatch Quality Assurance training will be offered by the State on an as needed basis. Initial thoughts are to host one or two classes each year to train PSAP personnel in maintaining a high quality Emergency Medical Dispatch program within each center.
- The state is evaluating all PSAP equipment with regard to power consumption and need. With the potential of adding additional equipment to the 911 system for an interactive data network, the power requirements need to be assessed and modified accordingly.

Within the Danbury Fire Department, plans are in process to hold a State Emergency Telecommunicator certification class for 18 department members. When certified, these members would serve as relief and fill-in dispatchers' for current personnel. Class is scheduled for the week of December 11th.

Training - A/C Charly Slagle

Fourth quarter training is finishing up. 56 Volunteer fire fighters have been through live burn training at our Fire School. Many of the career fire fighters have been through live burn training this month. They will be scheduled for live burn training in Dec.

New recruit Fire Fighter Justin Bierbower is continuing his training at the Conn. State Fire Academy. I visited the Academy last week and participated in a training drill. Recruit Bierbower along with the members of his squad did an outstanding job in the drill. They were able to meet their objectives in the shortest amount of time. The Instructors stated that FF Bierbower is "performing very well... He has contributed to the motivation and bearing of his entire Recruit Class by calling cadence and coaching the unit as they move in formation. His efforts paid off in Recruit Firefighter Class 37's performance when they paid tribute to Middletown Fire Captain Pagano and his family. There have been many positive observations on how crisp the Recruit Class looked at the wake, due in no small part to Recruit Bierbower's efforts." The graduation date is set for Dec. 18, 2006.

DFM Wiedl, Ridgefield Fire Dept. Chief Burford and I continue to meet with Jim Farlay and other Boehringer Ingelheim representatives to assist in starting an Incipient Fire Brigade. Training is set to begin Nov 30th for their team members.

On Nov 9th D group and I were trained by Firematic in the use of Res-Q-Jacks, a system to stabilize cars that have rolled on their side etc. The reviews for the system were good. On Nov 16th C group and I conducted a Confine space drill at the Westlake Water Treatment Plant. The simulation was a man down in a 25 foot deep tank. We used our tripod, blower, meters, rope systems, confined space air cart and Rescue Randy. The water treatment staff was impressed with the technical knowledge and skill of our Fire Fighters.

I have been working with DFM Wiedl on the safety of Methanol use in water treatment plants. We have visited Fairfield and Cheshire plants.

I prepared the specifications for the bid on the fence at the Fire School.

Conducted vehicle extrication with A group at Fire School.

Attended the swearing ceremony for Lt Matt McNally at City Hall.

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- Volunteer 4th quarter training continues
 - Two more vehicles donated for training
 - One new recruit at the CFA

Apparatus/Equipment - App. Sup. Joe Cavo

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

All of the Departments BioSystem meters have been span gas calibrated. All of the Departments meters are fully functional.

The department's SCBA'S are for the most part functional. We still have two or three units a week that are removed from service due to mechanical issues.

The SCBA equipment that the Fire Chief authorized us to purchase in September arrived last week. We ordered nine new Scott Series 50 air packs along with twelve 30 minute carbon wrapped bottles as well as eleven AV3000 face pieces. This SCBA equipment is consistent with our current specifications. These new units have been marked and the serial numbers have been recorded. They have been placed in service and are a very welcome addition to our aging SCBA inventory.

The two 2006 Ford Expeditions from the Department of Homeland Defense have not gone to Economy Signs of Danbury to be lettered yet, but will be going in to be lettered on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

This past month we spent a considerable amount of time repairing staff vehicles. Due to the amount of time spent repairing fire apparatus these past months (our priority) staff car repairs were accumulating. Currently all staff car are operational.

E-24 seems to be operating problem free. This past month we have not had any complaints of stalling or failing to start.

E-21 and E-23's alternators have both failed this past month. This is a not so common occurrence however, due to the extreme electrical load that is present in this kind of service not so unusual either. These units are very expensive to purchase new, we generally have good success having them rebuilt by a local vendor.

Last month we winterized the Mass Casualty Decontamination Trailer. Due to the problems with the bay door at are normal storage area, this unit will be forced to stay outside for an undetermined amount of time this fall. We are hoping that the bay door will be fixed soon and that we will be able to move this unit inside

The new E-22 has arrived from Pierce. Radios and some other assorted equipment have been purchased and are currently being installed by Firematic, our Pierce dealer. This new Engine will be a very welcome addition to our fleet hopefully it will be going into service at the end of this week or at the latest early next week. This new addition will allow us to retire two older very tired units.

The department's pick up has been serviced and the plow has been installed, ready for whatever Mother Nature will deal us this winter.

The front brakes were replaced on E-21, as well as all the engine belts.

Good of the Organization

- ❑ Our new recruit Justin Bierbower is nearing the completion of his training at the Ct. St. Fire Academy. He will graduate on Monday the 18th of December.
- ❑ All hose testing has been done in the career department. Each year we are required by the NFPA to test all hose and mark it fit for duty.
- ❑ Several members of the Department spent time this month preparing for the Christmas Party for all our members children. The party was held on December 2nd.
- ❑ On Sunday the 19th several members of the Department attended a fund raiser for a former member of our Department Dave Sanford. Dave has been struggling with a debilitating illness for the last six months.
- ❑ Several members of the Department will be taking the test for Drillmaster on the 28th of November. The opening occurred when Jim Thorne retired.
- ❑ A/C Herald attended the National Training Center at the National Fire Academy in Maryland. The class, Command and Control of Multi Alarms Response, was a two week program.
- ❑ Several members of Local 801 attended the funeral of Capt Pagano of the Middletown, Ct. Fire Dept. Capt. Pagano died while on duty.
- ❑ The Staff of the Department had a farewell luncheon for Chief Siecienski at Chuck's. We all wished him well in his new position in the Greenwich F.D. When we returned from lunch the on duty crew had dessert in his honor.

- On the 9th of Nov. Joe Cavo was sworn in as the Apparatus Superintendent and FF Walt Benz was sworn in as a Dispatcher.
- A new John Deere Gator was delivered this month. It was part of the Homeland Security Grant we were awarded. It will become a very useful tool for our personnel who are trying to find lost or injured people in rough terrain throughout the City.
- Capt. Meehan has been given the task of updating the Fire Department's webpage on the City's website. The page has been out of date for some time. For now the basics have been updated. New content will be added shortly.
- Over 1000 children visited Headquarters on Halloween. For years Local 801 has distributed candy to all the local children. They supply the candy for all our career houses.
- In a display of true brotherhood this past month several members of the Department reroofed a former retired member's widow's roof. The job was completed in less than four hours. At first it was believed that the job would take two days but some many showed up they were done in time for lunch.

Dates of Importance

- 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13th - City Employees Christmas Party
- 15th - Hanukah begins at sundown
- 18th - FF Justin Bierbower Graduates from the St. Fire Academy.
- 25th - Christmas

INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Fires	21
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire	1
Rescue/EMS	267
Hazardous Condition	30
Service Calls	20
Good Intent Calls	48
False Alarm/False Calls	71
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident Type	0
No Report/Incomplete	8

Total Fire Calls..466.....

For the month, the City Ambulance Service responded to 577 Emergency Medical Calls. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Total EMS responses	605
No patient EMS Calls	81
BLS Patient Calls	286
ALS EMS Calls	238
EMS Mutual Aid Requests	5
EMS Calls passed to Back-up	14

The total calls into the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the month were 2617 with a daily average of 76.97 calls per day. The call volume is broken down as follows:

Fire Response Calls	466
EMS Response calls.	605
Abandoned Calls	397
911 Hang Ups	554
Admin Calls Received	405
Cellular 911 Calls	871

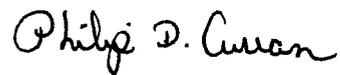
Note - Since multiple 9-1-1 calls are received for many responses, call volume is reflected as a total. Multiple calls received are recorded on individual fire reports and not on CAD generated totals.

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.

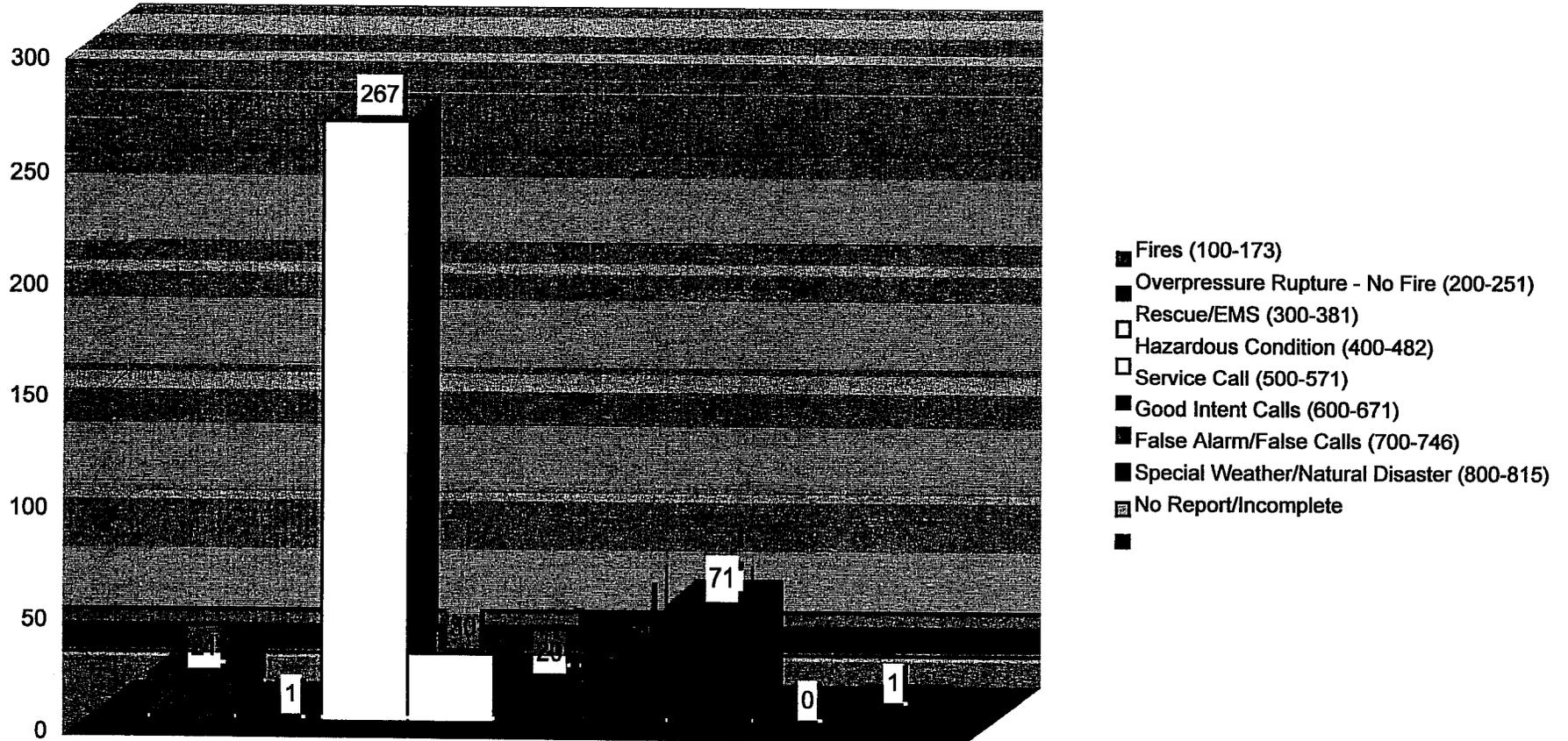
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Respectfully submitted,

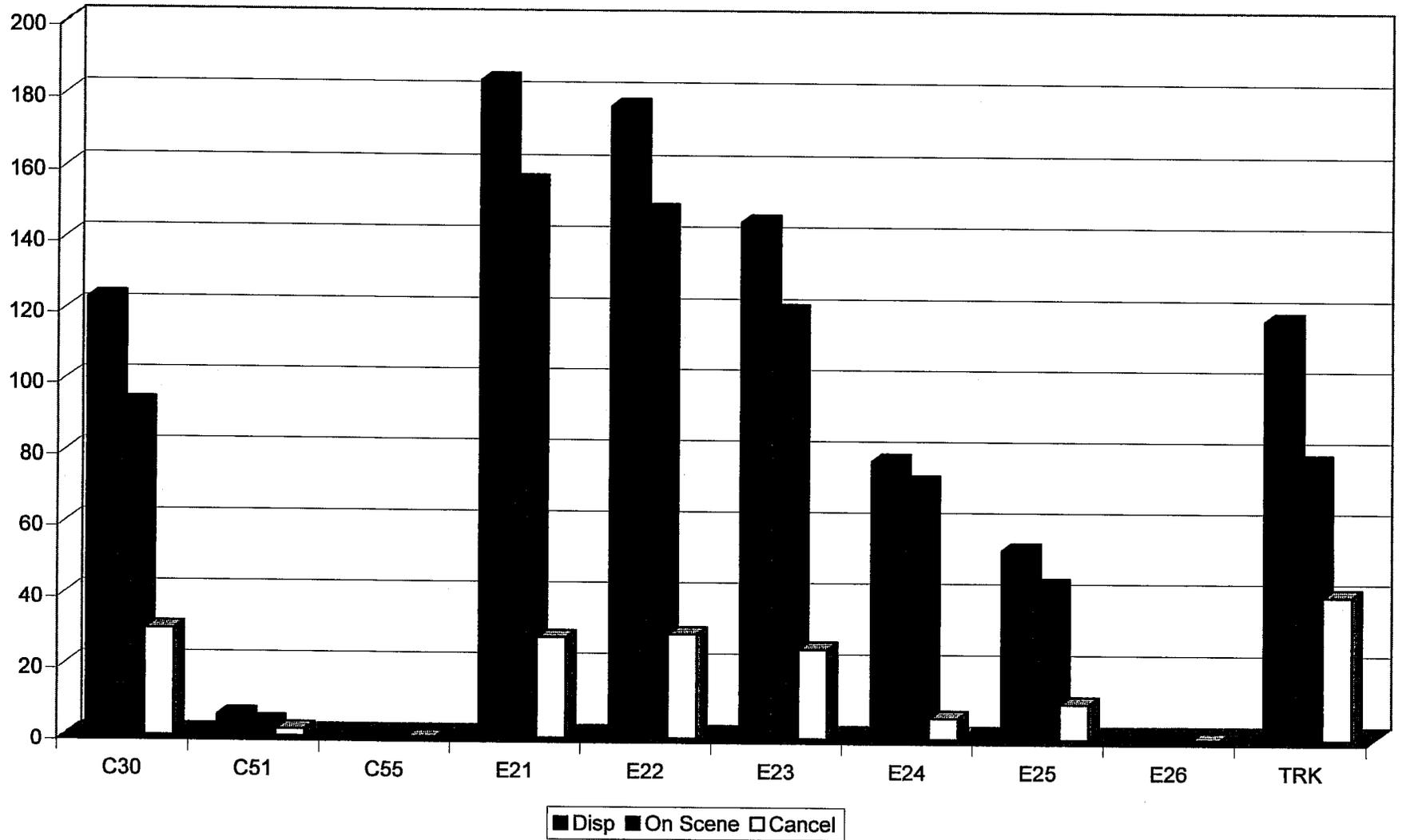
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Philip D. Curran
Acting Fire Chief

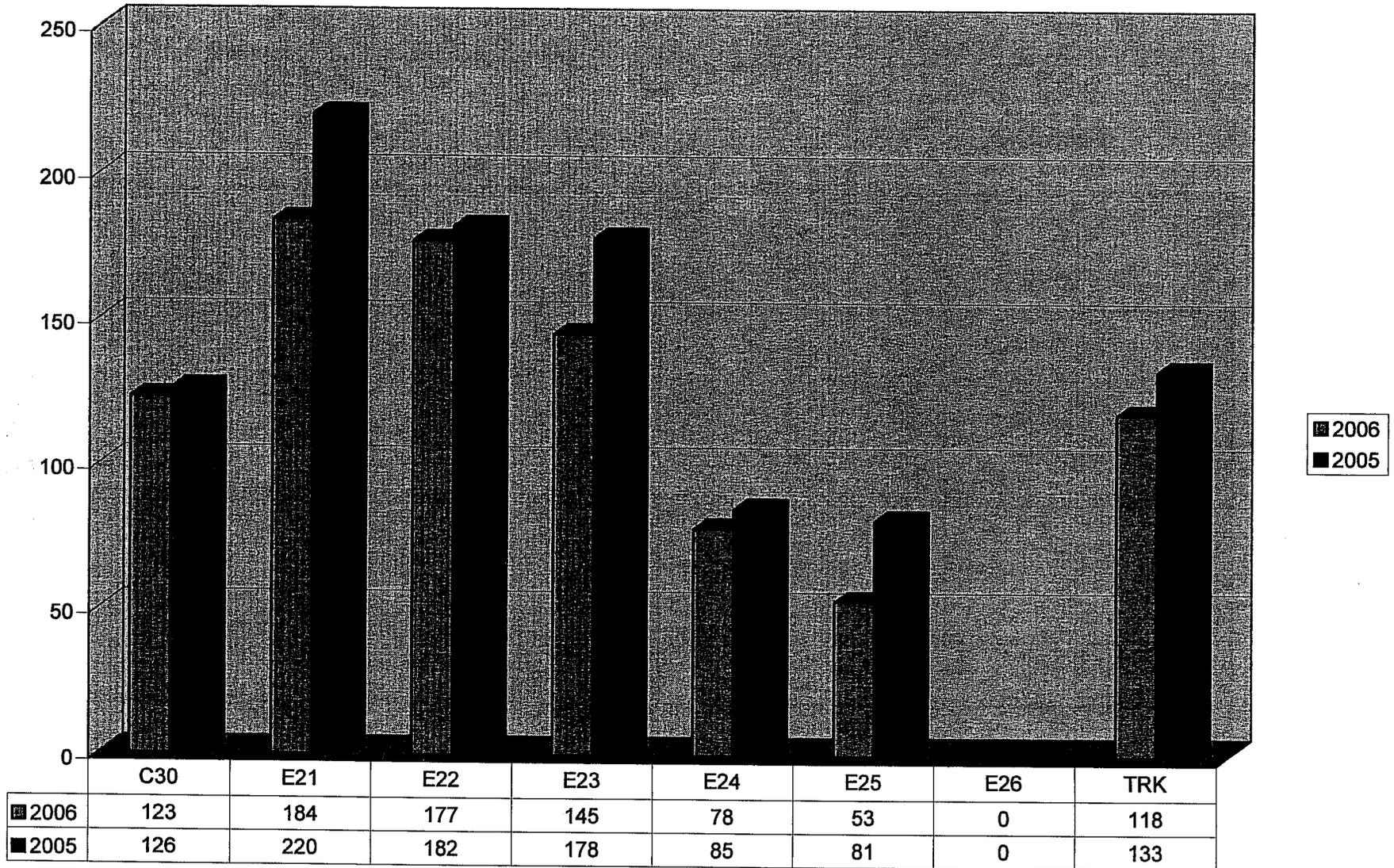
Fire Response Breakdown October 30 to Nov 26, 2006



Career Company Response Sep 25 to October 29, 2006

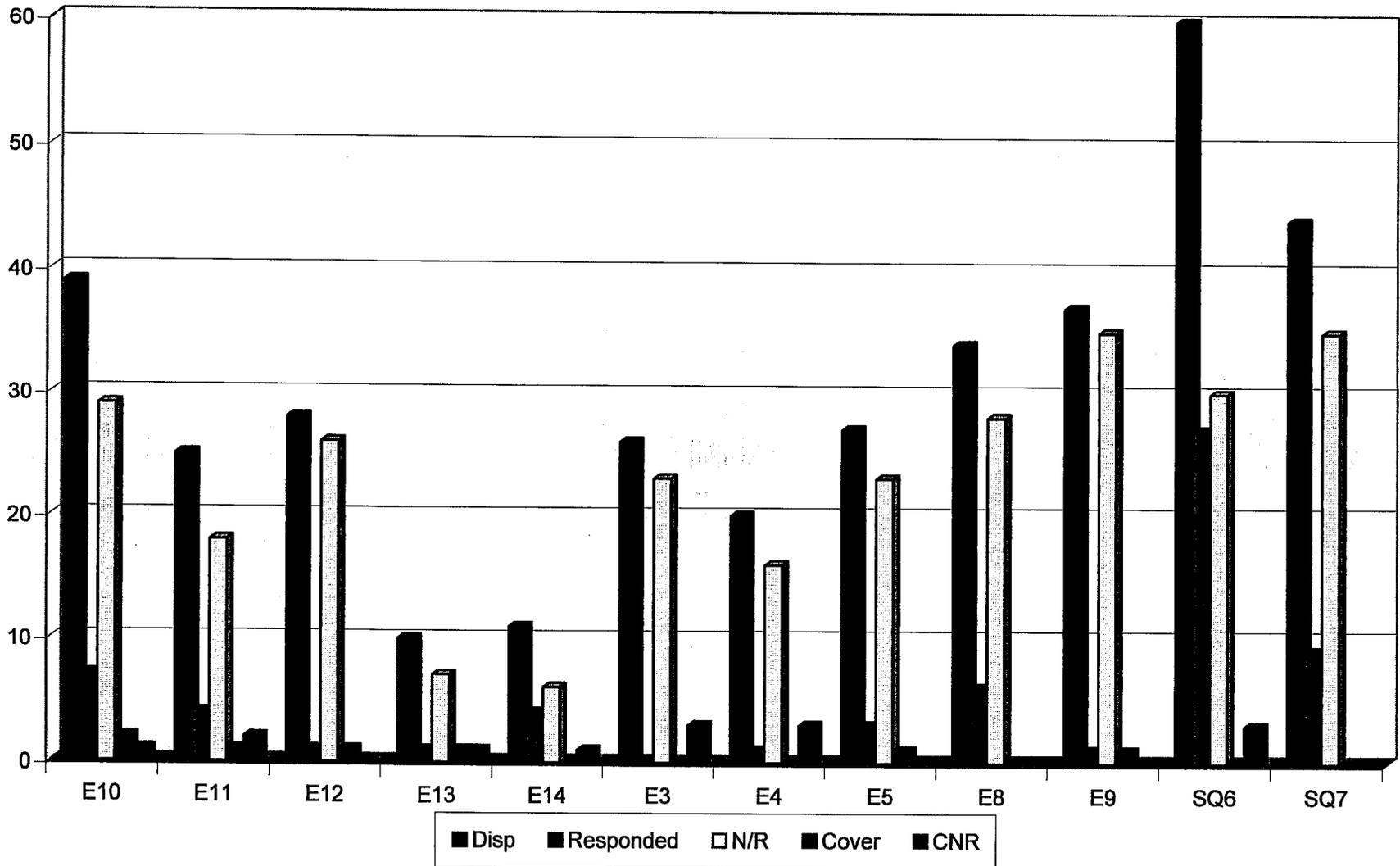


Career Response Comparison for October

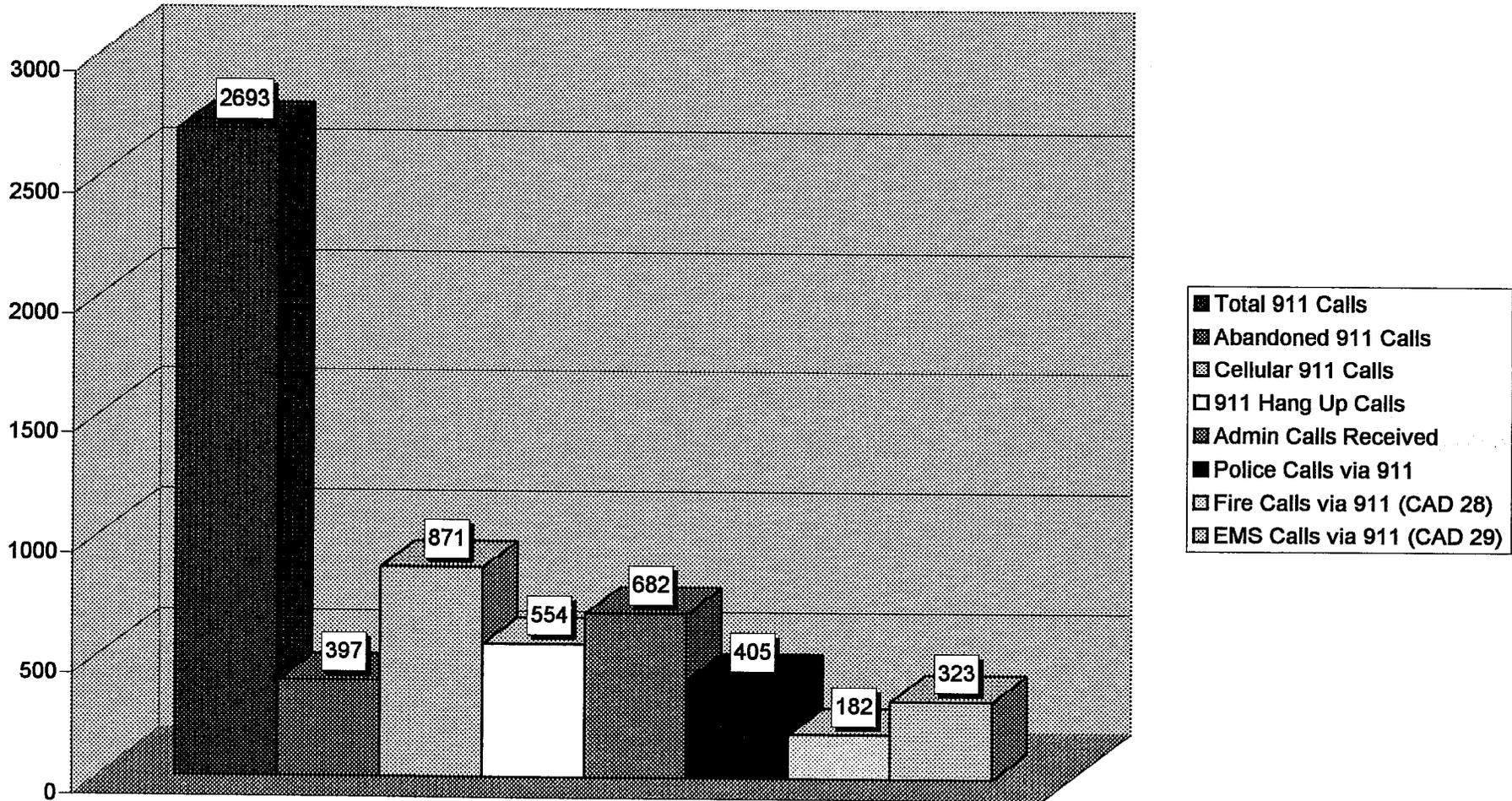


Career Call Counts	4	6	Calc			
Unit Number	Disp	On Scene	Cancel			
C30	123	93	30			
C51	6	4	2			
C55	0	0	0			
E21	184	156	28			
E22	177	148	29			
E23	145	120	25			
E24	78	72	6			
E25	53	43	10			
E26	0	0	0			
TRK	118	78	40			
Volunteer Call Counts	4	32	55	58		
Unit Number	Disp	Responded	N/R	Cover	CNR	Percent
E10	39	7	29	2	1	38.90
E11	25	4	18	1	2	24.93
E12	28	1	26	1	0	27.98
E13	10	1	7	1	1	9.97
E14	11	4	6	0	1	10.95
E3	26	0	23	0	3	25.97
E4	20	1	16	0	3	19.96
E5	27	3	23	1	0	26.96
E8	34	6	28	0	0	33.94
E9	37	1	35	1	0	36.98
SQ6	60	27	30	0	3	59.70
SQ7	44	9	35	0	0	43.91

Volunteer Call Counts October 30 to Nov 26, 2006



911 Center Activity October 30 to Nov 26, 2006



**EMS Transport Activity
October 30 to Nov 26, 2006**

