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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 February 26, 2007 to March 27, 2007 and details some of the activities of the Department.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION

- The Chief, Fire Marshal Rickert, and Dept. Marshal Rao gave short talks at the Lion Club Luncheon on Wed. the 21st. It was the Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Lion's Club. The winners were Alexa Kozlowski a fourth grader from Sacred Heart School and Alicia Lucas-Warner a fifth grader from Pembroke School. Alicia's poster was the County winner and she will be honored at the State luncheon in Cromwell next week.
- Members of D Group showed their equipment and gave fire safety advice outside of Stew Leonard's and Stop & Shop - Newtown Rd.
- E-25 participated at story time at King St. Intermediate School.
- On the 11th E-21 was able to assist an elderly woman who could not get in touch with her furnace company. They were able to get her furnace running and while they were there they reset all her clocks for DST.
- On the 24th we took part in the Annual Danbury Hospital Safety Day. The Fire Marshal's Office and the on duty crew participated in this worthwhile event. This years turn out was the biggest ever.
- On the 14th the Chief participated in the Lake Candlewood Emergency Action Planning forum held at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury.

- On 27th members of our Department along with other City officials will take part in a Region 5 exercise in Southbury. The exercise will test our ability to develop a disaster plan for different scenarios that we might have to deal with in the future.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- On March 4th we responded to Apt. 141 at 7 Padanaram Ave for a possible structure fire. Upon arrival we found smoke coming from the apartment. C30 radioed that it was an oven fire. As units entered the building they encountered heavy smoke but no fire. The resident had used two fire extinguishers on the fire and had put out the fire. The fast action by the resident prevented the fire from spreading. There was smoke damage throughout the apartment but the fire damage was contained to the exhaust fan above the stove and the bottom of the kitchen cabinets.
- On the 7th of March units were dispatched to 15 Down St. for an MVA with the car on fire and possible victims inside. Upon arrival we found a car that had hit a telephone pole head-on. Two off duty Ridgefield firefighters had put the fire out in the car and removed one of the victims. The other victim had fled the scene. He was later apprehended by the DPD at a remote location. EMS treated the one victim and CL&P was called to the scene to replace the pole. The Ridgefield Fire Chief was sent a letter of commendation on behalf of her two firefighters.
- On the 10th of March we were call by the CSP to I-84 to help mitigate a hazardous situation. It seems an 8,000 gal. liquid propane truck had broken its rear axle and could not be moved while it was loaded. Both the CSP and the DEP tried to find a company that could offload the tanker into another tanker without success. Our dispatch center was able to contact the Leahy's Oil Company and they agreed to send several smaller trucks and offload the product. Because of the flammability of propane two lanes of the highway were closed for three hours while the product was off loaded. Leahy's should be commended for their help in this emergency. Although it was not their truck and it was not their problem but they stepped forward and helped us out.

- On the 25th we responded for the second time this month for a sprinkler head discharge caused by being hit by a hydraulic lift. Both times the store had to be shutdown so the water could be cleaned up and the sprinkler head replaced.

- On the 25th we responded to Wal-Mart for what turned out to be a fire extinguisher that had fallen off the wall and discharged. The discharge was near the food area so the Health Dept. was called to the scene. The store was closed for several hours while the clean up took place.

- Pre-incident planning continued on site inspections at: Crown Point at the Reserve, Hilton Gardens, Riverton Complex, Jensen's Trailer Park, Kenosia Trailer Park, WCSU West Side Campus, Timber Oaks Complex, Fairfield Processing, Kingswood Kitchens, 100 Mill Plain Rd., Poets Landing, 15-19 Library Pl, 51 Main St., Putnam Storage on Great Pasture Rd., East Ridge Condos., Danbury High School, Stew Leonard's, Loew's Lumber Supply, Brookview Condo's, Boeringer Ingelheim, 30 Crosby St., Abbott Tech. remodel, Sterling Woods, Stetson Pl., Dan. Hosp. Red garage

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday:

The focus of this months EMS training was a review of the EMT-B curriculum for all Danbury Fire Department First Responders that are scheduled to take the State of Connecticut EMT recertification test.

The following personnel are scheduled to take the State EMT Recertification test. The test will be given at Beaver Brook Fire House on March 29th 2007 at 6:00pm

A-group	B-group	C-group	D-Group	Staff
Arteaga	Bowers	Arconti	Guard	Beers
Boulianne	Gallager	Bierbower	McGowan	Perry
Esposito	Hanson	Brennan	McQuade	Weber
Gerlach	Jewel	Daly	Silk	
Arconti	Johnson	Easter	Timan	
Sedgwick	Kennedy	Gregory	Herald	
Williams	Lounsbury	Hernly	Sedlak	
	Rozzi	Krikorian	Halas	
	Ryan	Omasta, Paul		
		Payne		
		Plank		
		Radlet		
		Tomchik		

Communications/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Division

Activity Report -February 26, 2007 to March 25, 2007

Company Response Districts

The process of redistricting the response assignments in anticipation of opening Engine 26 has begun. Within this process all responses will be examined to determine the closest career and volunteer company, the most expedient travel route for back-up companies and for an effective means to keep coverage in all areas of the city during larger scale incidents.

This is the first time in nearly 25 years that some districts will be examined for changes. It is anticipated that career engine company districts will be better balanced and thus able to provide more timely responses and also that some inequities can

be corrected within volunteer response areas through this redistricting.

All work and data entry for this project will be completed well in advance of Labor Day. Subsequent evaluation and adjustments will be made as needed.

Training - Mark Omasta

First quarter training for the Volunteer Division was completed with 96 volunteers attending the sessions held on four different dates.

Currently there are 87 volunteer firefighters certified for the fire ground.

Firefighter 1 class is progressing well. There are eleven volunteers in the class which meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and every other Sunday. Volunteer Eng 10 to conduct Vehicle Fire training at our Fire school on 3/26/07.

The training officer and Fire Chief met with the volunteer division at their monthly meeting for a briefing and a question and answer segment. The training officer also met with Engine 5 to update files and certifications for their members.

Five new recruits on the Career side started their 11 week basic training at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks on March 5. They are progressing well and on schedule.

Our department will join the State of Connecticut Regional Foam Trailer Program and took delivery of the foam trailer this month. This is a cooperative program between the host communities, Department of Environmental Protection and the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. Training will take place in April and May and we expect to be operational by June.

Training classes Career for March:

NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) classes completed for all crews.

All crews conducted ice water rescue practicals.

The Connecticut Fire Academy gave a two day Safety Officer certification class to 14 of our members.

Airport emergency operations classes were started for all the crews.

11 firefighters continued the 2Q apparatus driving certification class.

The training officer attended an instructor's seminar at the CT Fire Academy.

Meetings with:

Engineering concerning sewer/water permits for the Fire School Trailer.

Engineering and the building inspector for the Fire School burn building.

The Fire Science degree program Coordinator from N.V.C.C. for continued discussion on future college courses for the Danbury Fire Department.

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 February. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

All of the Departments BioSystem meters have been span gas calibrated. This past month we had two units that needed to have the Oxygen sensors replaced. One of the sensors was under warranty and we needed to purchase the other one. As these meters approach two years old, we can expect the sensors to start failing as the life expectancy is approximately two years. Currently 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 new Recruits at the Fire Academy have been returning at least one SCBA a week for repairs due to the rigorous training involved.

We have declared the 1987 and 1988 Mack pumps surplus. We have removed any reusable fixtures and equipment from both of these units. It is our understanding that the bids will be opened on Thursday March 26, 2007

Engine 24 (99PS-2) has suffered a coolant leak in the #5 piston sleeve seal. Antifreeze has leaked into the crankcase and has caused severe damage to most of the engines internal components. We have received an estimate for an "in frame overhaul" We have submitted a requisition to Purchasing. When a purchase order number is issued we will proceed with the repairs.

Last month we were investigating a noise in the rear differential in E-21. After a thorough inspection we couldn't find the noise that was reported or a cause???

While this unit was out of service we did a complete chassis service.

We Fit Tested the five new recruits last month for their SCBA face piece assemblies. We also outfitted them with SCBA's as they reported to the State Fire Academy.

We had the front springs replaced in E-24; we also had the engine starter rebuilt.

We received a foam trailer from the State Of Connecticut. This unit contains 500 Gallons of AFFF foam. Because of its size and weight we will have to tow this unit with the Prime Mover.

Good of the Organization

- ❑ This years Rotary Club Firefighter of the Year is FF Louis DeMici. FF DeMici will be honored at the Annual Dinner on April 26th. The dinner begins at 6:00 - 10:00PM. The public is invited.
- ❑ Several members of the Department marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 18th.
- ❑ The Volunteers held their Annual Ball on April 10th at the Amber Room.
- ❑ On the 23rd there was a retirement party for the retired Chief Pete Siecienski. A good time was had by all. We all wish Pete success in his new position as Dep. Chief of the Greenwich Fire Dept.

- Local #801's hockey team participated in a charity game with the Fairfield, Ct. Local's team.
- A/C Herald has assisted in administering the Norwalk Fire Dept. Captains exam.

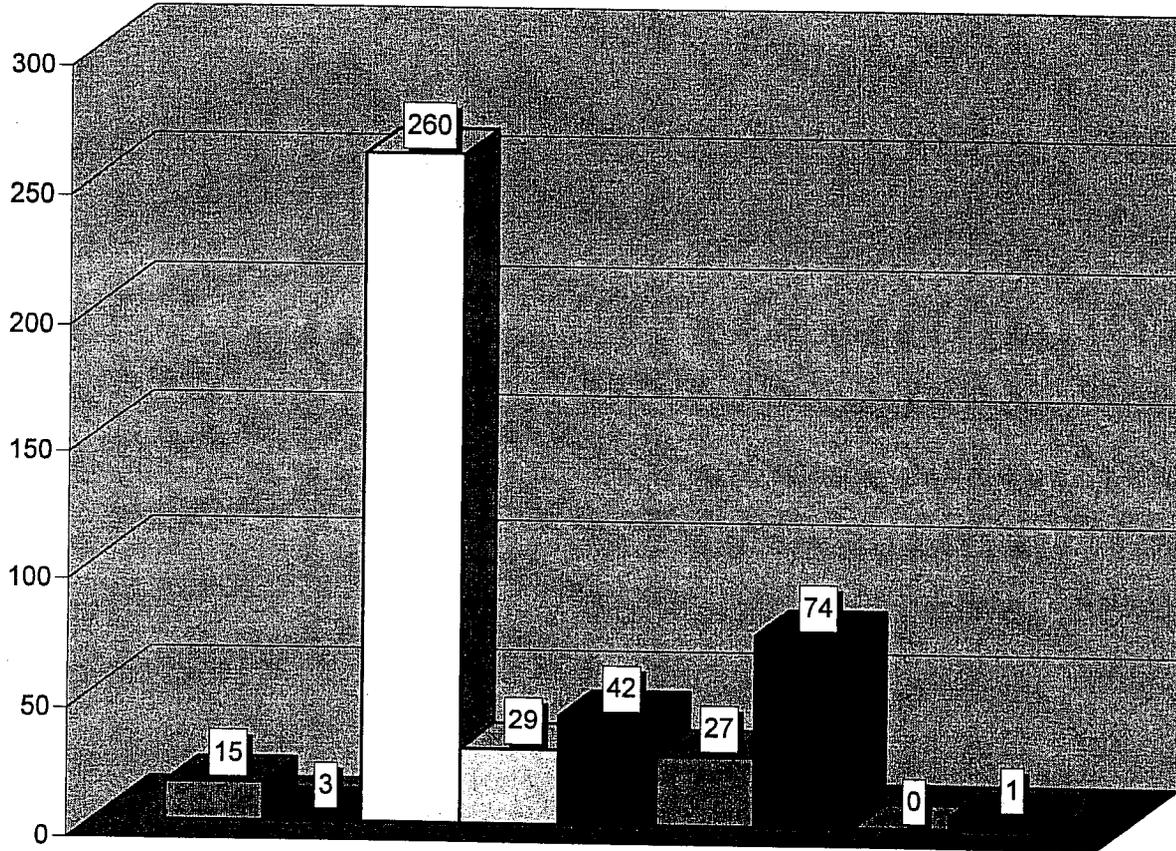
Dates of Importance

- April 26th Rotary Club Firefighter of the Year dinner.

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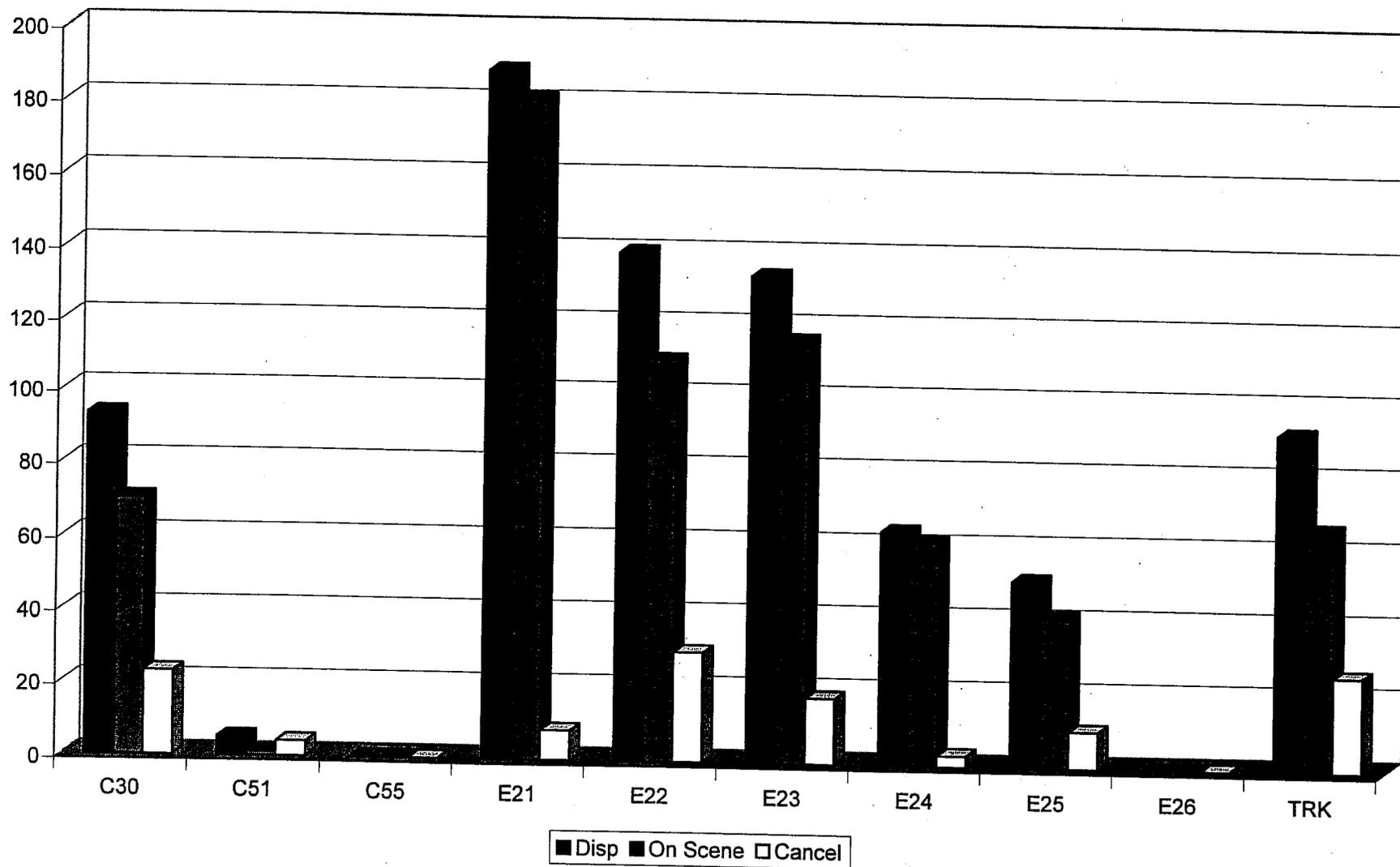
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Fire Response Breakdown February 26 to March 25, 2007

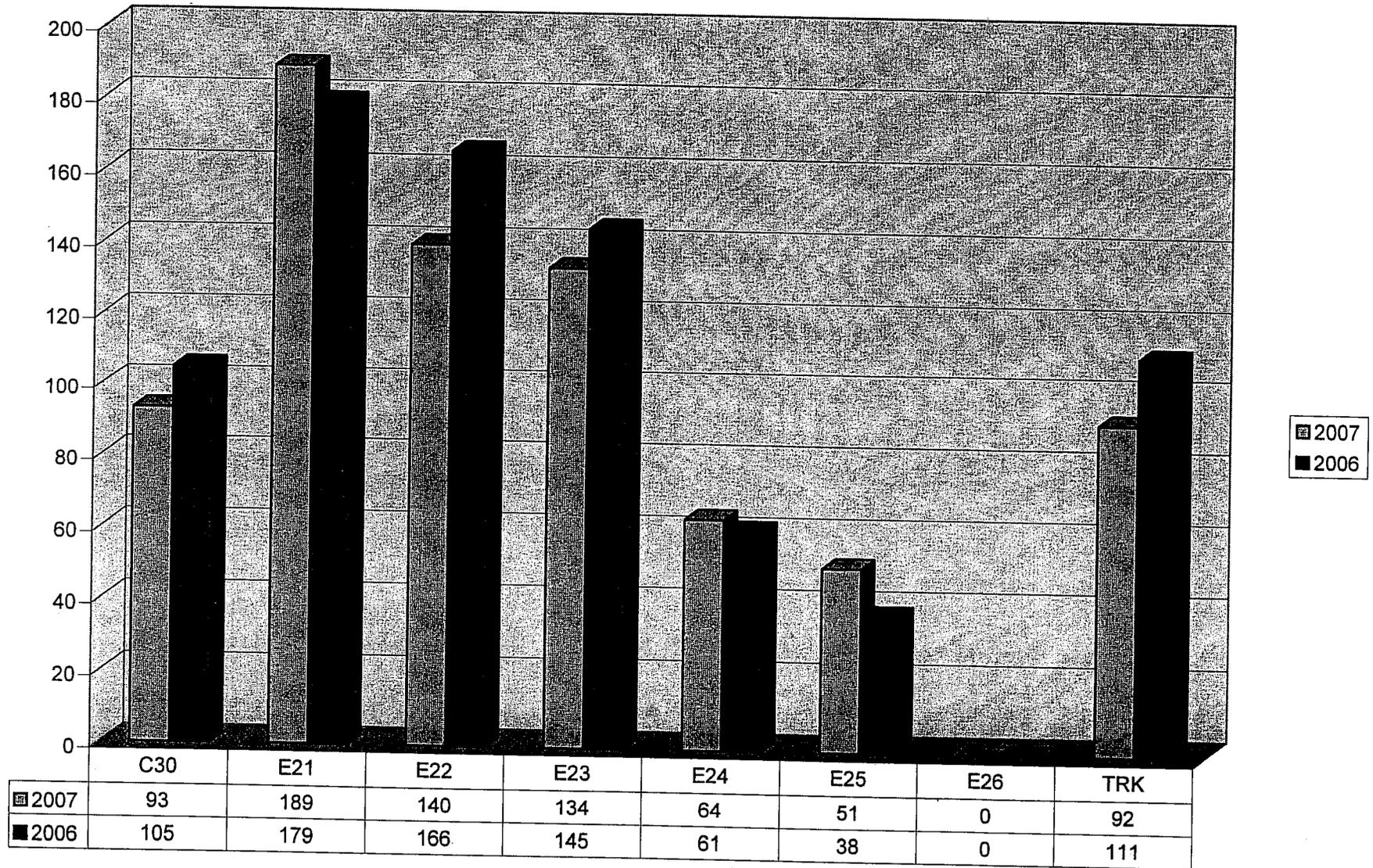


- Fires (100-173)
- Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)
- Rescue/EMS (300-381)
- Hazardous Condition (400-482)
- Service Call (500-571)
- Good Intent Calls (600-671)
- False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)
- Special Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)
- No Report/Incomplete

Career Company Response February 26 to March 25, 2007



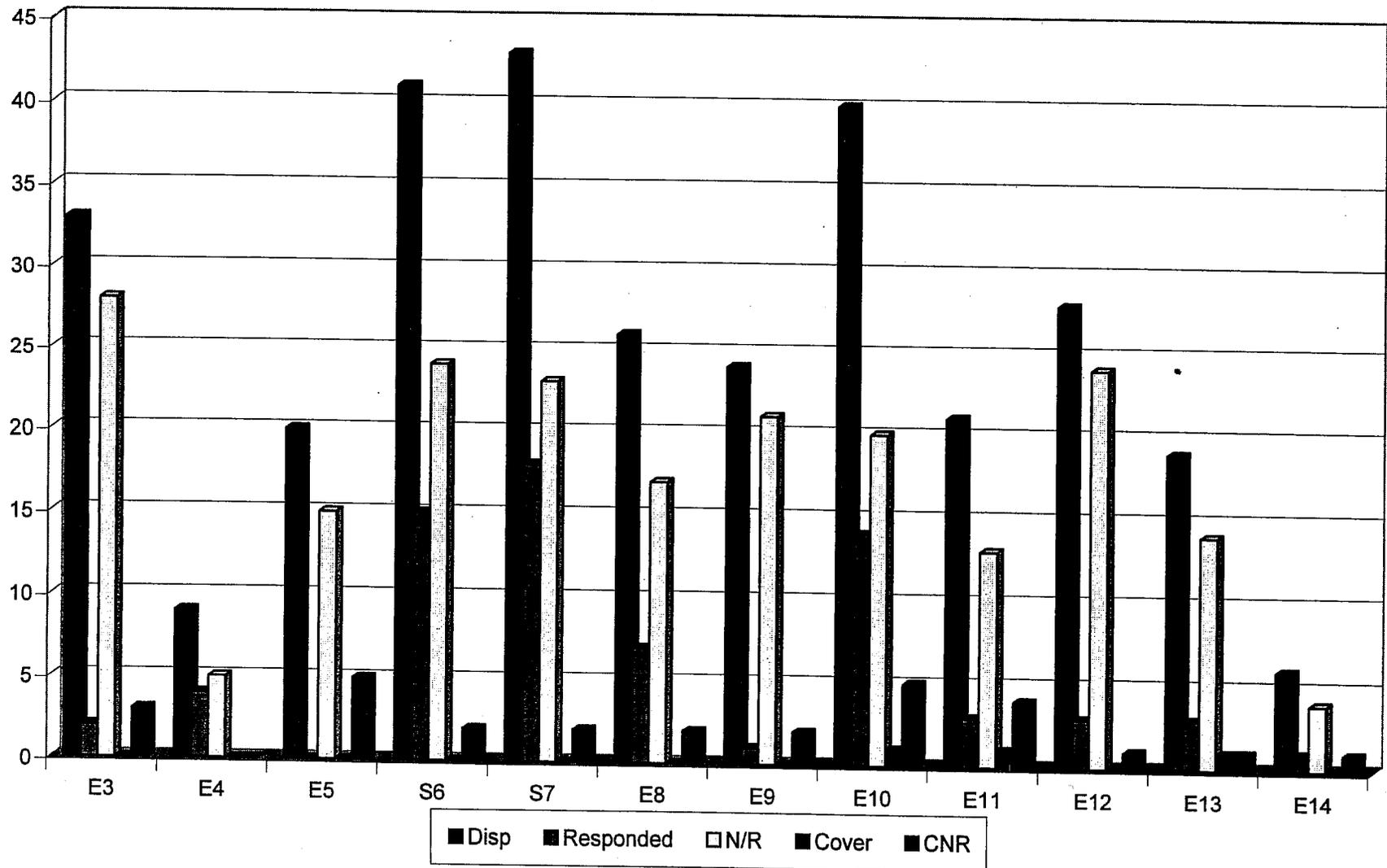
Career Response Comparison for March



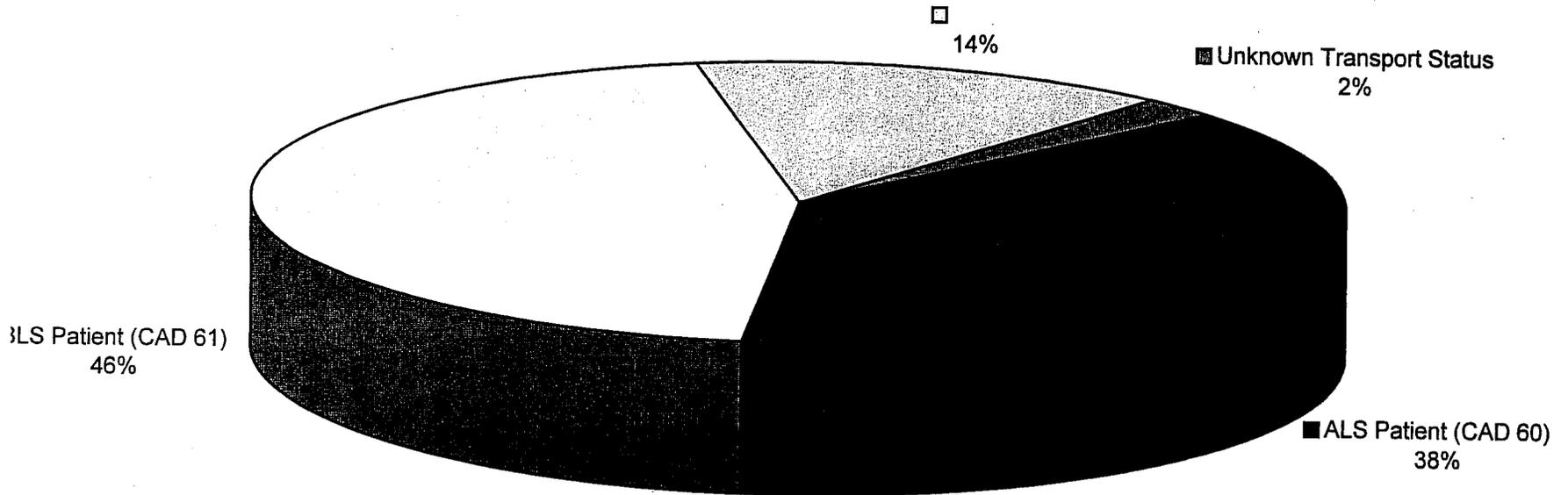
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February Response Statistics

	Calls	Cover	Canceled	Response Total	No Response Total	% of Response
E-3	33	0	3	2	28	15%
E-4	9	0	0	4	5	44%
E-5	20	0	5	0	15	25%
S-6	41	0	2	15	24	41%
S-7	43	0	2	18	23	47%
E-8	26	0	2	7	17	35%
E-9	24	0	2	1	21	13%
E-10	40	1	5	14	20	50%
E-11	21	1	4	3	13	38%
E-12	28	0	1	3	24	14%
E-13	19	1	1	3	14	26%
E-14	6	0	1	1	4	33%
Totals	310	3	28	71	208	33%

Volunteer Call Counts February 26 to March 25, 2007



**EMS Transport Activity
February 26 to March 25, 2007**



911 Center Activity February 26 to March 25, 2007

