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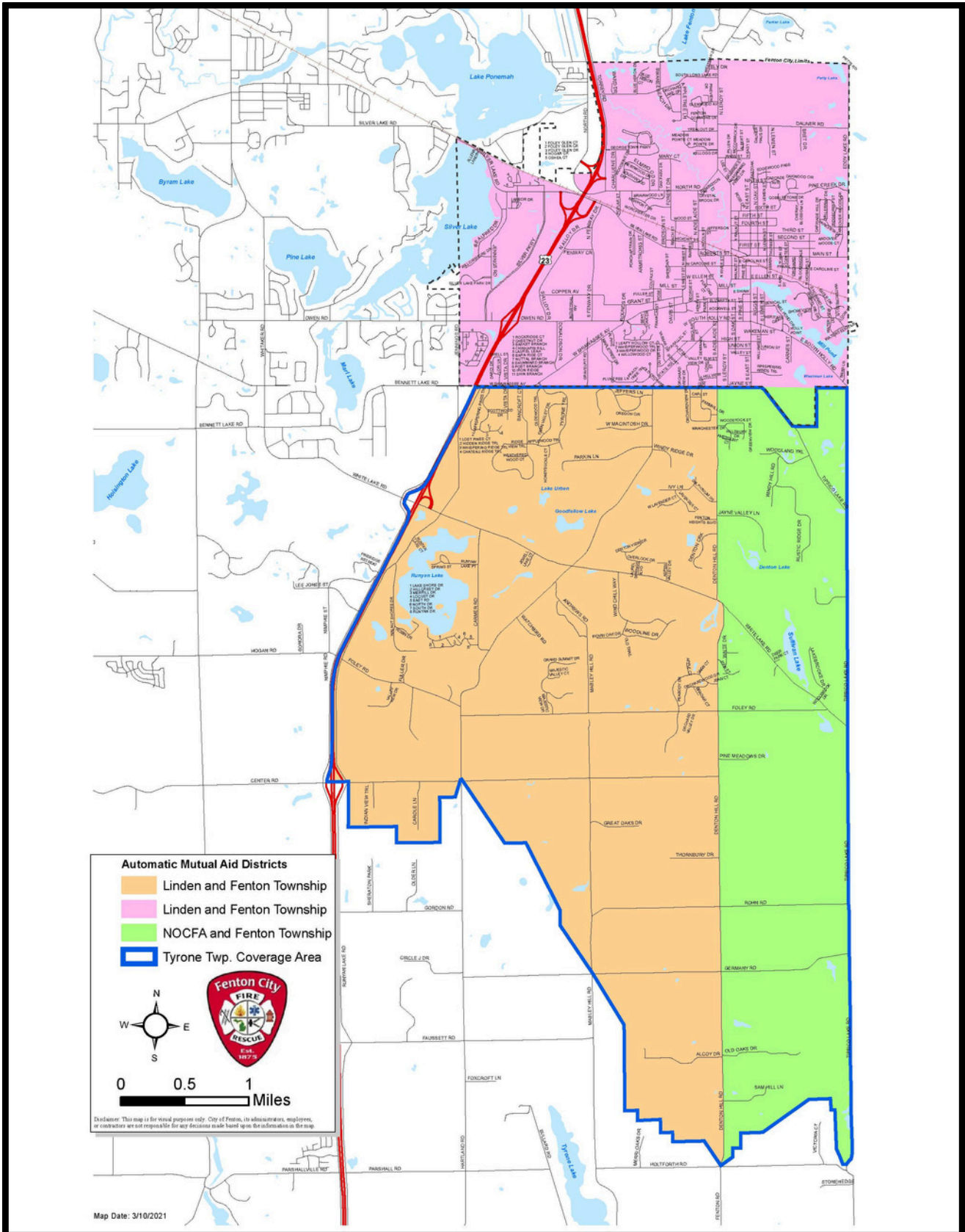
# 150 YEARS



**2025**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**

VENTNION CITY

# CITY OF FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT COVERAGE AREA



# FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report for 2025. This report details the activities of the 29 members of this department and the data from the incidents that we responded to throughout the year. Our members serve the residents and visitors in our community based on our motto of Service, Pride, and Tradition. These values ensure we are trained to provide quick and professional service to those that call for our assistance.

In 2025 the fire department responded to a total of 542 calls for service. This was a 17% increase from the 462 incidents in 2024. The department averaged 45 calls for service per month in 2025. There were 385 incidents in the city, which was an increase of 47 calls from the 338 incidents in 2024. This was an increase of 14%. Our contracted service area in Tyrone Township saw an increase of 33 incidents during 2025. We responded to 157 incidents in Tyrone Township during 2025 compared to 124 incidents in 2024 which was a 27% increase from the previous year. In return for our services Tyrone Township paid the city approximately \$249,000. The average response time to an emergency incident in the city was 7:21 minutes, while in Tyrone Twp the average was 11:37 minutes. Estimated property and contents losses from fires during 2025 totaled \$368,350. Those losses were \$292,200 in the city and \$76,150 in Tyrone Township. These losses are significantly less than our 10-year average of \$819,357. The total amount of property and contents saved in 2025 was \$26,548,200! These estimated property and contents losses can fluctuate from year to year as these are estimated losses at structure and vehicle fires.

2025 was a good year for recruitment of new members. By the end of 2025 we had hired six new probationary firefighters. One of these new hires did leave the department due to availability issues. Five of these probationary firefighters are currently in the Genesee County Fire Academy, with a graduation date in May of 2026. We also had Captain Scott Smith retire from the department after 42 years of service. This left our department with staffing of 29 personnel at year's end. This was an increase of 22% from 2024!

We were fortunate to have a safe and successful year. We only experienced a few minor injuries, and we continued to answer the calls that we received in a timely manner.

I hope this report is informative and helps to explain a little about what our department does throughout the year.

Yours in Service,

*Robert Cairnduff*

Fire Chief





# HIGHLIGHTS

The fire department celebrated a huge milestone in 2025. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the department. The department held a celebration dinner at the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Current and former fighters and their spouses, city council members, the city manager, and the mayor all attended the event. It was a special evening of memories and celebration of the 150 years of service to the community.



In August of 2025 the final report from the Centers for Public Safety Management (CPSM) was presented at the city council meeting. CPSM was contracted by the city to evaluate and make recommendations on the fire, police, and dispatch departments in the city. This study was a result of the fire department advising the city council of the need for changes to our staffing model to offset the decline in numbers of personnel and their ability to respond to incidents at all hours of the day. The study found many “best practices” within the department but also made several recommendations for changes. The changes recommended regarding staffing included adding one full-time fire marshal position Monday through Friday and two full-time positions 24/7. These full-time positions would need to be funded through an assessment or milage of some type.

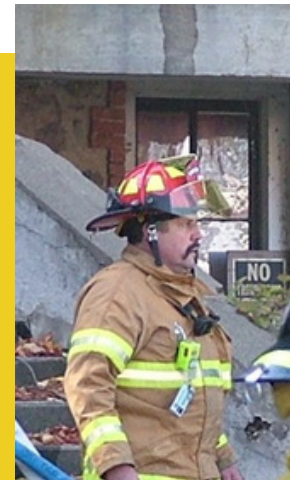


Chief Cairnduff and several members of the department participated in the Voices for Children Advocacy Centers “Cooking with the Chiefs” charity event. This was our third year participating in the event and unfortunately, our first year without placing in the top three. We had a great time regardless and, most importantly, we helped raise a lot of money for a very important organization.



In May, we held our first ever “pinning” ceremony for our group of fire explorers. We have had an Explorers post since the 1980’s and over the years it has been a great recruiting tool for the department. The enrollment numbers for our explorers goes up and down from year to year but this group has been very active, and we felt it was important to recognize them. We held a short ceremony at the station, and they were able to invite family and friends to attend. They were able to select someone to pin their explorer badge onto their uniform.

In May, we held a retirement party for Captain Scott Smith. Captain Smith retired with 42 years of service to the department and the city. Scott was a friend to all and an important member of the department. His experience, dedication, and strong work ethic was an example for our younger firefighters. We wish Scott all the best in his retirement.



# HIGHLIGHTS

In July, we welcomed our new ladder truck “Tower 15”. The new truck is a 2024 Rosenbauer Cobra 100’ platform aerial apparatus. The truck was ordered in February of 2023 and had a price tag of \$1,479,000. On July 21<sup>st</sup> we held a traditional “push-in” ceremony. Fire personnel, fire families, city council, and residents were all in attendance and helped push the new truck into the station. The truck was placed into service after the ceremony. We also had some special guests from the Fenton Area Public Schools and the Fenton Education Foundation (FEF). The FEF held a coloring contest for kids in all the Fenton schools to color their best picture of the new Fenton ladder truck. Winners were selected and they were part of the push-in ceremony. They were given the first rides of the night up in the bucket of the truck.



Part of our Ladder 15 truck replacement committee was able to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis IN in April to perform a “pre-inspection” on the new ladder truck. Our truck was featured at FDIC in the outdoor demonstration area, just outside of the Lucas Oil stadium. The committee was able to go over the truck and its operations prior to our final inspection at the plant later in the month.

The ladder truck replacement committee traveled to the plant in South Dakota at the end of April to perform the final inspection on the new truck. The committee went over every line in the extensive build specifications to ensure everything was correct and working as it should. The truck would eventually make its final delivery to the station in July.



We were the recipient of two different safety equipment grants in 2025. The first was a safety equipment grant from the Hundred Club of Genesee, Shiawassee, and Lapeer Counties. This grant was for the purchase of two individual handheld thermal imaging cameras. These thermal imagers allow our firefighters to see through the smoke in a fire



The second grant was from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint- Fenton Community Fund for \$3,000. We combined these monies with \$1,300 from the Fenton Firefighters Charities, and \$1,400 we had in general donations to purchase \$5,700 worth of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These detectors are 10-year lithium battery devices that don't need to have batteries changed every year. We provide these devices free to those in need within our community.

# HIGHLIGHTS

In September, we received the new brush truck. The new truck replaces the 1992 Dodge brush truck. The truck was manufactured by CSI Emergency Vehicles out of Grayling MI. The new truck was placed into service and features much more storage space than the old truck. The most obvious change to the new truck was the Fenton Area Schools themed wrap on the vehicle. This graphics design was meant to be eye catching and features a QR code on the truck that takes people right to our employment page. The idea behind the design was to catch people's attention and to start conversations about the department. We hope to have this vehicle at as many school events as possible. Our recruitment of younger people from the Fenton area has been lacking the last several years and we hope this can help us with improving that.



In September of 2025, we responded mutual aid to Grand Blanc Township to assist at the active shooter and building fire incident at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on McCandlish Rd. We had multiple crews on scene for several hours that day. We also provided station coverage for Grand Blanc City and Township during the incident. Several days later when the Grand Blanc Township Fire Department was holding a debriefing session for their personnel, we again provided station coverage for them.



In 2025, we were fortunate to receive some private donations. A local resident, wishing to remain anonymous, donated just shy of \$50,000 worth of training and rescue equipment. We received funds to purchase several training props including a forcible entry door prop, a window vent prop, a steel cutting prop, and portable wall stations to make corridors for search and rescue training. We also were able to purchase new Electric Vehicle (EV) tools including an EV blanket to help extinguish electric vehicle fires and an EV shut down tool that enables us to turn off the EV battery system in a vehicle. The last item was an Aqua eye tool. This tool is a handheld underwater sonar device that enables us to find victims underwater. All this equipment will have an impact on our readiness to respond to emergencies in our community.



The department once again partnered with the Salvation Army of Genesee County and “rang the bell” in December. We collected toys and clothes on two separate nights at the Fenton Walmart. The Fenton community always comes through, and we were able to help make the holidays enjoyable for a lot of families in need.

# FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

# 29 CURRENT ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS



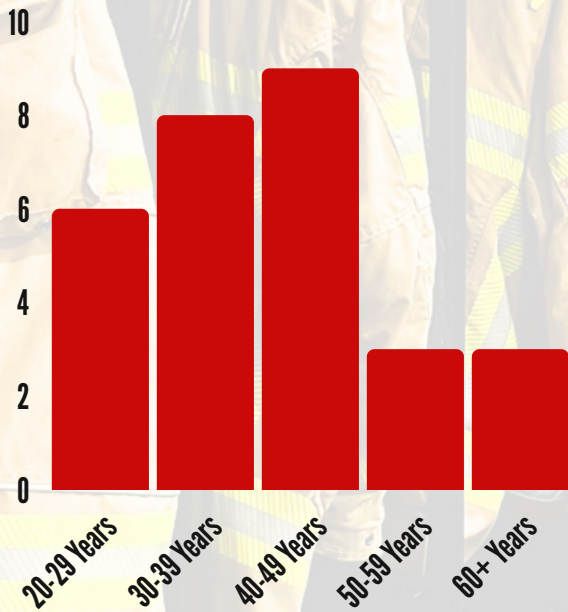
**1** FULL TIME FIRE CHIEF

**35** BUDGETED FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS

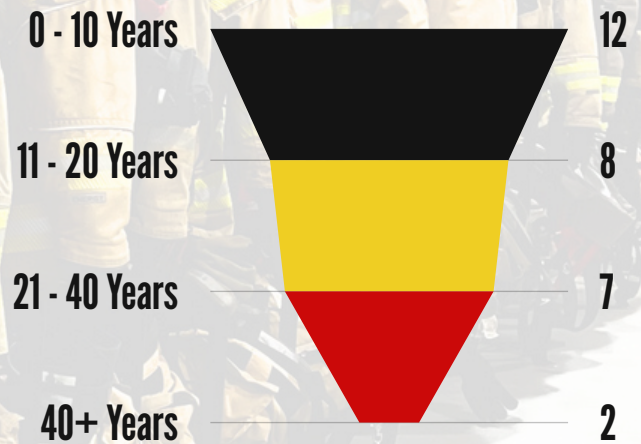
**2** PART TIME POSITIONS  
FIRE INSPECTOR (OPEN)  
ADMIN ASSISTANT

**2** DUTY SHIFT POSITIONS

## PERSONNEL AGE



## YEARS OF SERVICE



**69%**

30-59 YEARS OLD  
21 FIREFIGHTERS

**10%**

OVER 60 YEARS OLD  
3 FIREFIGHTERS

**21%**

UNDER 30 YEARS OLD  
6 FIREFIGHTERS

# OFFICERS

ROBERT CAIRNDUFF - FIRE CHIEF  
EDWARD HADFIELD - DEPUTY CHIEF  
NICHOLAS WILL - CAPTAIN  
JEFFREY SHOOK - LIEUTENANT  
JOSHUA STURGIS - LIEUTENANT  
MATTHEW HADFIELD - LIEUTENANT  
CRAIG JENSEN - CHIEF ENGINEER

# FIREFIGHTERS

CALEB ALDERMAN  
DREW ATHEARN  
PAUL BOND  
BRANDON BROWN  
FRANK CARPENTER  
GRANT CLEARY  
JULIAN GROSS  
JOSEPH HOFFMAN  
RYAN JENEMA  
MICHAEL JOHNSON  
ALEXANDER JOIKE  
MEGHAN KAUTMAN  
LUKE LAURSEN  
DUSTIN LUCIUS  
JOSEPH MARABLE  
IAN OAKS  
JOSHUA PESCAROLO  
ANSON RATKE  
NICHOLAS SCHULZ  
DAVID SIBURT  
RICKY SOUTHARD  
TRAVIS WHITMAN



# FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Each year at the Firefighters Christmas Party, awards are given out for service anniversaries and the Firefighter of the Year. These awards are purchased and presented by the Fenton Firefighters Association.

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Administrative Assistant  
Charlene Rooney  
10 Years



Firefighter Julian Gross  
10 Years



Firefighter Michael Johnson  
15 years



Lieutenant Jeff Shook  
30 Years



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



This year's recipient of the Firefighter of the Year (FFOY) award was Firefighter Julain Gross. Julian has been a member of the department since June 19<sup>th</sup> of 2015. He received his ten-year service award as well. Firefighter Gross is a valuable member of the department and has brought a ton of experience from multiple departments throughout his career. The FFOY award is given by the Fenton Firefighters Association and is voted on by the entire membership.

# INCIDENT STATISTICS

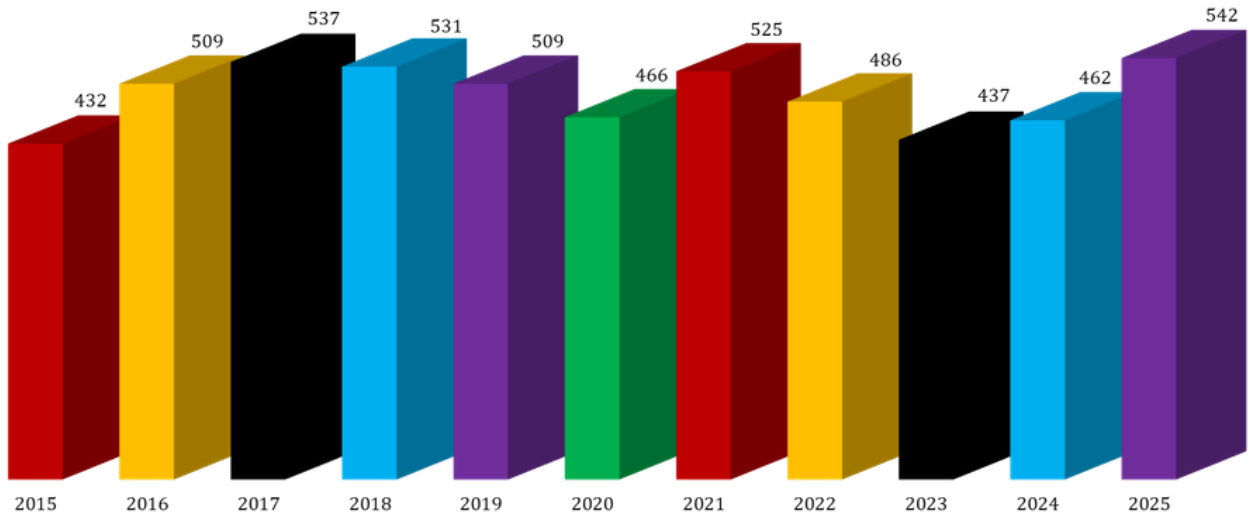




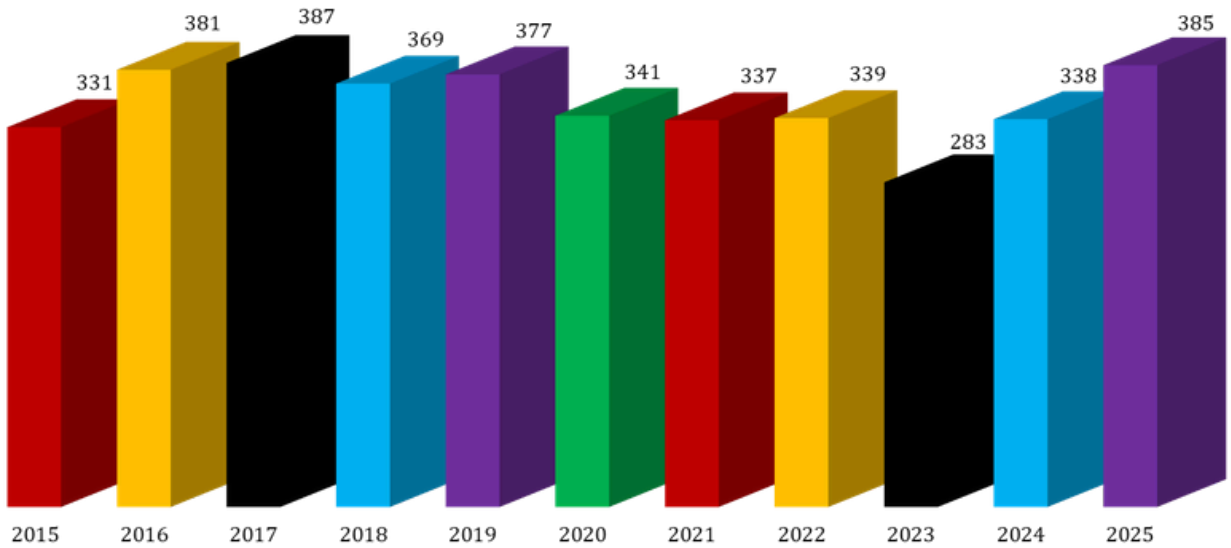
# INCIDENTS

2015 - 2025

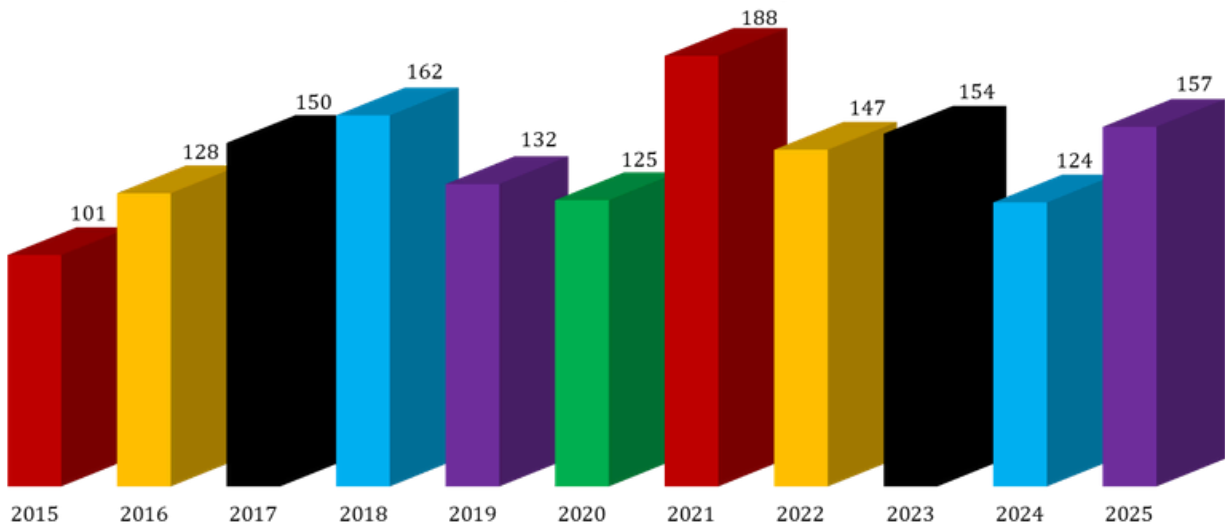
### Total Incidents



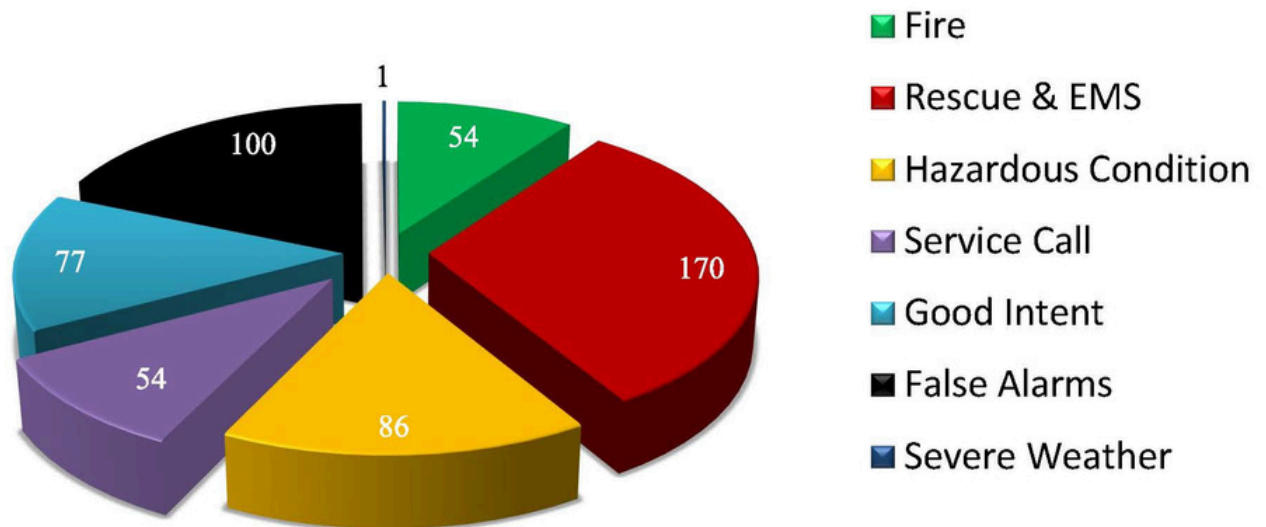
### City of Fenton



### Tyrone Township



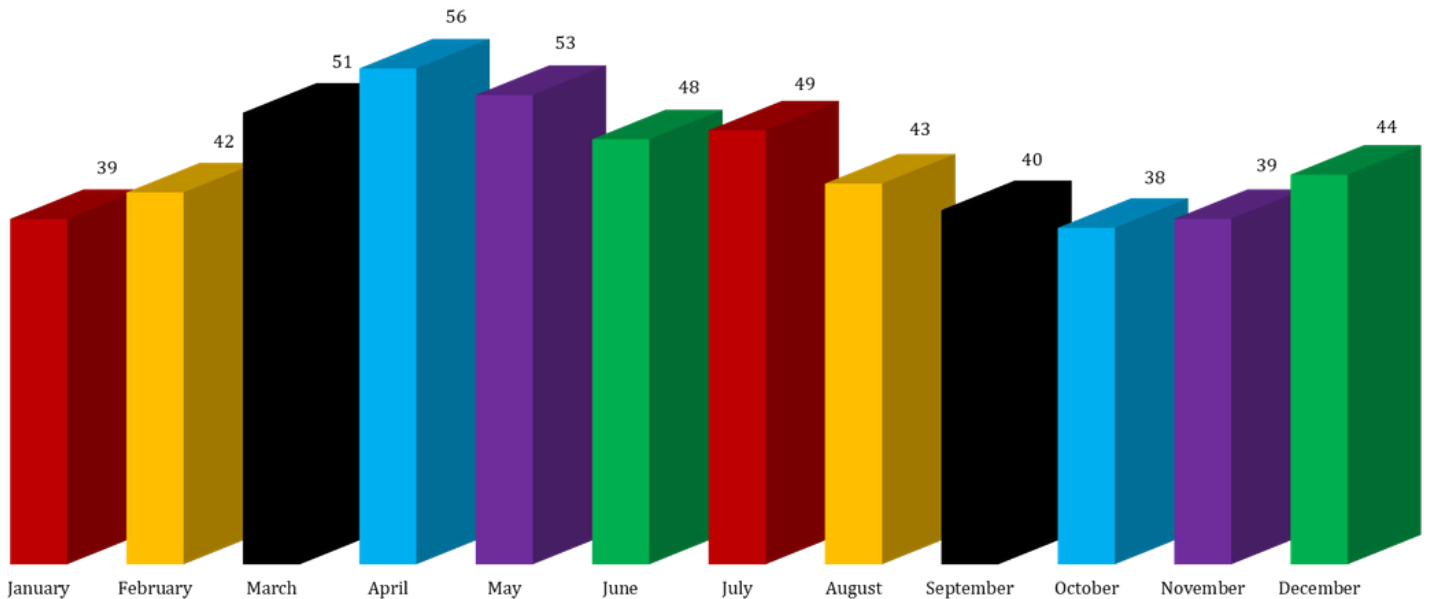
# INCIDENT REPORTING BY TYPE OF INCIDENT



## Type of Incident:

100's	Fire	54
300's	Rescue & EMS	170
400's	Hazardous Condition	86
500's	Service Call	54
600's	Good Intent	77
700's	False Alarms	100
800's	Severe Weather	1
	<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>542</b>

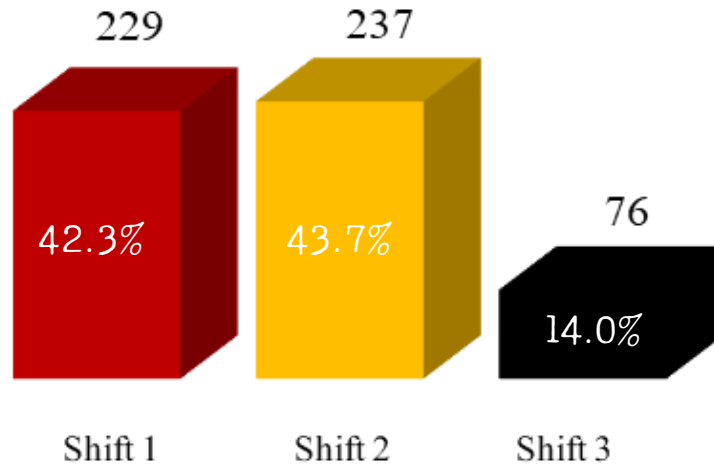
# INCIDENT REPORTING BY MONTH



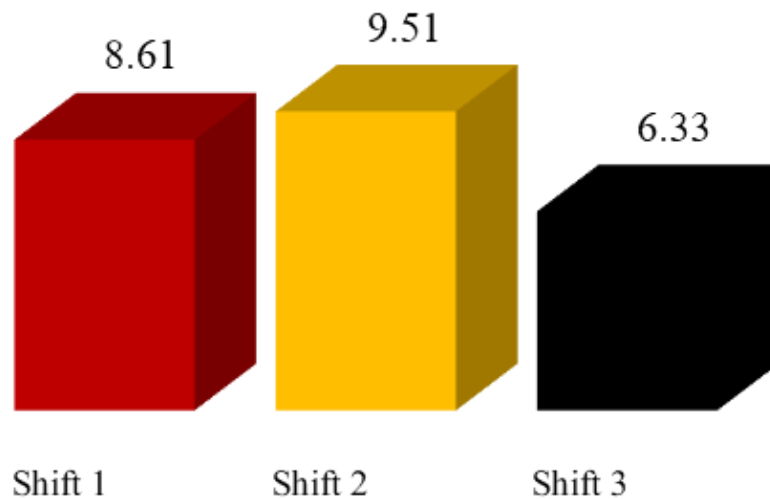
<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
January	39
February	42
March	51
April	56
May	53
June	48
July	49
August	43
September	40
October	38
November	39
December	44

# INCIDENTS BY SHIFT

Total Incidents by Shift  
(Total 542)



Average Number of  
Personnel Responses  
Per Shift

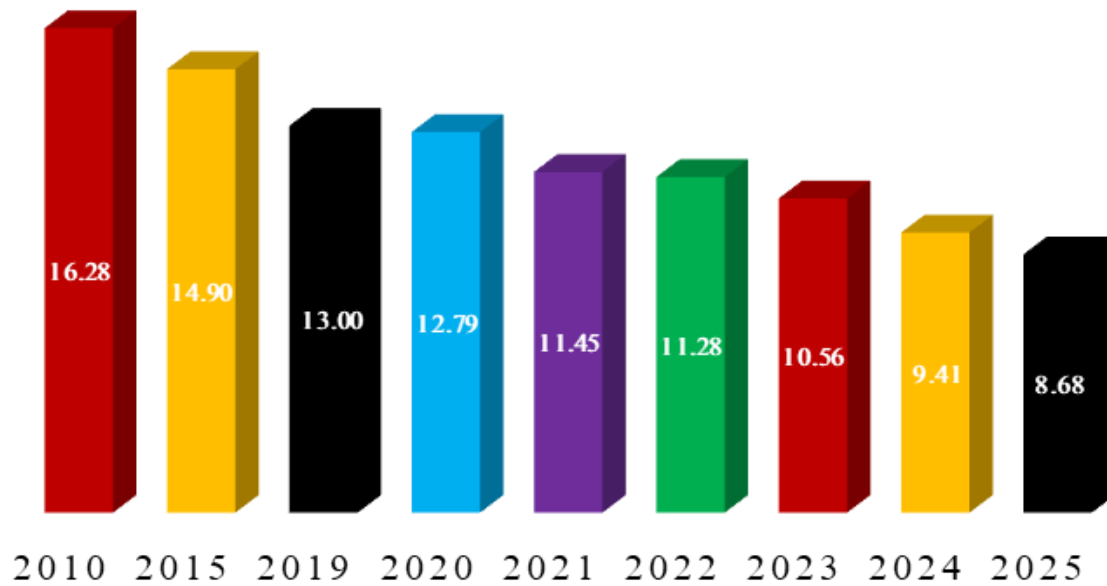


1st Shift: 7:00am - 3:59pm  
2nd Shift: 4:00pm - 11:59pm  
3rd Shift: Midnight - 6:59am

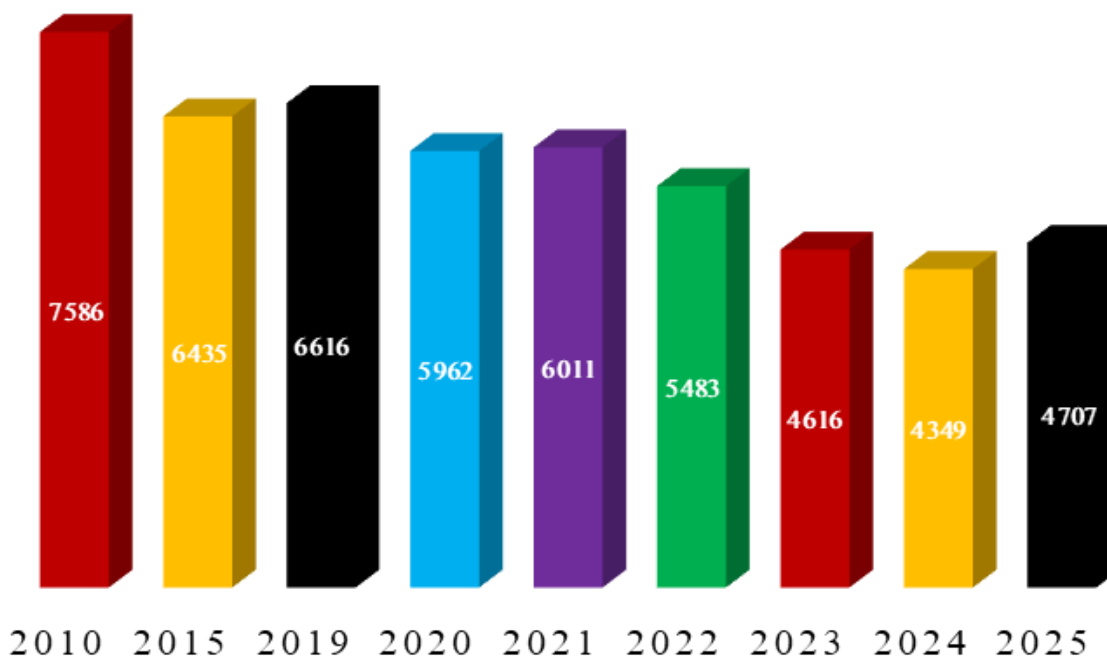
# RESPONSES

2010 - 2025

## Average Number of Personnel Per Incident

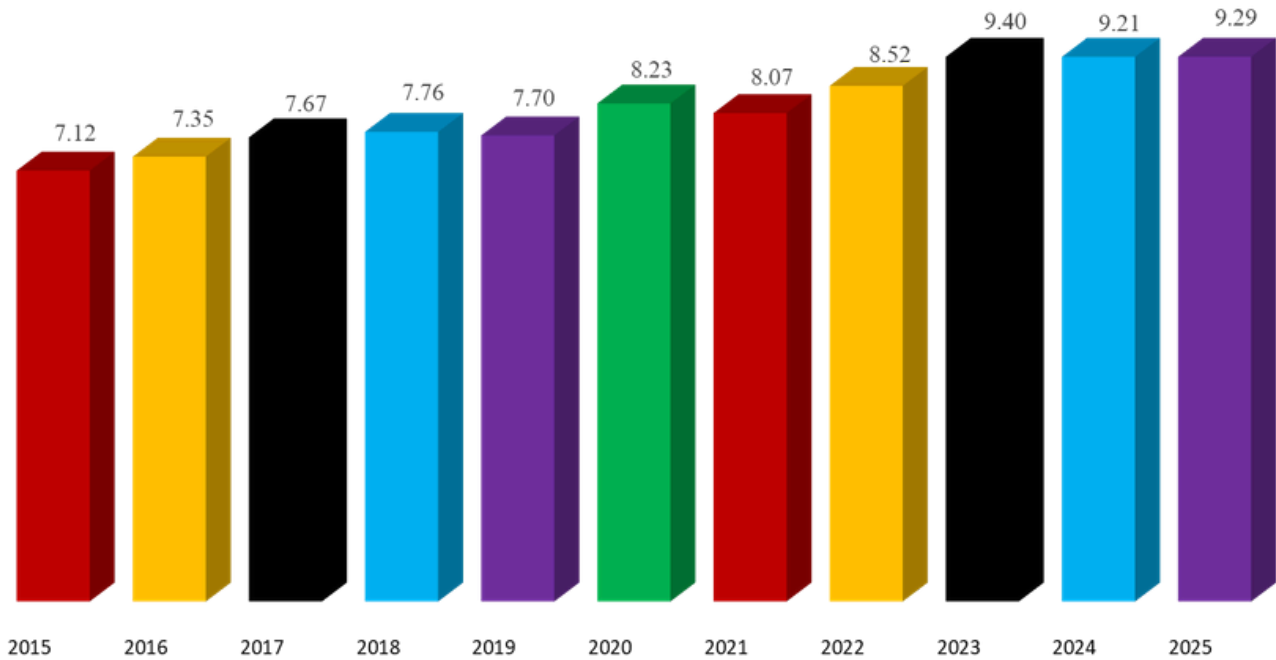


## Total Number of Personnel Responses

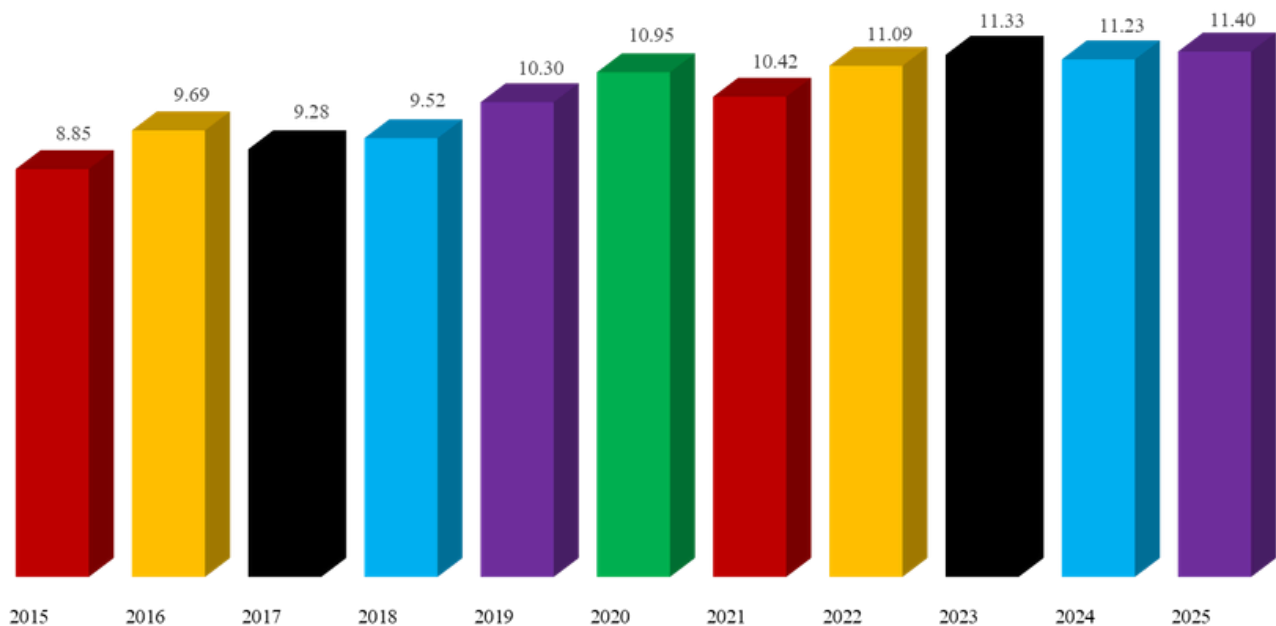


# AVERAGE YEARLY INCIDENT RESPONSE TIMES TOTAL INCIDENTS (INCLUDES EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY) IN MINUTES

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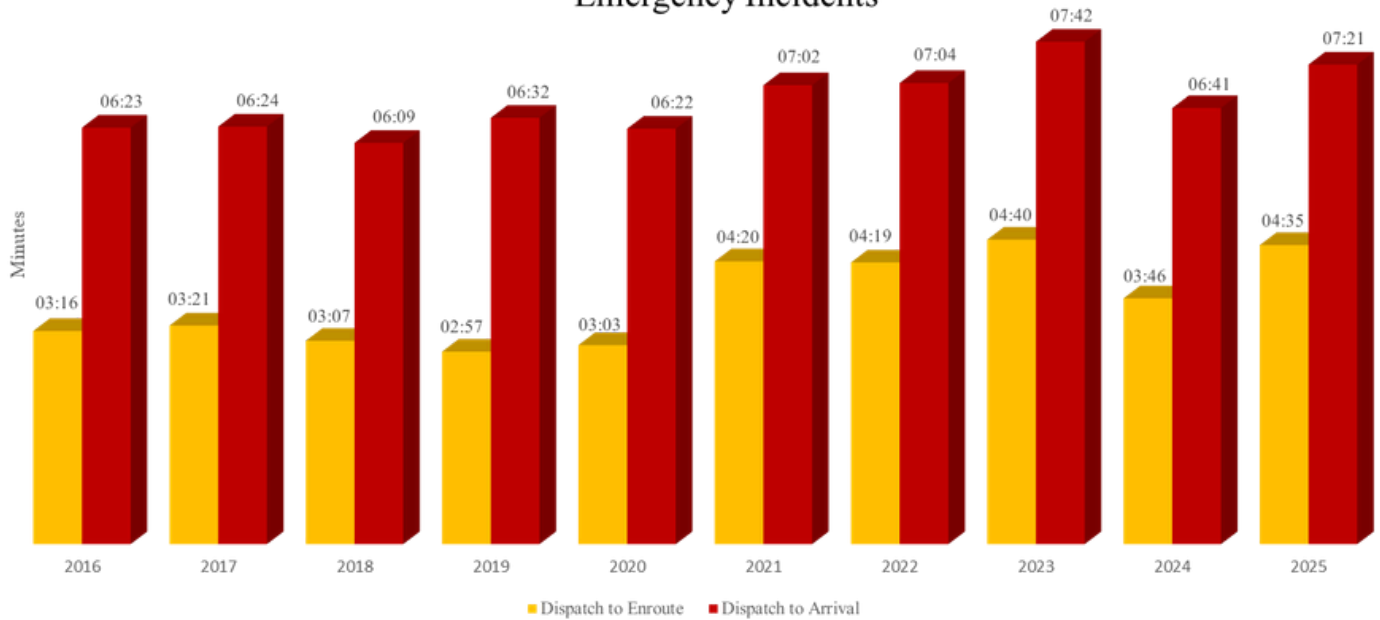


Tyrone Township

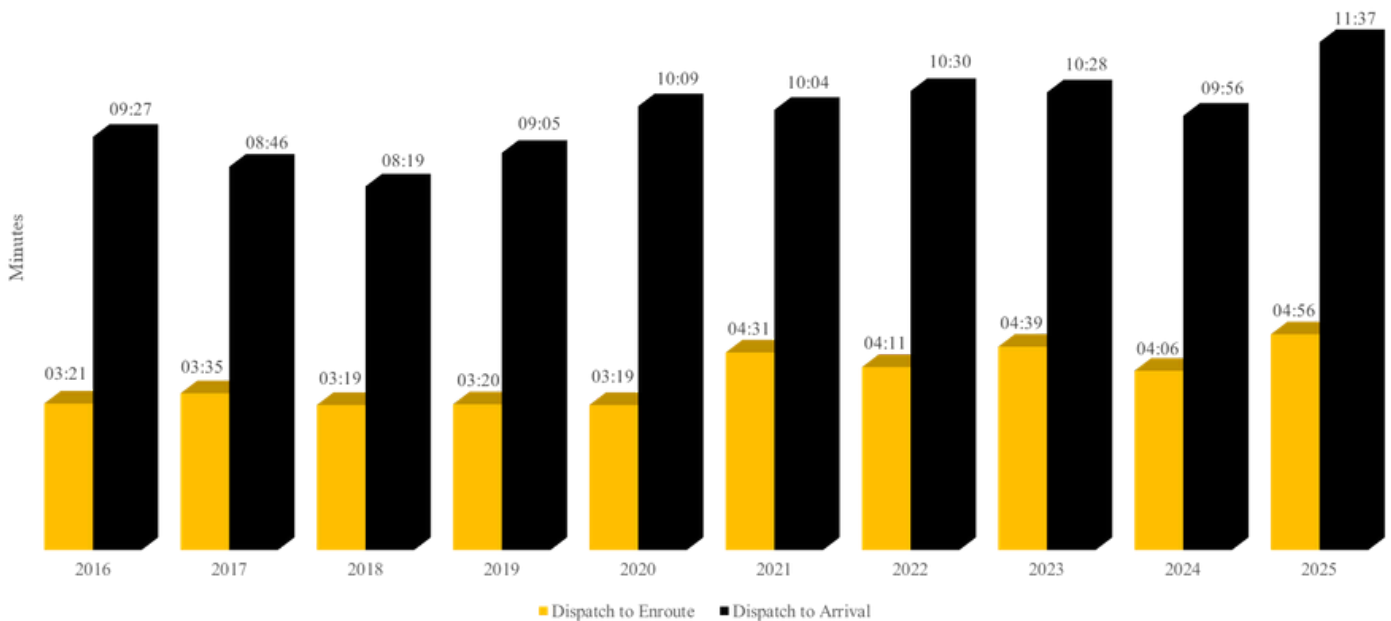


# YEARLY AVERAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIMES

## City of Fenton Emergency Incidents

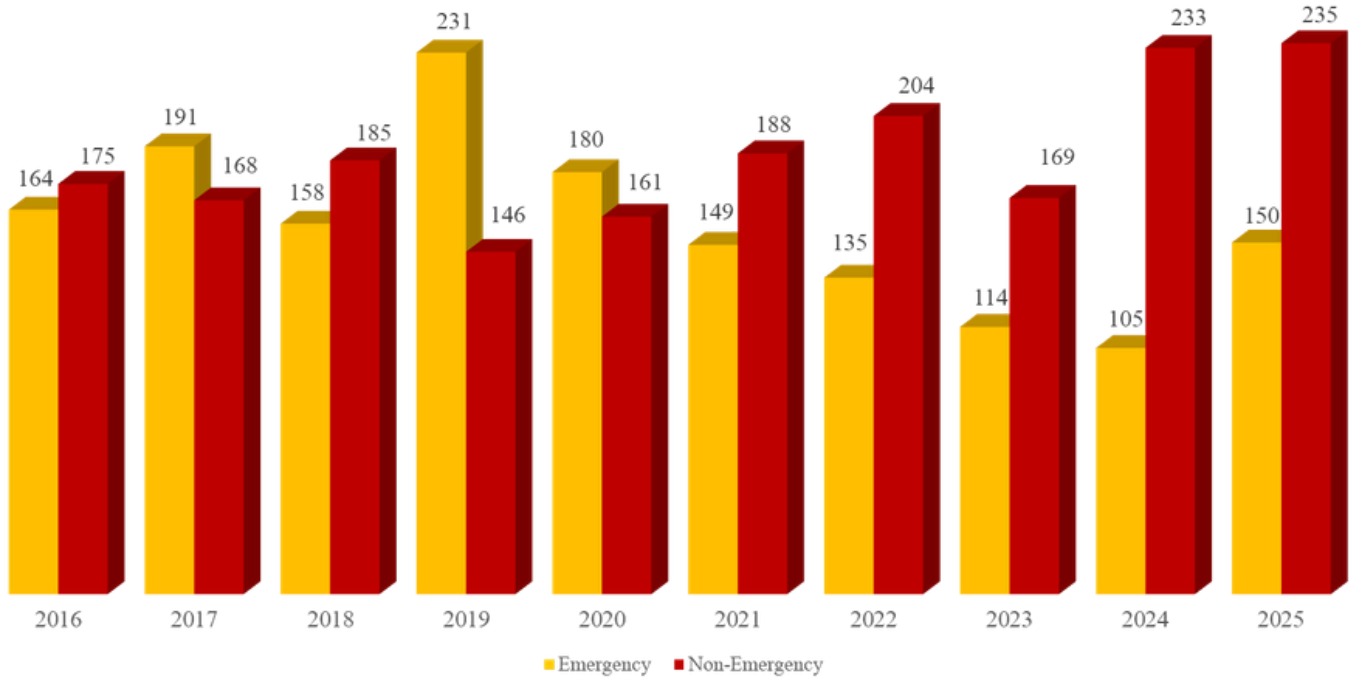


## Tyrone Township Emergency Incidents

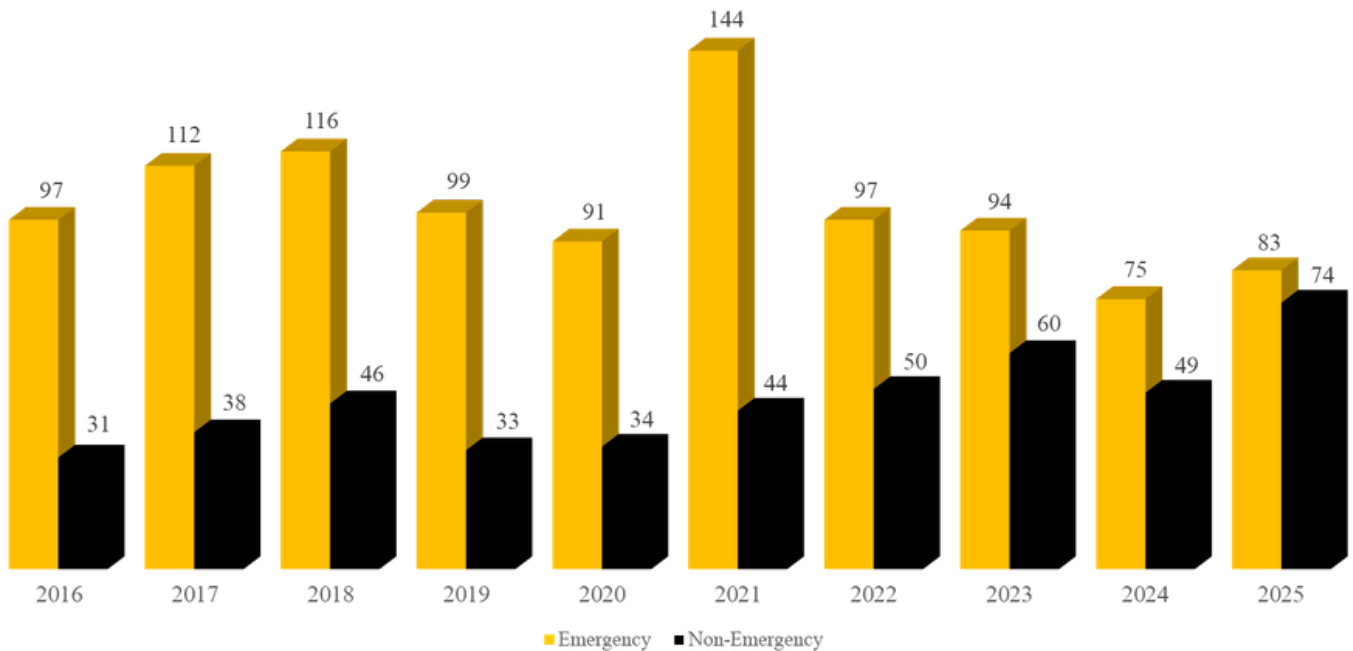


# EMERGENCY VS NON-EMERGENCY TOTAL RESPONSES

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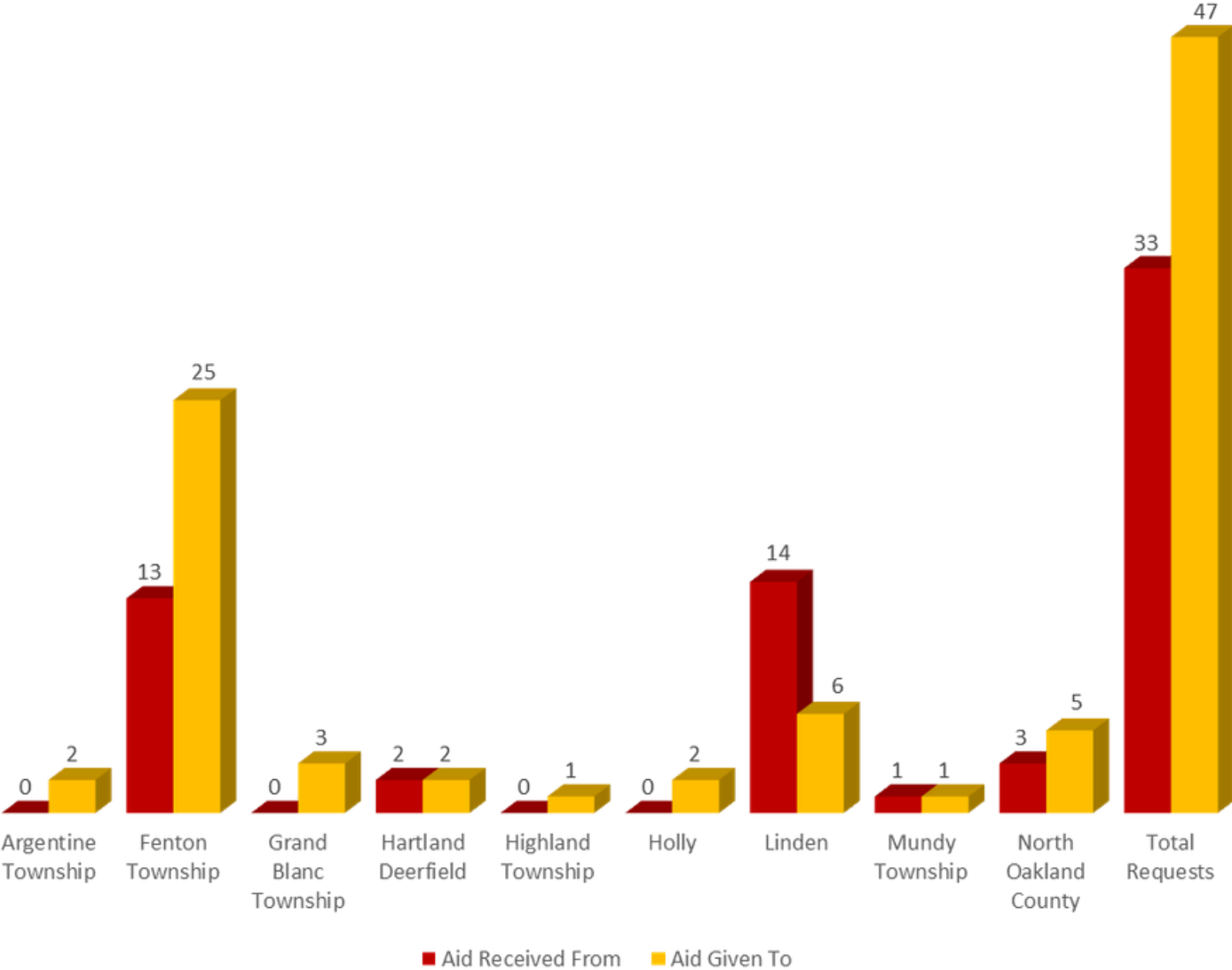


Tyrone Township



# MUTUAL AID

## RECEIVED AND GIVEN





# CITY OF FENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To protect life and property of the people of our community with the highest quality of service possible.