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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF HALES

As we conclude 2025, I find myself reflecting on a year defined by transformation and steadfast service. Spanish Fork Fire & EMS continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our vibrant and expanding city. Known as "The Home of Pride & Progress," our community deserves a Fire and EMS model that mirrors those values. I am humbled and honored to lead such a dedicated team of 87 professionals who strive daily to provide a premier quality of life for our community.

This year was the busiest in our department's history. We responded to a historical 4,276 incidents, representing a 9% increase from 2024. Our commitment to our healthcare partnership with Intermountain Spanish Fork Hospital also grew by 3%, with 1,079 interfacility transports completed out of Spanish Fork Hospital.

Beyond the numbers, our team met significant operational challenges with professionalism:

- **Life-Saving Rescues:** From the courageous bystander-assisted vehicle rollover rescue in the Spanish Fork River this January to the aggressive attacks on residential, commercial, and wildland fires throughout the summer, our crews have consistently protected lives and property.
- **Specialized Training:** We conducted specialized rope rescue training at the windmills and provided NWCG Red Card/Recertification courses to the entire department.
- **Mutual Aid & Leadership:** We were proud to see Battalion Chief Ashby deploy as a Plans Section Chief in Southern California during the catastrophic Eaton Fire, and it was our distinct honor to host the 2025 Utah State Firefighters' Association Convention right here in Spanish Fork (the last was hosted in the city 50 years prior).

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Growth requires modern tools. This year, we made significant strides in upgrading our fleet and facilities:

- New Fleet Additions: We placed a new 3000 Gallon Water Tender, a Type 1/3 Engine, two new ambulances, and a new Air & Light Trailer into service.
- Technology & Safety: We completed the P25 switchover for our entire radio fleet and updated all Fire & EMS Zone apparatus and alarm stacks to ensure the fastest possible response.
- Station 61 Rebuild: Perhaps most significantly, we have selected an architect and CM/GC to begin the design and rebuild of Station 61. This facility is a vital step in moving from our volunteer roots to a modern, 24/7 professional operation out of a modern firehouse.

Our Fire Marshal's office has been instrumental in ensuring that our city's physical growth is safe. In 2025, we completed:

- 580 Total Inspections (including 426 business and 136 fire sprinkler/alarm inspections).
- 604 Plan Reviews to ensure new construction meets the highest safety standards.
- 103 PR and School Events, reaching our youngest citizens with the message of fire safety.

Our strength lies in our personnel. We saw our staff obtain 127 new certifications this year. Whether it is our 36 Full-Time Firefighter/AEMT/Paramedics, our 25 Part-Time shift staff, or our 20 "in-city" response firefighters, every member of this team is here for you.

Spanish Fork Fire & EMS deeply appreciates the support from our community. As our city continues to grow, so too must our fire and EMS services. Your backing is vital to ensuring we maintain the highest levels of readiness.

If you have any needs or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

Eddie Hales | Chief



FIRE & EMS OVERVIEW

The Spanish Fork Fire & EMS Department has a rich history of dedicated service to the Spanish Fork community and surrounding unincorporated Utah County areas. Founded on May 15, 1908, the department began with a company of twenty men under the leadership of its first Chief, Charles W. Booth. For over a century, the department operated as a volunteer-based organization, with early responders utilizing simple hose carts and responding from home or local businesses.

In 1920, the department modernized its fleet with its first triple-combination American LaFrance engine, and in 1934, the iconic Fire Station was built on Main Street. As the "Home of Pride & Progress" grew, so did the complexity of our mission. What began as a fire-only service expanded in 1974 to include Emergency Medical Services, a crucial addition that continues to represent the majority of our call volume today.

Initially operating with volunteer firefighters, the department has evolved into a hybrid model that includes part-time and full-time personnel. A historic milestone was reached in August 2024, when the department officially transitioned to 24/7/365 full-time staffing. This shift—along with the appointment of the city's first full-time Fire & EMS Chief Eddie Hales in 2022—has allowed us to meet the demands of a population that has nearly doubled in the last 20 years, significantly reducing response times and enhancing life-safety outcomes.

Operating from two strategically located stations, our department is responsible for the largest geographical coverage area in Utah County, spanning 584 square miles. This vast jurisdiction reaches from the rural expanses of West Mountain to the rugged terrain of Soldier Summit in Spanish Fork Canyon.

- Station 61 (370 North Main St): Our headquarters and historic home, currently undergoing a process to relocate and rebuild to support modern, professional 24/7 crews.
- Station 62 (2635 E Canyon Rd): A state-of-the-art facility opened to improve response times for the growing eastern bench and canyon areas.

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With a commitment to excellence and community safety, Spanish Fork Fire & EMS continues to adapt and grow. Our multi-faceted services include:

- Fire & Rescue: High-angle, swiftwater, and technical rescue operations.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Advanced Life Support (ALS) and paramedic-level care.
- Specialized Response: Hazardous Materials operations and wildland fire mitigation.
- Community Health: Interfacility transports, CPR training, and public safety education.
- Prevention & Planning: Proactive fire prevention, detailed plan reviews, and code enforcement.

As Spanish Fork City continues to thrive, our department stands ready to serve, protect, and preserve the quality of life for every resident and visitor in our care.



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ORGANIZATION CHART

Department Secretary Lydia James	Fire & EMS Chief Eddie Hales	Fire Marshal Jason Turner	Public Safety Chaplin Wes Ottesen	Peer Support Coordinator Dr. Jeremy Cottle
	Deputy Chief Krista Horting	Emergency Manager/Fire Inspector Trevor Sperry		
A Platoon BC Jon Grangroth	B Platoon BC Robert Ashby	C Platoon BC Jeff Jones	Administrative Captain Kristina Reid	22 Part-Time EMS/ Fire Staff
Full-Time Staff O. Silva (Captain) Z. Taylor (Engineer) A. Dearden (FF/PM) M. Coombs (FF/PM) J. Spencer (FF/PM) N. Middleton (FF/AEMT) D. Miller (FF/PM) M. Carter (FF/AEMT) S. Ginsberg (FF/AEMT) G. Rockwood (FF/AEMT) S. Niedens (FF/AEMT)	Full-Time Staff J. Haas (Captain) A. Eberhard (Engineer) J. Dee (FF/AEMT) K. Christensen (FF/PM) B. Chappell (FF/PM) K. Robert (FF/AEMT) B. Clegg (FF/AEMT) A. Stoneman (FF/PM) M. Peel (FF/PM) S. Alger (FF/AEMT) W. Parker-Ehlert (FF/AEMT)	Full-Time Staff J. Brown (Captain) D. Draper (Engineer) S. Kwok (FF/PM) L. Couper (FF/PM) A. Miller (FF/PM) P. Terry (FF/PM) M. Wright (FF/AEMT) A. Mitchell (FF/AEMT) J. Broadbent (PM) J. Logan (AEMT) S. Wilson (PM)		
Part-Time Fire Staffing Capt. T. Shepherd (FF/AEMT) K. McEwan (FF/AEMT) Karson Hatch (FF) G. Whatcott (FF) K. Abdou (FF/AEMT)	Part-Time Fire Staffing Capt. T. Mortensen (FF) Capt. C. Wamsley (FF/EMT) N. Berning (FF/EMT) G. Smith (FF) Y. Vega G. Maynard (EMT)	Part-Time Fire Staffing Capt. T. Giles (FF) O. Pabon (FF/AEMT) J. Stern (FF) L. Luccion (FF)	Part-Time Fire Staffing Capt. K. Young (FF/EMT) C. Giles (FF) J. Tietjen (FF/AEMT) J. Jones (FF/EMT)	



FIRE & EMS STAFF

Karim Abdou	Karson Hatch	Matthew Peel
Sawyer Alger	M'Lisa Hone	Bethany Perea
Robert Ashby	Crystelle Hortin	Becky Polito
Nicholas Berning	Krista Horting	Zackery Prior
Judi Broadbent	Michaela Howlett	Thomas Quinlan
Jerry Brown	Lydia James	Vince Rediger
Spencer Byrne	Brendan Jensen	Kristina Reid
Zachary Campbell	Brian Jensen	Kaige Roberts
Corey Carter	Jeff Jones	Gideon Rockwood
Morgan Carter	Jonathan Jones	Rosa Serrano-Soto
Brennen Chappell	Sarah Kwok	Ivan Sheffer
Kelsie Christensen	Ryan Larsen	Anthony Shepherd
McKinna Coombs	Stephen Larson	Oliver Silva
Jeremy Cottle	Joshua Logan	Gary Smith
Laili Couper	Anthony Lowe Miller	Jonathan Spencer
Coleman Dayhuff	Leandro Luccion	Joshua Stern
Ann Dearden	Luke Magaoay	Ainsley Stoneman
Jacob Dee	Gage Maynard	Zachary Taylor
Jenevieve Denlinger	Kaden McEwan	Paul Terry
Colbi Draney	Ben Merrell	Jenifer Thomas
David Draper	Nathaniel Middleton	Melissa Tucker
Ammon Eberhard	Daniel Miller	Jason Turner
Majerle Escamilla	Aiden Mitchell	Yocid Vega
Clayton Giles	Joel Moon	Cody Wamsley
Trevor Giles	Trevor Mortensen	Grant Whatcott
Samson Ginsberg	Sierra Niedens	Sydney Wilson
Jon Grangroth	Wesley Ottesen	Matthew Wright
Jared Haas	Omar Pabon	Kendall Young
Eddie Hales	Westley Parker-Ehlert	



DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS



Captain Paul Tomadakis retired after 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Spanish Fork. Throughout his two-decade tenure, Paul demonstrated exceptional versatility and leadership, serving as a Firefighter, Battalion Chief, and Captain. His career was defined by a profound commitment to the community—one that required countless hours away from his own family to ensure the safety of others. We are deeply grateful for his dedication, which has left a lasting impact on both this department and the city.



Firefighter Bruce Long officially retired after 21 years of dedicated service to our department. Bruce's career began with a 19-year tenure from 1997 to 2016; after a brief hiatus for personal reasons, he returned in 2023 to serve two final years before his formal retirement in 2025. Beyond his time on team SFFE, Bruce remains a vital, active member of our association. Known for his quick wit and infectious happy demeanor, Bruce has left an indelible mark on our department culture that continues today.



After two and a half years with Spanish Fork, Battalion Chief Blake Edwards retired, marking the conclusion of a distinguished 25-year career in the fire service. Throughout his tenure, Chief Edwards dedicated his life to mentoring, leading, and serving the communities of both West Jordan and Spanish Fork. Our department is significantly stronger thanks to his commitment; specifically, he leaves a lasting legacy of excellence by raising our training standards to new heights. We thank Chief Edwards for choosing to spend the final chapter of his career with us, shaping who we are today and who we will become in the future.



DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Responded to a historical 4276 incidents. A 9% increase from 2024.
- Completed 1079 interfacility transports out of Spanish Fork Hospital. A 3% increase from 2024.
- Updated all Fire & EMS Zones apparatus and alarm stacks.
- Continual development of county-wide closest unit response staffing.
- Conducted rope rescue training at the windmills.
- Built a partnership with Clearway Energy.
- Hired New BC Jeff Jones.
- Put into service a new Air & Light Trailer.
- Ladder tested all fire apparatus ladders.
- Swiftwater awareness was taught to all department members.
- A new 3000 Gallon Water Tender was placed into service.
- American LaFrance Tender donated to Cedar Valley Fire Department.
- A new BC truck was placed into service.
- Hosted the 2025 Utah State Firefighters' Association Convention.
- A new Type 1-3 Engine was placed into service.
- New Extrication Tools were purchased and placed into service.
- Two new ambulances were constructed.
- BC Ashby deployed to the Eaton Fire as Plans Section Chief in Southern California.
- NWCG Red Card/Recertification courses were given to the entire department.
- Mark 3 Wildland Pump was purchased and placed into service.
- Two new chainsaws were purchased for brush trucks.
- P25 Switchover was completed for all radio fleet.
- CWS Participation Commitment was met with \$92,000.00 of work completed.
- 256 certification tests were passed.
- 127 certifications were obtained by department staff.
- Selected AJC architect and SIRQ CM/GC to begin designing a rebuild of Station 61.
- Chief Hales was selected to be on the Utah Valley University Emergency Services Education Board.
- Obtained the Utah Firefighters' Restricted Account Grant for \$5000.00 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for our new Rescue Truck.
- Conducted MCI Drill at Maple Mt. High School with South Utah County EMS Agencies.
- Ancef antibiotic was added to our medication toolbox to administer to trauma patients.
- 14 firefighters attended Winter Fire School 2025.
- Restitution from August 2024 Fuel Spill was obtained.
- Lydia James was awarded the Fire Chief "Pride & Progress" award by Chief Hales.
- Battalion Chief Jon Grangroth was awarded the Fire Officer of the Year Award.
- Captain Trevor Giles was awarded the Firefighter of the Year Award.
- FF/PM Ann Dearden was awarded the EMS Provider of the Year Award.



FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE REPORT

During the year 2025, the following activities were completed by the Fire Marshal.

Inspections Total= 580

Business Inspections- 426
Fire Sprinkler/Alarm- 136
Food Truck- 18

Plan Reviews Total= 604

Annex- 10
Billboard Plan- 0
Building Plan- 215
Concept- 45
Conditions Use- 6
Fence Plan- 0
Final Plat- 63
Minor Plat- 32
Minor Subdivision- 0
Preliminary Plat- 71
Signage- 0
Site Plan- 126
Utility Improvement- 0
Zone Map- 36

Code Violations = 8

Fire Alarm Plan Reviews = 20

Fire Sprinkler Plan Reviews = 36

Commercial Hood System Reviews = 5

CO2 Plan Reviews = 0

Fuel Pump/Island Plan Reviews = 1

Life Safety Inspection Vault Reviews = 1351

Fire Investigations = 14

Fire/EMS Calls responded to for manpower = 68

Youth Firesetter Interventions = 1

PR/School Events = 103

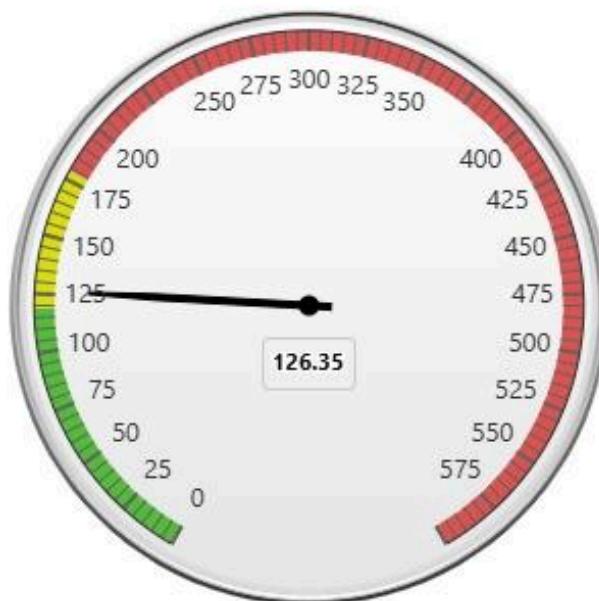
Classes and Achievements

- Appendix L was updated and adopted by the City Council.
- WUI Code adopted by the City Council.
- FIBER DAS System Project started.
- Crime Scene Photography class taken.



Unit Average Turnout Time (Seconds)

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



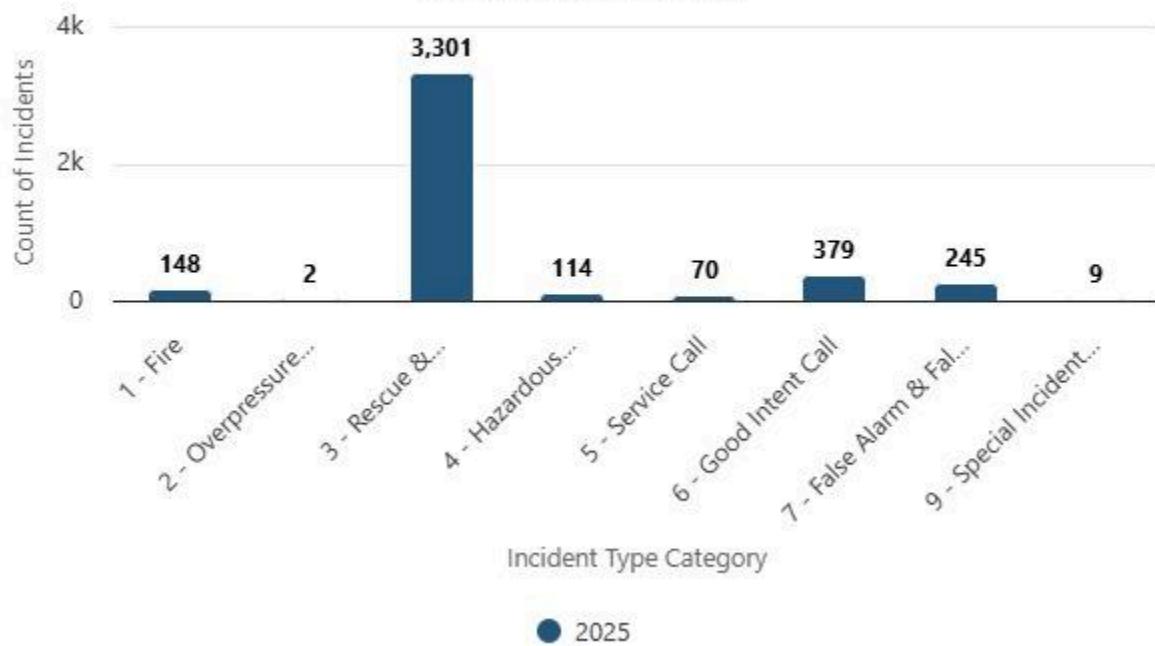
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Incidents by Category and Year

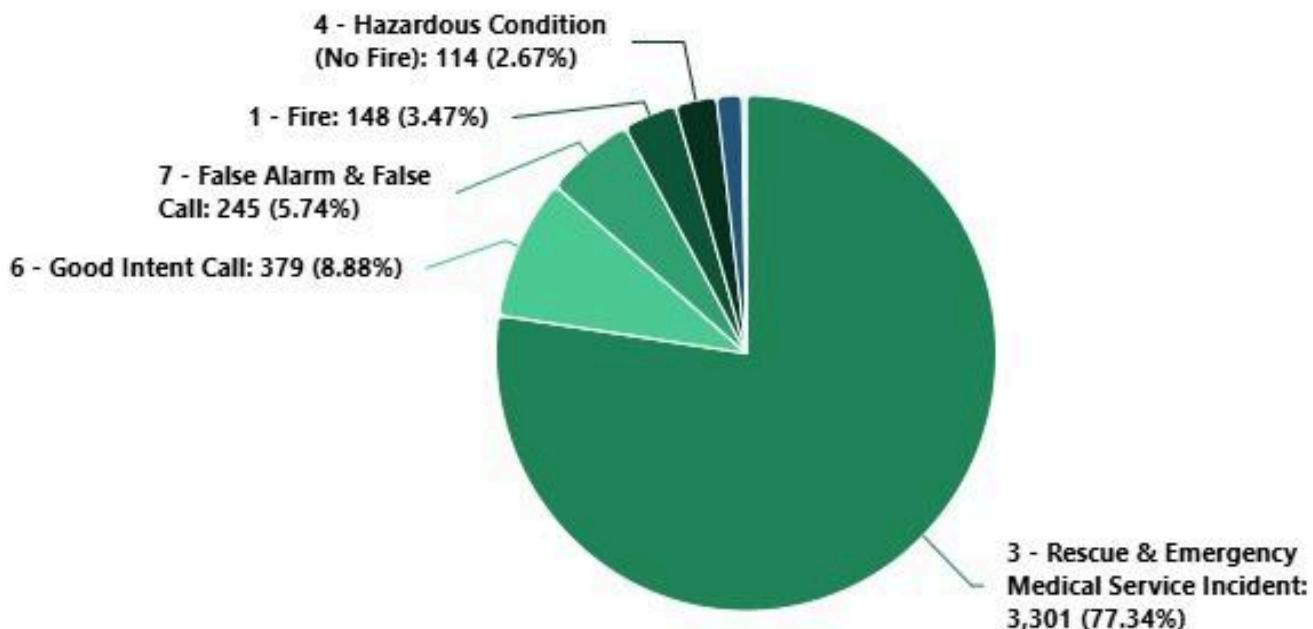
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Incident Type Categories

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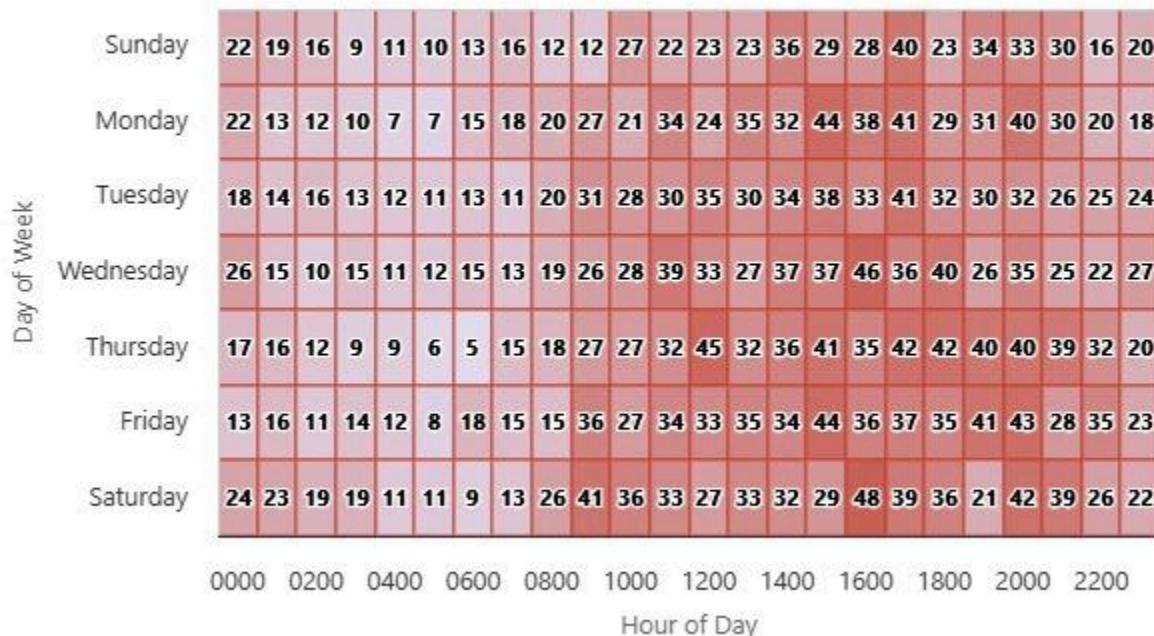
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Incidents by Day and Hour

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Property Losses by Month

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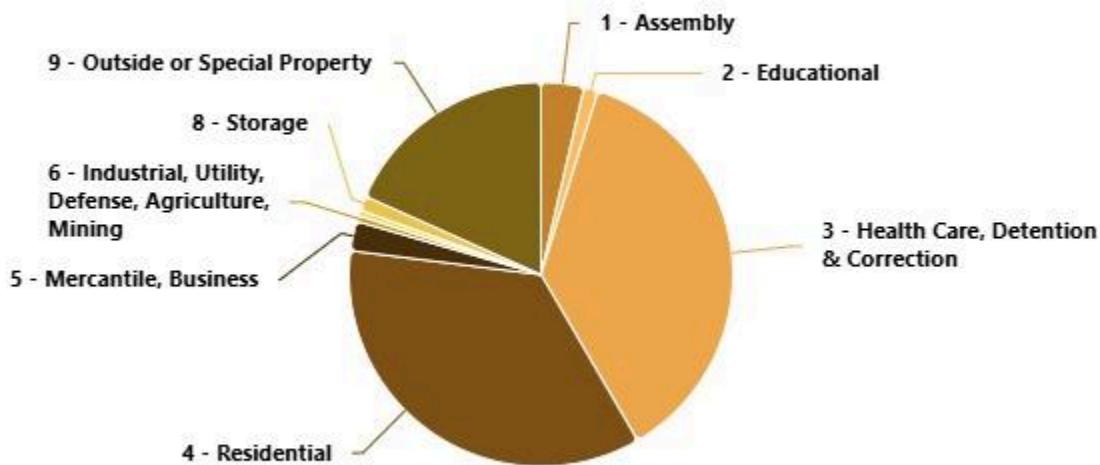
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Incidents by Property Use Category

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Expanded Overlapping Calls and Hours

Jan 01, 2025 12:00 AM to Dec 31, 2025 11:59 PM

Overlapping Calls	Occurrences	% of Occurrences	Hours	% of Hours
0 Overlapping Calls	6,262	73.39%	7,983	91.13%
1 Overlapping Call	1,696	19.88%	635	7.25%
2 Overlapping Calls	458	5.37%	119	1.36%
3 Overlapping Calls	89	1.04%	18	0.20%
4 Overlapping Calls	14	0.16%	3	0.03%
5 Overlapping Calls	8	0.09%	2	0.02%
6 Overlapping Calls	5	0.06%	0	0.00%
Totals	8,532	100.00%	8,760	100.00%

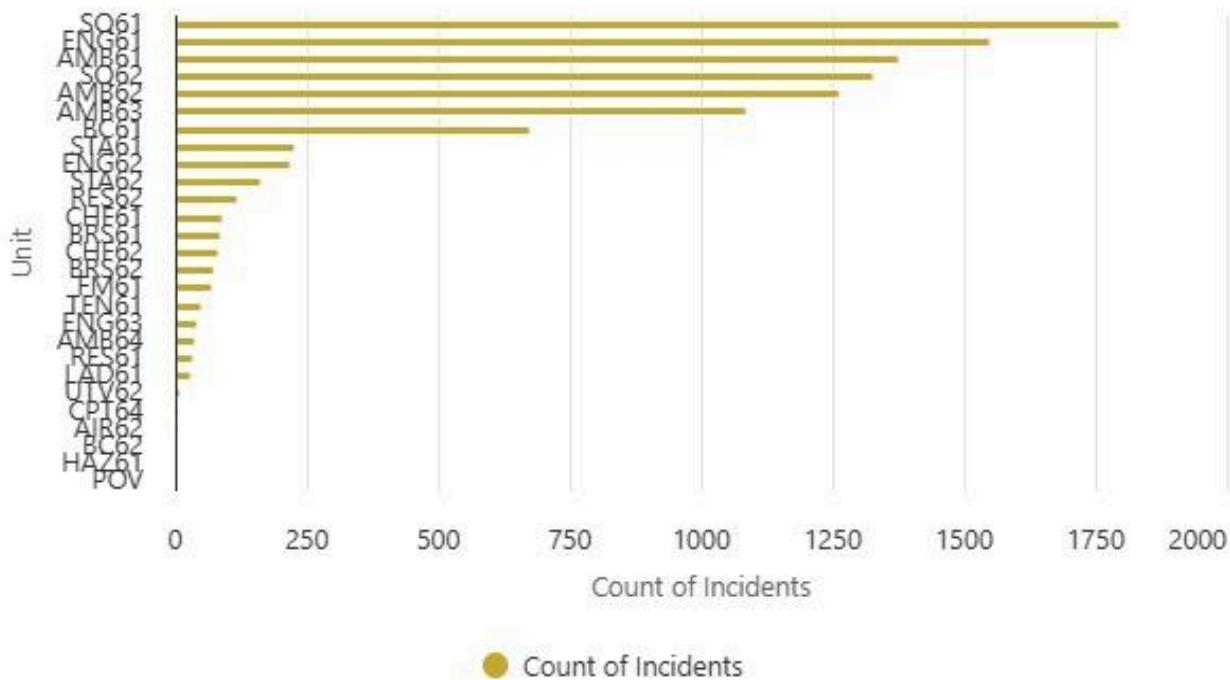
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Incidents by Apparatus Resource ID (Top 40)

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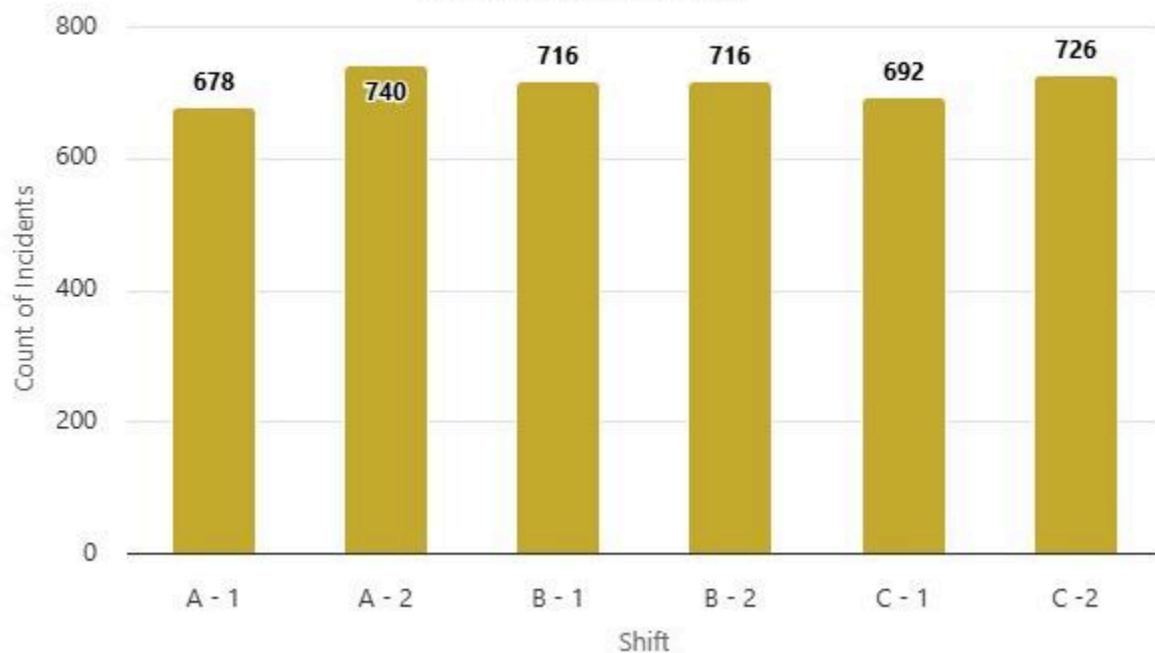
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Incidents by Shift

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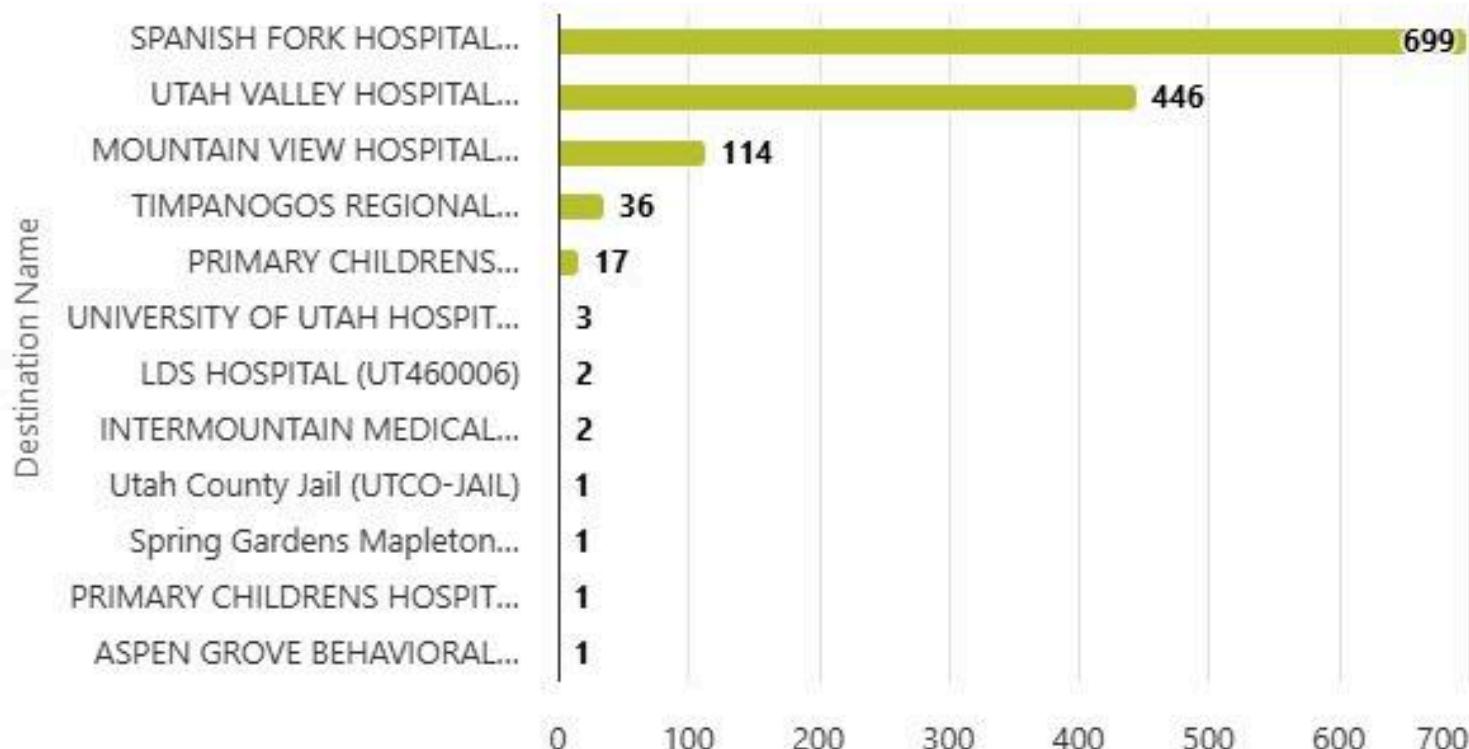


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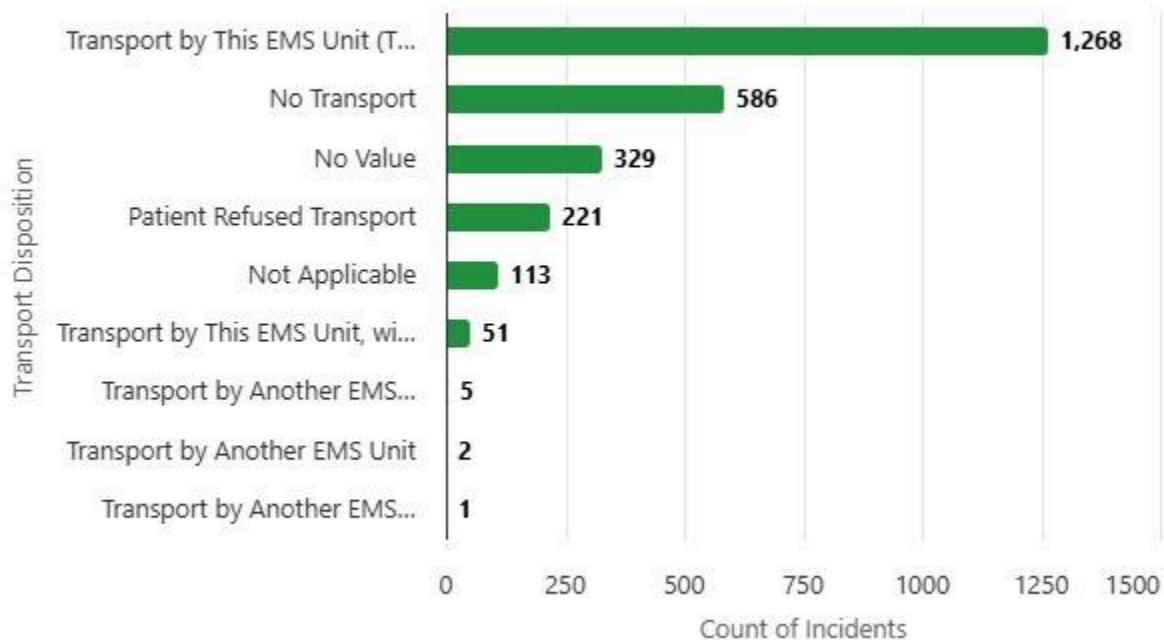
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Incidents by Transport Disposition

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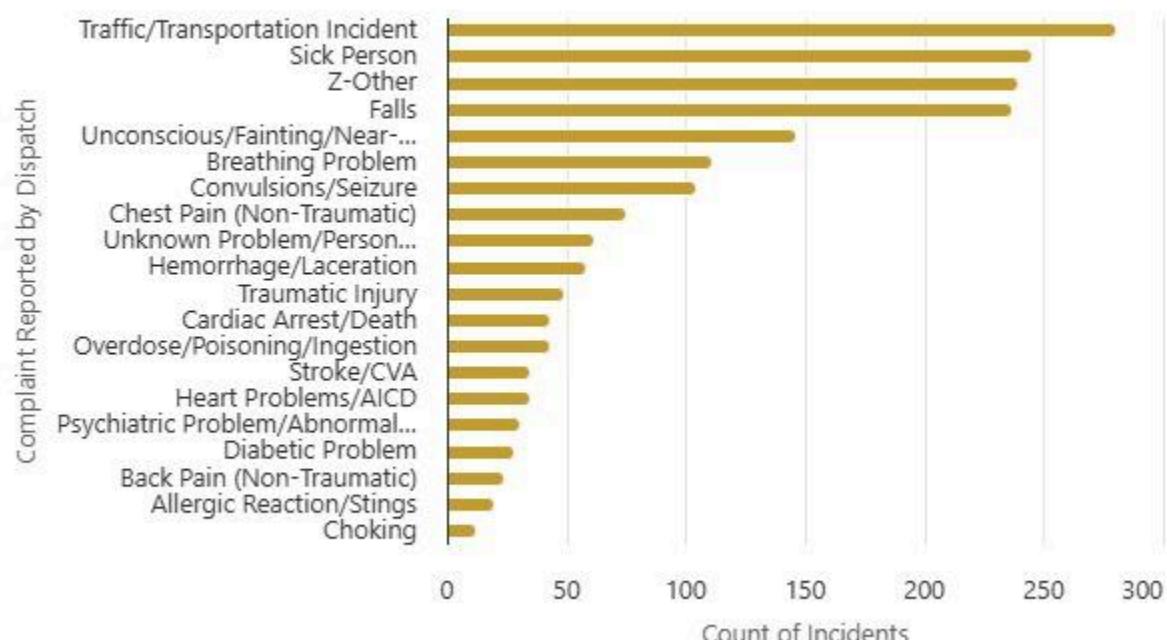
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Incidents by Complaint Reported to Dispatch (Top 20)

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