

# **2024 Annual Report**

## **Saint Louis Area Fire Department**

**In the Pursuit of Perfection, We Will Find Excellence**

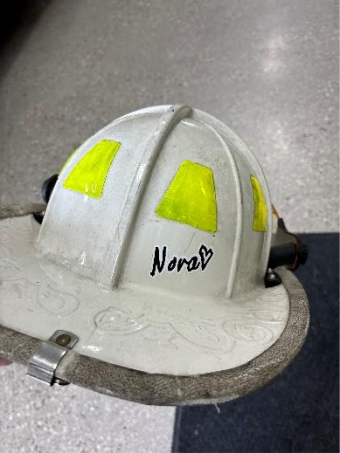


NAME	Position	DATE OF HIRE	YEARS SERVED
Coty, Bill	Chief / MFR	2/1/2002	22
Prestage, Richard	Asst. Chief / EMT	7/13/1981	43
Eyer, Carl	Captain / MFR	1/28/1995	29
Hoyt, Jeff	Lieutenant / EMT	2002-2007 - 8/11/2014	15
McJilton, Keith	2nd Lt. / MFR	4/1/1979	45
Allen, Trevor	2nd Lt. / MFR	7/1/2000	24
Wood, Brian	2nd Lt. / MFR	10/7/2008	16
Kolhoff, Greg	2nd Lt. / MFR	10/26/2015	9
Eyer, Cody	Firefighter	10/7/2008	16
Velazco, Javier	Firefighter	10/19/2009	15
Dill, Jennifer	Firefighter / MFR	10/26/2015	9
Kelly, Sean	Firefighter / MFR	11/5/2016	8
Clark, Chad	Firefighter / MFR	1992-2001 - 7/18/2019	14
Trevino, Alejandro	Firefighter / MFR	12/23/2019	5
Calkins, Don	Firefighter / MFR	8/24/2020	4
Brown, Jacob	Firefighter / MFR	10/12/2020	4
March, Robert	Firefighter / MFR	2013-2019 - 11/6/2020	10
Ross, Matt	Firefighter / MFR	2004-2008 - 11/19/2020	8
Peterman, Jordan	Firefighter / EMT	12/15/2020	4
Henry, John	Firefighter / Paramedic	2004-2018 - 7/22/2021	17
Lange, Tailer	Firefighter	3/28/2022	2
Hitsman, Josh	Firefighter	10/10/2022	2
Hedrick, Zoe	Firefighter / EMT	5/1/2023	2
Dill, Emily	Auxiliary Firefighter	10/15/2024	0
Hodgkin, Brandon	Firefighter / EMT	10/17/2024	0





# Life Saving Award Recognition



In the early morning hours on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, 3:35am, Breckenridge/Wheeler Fire And Saint Louis Area Fire were both dispatched to a structure fire in the Village of Breckenridge. Upon arrival Chief Westall was notified the structure was still occupied with 2 people inside.

Saint Louis Firefighters responded quickly and aggressively. Saint Louis Fire crews arrived on scene within 9 minutes of dispatch and made rapid entry of the home, likely within 60 seconds of arrival. Firefighters were met with zero visibility conditions, extreme heat, and made entry prior to hose lines being deployed, as it was determined there was no time to waste for any chance of survival.

Within minutes firefighters located the 2 unconscious fire victims, removed them from the structure and quickly started life saving medical care.

The young lady with the red bow was our 7-year-old victim and we are proud to embrace Nora into our fire family.

These firefighters put themselves in harms way to save another human life with dedication and courage, and I could not be prouder of them!



# 2024 Event Participation

Name	Fire	Rescue	Training	Total Events	% of Fires	% of Training	Total Time on Scene	Day Events 6A-6P	Night Events 6P-6A
Allen, M. Trevor	74	164	22	260	91%	100%	188:32:00	128	132
Brown, Jacob	26	56	20	102	32%	91%	102:56:00	11	91
Calkins, Don	56	154	15	225	69%	68%	155:55:00	114	111
Clark, Chad	20	15	10	45	25%	45%	49:40:00	14	31
Coty, William	74	330	20	424	91%	91%	252:38:00	199	225
Dill, Jennifer	26	34	14	74	32%	64%	76:03:00	27	47
Eyer, Carl	48	164	16	228	59%	73%	138:35:00	68	160
Eyer, Cody	34	7	8	49	42%	36%	55:53:00	21	28
Hedrick, Zoe	62	46	21	129	77%	95%	142:53:00	44	85
Henry, John	39	133	11	183	48%	50%	118:08:00	95	88
Hitsman, Josh	46	24	22	92	57%	100%	117:49:00	13	79
Hoyt, Jeffery	45	131	16	192	56%	73%	135:59:00	36	156
Kelly, Sean	57	128	22	207	70%	100%	171:05:00	28	179
Kolhoff, Gregory	19	60	10	89	23%	45%	67:27:00	32	57
Lange, Tailer	69	36	17	122	85%	77%	131:48:00	48	74
March, Robert	58	40	20	118	72%	91%	127:57:00	46	72
McJilton, Keith	55	130	18	203	68%	82%	154:25:00	121	82
Peterman, Jordan	55	45	20	120	68%	91%	136:18:00	45	75
Prestage, Richard	50	58	19	127	62%	86%	123:32:00	55	72
Ross, Matt	72	290	21	383	89%	95%	231:20:00	186	197
Trevino, Alejandro	12	15	3	30	15%	14%	34:50:00	4	26
Velazco, Javier	20	7	11	38	25%	50%	52:59:00	9	29
Wood, Brian	44	59	20	123	54%	91%	112:53:00	40	83
Department Average	46	92	16	155	57%	74%	5:11:57	60	95
District	Fire	Rescue							
City of St Louis	14	258							
Bethany	7	47							
Pine River	9	48							
Jasper	15	48							
M-Aid	36	2							

# Training Report



- Construction of Training Facility
- Forcible Entry Door
- V.E.I.S. (Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search)
- Search and Rescue
- Grain Bin Rescue
- Vehicle extrication training
- **OVERALL TRAINING PARTICIPATION FOR THE YEAR WAS 87%.**



# Training Facility Construction

## From Dream to Reality:

The Saint Louis Area Fire Department, with funding from the Gratiot County Community Foundation and budgeted training funds, has developed Gratiot County's first fire department training center. This project involved repurposing two 8x40 and one 8x20 shipping containers, along with creative construction methods and 231 hours of labor.

The training center features a forcible entry training prop, VEIS training windows, movable interior walls, and an industrial smoke machine. These elements allow instructors to simulate various training scenarios, including fire attack, search and rescue, ventilation, ladder operations, forcible entry, thermal imaging, and more.



# New Engine 621 March 2024



- 2024 International Pumper
- 1,000-gallon tank
- 1,500 gallon per/minute capacity
- Foam
- 1st due to all structure Fires
- Purchase Price \$465,000
  - Grant funding (\$290,000)
  - Sale of 1996 Pumper (\$20,000)
    - Total out of Pocket \$155,000



# Engine 622 Damaged Apparatus Report



- 2012 International Pumper / 5 person Cab
- While responding to a woods fire endangering multiple homes in Jasper Township on October 6th, 2024, the driver of E622, a 20-year veteran of SLAFD, made attempts to avoid deer entering the roadway and ended up in the ditch. The driver was transported for medical evaluation with non-critical injuries. The apparatus damage was extensive with both frame and motor damage. After a thorough examination with both the apparatus manufacturer and insurance company a new 2026 chassis was ordered and will be delivered October of 2025, the repairs are estimated to take 6 months. The new apparatus should serve our community for 25 plus years and comes at a cost of only our insurance deductible.



# 1999 E-ONE PUMPER RESERVE



The 1999 E-One Pumper truck was acquired by SLAFD at no cost through the use of insurance funds designated for truck rental. Known as the "reserve pumper," the SLAFD Fire Board, along with command staff, acted swiftly and cautiously to replace the damaged E622.

This retired pumper from the City of Grandville was placed into service for SLAFD on October 16th, 2024—just 10 days after the damage to E622.

The reserve engine is equipped with a 1,000-gallon tank and a 1,250 gpm pump capacity. It will serve as an excellent substitute until the chassis replacement for E622 is complete.

# New Rescue 641 October 2024



- 2023 Ford F-550 Rescue/Extrication truck
- Used on all medical scenes and traffic incidents
- Five-person cab
- Responds to all emergency calls
- Purchase Price \$165,000
  - All costs covered by Grant funding and sale of the old rescue.
    - Total out of pocket \$0.00



# Rescue 642



- 2021 Ford F-150 Rescue/Command truck
- Licensed Medical Vehicle
- Five-person cab
- Stocked for medical & Extrication response
- Operates at all Scenes
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and prepared for a fire attack

# Engine 651



- 2008 GMC 3500
- KimTek wildland skid unit;  
Pump, tank, hose reel
- 1<sup>st</sup> due to all grass fires



# Engine 652



- Yamaha UTV
- Water tank and pump with hose
- 4-person capacity /Used for grass fires
- Extrications from wooded areas
- Serves in a community outreach role

# Engine 671



- 2008 International Tanker/Pumper
- 2,000-gallon tank, 500 Gallon per/minute capacity
- Ability to “Pump & Roll”, Remote deck gun
- Operates at nearly all Fires



# Smoke Alarm Installs Statewide 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## Top 10 Installers for 2024

Let's Congratulate **Canton Fire Department** for knocking off Plainfield Fire Department in the #1 spot of installers for our State!! Way to go Canton!!

We look forward to the new dashboard coming soon so you can evaluate this information on a regular basis.

Row Labels	Total Visits	Total Occupants	Total Alarms Installed	Rank
Canton FD	267	602	1781	1
Plainfield FD	239	541	1772	2
Warren FD	262	656	1398	3
Livonia Fire & Rescue	256	575	1347	4
City of Rochester Hills	307	528	1346	5
Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety	266	575	1160	6
Saginaw Twp FD	127	254	752	7
Saint Louis Area Fire Dept	118	292	732	8
Jackson County - Chad	120	246	582	9
Kentwood FD	126	275	569	10

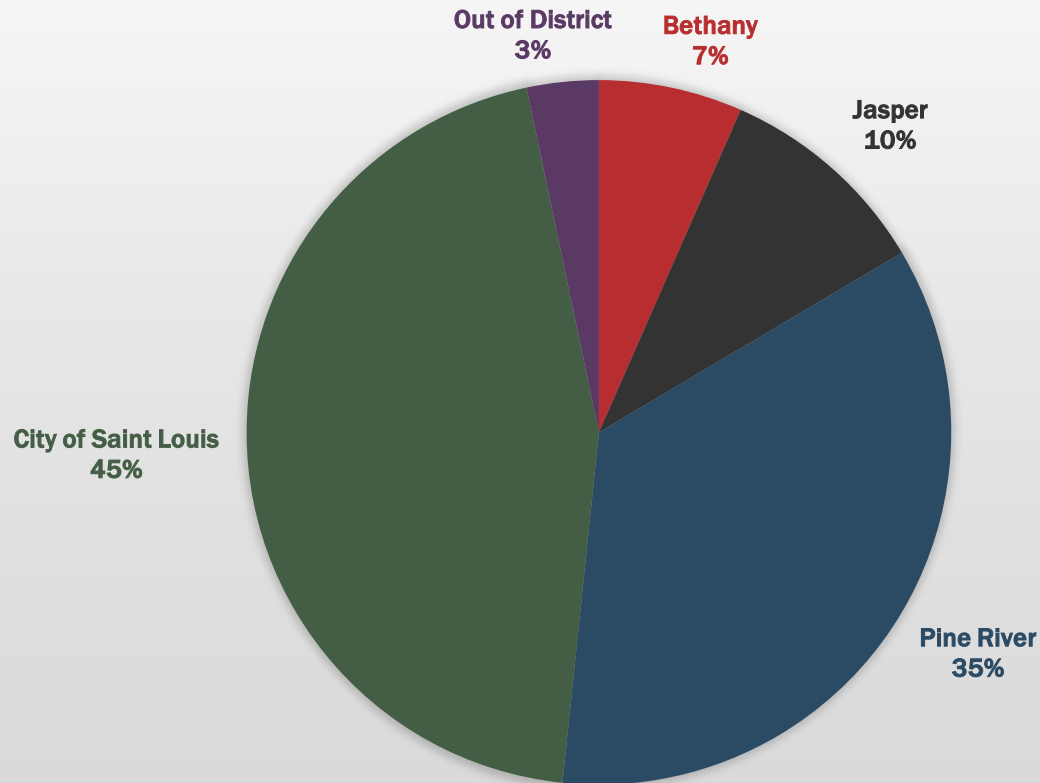
SLAFD finished the year in the top 10 of the state for smoke and CO alarm installs leading the part paid fire departments and surpassing many full-time organizations



# Homes Smoke & CO Detectors Installed in

## A total of 1,294 Alarms installed

NUMBER OF HOMES SMOKE  
CO DETECTORS INSTALLED IN HOUSES



- Bethany Township – 12
- Jasper Township – 18
- Pine River Township – 64
- City of Saint Louis – 82
- Out of District - 6





# Community Outreach Coordinator - Jeni Dill



- Youth Fire Academy
- GI-Tech School
- Fire prevention at the elementary schools
- Parades: Memorial Day, Homecoming, Christmas
- Trick-or-treat at the Farmers Market
- Smoke house at the Baptist Church on Halloween
- Shop with a hero
- Fire department open house

# Turnout Gear Tracking & Inventory

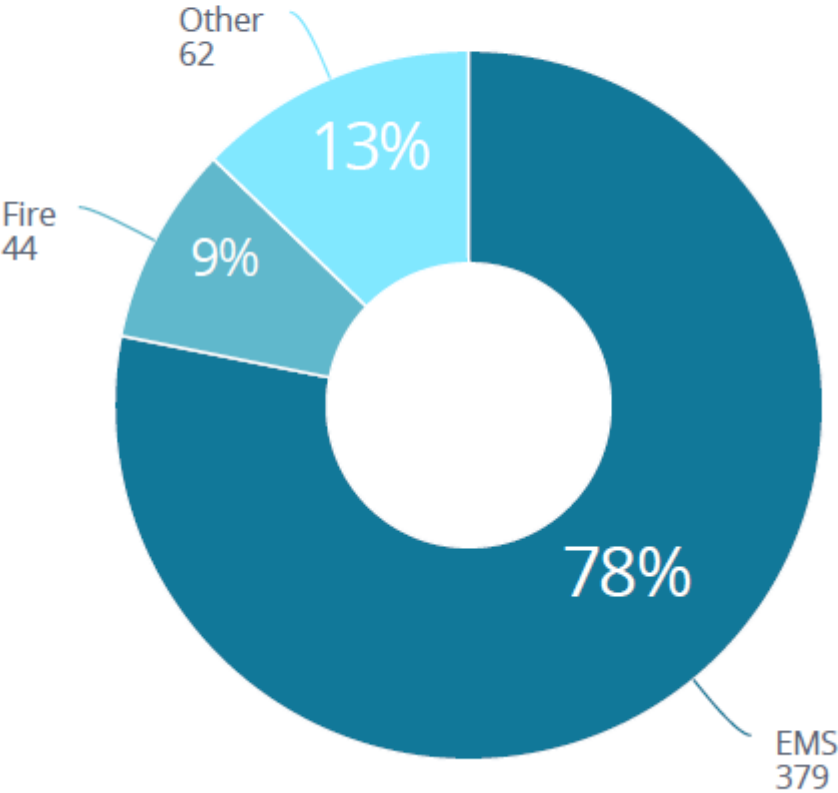
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Allen, M. Trevor	2021	Good	2021	Good	2023	Leather	2020	2017	2021	Good	2018	Good	2018	Good	2020	2020	Good	2017	2017	10
Brown, Jacob	2021	Good	2021	Good	2023	Leather	2021	2017	2019	Good	2018	Good	2021	good	NA	2019	good	2017	2017	10.5
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Tailer Lange	2021	Good	2021	Good	2023	Leather	2020	2017	2021	Good	2019	Good	2019	Good	n/a	2020	Good	2017	2019	12.5
March, Robert	2021	Good	2021	Good	2022	Leather	2017	2017	2017	Good	2019	Good	2019	Good	NA	2020	good	2017	2017	10.5
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Trevino, Alejandr	2021	Good	2021	Good	2023	Leather	2020	2017	2016	Good	2021	Good	2021	Good	NA	2018	Good	2017	N/A	12
Velazco, Javier	2021	Good	2021	Good	2023	Leather	2020	2017	2021	Good	2018	Good	2018	Good	N/A	2020	Good	2017	2021	10.5
Wood, Brian	2021	Good	2021	Good	2022	Leather	2020	2017	2019	Good	2018	Good	2018	Good	2017	2016	Good	...2017	...2019	9.5

Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Coats	3	0	0	22	0	8	10	1	Ordered	Ordered
Pants	3	0	1	21	0	8	10	1	Ordered	Ordered
Gloves	0	9	2	6	0	12	0	13	4	0%
Hoods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0
Boots	0	13	8	1	10	5	7	0	0	2
Helmets	0	1	0	4	17	2	1	6	1	1

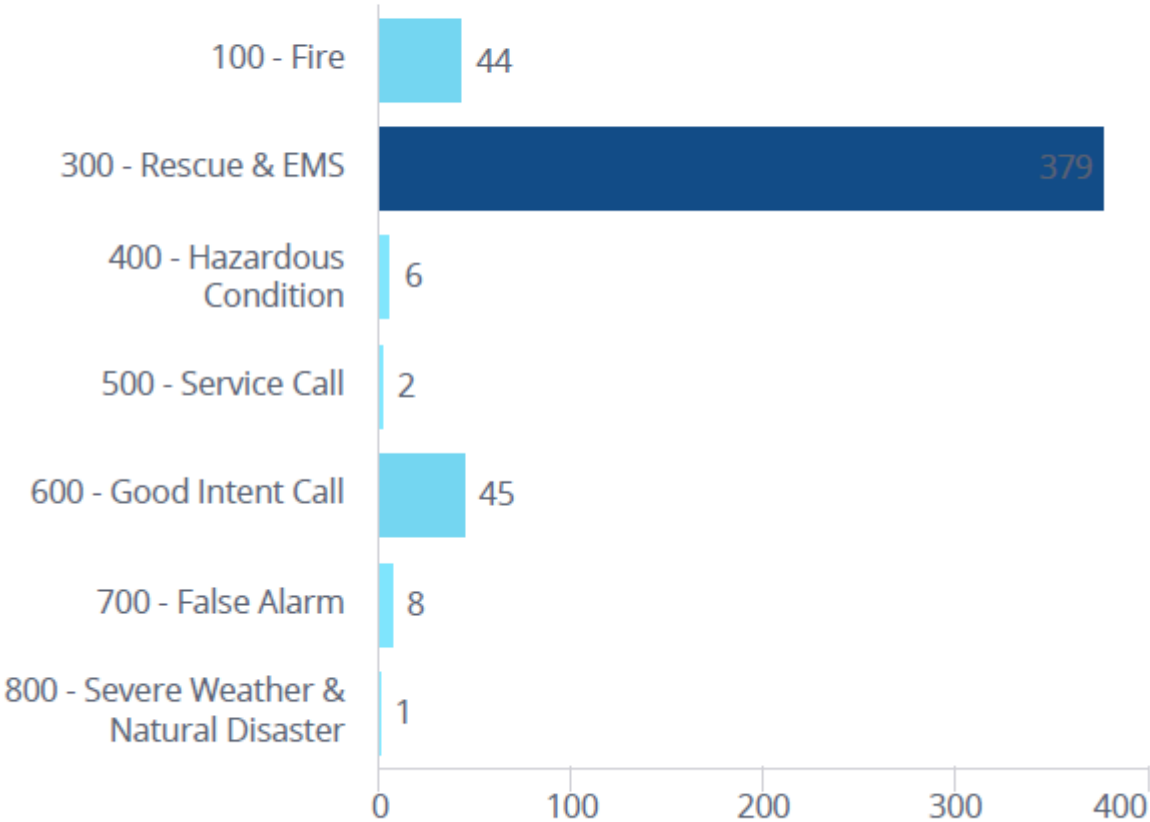


# 2024 Fire Index - Incident Types

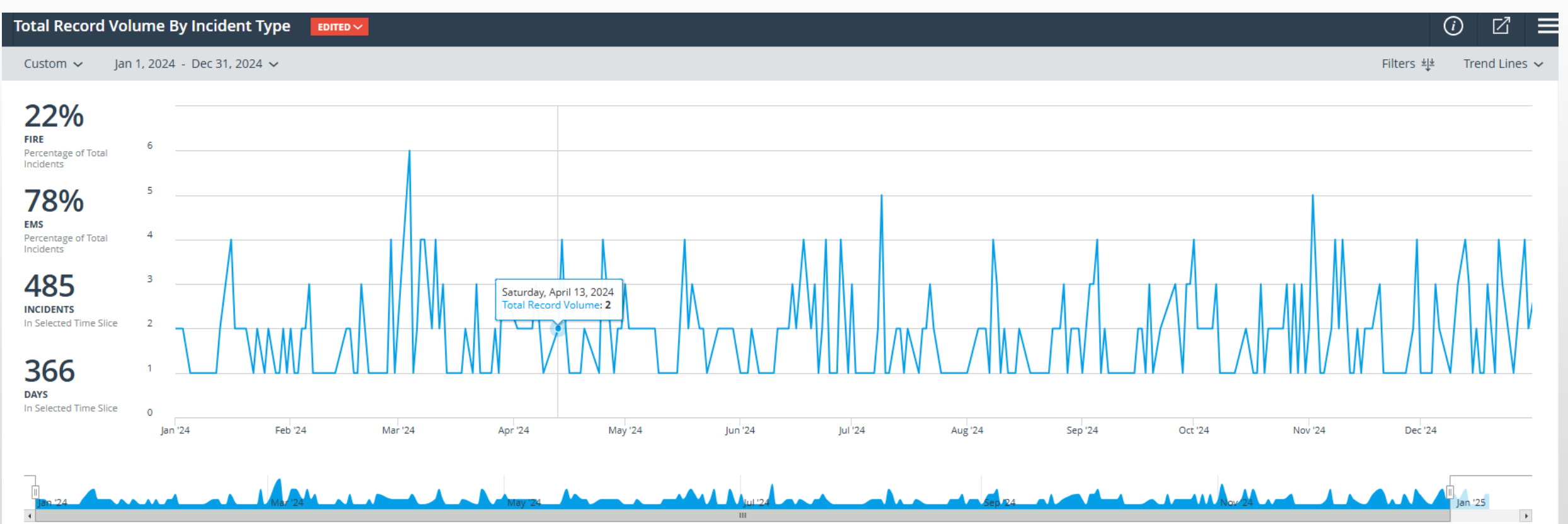
EMS/Fire Incident Breakdown



Count of Incidents by Incident Type



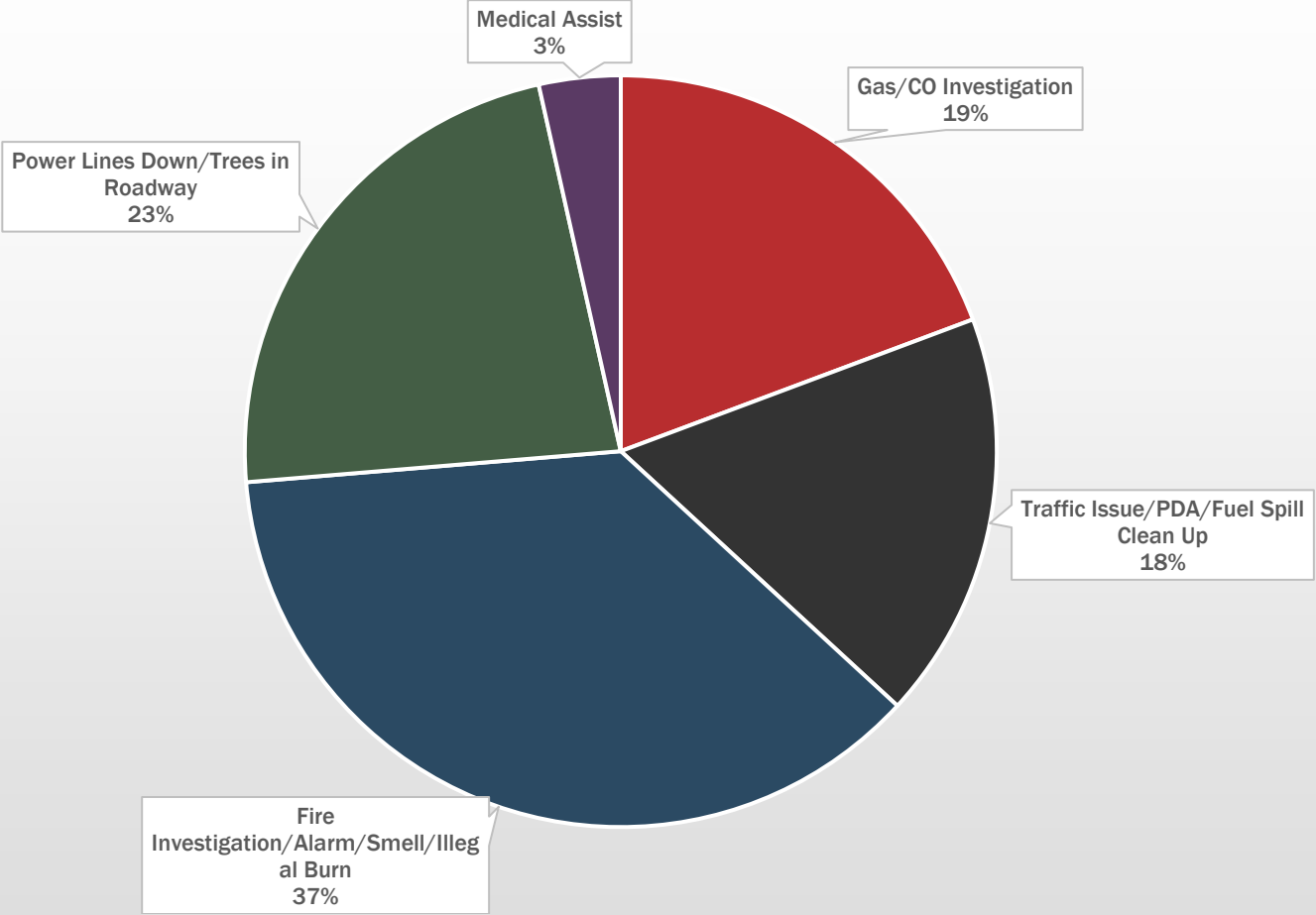
# Shock Advised, Runs up by nearly 20%





	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
(11) Structure Fire	4	4	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	24
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	5
(14) Natural vegetation fire	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	13
(17) Cultivated vegetation, crop fire	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
(31) Medical assist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	21	26	39	23	30	30	28	30	33	39	35	37	-	371
(35) Extrication, rescue	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
(54) Animal problem or rescue	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
(55) Public service assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	6	2	2	3	5	4	4	4	2	-	2	1	-	35
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	-	-	3	1	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	9
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
(73) System or detector malfunction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	7
UNK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	34	33	47	33	38	46	36	38	42	47	48	43	-	485

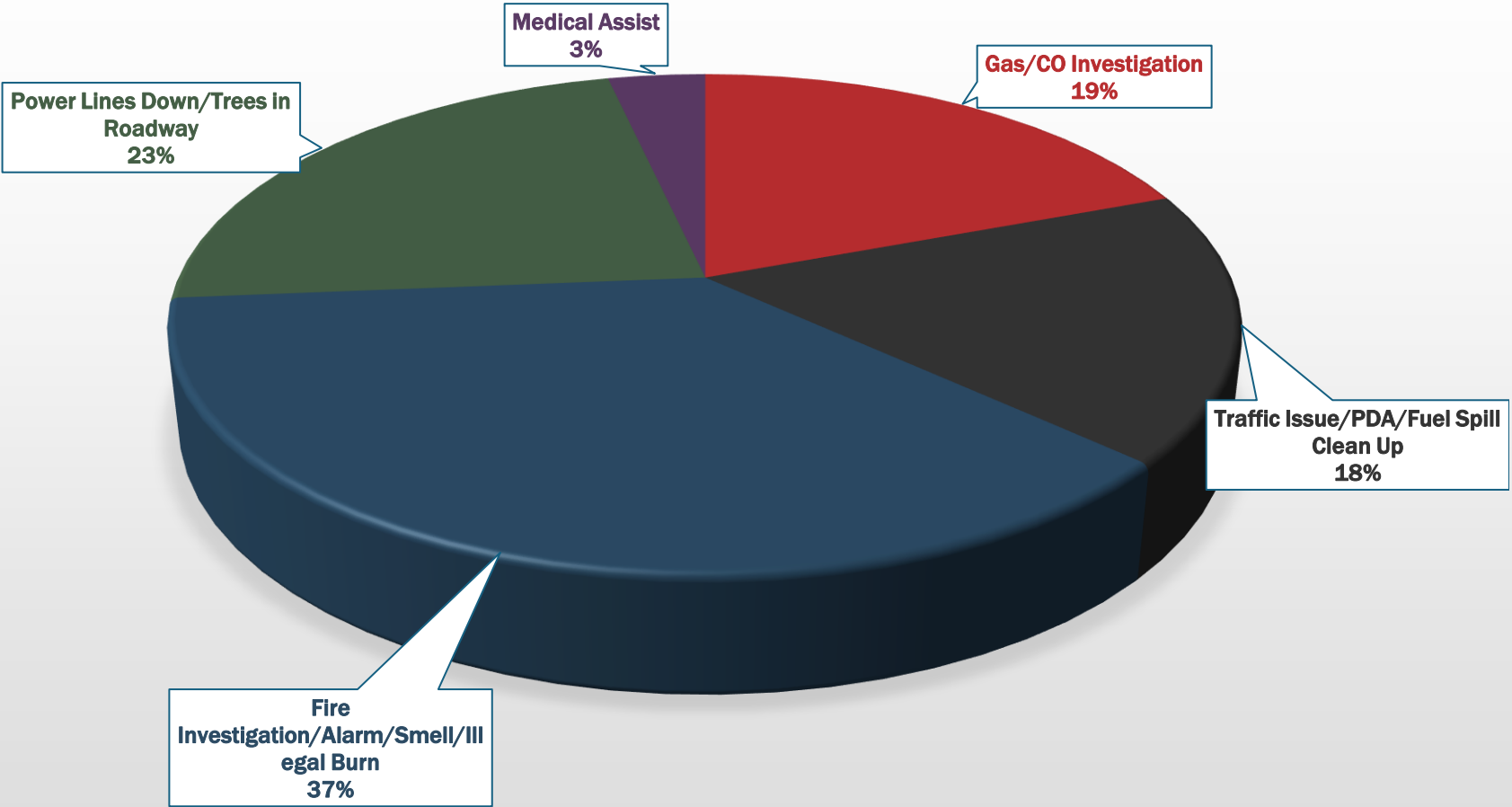
Type of Investigation



Municipalities	Number of Investigations
Bethany	8
Jasper	10
Pine River	12
Saint Louis	26
Mutual Aid	1



TYPE OF INVESTIGATION



Gas/CO Investigation	11
Traffic Issue/PDA/Fuel Spill Clean UP	10
Fire Investigation/Alarm/Smell/Illegal Burn	21
Power Lines Down/Trees In Roadway	13
Medical Assist	2
Total Investigations	57