

ANNUAL REPORT

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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POLICE

Sgt. Gregory Thomas and Officer Leon Crone worked within the Police Department and with the Police Association to develop a series of options to assist with prisoner transportation in the event the Center closed. Meetings were also held with the County concerning this issue.

Sergeant Leon Crone, was sworn into his new rank by Magisterial District Judge Charles Clement on April 11 at the Board meeting. He had already scheduled vacation time for that week, so he officially began his duties on April 18th. Sgt. Crone will be in charge of the Support Services Bureau.

On June 10th, we held our annual 5th grade DARE graduation ceremony at Cedar Cliff High School. The event was another success coordinated by Ms. Dianna Knisley. While the kids enjoyed their time on stage during the actual ceremony, it was the pizza lunch and games with the DARE officers at Highland Elementary School that was the most fun for the kids. A special demonstration was put on by the West Shore Academy of Martial Arts. Kids from a variety of age groups put on a terrific demonstration for the students and their parents.

National Night Out was a huge success in the participating neighborhoods. Only one scheduled neighborhood failed to have people present. The officer and fire apparatus scheduled for this neighborhood were moved to other participating neighborhoods. Allendale had R.J. Harris from WHP 580 radio on site, broadcasting live from Deerfield Park. Rossmoyne Manor had a bagpiper and dunk tank among their other activities. As always, Dianna Knisley did a fantastic job in preparing for this event to make it the success it was. However, she was not in attendance this night. She was home with her new born daughter Hope Elizabeth!!!!

On August 23rd, emergency providers responded to the 4900 block of Gettysburg Rd for an auto accident reported with entrapment. This accident was directly related to the speed of the vehicle and the intoxication of the driver. The vehicle was traveling above the posted speed limit when the operator lost control, striking the rock wall on the south side of the road and flipping/rolling over. The passenger in the vehicle extricated himself, but the operator was killed instantly.

Interim Manager Tom Vernau, HR Coordinator Jan Faust, Donna Paul and I along with members of the Police Department attended the West Shore School District's Partner's in Education breakfast. This is an annual event to get organizations that partner with the district together and discuss future plans in the district and individual schools.

The Department of Public Safety is actively involved in several public educational and relations events during October, most of them centering on Halloween. The Police Department provides sessions in the schools on Halloween safety before the ghosts and goblins take to the street to scare residents into giving them candy and other goodies.

During the actual night of festivities, Police, Fire, EMS and the Public Safety Officers went to various neighborhoods in the Township and handed out pizza as a warm and somewhat healthier alternative to the candy the kids and their parents and guardians were receiving during their travels. The pizza is always a big hit, along with the glow sticks that were handed out to try and help make the children more visible during that night's activity.

November started off with Director Williamson assisting police units with a mentally ill subject with knives in the Falls at Beacon Hill Development. While monitoring the progress of the initial call, it became apparent the subject had fled into the wooded area between the houses and the Yellow Breeches Creek. Director Williamson took the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) from Engine 2-12 and requested Squad 12 to respond to the area. Thermal Imaging Camera, differentiate items based on the amount of heat they put off. The use of the TICs would be essential for officer safety and the safety of the individual (if he had been hurt) while we were searching for him.

The subject was eventually talked out of the woods and up a hill by Cpl. Mark Williams. EMS, which was staged on Limekiln Rd responded and transported the subject for evaluation. The Fire Company then assisted in searching for the knives the subject had when he fled down the hill. Both knives were found in the thick underbrush of the area.

The Police Department was focused on the upcoming re-accreditation on-site scheduled for early December. While there is no doubt that the department is following the standards set forth by CALEA, it is always a nervous time until the assessors are on site and begin their review. One of the biggest concerns of departments that refuse to participate in the accreditation process is the opening of their entire department to external review by other law enforcement professionals. I am justifiably proud of the men and women of the Police Department and this re-accreditation assessment will demonstrate our dedication to providing the best available service to our residents.

On December 30th, a funeral procession for a retired Harrisburg firefighter was to enter the Township enroute to Rolling Green Cemetery. The procession would include numerous pieces of fire apparatus, including two aerial pieces supporting an American flag at the entrance for the procession to pass under.

Sgt. Greg Thomas and I developed a Special Events Plan for this event, with two different plans for parking the fire apparatus. These plans were dependent upon the number of units that showed up for the funeral. A last minute change to the placement of the aerial pieces made the decision for using Plan B, which entailed closing east bound Carlisle Rd to through traffic so that apparatus could be parked along the Carlisle Rd property line of the cemetery.

The detail went off without incident, in part due to the pre-planing by the Police Division. An After Action Report was submitted to assist with future planning of events at the cemetery.

Later that same day, two tractor trailers were involved in a rear end accident on Route 15 at the Zimmerman Dr. overpass. This accident, occurred on a Friday, during evening rush hour traffic, and on a holiday weekend. This brought north bound Rt. 15 traffic to a virtual stand still and caused gridlock on our secondary roadways.

Lower Allen Fire Company, assisted by Upper Allen Fire Company, Lower Allen, Hampden Township and Camp Hill EMS did an excellent job in mitigating the hazards and treating the injured. A total of three people were transported for injuries. One dog was transported to the Humane Society until the owners were discharged. One of the tractor trailer saddle tanks ruptured spilling diesel fuel onto the roadway. The trailer's load also shifted, causing several of the 2,000 lb. bags of pharmaceutical grade plastic to spill onto the highway. This was almost a powder and created some tense moments until the product was identified. The PA Department of

Agriculture was on the scene and impounded the load until it could be determined how much of the product may have been damaged and contaminated, so as to prevent it from entering the food chain.

CNET IMPLEMENTATION

The police department continued to prepare for the deployment of cNET, the statewide police records management initiative. Officers continue to go through the training and use a test version of the data base to gain familiarity with it. Several questions that had stopped us from going with a February 1st switch over were resolved late in the month. We anticipate switching to the new system on March 1st. The system requires no new hardware to be purchased. The actual program resides at the Commonwealth Technology Center (CTC), where the hardware is managed by the same professionals who maintain the state's IT infrastructure. Our user or maintenance fees will almost be cut in half when compared to what we had been paying to maintain our connection with Harrisburg's METRO records system. Director Williamson continued to work with the cNET executive committee in promoting and developing the system.

As we continue to move forward with technology, we have to endure some bumps in the road. cNET is a good example. Sgt. Crone has been doing a fantastic job in working through the conversion issues associated with going to a new records management system for the Police Department. He works diligently with the Records Staff and the line officers to give them a better understanding of the system, while he continues to work (argue) with the vendor on issues of mandatory reporting.

One of these issues was clarified in State College at a user's group meeting. cNET is to be reporting our UCR experience to the State Police and through them to the FBI. This is also a CALEA standard that we must be compliant with. In discussing issues with the vendor, we were being told about Group A and Group B offenses. When dealing with the summary UCR that we are all familiar with, we deal with Part I and Part II offenses. Sgt. Mike Williams from the PSP UCR unit was on hand to meet with us and discuss this reporting.

We are submitting NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) UCR information to the State Police. State Police are then pulling out the summary based UCR information and forwarding that to the FBI. NIBRS reporting is based on a different classification of crimes, using the terminology of Group A and Group B Offenses. Based on the NIBRS reporting requirements, we need to provide all information on Group A offenses and only arrest information on Group B offenses. We believe there is still some reporting issues between cNET and State Police, due to PSP's error checking being "tighter" than what cNET is providing. Once we have these issues corrected, we should be electronically reporting without a problem.

CIVIL SERVICE

The Civil Service Commission was activated by the Manager to prepare certified lists of eligible candidates for the position of Police Officer and Police Corporal. The physical fitness test for the entry level position will be conducted on February 5th at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Oral examinations as part of the Corporals promotional process were held on April 22nd. These were conducted in a conference room at the Hampton Inn. The results were forwarded to the Civil Service Commission for further processing. The panel consisted of a Lieutenant from Lower Paxton Township PD, a Sergeant from York Area Regional PD and a retired police officer from Swatara Township PD.

On May 2nd, the physical agility portion of the Corporal's promotional process was held at Cedar Cliff High School. All candidates successfully passed this portion of the process. We are hoping for a promotion ceremony at the June 11th Board meeting.

Upon Director Williamson's recommendation, the Board of Commissioners vacated the entry level eligibility list, which was started in 2004, requesting the Civil Service Commission to prepare a new list of eligible candidates. Starting in 2005, the Police Department has been authorized a strength of 21 officers. The hiring of Officer Justh brings the department to 20 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Safety.

On August 16th, the Civil Service Commission met for the purpose of preparing a list of eligible candidates for the position of police officer. At this meeting, the dates for advertising, closing the application period and written test were finalized. Our goal is to hire an officer in time for the January police academy if the candidate is not already certified.

We also began the hiring process for the position of police officer. Applications were opened and the written test was given on September 28th. Interviews for the top 15 will be conducted in early October.

On October 12th, interviews were held in the Board meeting room for the top 16 candidates (there was a tie at the 15th spot). After the scores were recorded, the top six (6) will be notified to report for fitness testing on November 5th at Harrisburg Area Community College. Of the top six, four are in the academy as "pre-service" candidates with PPO Justh. They will be graduating November 18th. After the fitness testing, the top three will have backgrounds completed before submitting the names and rankings to the Civil Service Commission for certification. This is for a newly budgeted position approved for 2005.

November 5th, the Police hiring process continued with the physical fitness testing at HACC. Only one candidate needed to take the test and she passed without a problem. The other 4 candidates were in the current academy class and had just passed the test at a high level then is required by our regulations. Documentation of these results was provided to us by HACC to show they complied with our requirements.

EMS

EMS tested for full-time Emergency Medical Technician and advertised for the new position of EMS Captain.

March's EMS staff meeting was conducted to provide information on the changing of the guard at EMS. March 31st was the last day of work for two long time employees, EMS Chief Dave Crossley and Administrative Technician Pam Tkac. Chief Crossley retired with over 39 years in public service both paid and volunteer. Pam resigned after over 18 years as a career EMT with the Township. Both will be sorely missed personally and professionally. They take with them over 50 years of combined institutional knowledge.

EMT Supervisor Christopher Yohn began his new duties as Acting EMS Captain on April 1st. Chris brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and will be spending the month learning the budget and the administrative aspects of the job.

The Public Safety Officer and EMS Captain's application period was closed on April 29th. The hiring process for both positions continues, with the PSO written test being scheduled for June 1st.

As June approached, we continued working on bid documents for a new ambulance and a new fire engine. On May 16th, we held the pre-bid meeting for the new ambulance. Only two vendors attended the meeting, five were invited. This meeting generated a small change in the specifications to allow a more competitive bid. Both the ambulance and fire engine bids should be on the street with a July 11th bid opening planned.

We continued to try and work on standardizing procedures for our EMS crews and West Shore ALS crews when responding to incidents at the State Correctional Facility at Camp Hill. This culminated in a meeting on September 1st. We have drafted a policy after meeting with SCIC officials and are waiting on a reply from them for approval.

Interviews for full and part-time EMT's were held over August 8th and 9th. Out of this fine group of candidates we will be hiring three (3) full-time EMTs and several part-time EMTs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

All Public Safety departments were represented at a meeting with the Comprehensive Plan consultant. The departments did not have this level of input into the previous Comp Plan and all representatives appreciated the opportunity to have input on the very important planning document.

The South Central PA Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force held their annual Homeland Security Conference at Harrisburg Area Community College's Wildwood Conference Center. Chief Snyder, Sgt. Thomas and Director Williamson attended many of the sessions offered during the 4- day conference. As Director Williamson explained at strategic planning on March 26th, the National Incident Management System is coming like a runaway freight train. Federal requirements mandate that public safety providers adopt the Incident Command System (ICS) by October 1, 2005. Formal adoption of NIMS should occur around the same time, but the official deadline will be the end of 2006.

After months of hard work, the ambulance and engine committees put their bids “on the street.” The bids were for a 2006 Basic Life Support Ambulance and for a 2006 1500 gallon per minute NFPA compliant fire engine. Both of these bid specs represent hard and dedicated work on the part of the committee members to get these documents finalized.

On July 5th, Lower Allen Fire Company responded to five calls in a matter of 1.5 hours. This was comprised of 3 auto accidents, a vehicle fire and an odor investigation. The afternoon began with back to back accidents, one in the 3900 block of Hartzdale Dr where the fire company assisted EMS with patient packaging and hazard mitigation. While on this call, another accident was dispatched in the 2400 block of Gettysburg Rd. Fortunately, this was minor in nature because shortly after arriving at the scene, a vehicle fire was dispatched in the 700 block of Nailor Dr. The smoke from the fire could be seen as the apparatus was leaving the accident site. This turned out to be a mini van that was fully involved.

The fire was extinguished and overhaul completed in short order. Headquarters contacted Command and asked if the units were available for another call. A crash with a patient entrapped was dispatched for the 1500 block of Cedar Cliff Dr. The hose was disconnected from the apparatus and left on Nailor Dr. to speed the response to the crash. Upon arrival, units found a vehicle broadside into the guide rail. The impact had pushed the driver’s door into the passenger compartment about 24 inches. In assessing the patient and the extrication time, Acting EMS Captain Yohn decided the patient would need aero-medical transport. West Shore Bureau of Fire’s Squad 13 was requested to set up a landing zone at Cedar Cliff High School. It only took 20 minutes from the Fire Company’s arrival to have the patient extricated from the vehicle.

The final call was an odor investigation in the 400 block of South 18th St. Nothing was found upon the fire company’s arrival.

During the early morning hours of July 16th, a series of thunderstorms rolled through the area. After an automatic alarm on Cedar Run Dr. it was noticed one of our 800 repeaters was sticking. This appeared to clear up after several minutes. However, the Police Department contacted me later in the morning about the same problem. Service was contacted and I met them at the tower site to trouble shoot the problem. Fortunately, it was the case of a repeater not resetting after a power surge. This was corrected without further incident. Unfortunately, one of the wireless services who also have a tower site at the Public Works garage was not as fortunate. They took a major lightning strike that required hours of repair work.

August started off with a mystery discovered by our EMS personnel. Our EMS crew was dispatched mutual aid into York County for unknown conditions. They encountered a male for foreign descent soaking wet and confused as to his location. The subject had obviously been in the Yellow Breeches Creek near the United Water Company filtration plant. EMS thought this was suspicious. Lower Allen Township Police checked vehicles on our side of the creek and contacted the water company for security purposes. Fairview Township Police alerted the Terrorism Task Force office, since there was no identifiable means of transportation or information on how he got to Limekiln Rd. Eventually, our officers and EMS crew members were interviewed by a Trooper assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. At this time, it is unlikely there was any criminal intent associated with the individual’s actions, but it left a mystery as to how and why he arrived at the scene and EMS was called. The JTTF is following up on this case. We have continued to stress through training for our providers to constantly be

alert to suspicious events. Our EMS crew that day deserves the credit for starting the investigation into this incident. Their actions and the actions of the Lower Allen police officers involved displayed the highest level of professionalism in dealing with the incident while many others may have just ignored the suspicious events of that day.

September issued in a new era in Public Safety Services for Lower Allen Township. On September 6th, three full-time Public Safety Officers began their training. This program has been in development for the better part of two years. Bryce Landis and Ron Nye, both full-time EMTs for the Township and Keri Nace an EMT with Susquehanna Township EMS are helping in developing the new position. Their first task was to develop their work uniform. Since replacement EMTs for Bryce and Ron will not start until early October, they remained on the EMS schedule and Keri began her orientation with the EMS Division.

The EMS Division hosted an ICS (Incident Command System) for EMS training session on September 29th. This was mandatory for our full time staff and was well attended by our part-time staff as well. This was opened to out side organizations and was conducted by Cumberland County Office of Emergency Preparedness.

NIMS (National Incident Management System) training was conducted at the Springettsbury Township Police Department in York County. Chief Snyder, Sgt. Thomas, Sgt. Crone, Cpl. Huff, Cpl. Williams, Cpl. Tamanosky and I attended this training. Plans were then made with Cumberland County to offer the training at the Township and open it up to outside agencies. This is a required training program for all public safety providers and includes all locally elected officials, public works and other municipal employees. This is required under Homeland Security Presidential Directive #5 and is directly tied to future federal and most likely state funding for grants and potential disaster reimbursements. Classes will be schedule to make it available to as many people on different shifts as possible.

The Public Safety Officers have completed their first full month of full duties. We are developing a reporting system that will allow us to track their time spent with the Police and EMS Divisions and with the Fire Companies. As this system gets refined, I will be providing you with a monthly breakdown of their activities as well.

The Public Safety sponsored Breakfast with Santa was held at the Lisburn Community Fire Company Social Hall on December 17th. The jolly old elf made his grand entrance and enthralled children of all ages as he handed out presents. A special thank you to Dianna Knisley for coordinating the event and the Lisburn Ladies Auxiliary for cooking a wonderful breakfast.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As we approach our biennial TMI drill, we have been working with AmerGen and the County EOC to review and update plans. This includes both the TMI plan and our "All-hazards" Emergency Operations Plans.

In addition to these in house plans, PEMA and the Department of Welfare mandated all licensed day cares, including licensed home day cares to create an Emergency Operations Plan. Copies of these are maintained by the county, with a copy forwarded to the local EMA Coordinator. We have been logging and maintaining these plans as they come in.

On April 13th, we held a table top review exercise for our EOC staff with Jerry Beaver from AmerGen. This went extremely well towards refreshing personnel who have been involved with the operation in the past and for newly appointed EOC staff members such as Sgt. Thomas and Sgt. Crone. The actual drill was held on May 3rd.

There are several different components to these drills with most being held “out of sequence.” The West Shore School District participated in an exercise that started around 9:00 a.m. on May 3rd. Since this was his first year as the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator, Director Williamson asked Dr. Dan Sheats for permission to observe implementation of their response plan. This was a valuable experience to see how their response will impact the Township’s response and implementation of our plan.

The municipal portion of the exercise began around 6:00 p.m. This year was our turn to host Federal Evaluators. We had representatives from PEMA, FEMA and a federal contracted evaluator. Based on information Director Williamson gained through the School Districts response, he initiated “what if” scenarios with the EOC staff during down time during the exercise. The staff developed contingency plans based on the information he gave them. One of the scenarios was posed to the Lower Allen Fire Company. Lower Allen Fire is responsible for “route alerting” or driving through neighborhoods to ensure all residents received critical messages. Based on this, Director Williamson asked Deputy Chief Gary Frazer to develop a contingency should the Fire Company be ready to initiate route alerting, but have to respond to a fire or other emergency that would prevent them from completing their assignment. Chief Frazer developed a contingency plan that we had to use within one hour of developing it.

The route alerting teams were dispatched into the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). As they reached their designated alerting areas, a fire call was dispatched for the Hampton Inn on Ritter Rd. This is the complete opposite end of the Township from the EPZ. The fire company responded, along with the FEMA evaluator, to the fire call. The contract evaluator approached me and asked how we would handle this situation. Fortunately, we had already briefed on this situation and explained what we would do.

The rest of the exercise went off without any further issues. On May 5th, Director Williamson attended a “hot wash” for the counties involved in the exercise. The evaluators made the following statement “Lower Allen Township Emergency Operations Center maximized the exercise to display their constant ability to adapt and overcome all obstacles while extracting the most value from the training exercise.” While we continue to find areas that could be improved with each exercise, this years exercise was a huge success. As a result of this exercise and my interaction with the School District, Director Williamson will be attempting to set up a table top exercise with the police chiefs from the municipalities between the river and our reception centers in western Cumberland County to go over traffic control and movement issues.

On June 13th, Director Williamson received his Basic Emergency Management certificate from Eric Hoerner. Eric is the Operations Commander for the Cumberland County Office of Emergency Preparedness. This certification was conveyed in January by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) upon completion of a set of training courses and recommendation of the County Emergency Management Coordinator, Ted Wise. Director Williamson was the first local EMC in Cumberland County to achieve this certification.

During September, there were several training initiatives. The Pipeline Group offers annual training and vendor contact. Lower Allen Township has several large under ground petroleum pipelines going through the municipality. Each year, we get updated information from the vendors on their pipelines and on safety and awareness. Chief Snyder, Assistant Fire Chief Steve Overmiller, PSO Keri Nace, Sgt. Thomas and I attended.

The Township's Emergency Management staff was "ahead of the curve" for a change. We began updating our Resource and Notification Manual by sending letters requesting information changes to anyone living within the flood plain areas of the Township. Additionally, we sent letters requesting updated plans to our known planning day cares and all known day cares in the Township. Several weeks after this process started, the state and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are reviewing the need to have all day care facilities submit Emergency Operations Plans. In addition to our initial contact with these facilities, we are bringing a new volunteer and long time friend of the Department on board to assist. Jim Carter retired as an administrator with the West Shore School District and was part of their crisis response team. Jim is also a former principal at Allen Middle School and worked with the Department in implementing many programs at the Middle School and in the District. Jim will be focusing on updating our School Incident Response Plan first and then working with our day care and other planning facilities. On November 9th, we hosted the first of several National Incident Management System training sessions at the Township building. There are several more classes scheduled in November and December to get most of the Township staff through the program. The Township must be NIMS compliant by the fall of 2006 in order to continue being eligible for federal grants and other funding.

PERSONNEL

Corporal Collin Hepford retired at the beginning of the month after 26 years with the Township and over 30 years in law enforcement. Cpl. Hepford began his career with the Davis county Utah Sheriff's office before moving back to Pennsylvania as the Chief of Police in Shiremanstown and finally joining the Lower Allen force in 1979. Cpl. Hepford was an open hand and baton self defense instructor and a crime prevention practioner for the department. After Lt. Meiss retired, Cpl. Hepford served as the acting Operations Bureau Commander until completion of the Sergeants promotional process.

Two new Emergency Medical Technicians were hired for full-time positions in May. Ron Nye and Amy Nye began their first full month of service with the EMS Division in June. On June 1st, the written examination for the position of Public Safety Officer was conducted in the Board of Commissioner's meeting room. Out of 17 applicants, twelve showed up to take the examination. The seven (7) that passed the written exam were given interviews on June 16th. Chief Snyder, Acting EMS Captain Yohn, Jan Faust and Director Williamson participated in the interviews. Three finalists are currently in the background investigation phase of the process.

On June 8th, interviews were held for applicants meeting the qualifications for the EMS Captain's position. On June 30th, three finalists for the position of Emergency Medical Services Captain were put through an executive simulator at Bartell and Bartell in State College, PA. Interim Manager Tom Vernau, Community and Human Resources Coordinator Jan Faust and Director Williamson traveled to State College to observe the process and then receive a briefing on the candidates by the Bartell Staff. This position should be ready for Board action at the July 25th meeting.

Officer Richard Tamanosky was promoted to the rank of Corporal on June 13th. This fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Cpl. Collin Hepford in May. In preparation for Corporal Tamanosky's promotion, interviews for the position of Officer In Charge in the Police Department were conducted. Effective June 13th, Officers Curt Heckler and Donald "DJ" Sentman were given OIC status. The OIC's are in charge of a police squad when the Corporal is on days off or leave time.

On June 13th, Community Service Officer Katie Justh was hired by the Board of Commissioners as a Police Officer for the Township. Katie was a full-time dispatcher for Cumberland County Communications and a part-time CSO with the township prior to her appointment. Katie will begin her academy training on July 5th. Katie will be the last candidate on the current list as provided by the Civil Service Commission.

After an extensive selection process, EMT-II Christopher Yohn was promoted to EMS Captain. A promotion ceremony was held at the July 25th Board meeting. Yohn had his Captain's bars pinned on by his wife Missy and by Board President Young. Probationary Police Officer Katie Justh began the academy at Harrisburg Area Community College. Katie was introduced to the Board at the July 25th public meeting. She will begin our Field Training program upon graduation this November.

HIGHLAND INCIDENT

On May 17th, a tragic incident of domestic violence occurred at Highland Elementary School. An on-going domestic situation culminated in a murder suicide as the female was going to pick up her child at the school. The female was murdered and the male aggressor committed suicide as the first police officer arrived on the scene.

The staff and students at Highland Elementary School need to be commended as much as the Emergency Responders. Their quick and calm action led to securing the building and protecting the children inside. Their training and practice also helped keep the children calm. Prompt media attention and distribution of information also led to the orderly evacuation of the school away from the crime scene.

The response to this incident, while having some areas that could be improved, went very well for the number of personnel involved. This included personnel from York County, who did not have direct radio communication with the Command Post.

On May 19th, we hosted a debriefing of the incident, with communications being the most recurring complaint that hindered a better response. Attending the debriefing, were members of the police and EMS departments, West Shore ALS, West Shore School District, New Cumberland Police Department, Fairview Township Police Department the PA State Police and the Cumberland County Coroner's Office. Everyone attending the debriefing was open and honest without pointing fingers or making accusatory remarks. This goes to the professionalism of the providers that participated so that if there is a "next time," we will all have learned the lessons from this incident.

On June 16th, Director Williamson addressed the West Shore School District Board of Directors concerning the action of the staff and students of Highland in response to the incident. Board President Ped Young read the Township's resolution and presented a framed copy to the School Board President Gil Parthemore. The Cumberland County Commissioners had also passed a resolution, but were not able to have a representative at the meeting. Director Williamson had the honor of reading the County's resolution into the record and presenting it to President Parthemore.

FIRE REGIONALIZATION

A fairly long meeting was held by the "regionalization" committee for the metropolitan area fire service. Local officials were invited to this meeting, which included a power point presentation developed in parts by Chief Donald Kunkle, Deputy Chief Dan Soulier and myself to explain the process we have been going through and what local officials may expect to hear. Several proposals were provided ranging from "contracting" with the City of Harrisburg to have an engine company dispatched immediately at mutual aid on "all" structure fires. This would apply to municipalities with contiguous borders to the City. The possibility of a "daylight" engine staff of City firefighters and finally to staffing an engine company 24/7 with three trained city firefighters.

The catalyst for this was the SAFER grant program which was finally funded by the federal government and recently had an application period open for the funds. The City has applied for SAFER grant funds to hire additional firefighters for the City, not in anticipation of providing outside services at this time. However, the idea is to use SAFER grant monies with municipalities that would like to regionalize and improve their fire services with trained career firefighters from the City.

FIRE

Dan Flint and I have met with members of Fish and Boat, Lisburn Fire Company and West Shore Soccer in preparation of the Hoffman Dam removal. Our concern is to make sure that an adequate dry hydrant is maintained and accessible along the Yellow Breches.

Lower Allen Fire Company in cooperation with Capital City Mall held their pumpkin dunkin' in the parking lot of the new food court on Friday, October 28th. This was a rain date, due the original date of Saturday the 22nd being a wash out. Participants bought pumpkins from the mall to take up in the tower truck and tried to get them into a container of water on the ground. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the fire company.

October also has Fire Prevention Week activities. This year, all three Public Safety Officers were scheduled to assist with these activities. Additionally, Mark Richter from CED, Lieutenant Larry Harder and Firefighter John Tkac helped throughout the week. In addition to being in all of the Elementary schools, the crews also made presentations to most of the day care centers in the Township. The Wednesday night of fire Prevention Week is an apparatus display at Capital City Mall. This year, the activities were held in the parking lot between Sears and the new food court entrance.

Public Safety responded to a propane leak at SCIC on November 12th. A vendor was on-site attempting to off-load the contents of the tank in preparation of removing it. However, a valve failed and dumped the entire tank in an uncontrolled release. Fortunately, quick action by SCIC staff shut the boilers down in the power house, which helped reduce the possibility of sources of ignition for the leak product. The pressurized leak created a medium sized hole in the ground and froze the rocks and dirt in the immediate vicinity. Lower Allen Fire Company monitored the explosive limits in the surrounding buildings and assisted with ventilation until the readings became safe.

I was invited to attend the Emergency Services Action Panel meeting at the Courthouse on November 16th. This group was empanelled by the new County Commissioners to try and find ways to assist the local volunteer fire companies. At this meeting, several issues were discussed and a presentation was made by representatives from the COSTAR's state bidding program.

GRANTS PROJECTS

The installation of the exhaust extraction systems at Lower Allen Fire Station #1, Station #2 and the EMS Building were completed. The sprinkler system installation at Lower Allen Fire Station #2 continued, but is being delayed in completion until PA American Water Company schedules the "wet tap" to connect the system to the public water supply.

POLICE ACCREDITATION

December is usually a very hectic month for the entire department, but particularly for the Police Division due to the increased holiday shopping traffic. This year was no exception. Added to this was our Re-accreditation on-site visit by assessors from the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Every three years, the Police Division goes through this rigorous process to maintain our accreditation.

This year, the first major snow of the season occurred the day before the assessors arrived. The Township declared a snow emergency based on the anticipated snow fall, so police and public safety officers were busy working to have cars moved to ensure the streets were properly cleared. The Public Works Department did their usual fantastic job of clearing the Township roadways during and after this storm.

As the assessors arrived to begin their work, PA American Water Company issued a do not drink advisory based on high levels of fluoride in the water. I worked with the County and the County Public Information Team to coordinate notification through the media and hand delivered press releases to businesses that may not have received the message through the media. Our assessors were welcomed to central PA with a warning not to drink the water.

The assessment went well and the Board was briefed at the January 3rd meeting of the results of the exit interview with the assessors. We are scheduled for re-accreditation in March at the conference in Jacksonville, FL. Also becoming re-accredited at this conference will be Derry Township Police Department. Derry Township's on-site was the weekend before ours in December. The Northeast Counter Drug Training Center at Fort Indiantown Gap will be up for initial accreditation as a training center at the Jacksonville conference.

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SUMMARY

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
COMPLAINTS ANSWERED	13294	13935	16010	2075
PART 1 CRIMES	509	510	613	+103
PART 2 CRIMES	559	633	209	-424
REPORTABLE ACCIDENTS	155	136	156	20
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	833	995	758	-237
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	2125	3036	1800	-1236
WARNING NOTICES	685	785	614	-171
TICKETS ISSUED	577	404	749	345

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
PART I CRIMES	509	510	613	+103
PART II CRIMES	559	633	209	-424
911 HANG-UPS	0	0	244	244
ABANDONED VEHICLES	77	189	207	18
ACCIDENTS-REPORTABLE	155	136	126	-10
ACCIDENTS-NON-REPORTABLE	469	489	426	-63
ALARMS	671	678	660	-18
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	249	279	258	-21
ASSIST AMBULANCE	642	743	777	34
ASSIST FIRE COMPANY	96	116	126	10
ASSIST OTHER DEPT.	412	463	452	-11
COUNTY COURT	18	15	19	4
DISTRICT JUSTICE COURT	199	232	175	-57
DOMESTIC	171	147	202	55
JUVENILE	89	129	127	-2
LOCKOUTS	194	213	204	-9
MENTALLY ILL	0	0	70	70
MOTORISTS ASSIST	387	314	272	-42
SPECIAL DETAIL	2739	2837	2648	-189
SUBPOENA SERVICE	119	140	88	-52
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	0	0	308	308
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	150	170	118	-52
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	214	204	147	-57
TRAFFIC RELATED	1449	1572	2257	685
WARRANT SERVICE	169	172	103	-69
OTHER	3557	2981	3213	232
TOTAL	13294	13362	14049	687

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

As an internationally accredited law enforcement agency, the Lower Allen Township Police Department endeavors to protect and serve the citizens and visitors to the Township to the best of our ability. Part of that service is be open and honest with our citizens and businesses in our activities. The accreditation program requires the department to follow a set of recognized standards. These standards include requirements for investigation of complaints about officers or the services provided by our agency. As part of this process the following information shows the number of internal reviews and investigations undertaken by the department over the past three years.

Reviews are undertaken as part of a normal review of certain activities, such as Use of Force, Pursuits and accidents with department vehicles.

Inquiries, informal and formal investigations are undertaken as a result of internal department reviews and complaints from persons both inside and outside of the department.

DESCRIPTION	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
USE OF FORCE REVIEWS	24	17	15	-2
- PHYSICAL FORCE	18	10	11	-1
- ASP (PEPPER SPRAY)	0	2	0	-2
- TASER	0	0	0	0
- BEAN BAG GUN	0	0	0	0
- BATON	1	1	0	-1
- DISPLAY OF FIREARM	5	4	4	0
- DEADLY FORCE	0	0	0	0
PURSUIT REVIEWS	5	5	2	-3
ACCIDENT REVIEWS	8	6	4	-2
INTERNAL COMPLAINTS	11	5	2	-3
EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS	4	4	3	-1

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SUMMARY

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
AMBULANCE 1-74 CALLS	989	1152	1093	-59
AMBULANCE 2-24 CALLS	1027	895	1087	192
ASSISTS TO LOWER ALLEN	428	515	542	27
ASSISTS TO OTHER DEPTS.	271	287	252	-35
PART TIME EMT HOURS	4932	9732.25	7549.75	-2182.5
VOLUNTEER EMT HOURS	229	12	179.50	167.5
VOLUNTEER CALLS	43	2	0	-2

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ASSISTS INTO LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
NEW CUMBERLAND	25	27	31	4
CAMP HILL	116	114	167	53
WEST SHORE EMS (CO. 81)	33	35	33	-2
WEST SHORE EMS (CO. 82)	47	58	63	5
HAMPDEN TWP.	175	223	233	10
EAST PENNSBORO TWP.	0	0	0	0
FAIRVIEW TWP.	31	22	22	0
OTHER	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	428	479	549	-70

ASSISTS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS

	2003	2004	2005	YTD CHANGE
NEW CUMBERLAND	14	18	11	-7
CAMP HILL	40	35	37	2
LEMOYNE	26	26	33	7
UPPER ALLEN	86	82	139	57
MECHANICSBURG	21	16	29	13
HAMPDEN	45	39	55	16
SHIREMANSTOWN	14	20	13	-7
DILLSBURG	0	4	10	6
OTHER	20	40	52	12
TOTAL	266	280	379	12

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AMUBLANCE RESPONSE

HOURS	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	FIRE	ROUTINE	OTHERS
0700-1500	493	165	269	37	0	0
1500-2300	388	167	200	54	0	1
2300-0700	187	83	189	26	0	0
TOTALS	1068	415	658	117	0	1

KEY: *Class 1 – Emergency Response, BLS and ALS*
Class 2 – Emergency Response, BLS only
Class 3 – Non-emergency Response, BLS only
Fire – Response with a fire company to a 911 call
Routine – Transfer of a patient between health facilities
Other – Stand-by, medical assists, drills, etc.

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TYPE OF SITUATION

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
FIRE/EXPLOSION	101	92	90	-2
GOOD INTENT CALL	259	265	231	-34
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	92	84	71	-13
MALICIOUS FALSE CALL	0	0	0	0
OTHER FALSE CALL	81	97	92	-5
OVER PRESSURE RUPTURE	3	7	6	-1
RESCUE	60	42	61	19
SERVICE CALL	64	39	50	11
SEVERE WEATHER/NATURAL DISASTER	5	9	3	-6
TOTAL	665	635	604	-31

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SITUATION BREAKDOWN

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
STRUCTURE FIRE	51	74	52	-22
OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE FIRE	4	4	2	-2
TREES, BRUSH, GRASS FIRE	6	5	14	9
REFUSE FIRE	2	2	6	4
VEHICLE FIRE	13	8	11	3
RESCUE CALL	15	9	30	21
AMBULANCE CALL	31	16	25	9
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	76	63	32	-31
POWER LINE DOWN	5	0	2	2
SPILL/LEAK-NO IGNITION	13	6	15	9
AIRCRAFT STANDBY	1	0	3	3
SERVICE CALL	18	1	15	14
ANIMAL RESCUE	2	0	2	2
WATER EVACUATION	9	17	1	-16
COVER ASSIGNMENT	22	11	11	0
GOOD INTENT CALL	233	239	223	-16
SMOKE SCARE	29	20	20	0
STEAM, OTHER GAS FOR SMOKE	6	7	3	-4
CONTROLLED BURNING	0	0	0	0
FALSE CALL	26	25	26	1
SYSTEM MALFUNCTION	30	37	36	-1
MALICIOUS/MISCHIEVOUS FALSE CALL	0	2	0	-2
UNINTENTIONAL FALSE CALL	26	33	36	3
ARCING/SHORTED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	3	14	11	-3
EXTRICATION	10	12	7	-5
LOCK OUT	0	1	0	-1
ASSIST POLICE	6	2	4	2
OTHER	28	27	17	-10
TOTAL	665	635	604	-31

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FIRE COMPANY RESPONSES

COMPANY	2003	2004	2005	YTD CHANGE
LOWER ALLEN TWP.	381	352	371	19
CAMP HILL BOROUGH	32	46	36	-10
DICKINSON TWP.	0	0	1	1
EAST PENNSBORO TWP.	11	6	5	-1
FAIRVIEW TWP.	36	42	40	-2
HARRISBURG CITY	26	25	22	-3
HAMPDEN TWP.	54	45	30	-15
LEWISBERRY BORO	0	0	0	0
LEMOYNE BORO	22	29	31	2
MECHANICSBURG BORO	5	10	4	-6
NEW CUMBERLAND BORO	23	11	7	-4
SHIREMANSTOWN BORO	7	3	7	4
SILVER SPRING TWP.	1	3	1	-2
UPPER ALLEN TWP.	57	59	44	-15
WORMLEYSBURG	2	0	0	0
OTHER	8	4	5	1
TOTAL	665	635	604	-31

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UNIT RESPONSES WITHIN LOWER ALLEN

	2003	2004	2005	2004-2005 CHANGE
CANCEL PRIOR TO RESPONSE	1	56	66	10
CAMP HILL FIRE DEPT.	30	47	21	-26
CAMP HILL E.M.S.	2	0	0	0
FAIRVIEW TWP. FIRE DEPT.	25	46	15	-31
LEMOYNE FIRE DEPT.	0	0	0	0
HAMPDEN TWP. FIRE DEPT.	49	64	32	-32
HAMPDEN TWP. E.M.S.	3	0	0	0
NAVY SHIPS PARTS CONTROL CTR.	29	28	29	1
NEW CUMBERLAND FIRE DEPT.	16	13	6	-7
NEW CUMBERLAND E.M.S.	1	0	0	0
UPPER ALLEN TWP. FIRE DEPT.	49	74	43	-31
WEST SHORE BUREAU OF FIRE	32	47	38	-9
CHIEF'S VEHICLE	0	110	138	28
ENGINE 1-12	52	0	0	0
ENGINE 2-12	199	178	182	4
ENGINE 3-12	103	123	128	5
ENGINE 4-12	28	66	59	-7
NO RESPONSE	2	1	1	0
FAILED TO RESPOND	0	50	16	-34
PERSONAL VEHICLE	24	14	12	-2
SQUAD 12	200	170	160	-10
TRUCK 12	116	175	159	-16
UTILITY 12	29	25	16	-9
ENGINE 24	8	11	10	-1
TANKER 24	0	4	0	-4
UTILITY 24	0	0	0	0
LOWER ALLEN E.M.S.	15	0	0	0
OTHER FIRE COMPANY	60	55	26	-29
OTHER E.M.S. COMPANY	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	1075	1357	1157	-200

LISBURN COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

Minutes attached or to be hand delivered at the public meeting.

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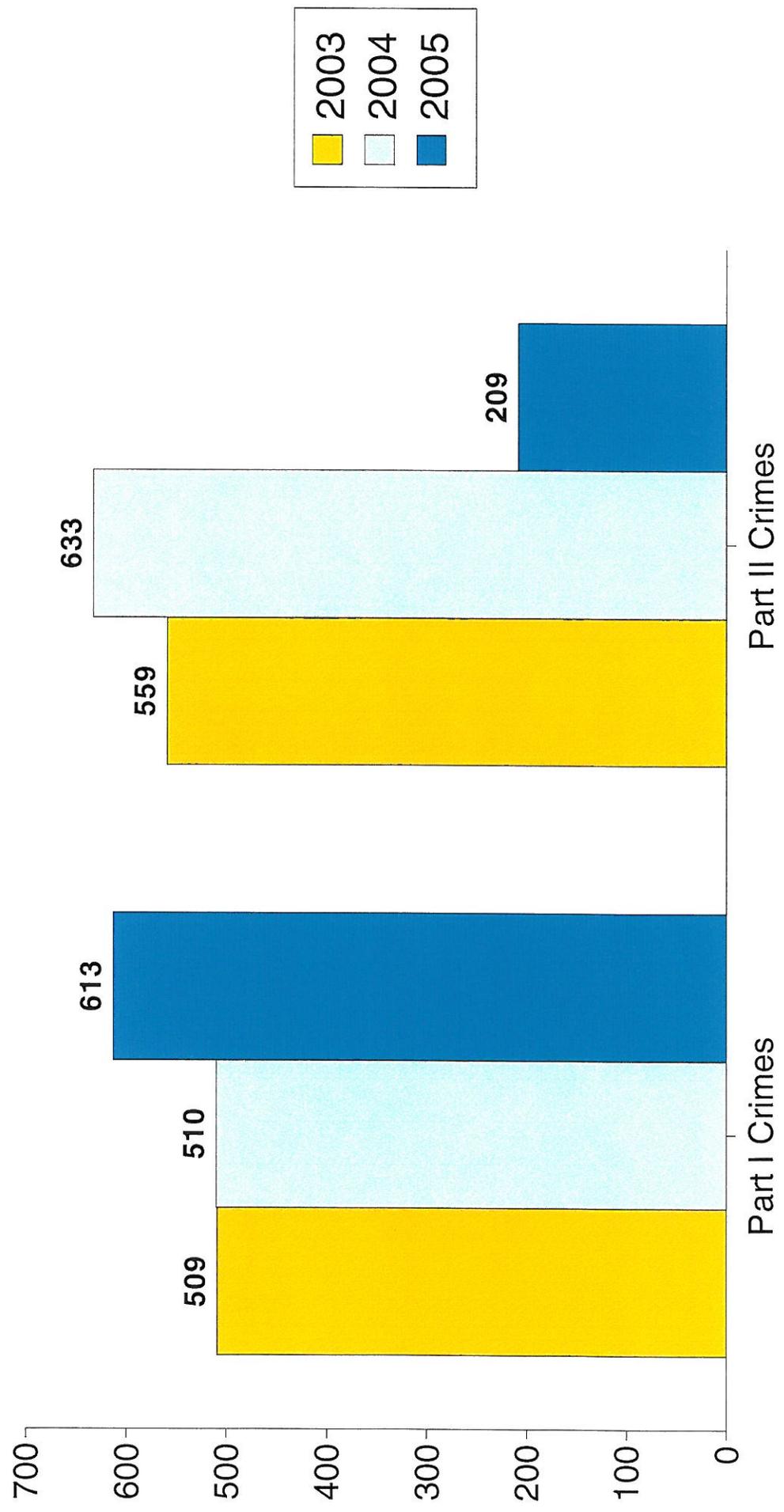
SUMMARY

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TOTAL LISBURN CALLS	24
TOTAL LOWER ALLEN CALLS	5
TOTAL ALL OTHER CALLS	102

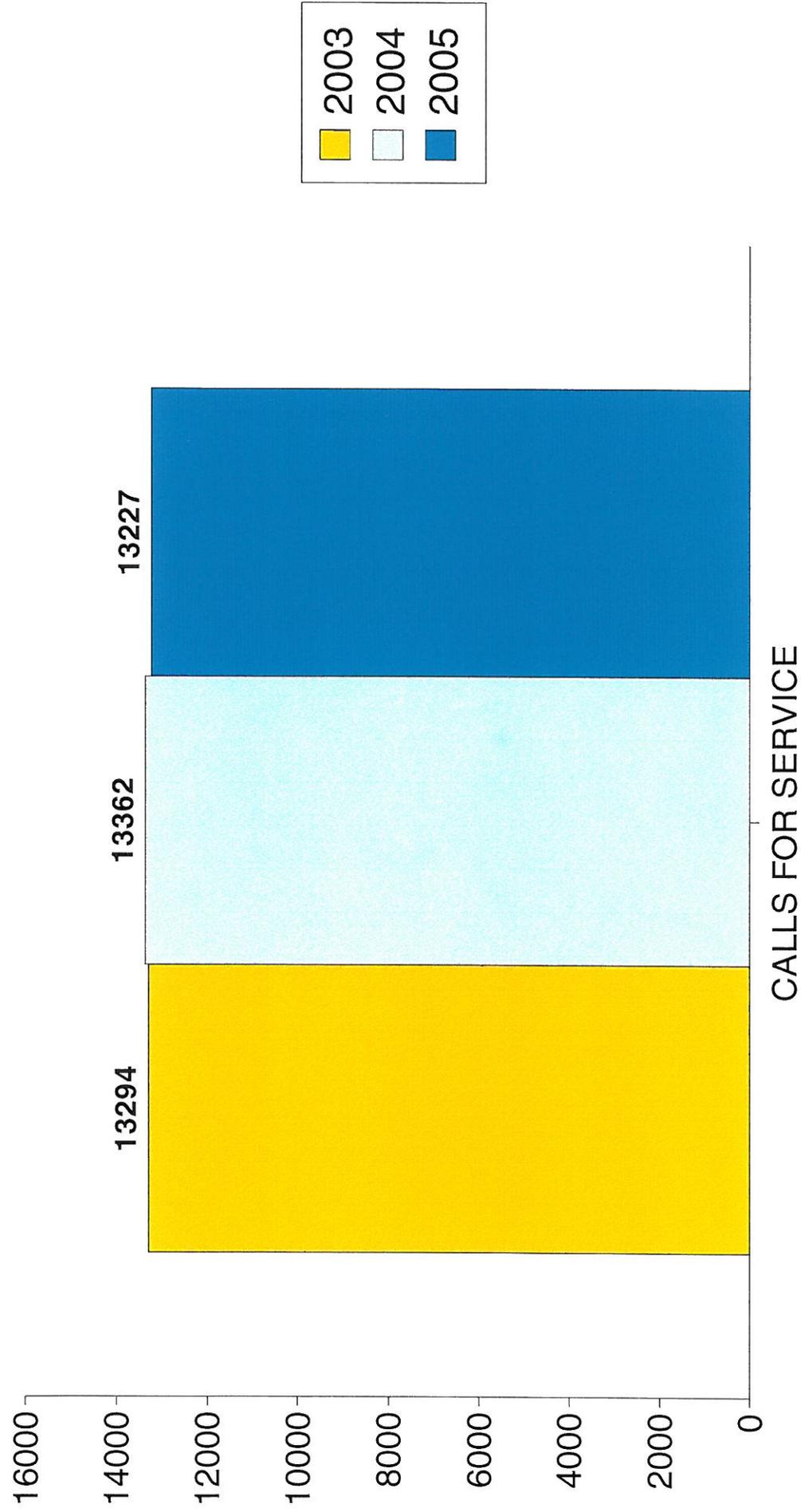
EMERGENCY SERVICE MAN HOURS	667
TRAINING MAN HOURS	418.50
AVERAGE PEOPLE PER CALL	53
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CANCELLED CALLS	48
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS	*112

*Does not include August

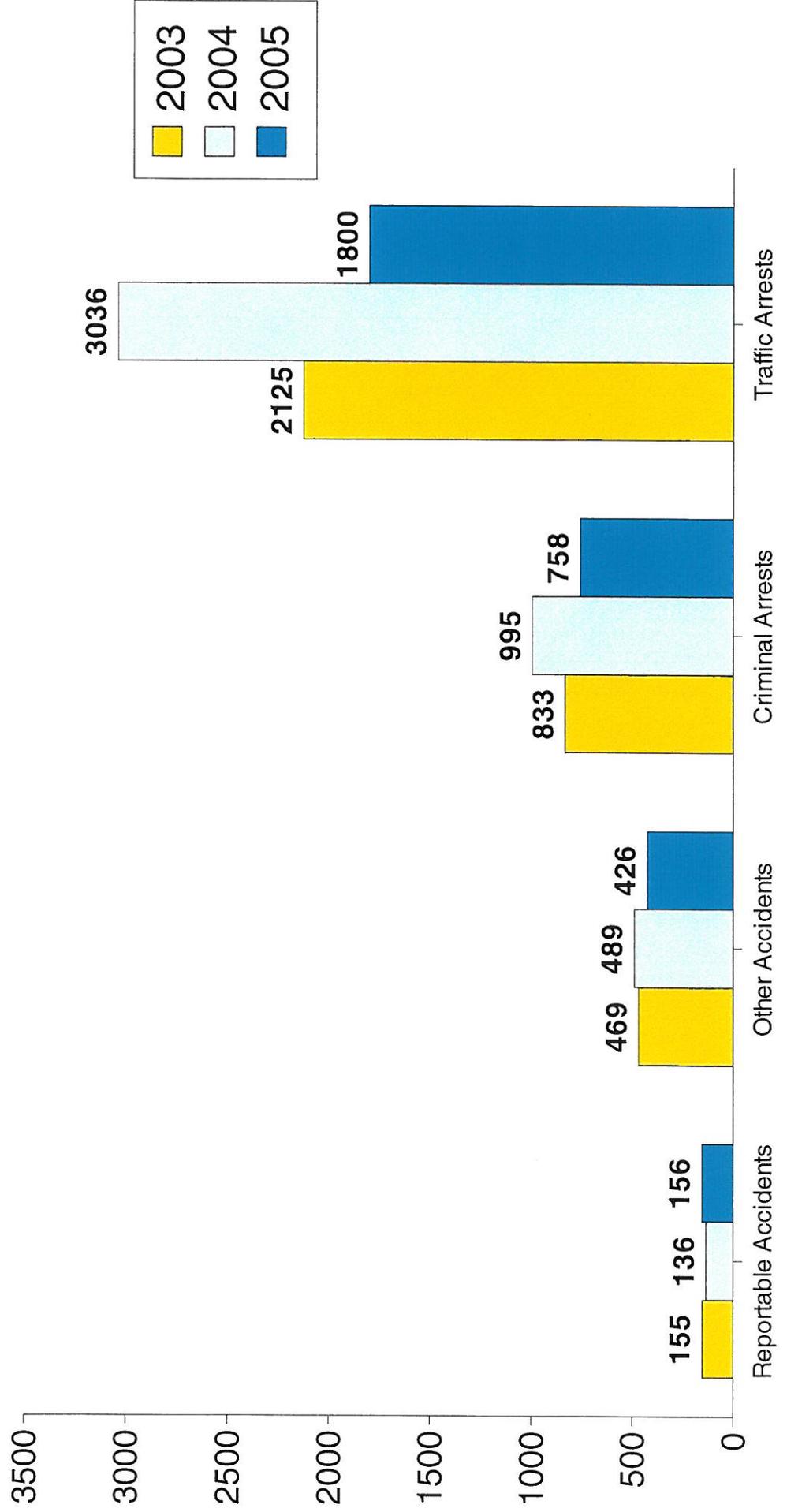
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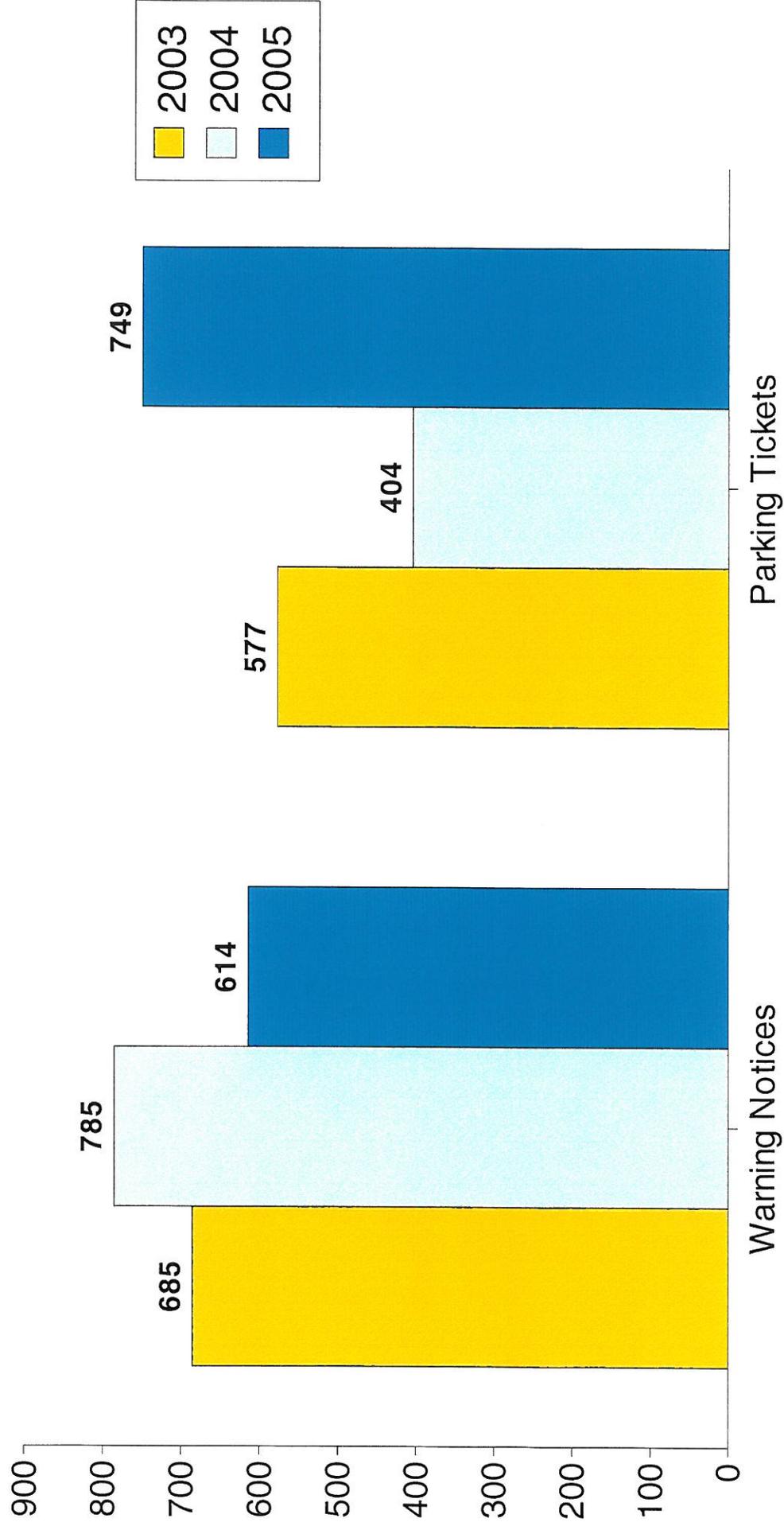
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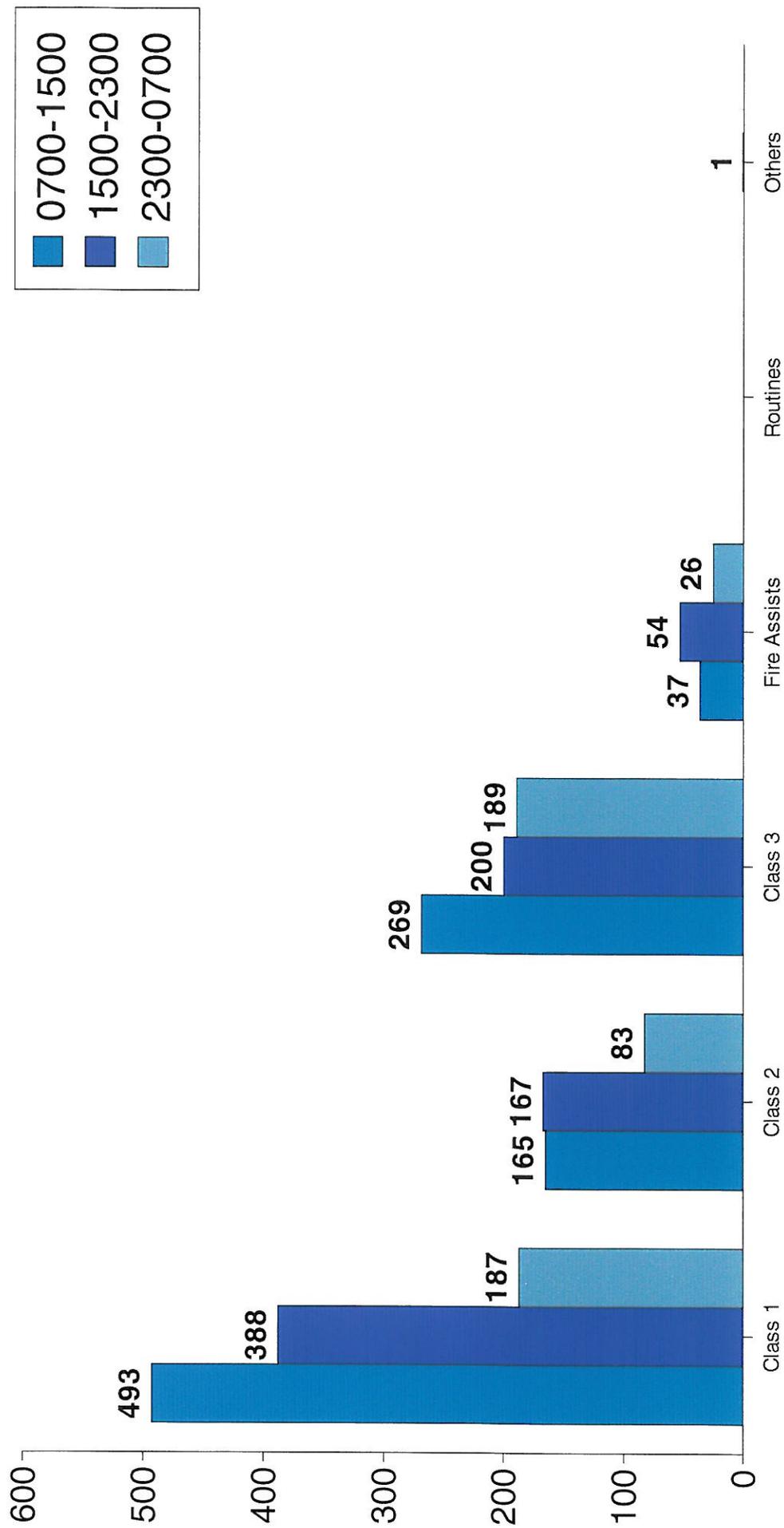


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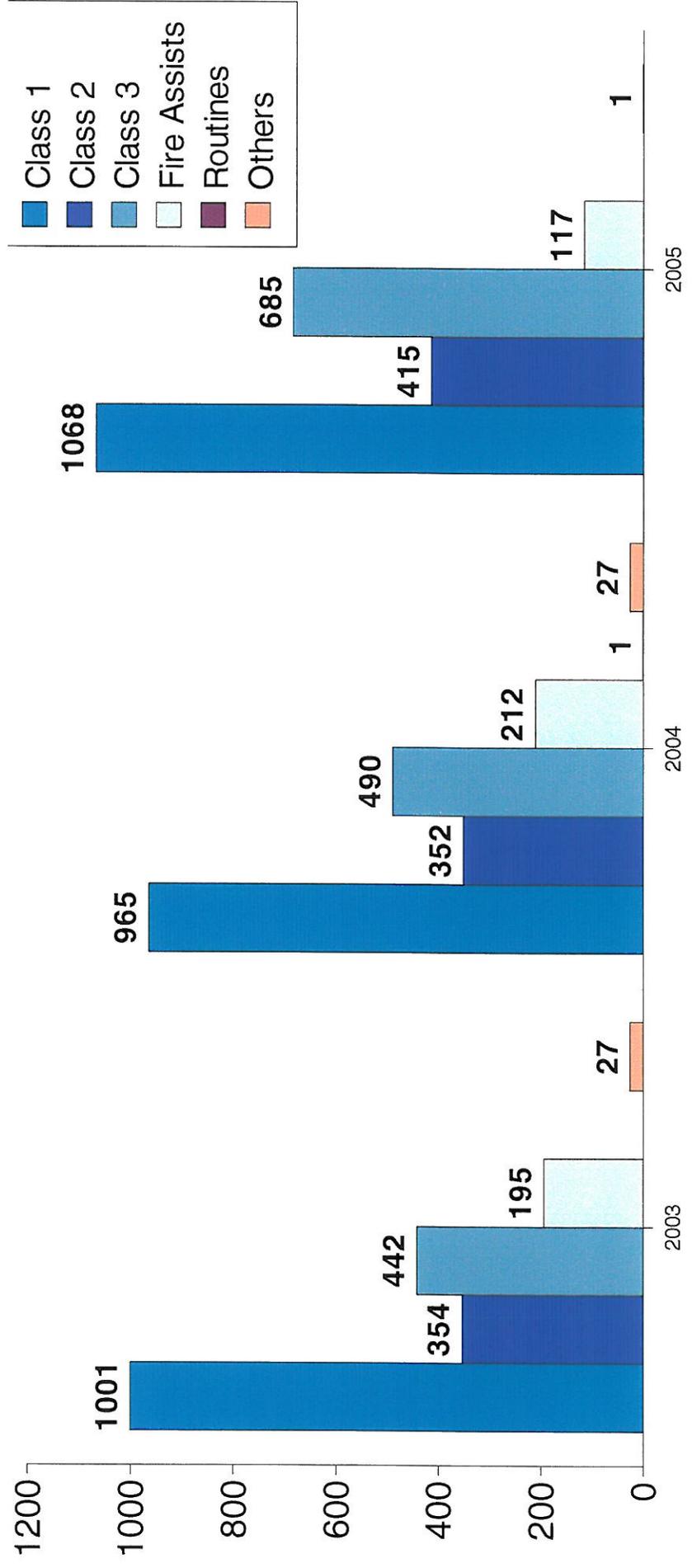


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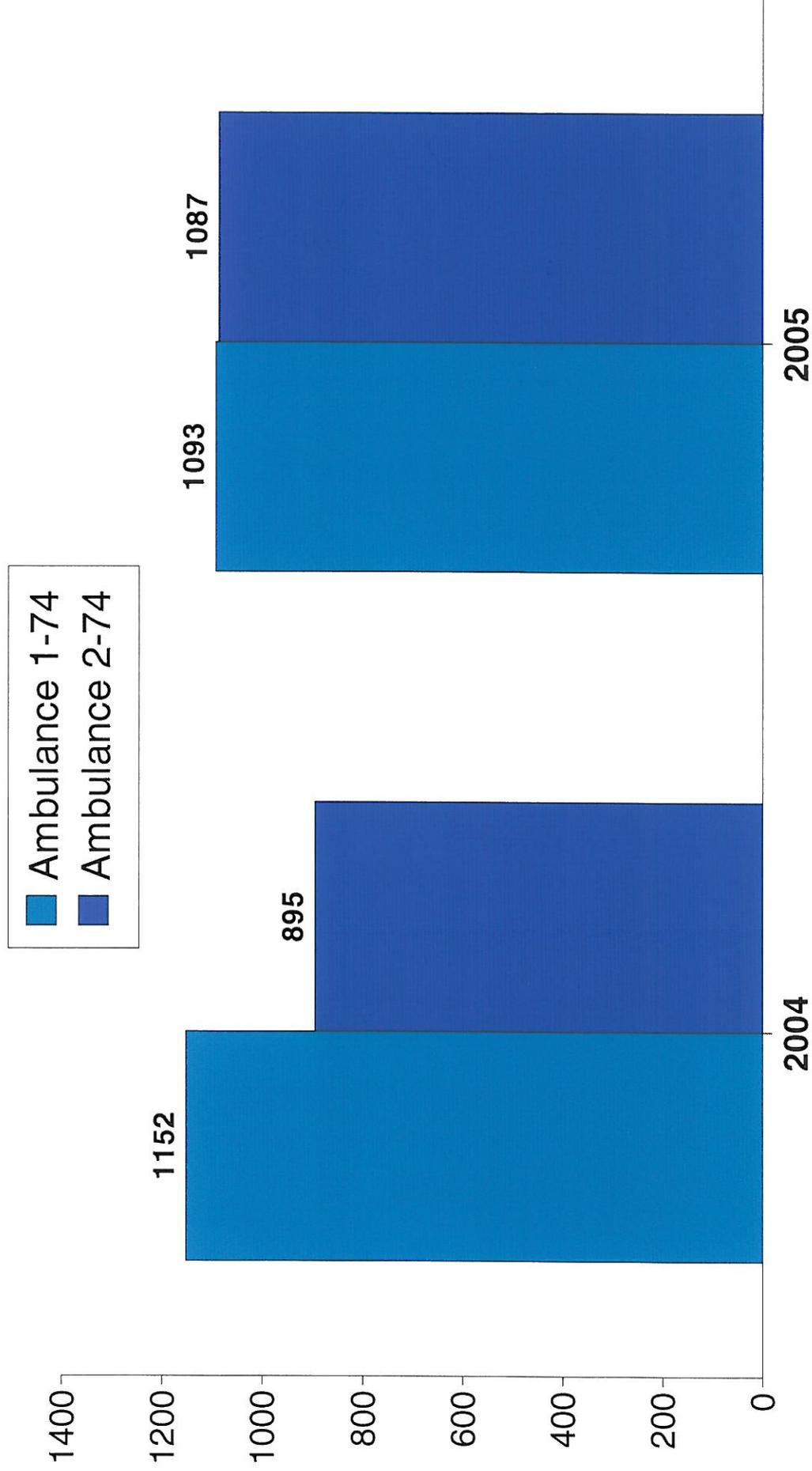
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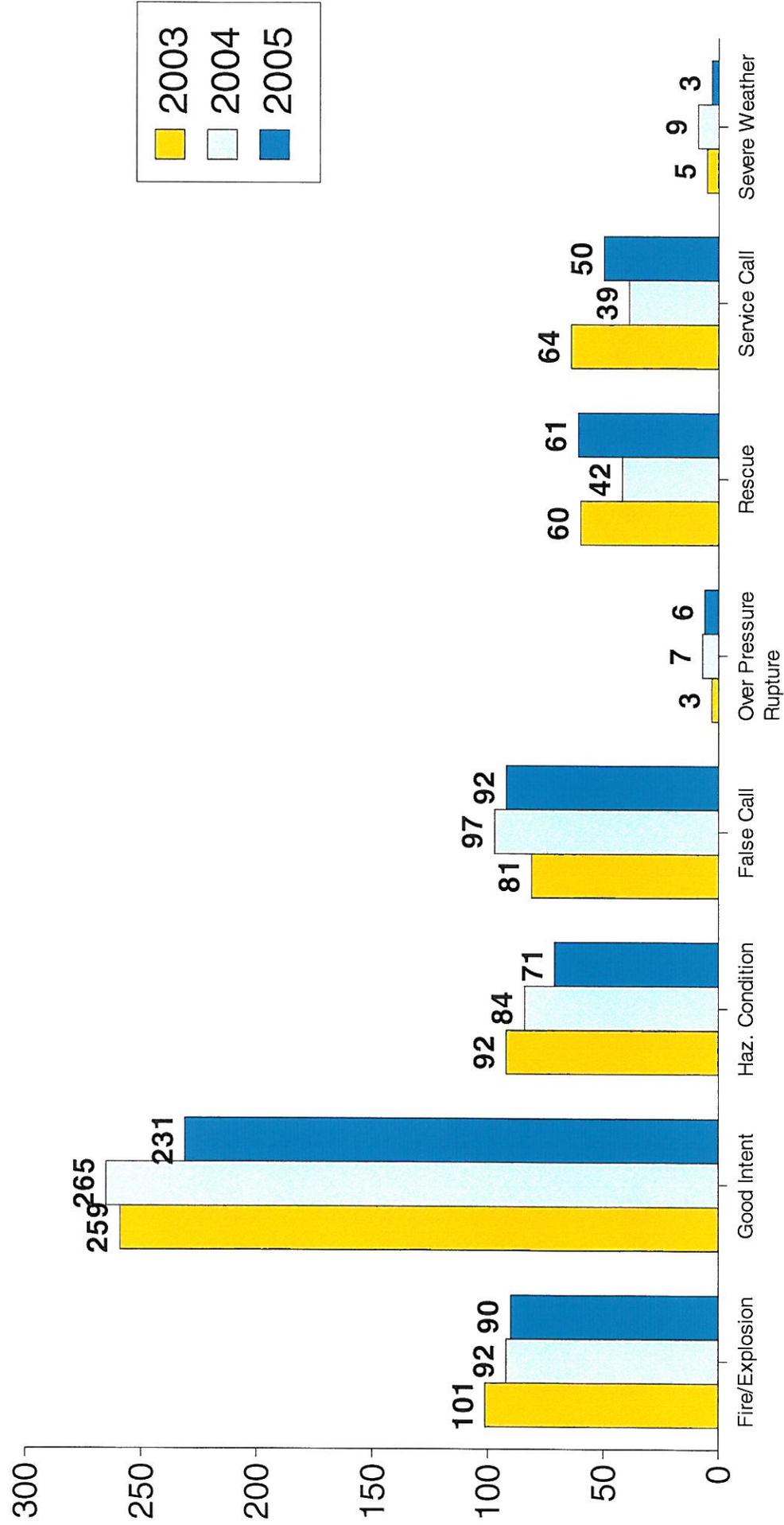
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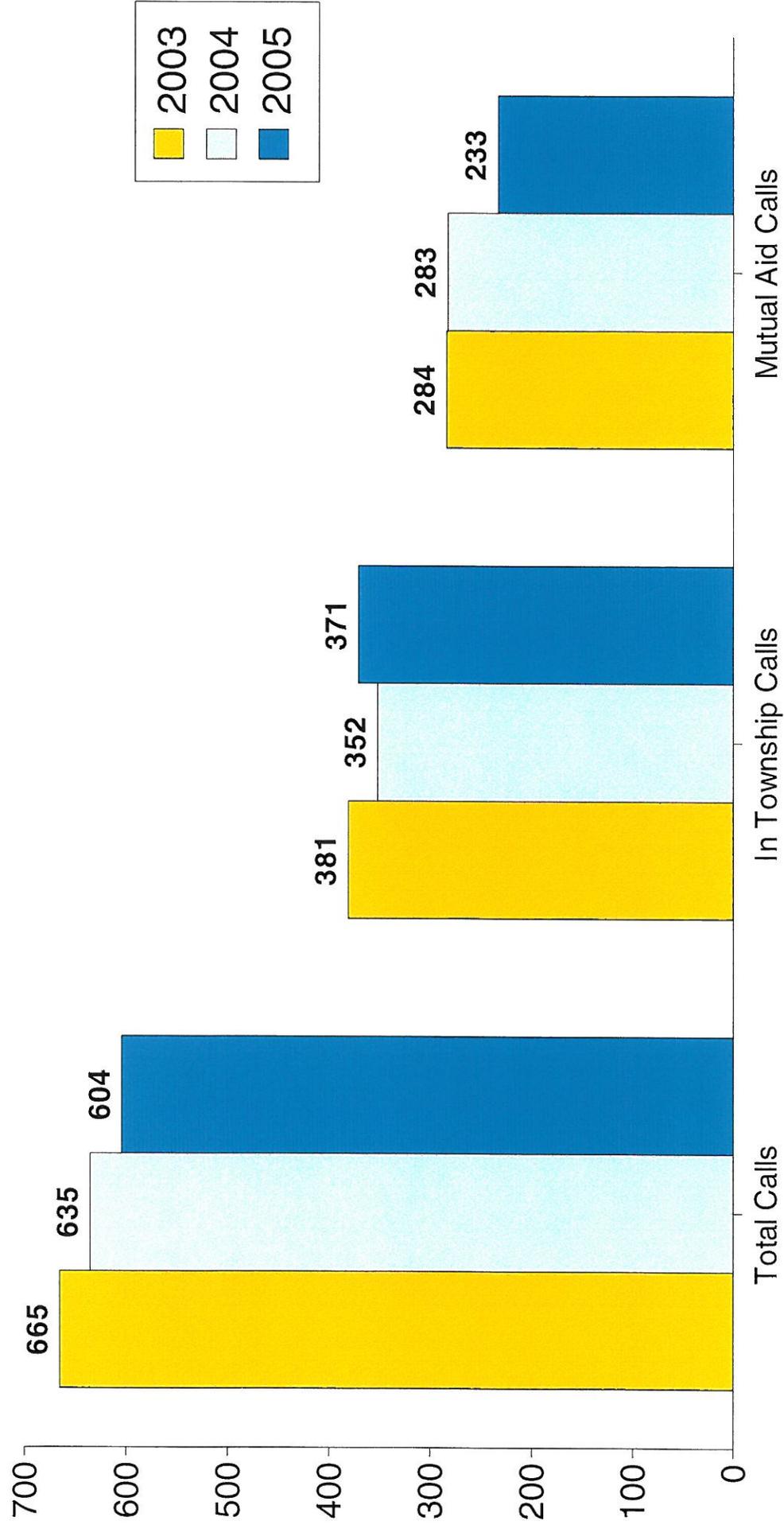
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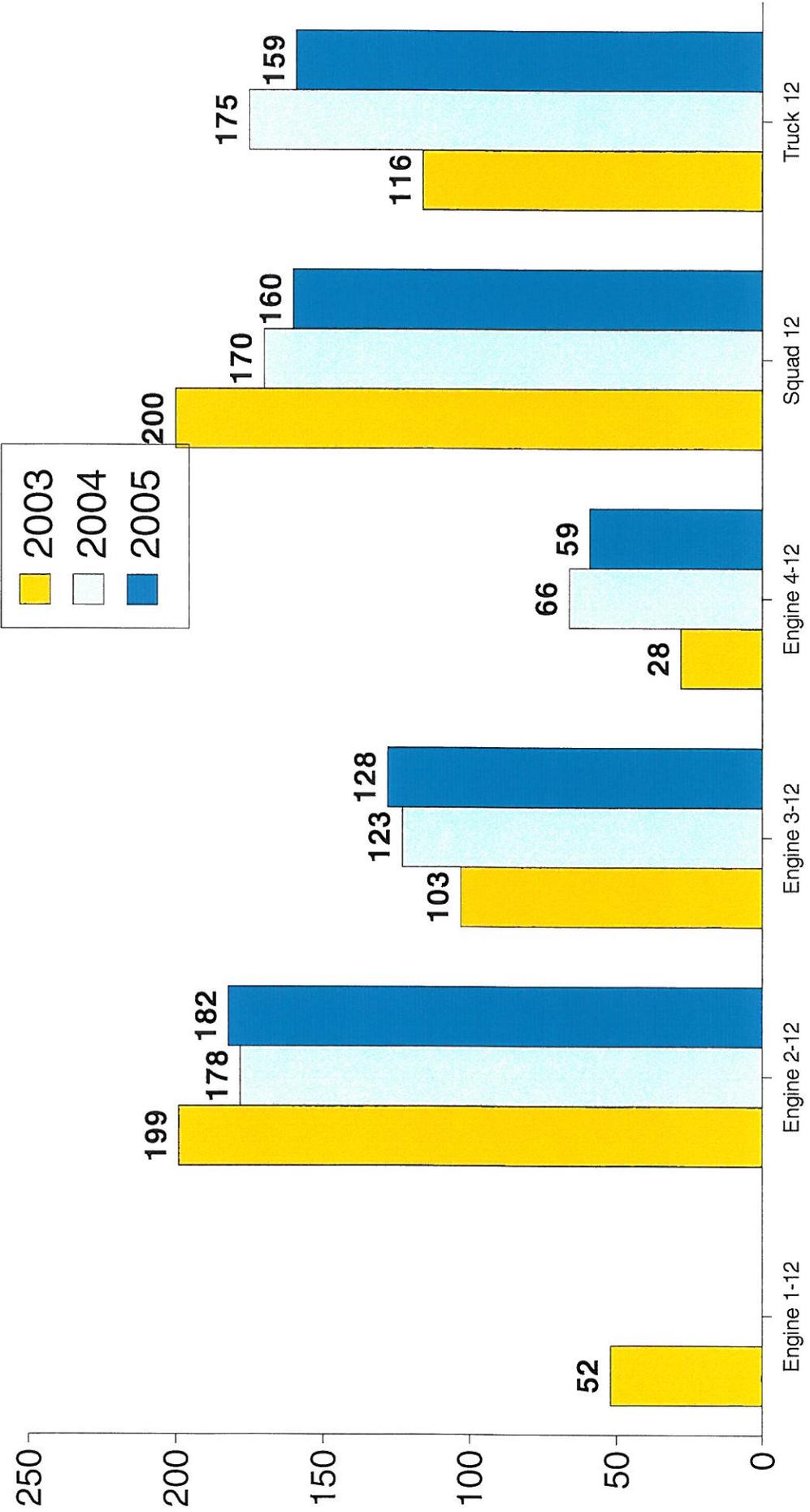
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LA Fire Company Responses 2003-2005



LA Fire Company Apparatus 2003-2005



LISBURN FIRE RESPONSES 2003-2005

