

RICHMOND FIRE

Quarterly Report

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TOTAL RESPONSES

4th Quarter:

11,431

5994 – EMS Calls

5437 – Fire or Other

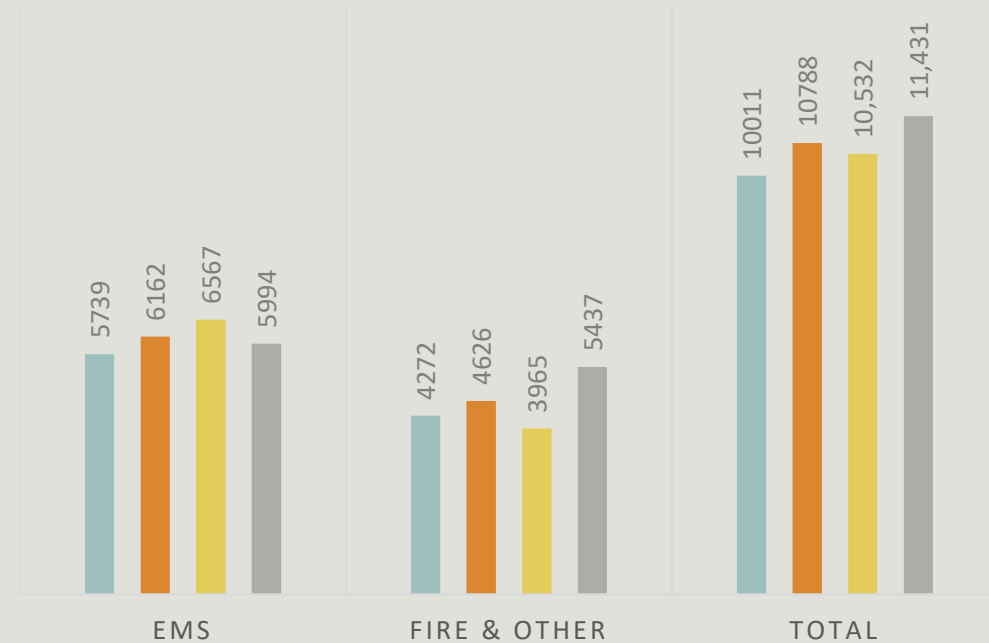
3rd Quarter 10,532

2nd Quarter 10,788

1st Quarter 10,011

RESPONSES

■ Q1 ■ Q2 ■ Q3 ■ Q4



2022 WORKING INCIDENTS

198 Working Fires

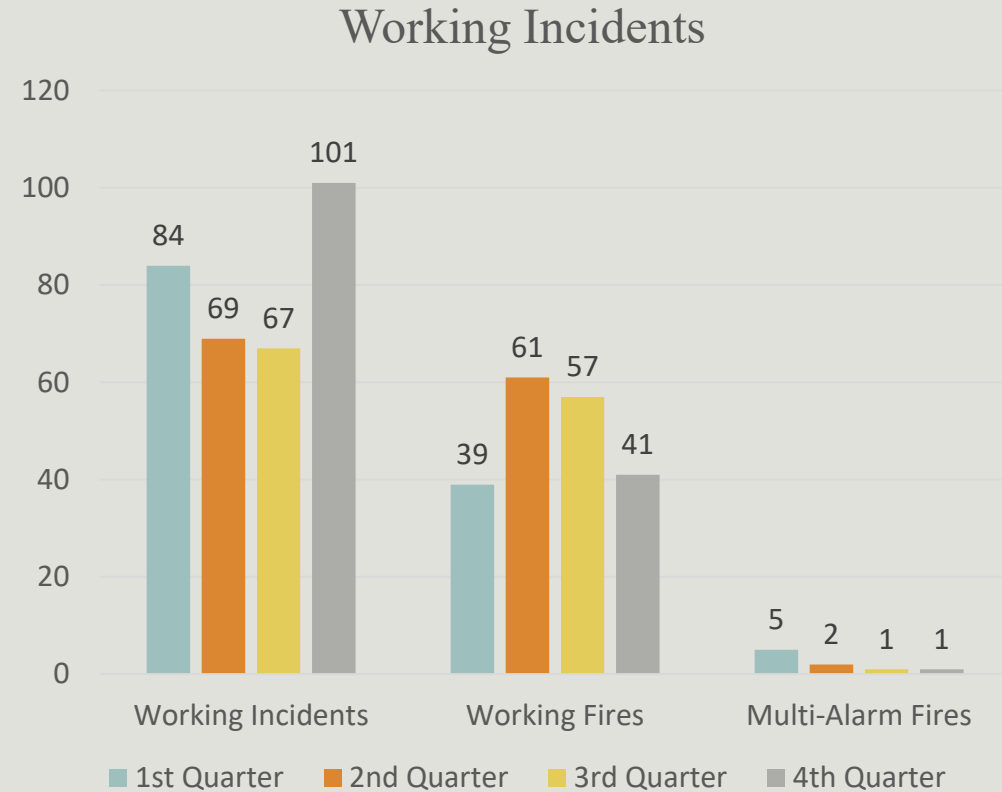
1st Quarter: 39
 2nd Quarter: 61
 3rd Quarter: 57
 4th Quarter: 41

9 Multi-Alarm Fires

1st Quarter: 5
 2nd Quarter: 2
 3rd Quarter: 1
 4th Quarter: 1

321 Working Incidents

1st Quarter: 84
 2nd Quarter: 69
 3rd Quarter: 67
 4th Quarter: 101



FY '22 "TURNOUT TIMES"

FIRE – 90 Second Target

1st Quarter: 92 seconds

2nd Quarter: 90 seconds (2%)

3rd Quarter: 83 seconds (8%)

4th Quarter: 81 seconds (3%)

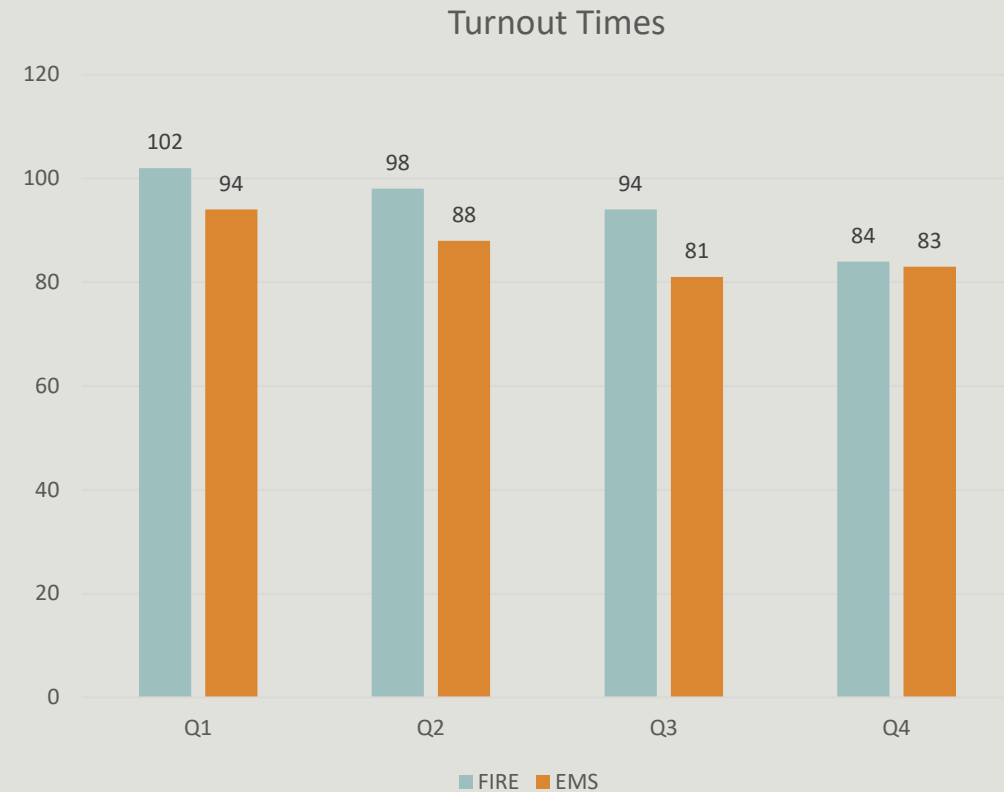
EMS – 60 Second Target

1st Quarter: 78 seconds

2nd Quarter: 81 seconds (-3%)

3rd Quarter: 79 seconds (2.5%)

4th Quarter: 74 seconds (6%)



FATAL FIRES

August 15, 2021 – 4221 Banton Street (8th) (3)

August 31, 2021 – 1413 Vinton Street (7th) (2)

December 14, 2021 – 3606 Maryland Ave (6th)

January 20, 2022 – 1704 N. 29th Street (7th)

March 12, 2022 – 8 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd. (2nd)

June 3, 2022 – 1320 Decatur Street (6th)



ATTRITION / HIRING

Retirements:	21 in FY22	Authorized Strength:	421*
Resignations, other:	23 in FY22	Actual:	412 w/ recruits
Projected Retirements:	2 in FY23	27 recruits expected to graduate October 20th	

Currently recruiting to fill additional vacancies with plan to seat a class in January 2023

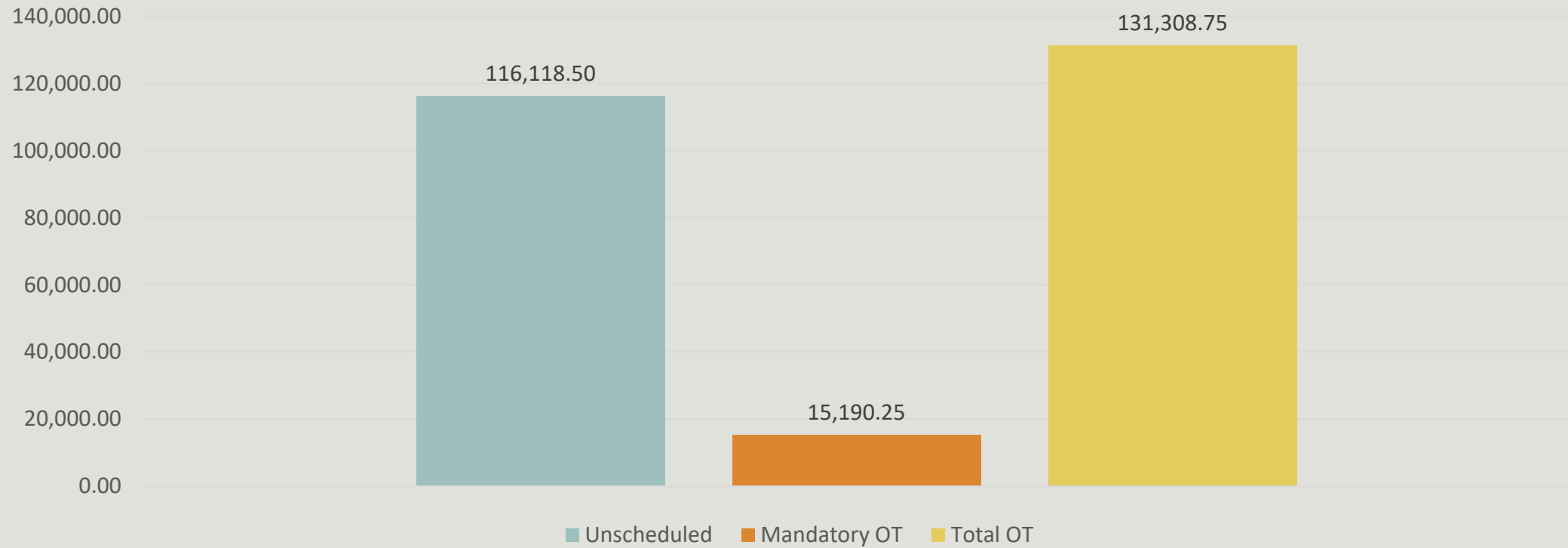
SAFER will add 72 new FTEs

*Authorized at 438 with 17 frozen FTEs



TOTAL OVERTIME

FY 22



FMO SAFETY INSPECTIONS

CCET	33
Event/Site	208
General	594
License	174
Permit	84
Referral/Complaint	143
Third-Party Fire Alarm System	45
Third-Party Fire Sprinkler System	95
Third-Party Hood Suppression System	78
Other	1

Goal is Safety through Compliance

Fire Safety Inspections: **1455**

Satisfactory: **940**

Unsatisfactory: **443**

Pending: **72**

Violations Found: **1883**

Most Common: **Blocked/Locked Egress**

Re-inspections: **333**



IROL implemented September 6, 2022



Known as one of the best practices in Prevention and Community Risk Reduction (CRR), Third-Party ITM Reporting and Deficiency Remediation provides a streamlined solution in which third-party service providers (contractors) performing inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) on fire and life safety systems can submit final test reports via IROL's platform directly to the AHJ and/or Property Owner.

O&R request has been submitted to codify the requirement. November 14, 2022



CRITICAL FACILITY ISSUES

Average age of fire stations is 54 years. Not designed for modern day fire service's mission or recommended standards for safety, employee privacy, and wellness.

Fire Headquarters is a leased building and not designed for our uses.

Fire Training Academy's training tower has been condemned and the burn building is no longer up to code and may be permanently condemned.

Increased demand for logistical support has rendered our current warehouse and asset management system inadequate to support the mission.

Increased call volume and demand for service is quickly outpacing our current capabilities, requiring the addition of new fire stations. Ex: Downtown corridor & Scott's Addition

Four new companies from SAFER will use up all open bay and bed space.



CRITICAL FLEET ISSUES

NFPA 1901 D.1 (2016):

- “To maximize firefighter capabilities and minimize risk of injuries...”
- “It is recommended that apparatus more than 15 years old that have been properly maintained and that are still in serviceable condition be placed in reserve status or be upgraded.
- “Apparatus over 25 years old should be replaced.”

Average age of our fleet is 12 years.

One front line apparatus and 8 out of 9 reserve apparatus are 1998’s (24+ years old).

Older equipment does not have latest safety features or operating capabilities.

Currently 500 to 800 day build times.

Four new companies from SAFER will use up our reserve fleet until ordered apparatus arrive.



“ROSC”

Q1 – Seven (7)

Q2 – Fourteen (14)

Q3 – Sixteen (16)

Q4 – Sixteen (16)

FY22 - 53



**Return of Spontaneous
Circulation (ROSC)**

SAFER Grant

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (FEMA)

Awarded \$13,728,600 to hire seventy-two (72) new positions in Operations for 3 years.

Four (4) 18-person fire companies.

One (1) Engine company and three (3) Truck companies.

With only \$560 Million dollars in available funding for the entire country, the SAFER grant process is highly competitive. FEMA received 1585 applications totaling over \$2.5 Billion in requests for this grant cycle.



Video – Carter / Vu



What Questions Do You Have For Me?

