Iona-McGregor Fire District,

Fire Chief's Report

Chief's Report, October 16, 2024:

We were fortunate we did not have the impact from Milton that was expected in the days prior. That said, we did have areas of the District that flooded once again. Staff was prepared and performed exemplary in caring for the residents.

While the flood panels did work in keeping water out of station 71, we did have some minor water intrusion after all. This gives us an opportunity to identify weak areas of the paneling and shore up for the future. Mitigating this should not delay getting back into the station.

Operations:

- Total district call volume is trending up with nearly 100 incidents higher year over year (September 2023 vs. September 2024)
- We weathered Hurricane Helene with flooding issues in some areas of the District and continue to revisit our disaster response preparedness
- Educational progress remains constant with our personnel.
    - Lt. Barber is our most recent to obtain his Bachelor's degree

Logistics:

- Fleet maintenance is on schedule.
- We are working with SFEV to ensure our apparatus are inspected and serviced following all storm activities.
- The new APX Next radios were distributed. We are rescheduling the advanced training for these units due to Hurricane Milton.

- **Construction Update, Station 71:**
    - Received temporary certificate of occupancy and are working on final details to move in. Unfortunately, during Hurricane Milton water intruded into the station. We are currently working with the contractor and mitigation company to get the station back to normal.
    - We are waiting on the approval of the limited development order by the county. In our last communication the county (10/15/2024) The plan reviewer stated that the LDO is in the final review consolidation and that we should be receiving an insufficiency letter with comments.
- **Construction Update, Station 72:**
    - No flooding or damage from Hurricane Milton.
    - No damage to the temporary station from Hurricane Milton
    - Electrical, HVAC, fire suppression, roofing, drywall, and stucco contractors are on task.
        - Copper lines for air handling units have been installed

- Ducts have been sealed and wrapped
- Relocated sprinkler heads
- Finishing drywall
- Working on building out the electrical room in the mezzanine
- Contractors re setting up scaffolding for stucco work

Prevention/Community Relations:

TOTAL INSPECTIONS & ACTIVITIES	328*
ANNUAL/BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	143
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION EDUCATION	1
COMMUNITY EVENT	1
CPR	2

*Activities include hydrant flow testing for remodel/new construction projects, emergency vehicle gate access testing, Knox Box key installation, complaint investigations, and follow-up for fire protection systems (contractor inspections).

- On September 4th, CRS Contreras, along with IMFD crews, conducted a CPR and First Aid training session for the United States Coast Guard at the Fort Myers Beach station. 38 individuals received CPR training during the month of September.

- On September 7th, Truck 74 had the honor of displaying the flag alongside the South Trail Fire Department for the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run and Walk. This marks our third consecutive year participating at the start / finish line honoring those who lost their lives during the September 11th attacks.

- On September 11th, the District hosted a successful blood drive event in partnership with Lee Health and their Blood Mobile.

- On September 21st, Lieutenant Jason Lambert took part in the “Brave the Shave” event at Clips for Cancer, supporting Barbara’s Friends at Golisano Children’s Hospital. Lt. Lambert raised nearly $3,000 for this vital cause. A special moment came when he had his head shaved by a pediatric cancer survivor, symbolizing unity and hope for those fighting cancer.

- Beginning September 23rd, CRS Contreras kept the community informed as Hurricane Helene approached, sharing a series of social media updates, vital weather information, and life safety messages.

- On September 30th, the District welcomed 5 new community CPR instructors. CRS Contreras and Inspector Van Dyck facilitated the required onboarding class to certify everyone.

Fire Training/Special Operations:

- Staff from IMFD played a significant role in the multiple hurricane responses this month. Members functioned in many roles from Division Supervisor for the State of Florida Incident Response Team to Ground Support for Florida Task Force 6. Our members continue to lead from the front for Florida Task Force 6 setting the standard for what the organization and the State of Florida expect from its USAR teams.

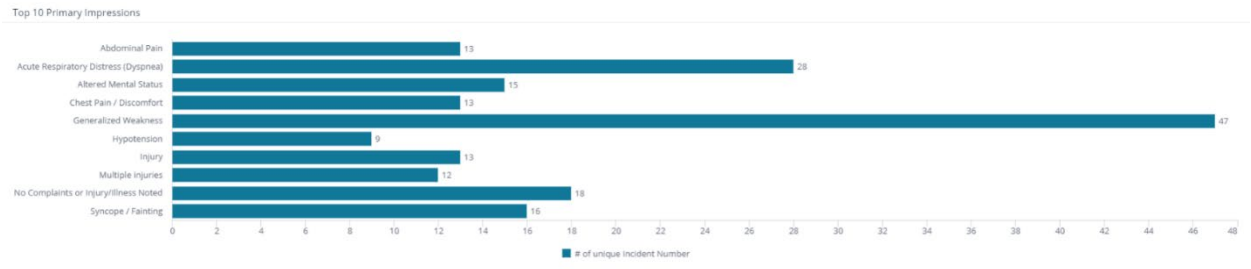
- Members of the Dive Team conducted dives from Marine 70 this month. This was an excellent opportunity for some of our new divers to conduct deeper dives under the supervision of our senior members. Reports back from the Dive Team Leaders (DTL) were that our newest Dive Rescue members are performing as expected.

- Many of our Lieutenants and Acting Lieutenants participated with the Florida Region 6 Hazmat team as they instructed on initial operations for engine companies at hazmat events. This type of information sharing allows for our multiple county assets to operate with common expectations at these high risk/low frequency events.

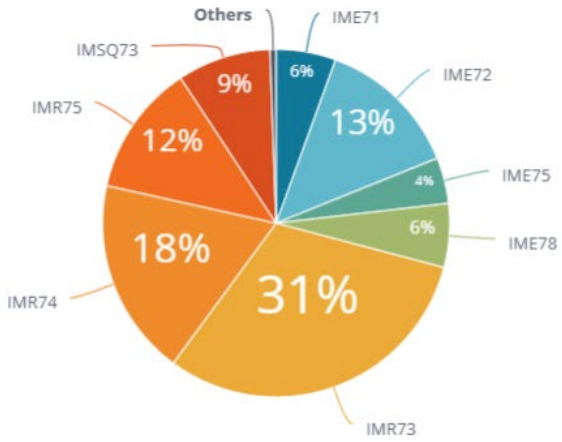
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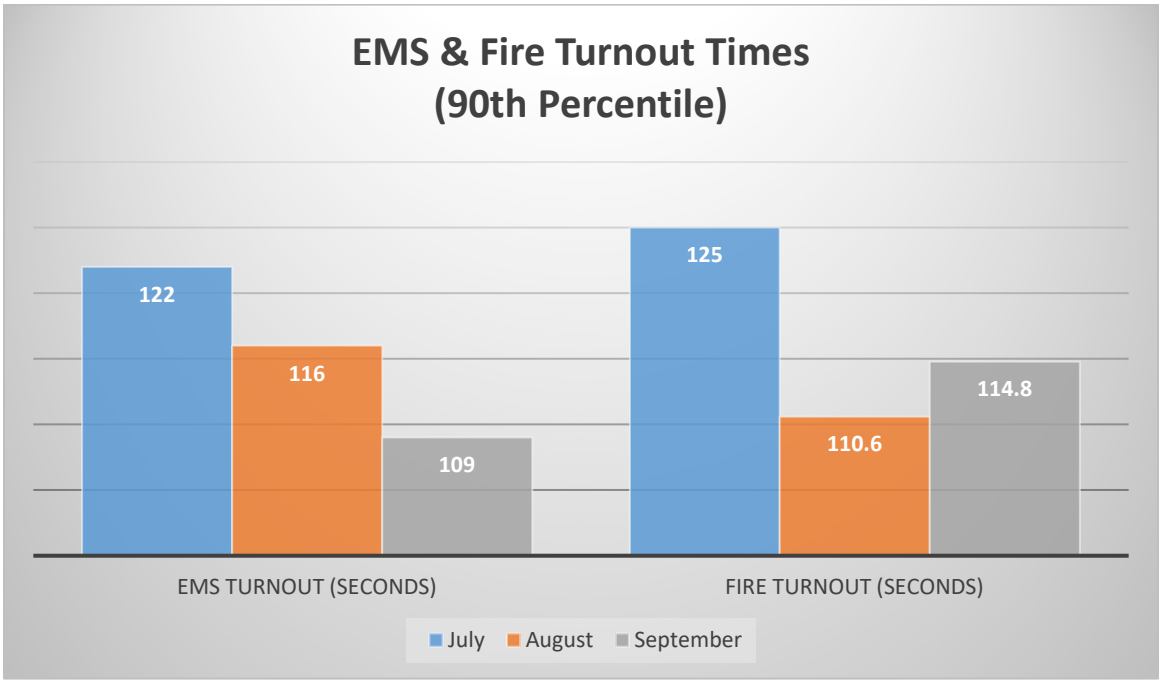
- Training was conducted with LCEMS to familiarize responders with critical equipment that is carried on the ambulances but not our apparatus. IV Pumps, ventilators, and a new ultrasound device expand the capabilities of pre-hospital medical care during transport, and it is critical that our members be familiar with the equipment to assist on high acuity calls. We are grateful to LCEMS for taking the time to train with us and share their knowledge.

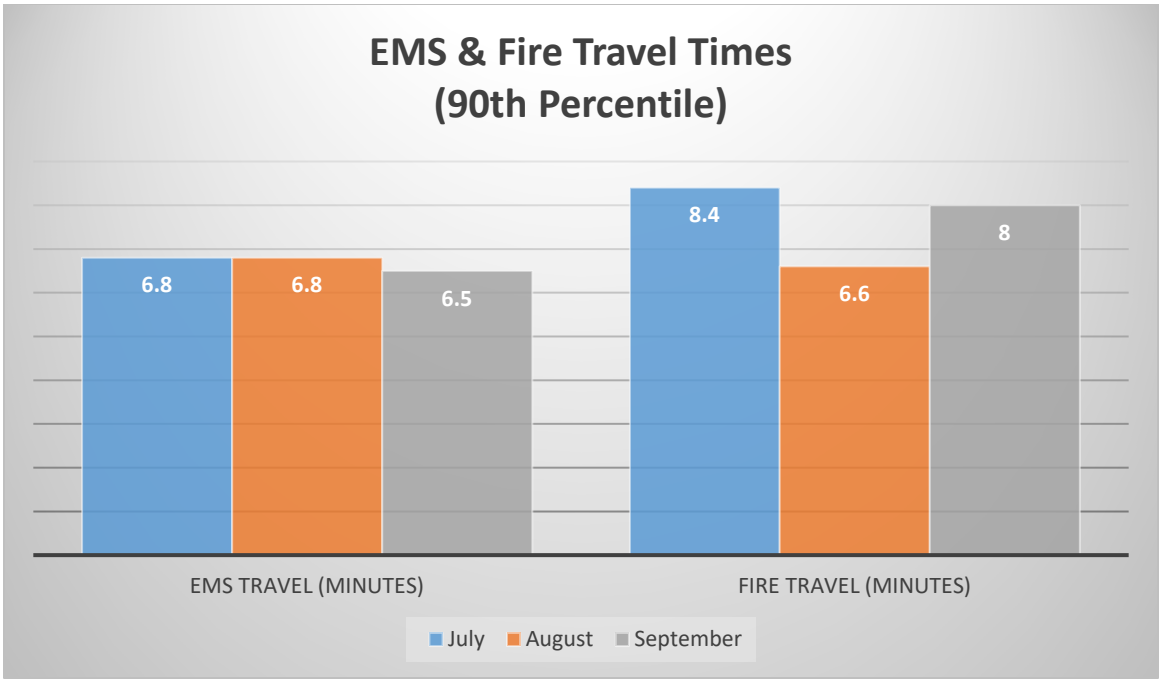
- The District hosted the UCF REACT Peer Support training in early September. Three members of the District's Peer Support Team as well as 20 other peer support team members from around the region (including one therapy canine!) participated in the training. REACT provides all participants with mastery experiences, designed to give them challenges at which they can succeed, bolstering confidence in their ability to provide effective support to their peers. Course material is presented in a manner that places occupational principles and skills unique to first responders and healthcare workers within the framework of peer support. Through this program, participants learn how to recognize "stress injuries" and evaluate the mental health of their peers, offer peer-level support and effectively coordinate necessary follow-up in the event professional intervention is warranted.

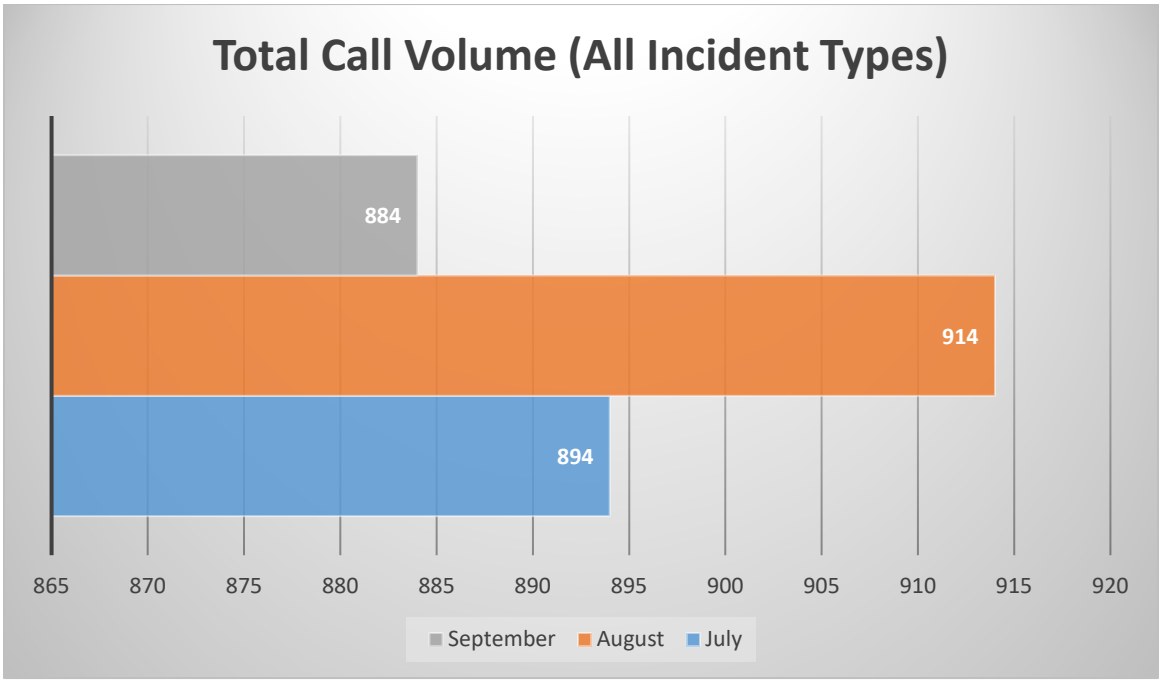


EMS Call Volume % by Unit






EMS & Fire Travel Times
(90th Percentile)
6.8
6.8
6.5
8.4
6.6
8
EMS TRAVEL (MINUTES)
FIRE TRAVEL (MINUTES)
July
August
September


Total Call Volume (All Incident Types)
884
914
894
865
870
875
880
885
890
895
900
905
910
915
920
September
August
July

Fire incidents (July)

Turnout 125

Travel 8.4

EMS Incidents (July)

Turnout 122

Travel 6.8

Fire incidents (August)

Turnout 110.6

Travel 6.6

EMS Incidents (August)

Turnout 116

Travel 6.8

Fire incidents (September)

Turnout 114.8

Travel 8.0

EMS Incidents (September)

Turnout 109

Travel 6.5

Total incidents (July) 894

Total incidents (August) 914

Total incidents (September) 884