

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Public Comment**

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4. **Receive Update from Committee Chair**

a. Public Safety Committee

5. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Continue Discussion for:
 - Public Works Update on Street Sweeper
 - Regional Fire Authority
 - 2025 Budget
 - Metropolitan Park District
 - Outside Utility Rates

6. **Adjournment**

Next Regular Council Meeting Will Be Held on December 9, 2024

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**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024**

Call To Order

Councilmember Prieto Duval called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Naila Prieto Duval, George Garcia, and Cristian Sanchez
Staff Present: City Manager Dan Ford, Chief of Police Joseph Mehline, Community Economic Development Director Andrew Hattori, Fire Captain Dale Northrup, Information Technologies Service Manager Van Donley, and City Clerk Heidi Riojas

Roll Call

City Clerk Riojas conducted roll call for each Councilmember to respond their attendance at the meeting. Councilmembers Prieto Duval, Garcia, and Sanchez responded their attendance during roll call.

Approve Agenda

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the November 18, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

New Business

Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sanchez moved, seconded by Councilmember Garcia approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Building a Safer Community by Empowering Residents to Report Crimes.
Presentation by Councilmember Cristian Sanchez.**

Councilmember Sanchez presented his report for building a safer community by empowering residents to report crimes.

Develop Goals and Outcomes for Public Safety Committee.

The committee members discussed goals for the Public Safety Committee. The following are the top three goals:

1. Resource Allocation – public safety funding
2. Community Engagement
3. Crime Prevention and Traffic Safety

It was the consensus of the committee members to share the above goals with the City Council during the next Council Report time.

Receive comments from police regarding crime trends since last meeting on October 21, 2024.

Chief Mehline updated members that the October 2024, calls for service were 602, which is a slight increase from the previous year at 600. He noted there were 18 felony arrests during the month. Chief Mehline reported that the installation of the Flock cameras have been successful in solving crimes.

At 5:48 p.m., Councilmember Sanchez left the meeting

Receive comments from fire regarding calls and medical calls since last meeting on October 21, 2024.

Captain Northrup updated members that 71% of the department calls in October 2024, were for EMS/rescue totaled 140 calls for the month, of which 74% were drug/alcohol related. The department has responded to 1199 calls so far this year, which is higher than 2023 with 1141 at the same time last year. He noted that the majority of the calls are drug related or substance abuse aid calls. Captain Northrup shared from the increased volume of calls of over 100 for EMS/rescue during the beginning two weeks of November. He reported on the success of the Fire and Life Safety Inspections billing program.

Set agenda for the meeting on December 16, 2024.

It was the consensus of the committee to have the following on the next agenda:

- No business
- Receive police and fire reports
- Discuss modifying January and February meetings to Tuesday due to holidays

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6.18 p.m.

Heidi Riojas, CMC
City Clerk



Joseph Mehline
Chief of Police

Toppenish Police Department

Section 4, Item a.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2024

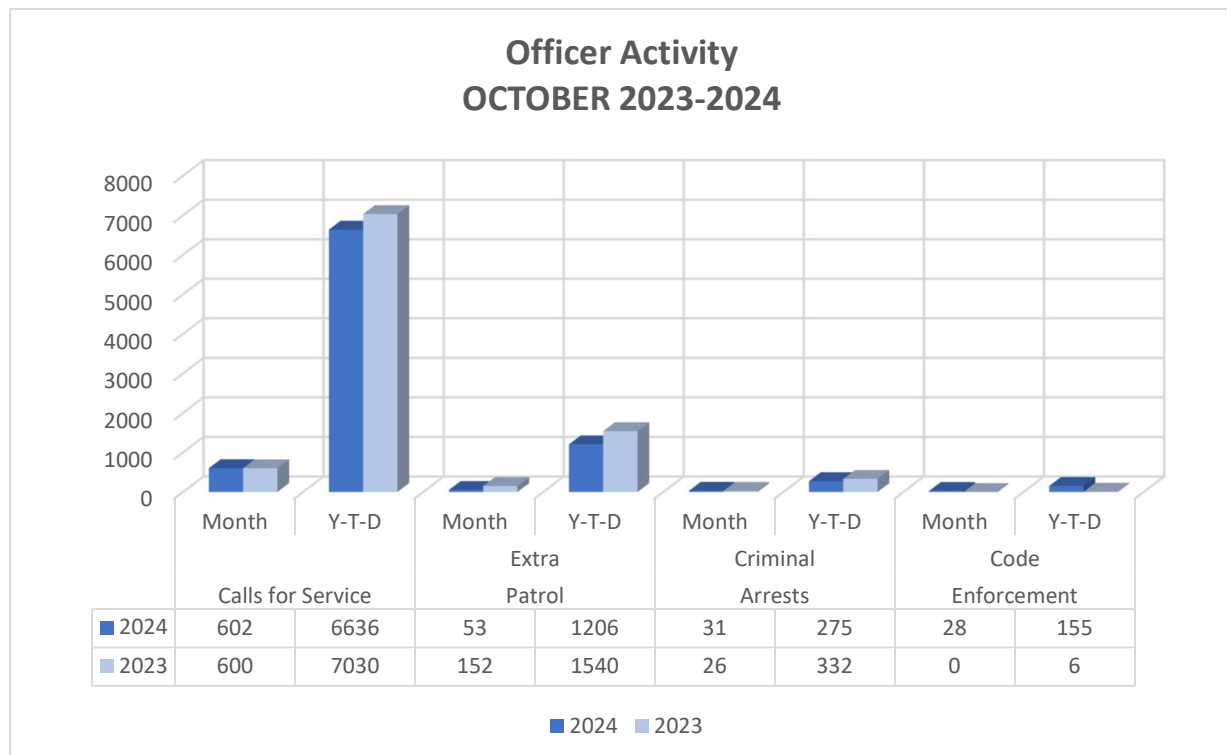
TO: Public Safety Committee

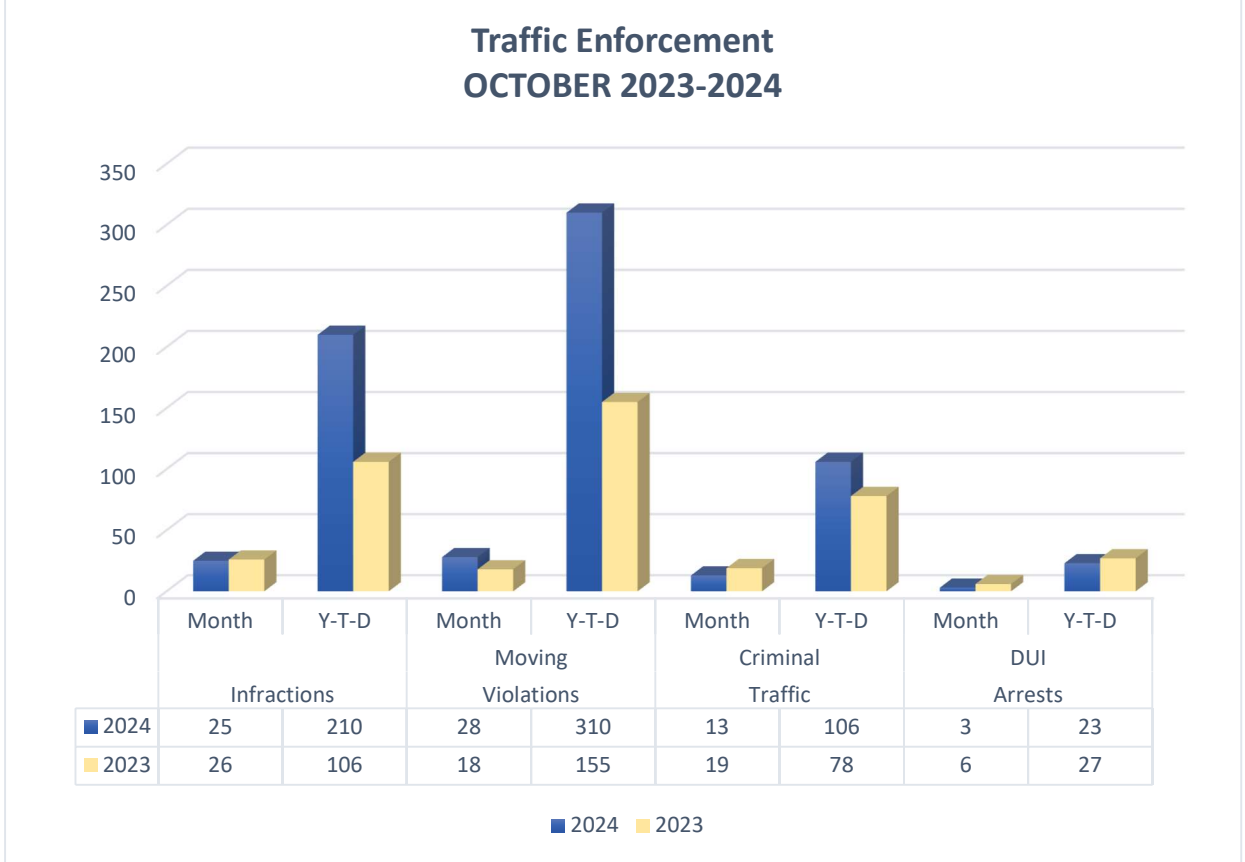
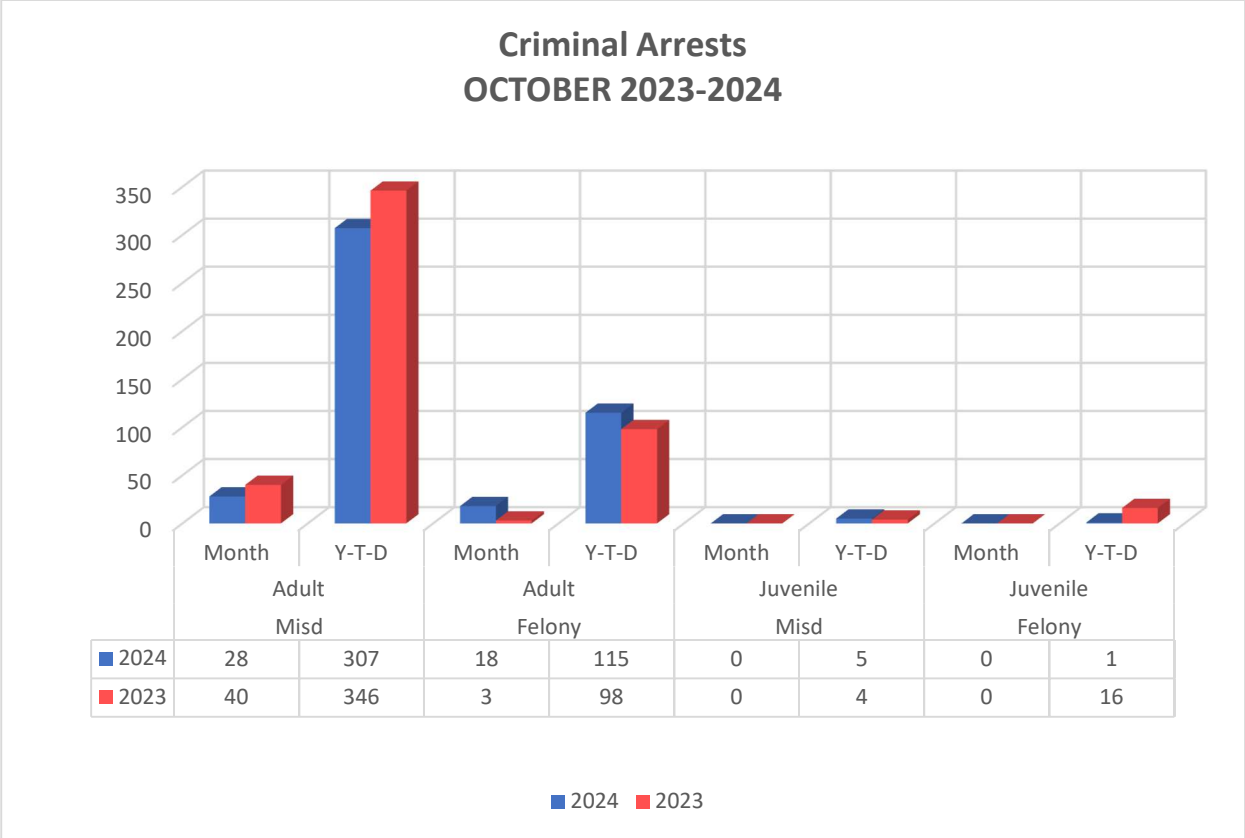
FROM: Joseph Mehline, Chief of Police

RE: Police Department Activity and Staff Report, October 2024

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The following is to report the Police Department activities for October 2024:





Gang Activity:

In October, thirteen (13) documented incidents related to gang activity occurred. All incidents were malicious mischief.

Major Incidents/Special Emphasis Patrol:

- TPD continued to conduct extra patrols and enforcement in the city
- TPD participated in the Trunk or Treat
- TPD met TSD schools to introduce K-9 Grom and his new handler
- TPD K-9 Grom had two deployments after being certified for only 1 day
- TPD responded to 9 overdoses including 0 overdose death (September ~ 8 including 0 deaths)

TPD Case #24P5170

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to assist YSO with a subject pinned under a vehicle just outside of Toppenish. The male was pronounced deceased after life-saving efforts were provided. This was a mechanical accidental death.

TPD Case #24P5182

Toppenish Officers responded to an unresponsive subject in the “Jungle”. The female was pronounced deceased after life-saving efforts were performed. The scene was turned over to the YNPD.

TPD Case #24P5295

Toppenish Officers and detectives responded to a sex offense involving a juvenile on the east side of town. The suspect was still on scene and taken into custody. Search warrants were executed, and the male was taken to YCDOC for felony charges. The investigation is still ongoing.

TPD Case #24P5479

A Toppenish Officer was dispatched to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on the west side of town. The female pedestrian suffered injuries to her leg and hand. A Detective found the suspect vehicle and a possible suspect utilizing FLOCK. Felony charges have been filed. The victim was transported to the hospital for her injuries.

TPD Case #24P5490

Toppenish Officers and Detectives were dispatched to the downtown area for a male that had pointed a firearm at another male. Through investigation, it was determined the incident was gang related, and no one had sustained injuries. Four subjects were arrested and booked into YCDOC for various charges. Multiple search warrants were completed resulting in multiple guns and narcotics being seized.

TPD Case #24P5507

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to the south side of town for a No Contact Order Violation/Kidnapping. The father of a child had arrived at a restricted address and took his toddler in violation of the court order. The father returned the toddler shortly after and fled from the area. Officers searched the area for the father but were unable to locate him at the time. Charges have been filed and a warrant for his arrest will be issued. The child was not harmed.

TPD Case #24P5540

Toppenish Officers were alerted by FLOCK for a stolen license plate on a vehicle on the south side of town. When the vehicle was located, the driver of the vehicle fled, running from the police. Toppenish Police were able to apprehend the suspect who was booked into YCDOC on multiple charges.

TPD Case #24P5170

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to the south side of town for a shots fired call. There was damage to a parked vehicle and to a house, but no one was injured. Numerous casings were collected and sent to the crime lab for testing.

TPD Case #24P5535

A Toppenish Officer conducted a traffic stop. While performing the traffic stop, the officer was able obtain consent from the driver and seized over 25 items of stolen property. Over 25 charges were filed against the suspect.

TPD Case #24P5539

Toppenish Officers responded to an assault in progress in the downtown area. A male was cut under his eye with a knife. The victim denied medical treatment and the suspect was located the following day without incident. The suspect was arrested and booked into YCDOC.

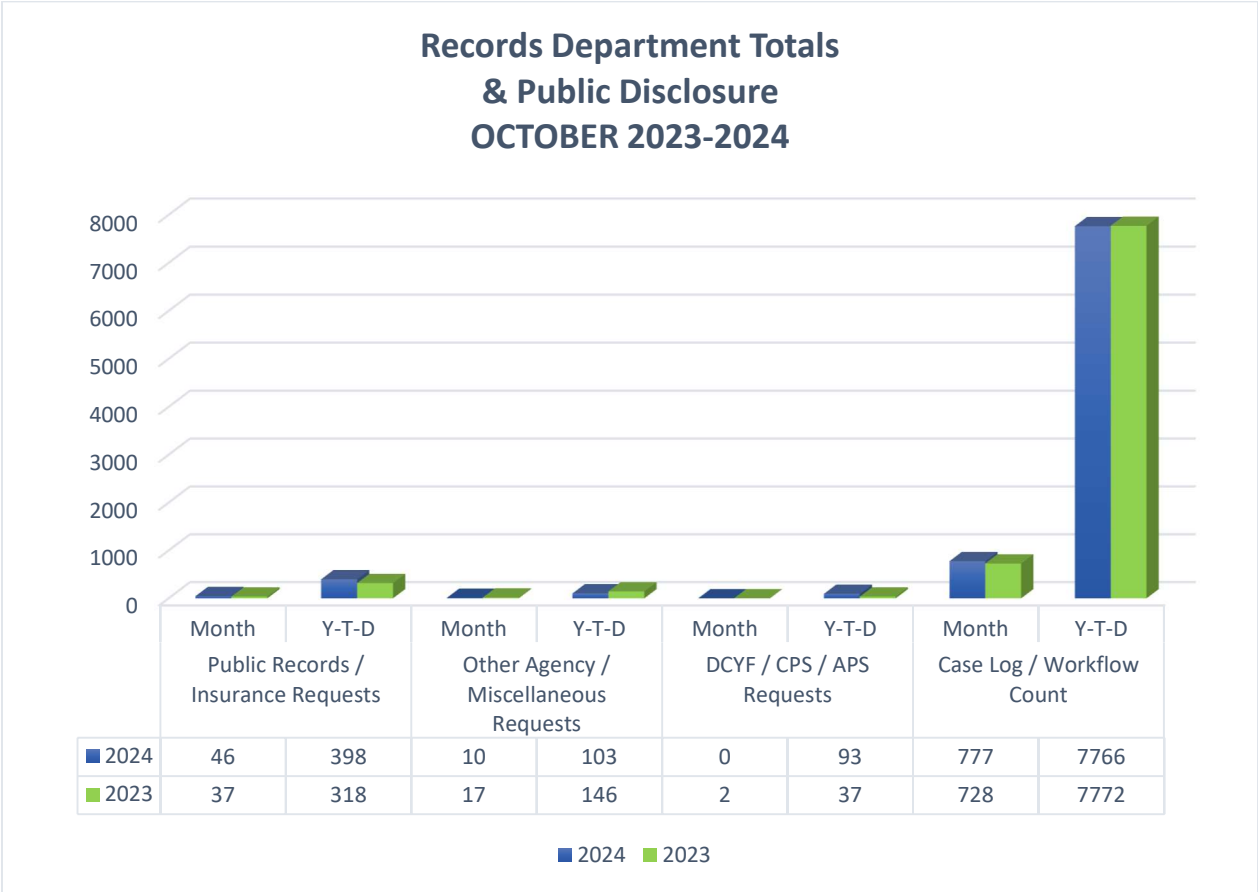
Training:

Officers attended and completed various training events in the month of October including, K9 School, SWAT Basic Training, EVOC, Reality Based Training, FBI LEEDA Executive Leadership, Radar Instructor, 21st Century Policing Capstone, Confidential Informant Rescue, and Confidential Informant Management.

Records Unit:

The Records Unit received 56 new requests for records and closed 62. It took an average of 5.82 business days to process requests. There were 602 calls for service/case entries, and the unit processed 777 records, which consisted of new cases and follow-up.

The Records Unit attended the following training(s): Crafting a Connected Camera Policy; and Electronic Service Training;



Personnel Update:

- All current positions in the Police Department have been filled.



Toppenish Fire Department

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Section 4, Item a.

To: Dan Ford, City Manager
From: Tim Smith, Fire Chief
Date: November 14, 2024
Re: October 2024 Monthly Report

Fire Suppression/ EMS Incidents:

During the month of October, the Toppenish Fire Department responded to the following incidents. All incidents were managed by the duty crew and volunteers responding with the addition of off-duty personnel as needed.

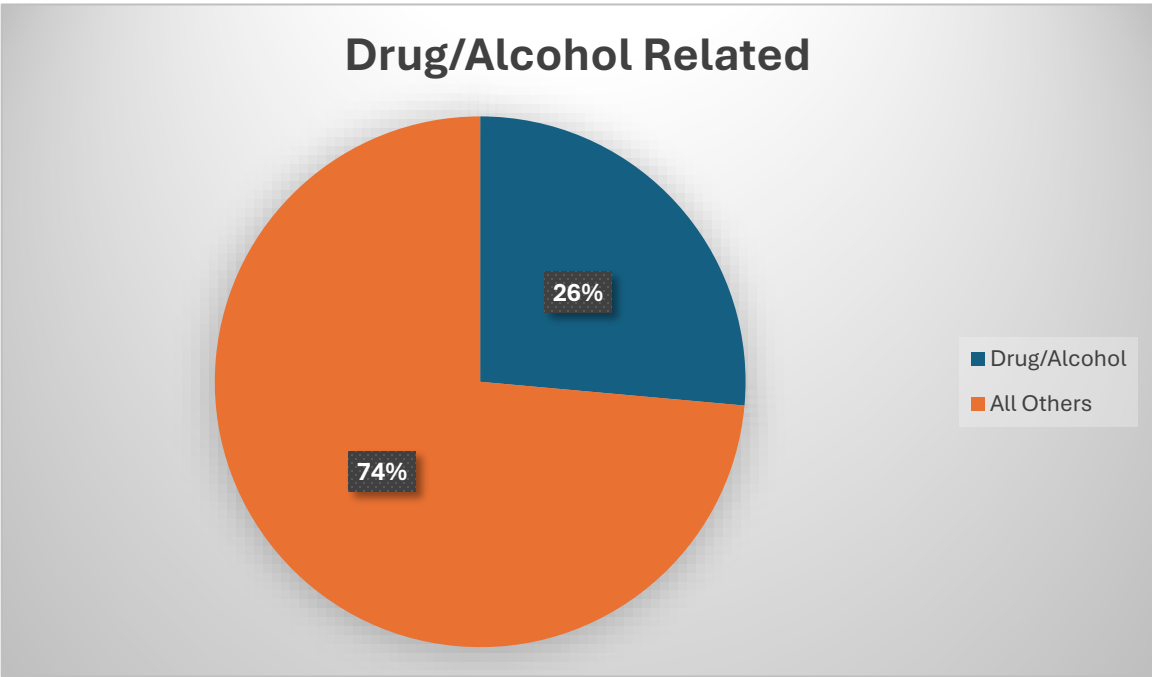
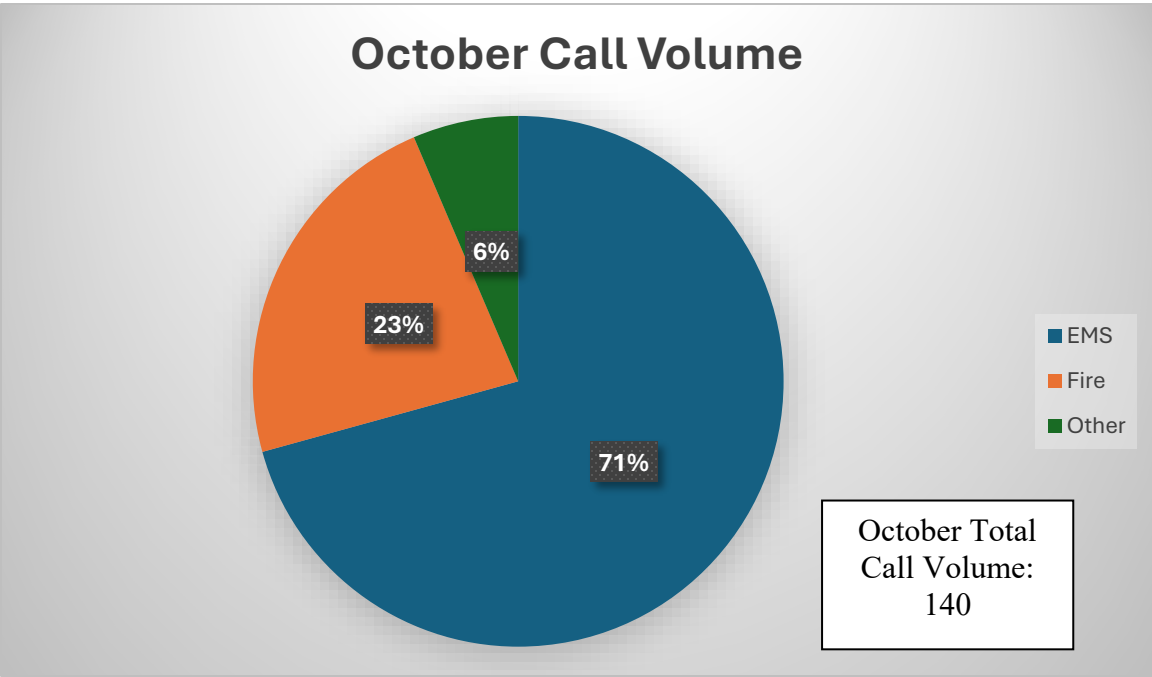
Response Statistics:

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Oct. 2023</u>	<u>Oct. 2024</u>	<u>Year to date 2023</u>	<u>Year to date 2024</u>
Fire/ Other	19	32	230	245
EMS/ Rescue	88	108	911	954
Totals	107	140	1141	1199

Response % per incident:

October:

Career Staff 1.79 with 6 on our roster
Volunteers 0.50 with 32 on our roster



Fire Department Training hours:

October:

Career Staff 84 hours
Volunteers 132 hours
Total hours 216 hours

Fire and Life Safety Inspections:

Currently there are approximately 214 Commercial Occupancies located within the City of Toppenish. These Commercial Occupancies receive a Pre-Fire Inspection along with an annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection.

Pre-Fire Planning is as follows:

100% completed 92/214

80% or more 165/214

The following is an overview of those inspections performed and their billing status for the month of October:

<u>Initial Inspections</u>	<u>Re-Inspections</u>	<u>Inspected for 2024</u>	<u>Paid for 2024</u>	<u>Completed 2024</u>
Oct.-15	Oct.-20	261	152	121

2022-2024 Fire Inspections Balance Sheet		
Inspections Billed	Outstanding Balance	Inspections Paid
\$39,205.00	\$5,979.50	\$33,225.50