



Excelsior Fire District
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2011 Year in Review





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Excelsior Fire District Board
Excelsior Fire District Operating Committee
Customers of the Excelsior Fire District

I am submitting the Annual Report of the Excelsior Fire District for the year 2011. This year in review attempts to provide a review of the past year and compare with previous years in some specific situations. Fire departments across the nation and the State of Minnesota are no longer just responding to fires and the Excelsior Fire District is no exception. Fire Service activities include:

- **Community Risk Reduction** – working with the community as a whole to reduce or eliminate hazards.
 - **Fire Code Prevention/Enforcement** – Adoption, Inspection, Plan Review, Education, Enforcement
 - **Public Education** – Working with children, schools, homeowners, elderly, business owners
 - **Public Relations** – Parades, Open Houses, National Night Out, Citizens Assist
- **Response** – Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Personal Injury Crashes, Hazardous Materials, Natural Disaster, Heavy Rescue, Terrorism, Water/Ice Rescue, Aircraft Emergencies, Wildland/Grass, Mass Casualty, High Angle Rescue, and Confined Space Rescue
- **Investigations** – Fire Cause and Origin, Arson Investigation
- **Emergency Management / Planning** – Emergency Preparedness, Pandemic Flu, Anti-Terrorism, Special Events

I would like to express my utmost thanks to the members of the Fire District. It is these members that carry out the dedicated and effective service day and night for our Fire District. The members provide unselfish and dedicated prevention, training and response 24 hours a day. It is the efforts of this group combined with the efforts of others that have allowed us to meet our accomplishments noted within.

I would also like to express my thanks to our Administrative Specialist, Ana Fatturi for dedicated and awesome administrative efforts that are often “behind the scenes” and may go unnoticed by the customers of the Fire District. I cannot emphasize enough that her efforts have helped and will continue to make the District what it is today.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Fire District Board, Fire District Operating Committee, City Councils, and all city staff who have been so supportive and assist the members of the Fire District in our accomplishments.

I would like to also express my thanks to the City of Deephaven and their staff for the coordination of our fiscal agent tasks and responsibilities. The management of our finances is a cornerstone to our effective operations.

The Fire District continues to face increasing challenges today and into the future. Financial stability, all-hazard preparedness and training, retention and recruitment of firefighters, and increasing training requirements and responsibilities continue to be issues.

The Fire District continues to place a strong emphasis on community risk reduction and specifically fire prevention. Inspection continues to be a focus of the Fire District. Through the efforts of our Fire Inspector Kellie Murphy-Ringate, effective fire and life safety inspections, pre-planning, plan review, public education, and public relations has been and continues to be conducted throughout the Excelsior Fire District.

Training also continues to be a focus of the Fire District. Through the efforts of our Battalion Chief of Training, Lee Berglund, and our Training Captain, Gary Ringate, highly skilled firefighters service the Excelsior Fire District. Our training covers firefighting, all types of rescue, medical, hazardous materials, and other special skills. The members and officers of the department devote much additional time and effort in developing firefighting, leadership and management skills to more effectively lead the Fire District.

A review of 2011 is broke down in the following categories:

Categories

Suppression	Rescue	Training
Special Response	Special Events	Activities
Prevention	Equipment	Apparatus
Stations	Communications	Emergency Management
Administration	Relief Association	Auxiliary
Volunteer / Reserves		

The personnel of the Fire District continue to perform their duties with the highest regard. Continuing dedication by the personnel to prevention, training, and emergency response provides the highest quality emergency services for the citizens of the Excelsior Fire District.

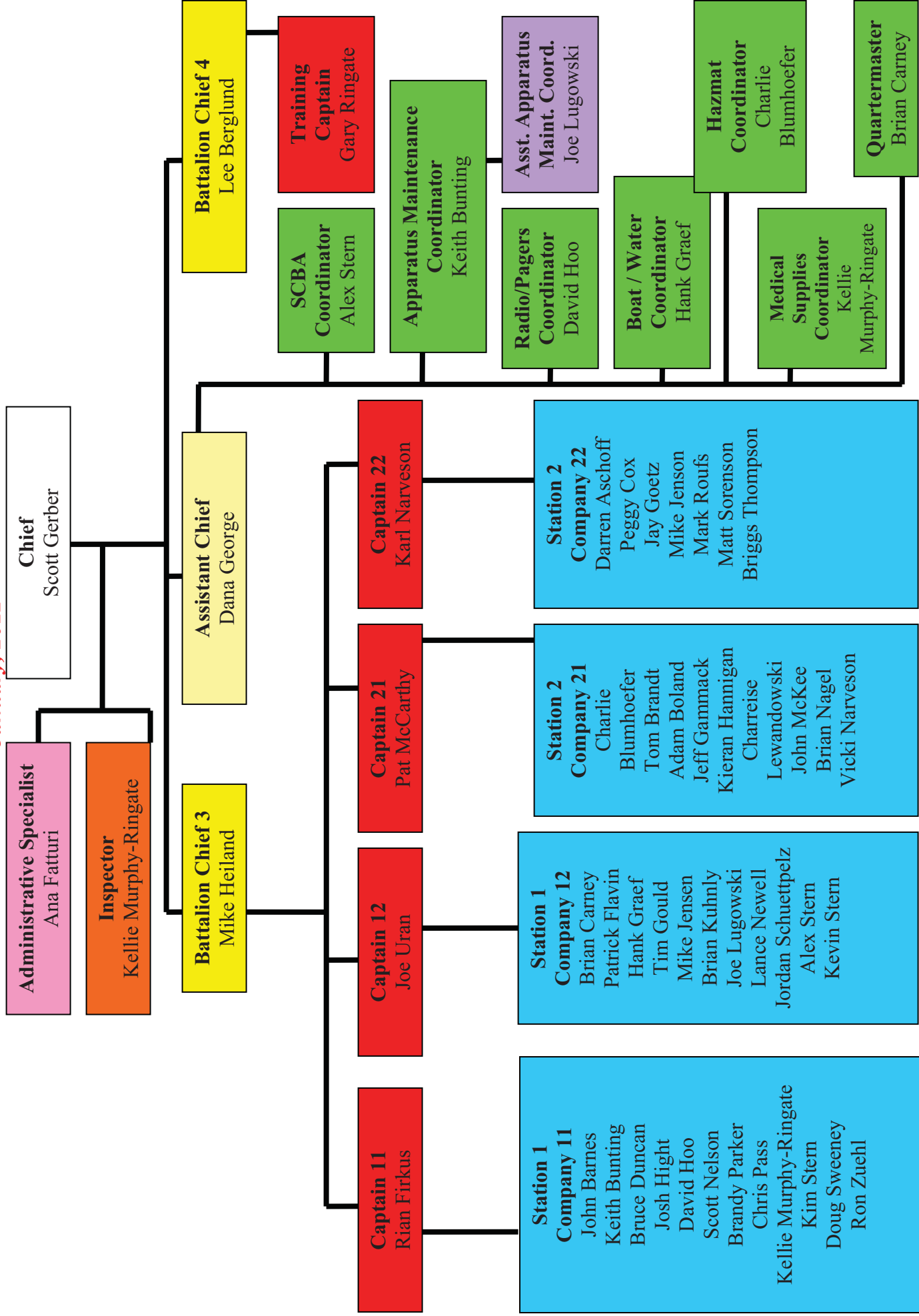
Respectfully Submitted,

Scott M. Gerber

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Fire Chief

Excelsior Fire District – Organizational Chart

January, 2012





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Excelsior Fire District Demographics

- Population 18,000
- Square Miles 14 square miles
- Community Parks 13
- Total Housing Units 6,325
 - Deephaven – 1,400
 - Excelsior – 1,425
 - Greenwood - 320
 - Shorewood – 2,529
 - Tonka Bay – 651
- Unique Areas/Businesses
 - Lake Minnetonka
 - Charter Boats
 - Regional Trail – Light Rail Transit
 - Old Log Theatre
 - Street Car
 - Multiple Special Events
 - Historical Society (Houses, Buildings, Minnehaha steam vessel)
 - Adult Care Facilities
- Total Schools 12
 - Public
 - Deephaven Elementary
 - Excelsior Elementary
 - Minnewashta Elementary
 - Private
 - St. John's
 - St. Therese
 - Our Savior's
 - Grace School
 - ECFE
 - Deephaven Academy
 - Minnetonka Montessori
 - Mt. Calvary
 - New Horizon
 - Excelsior Covenant



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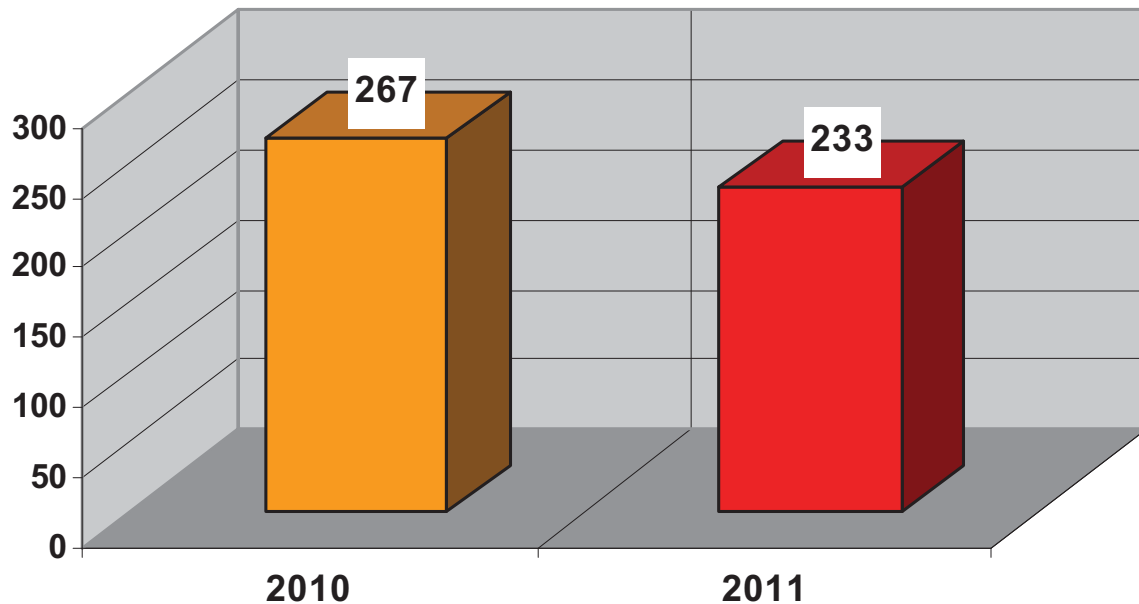
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Suppression

- Responded to fires, fire alarms, gas leaks, gas line breaks, smoke, and wires down/arcing - the data for call responses is listed below:



2010 to 2011 Suppression Calls





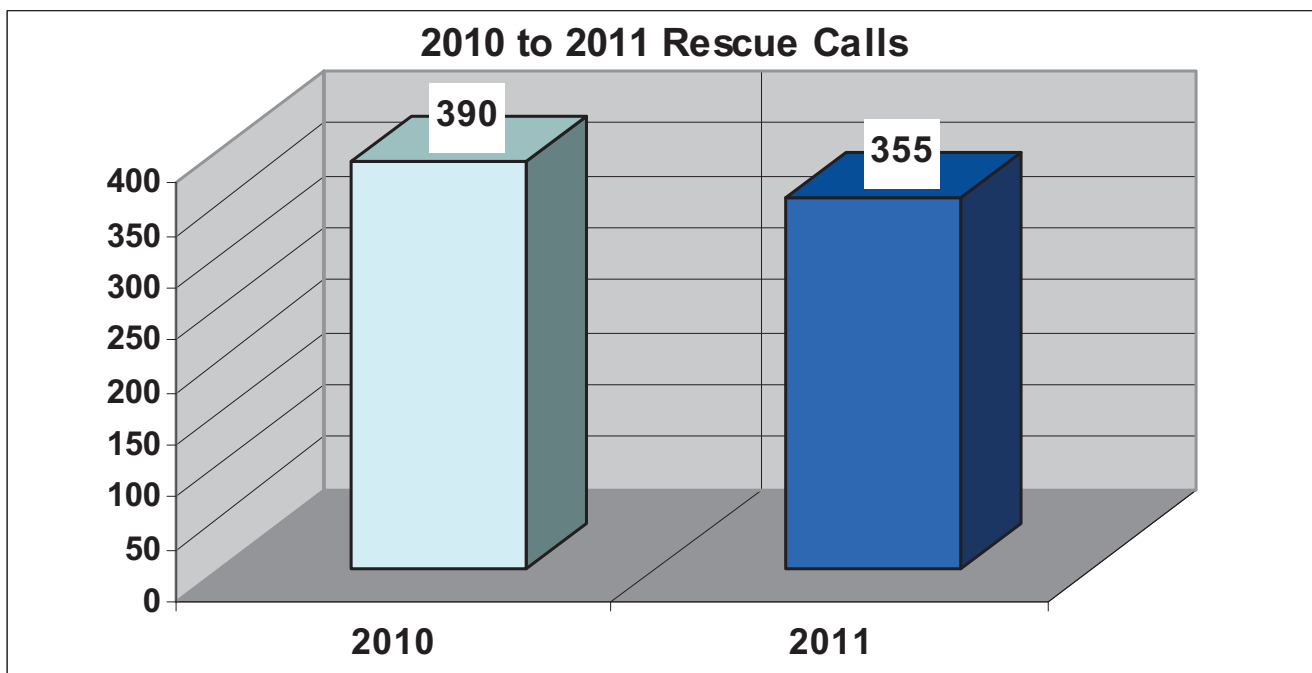
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Rescue

- Responded to medicals and crashes
- Provided personnel to ride along with ambulance to the hospital due to critical patients
- Set up and controlled landing zones for medical aircraft on crash scenes
- Responded to situations that required technical rescue and provided limited technical rescue
- Responded to assist police departments where additional personnel were needed to provide lift assist to citizens
- Responded to mental health incidents
- The data for call responses is listed below:





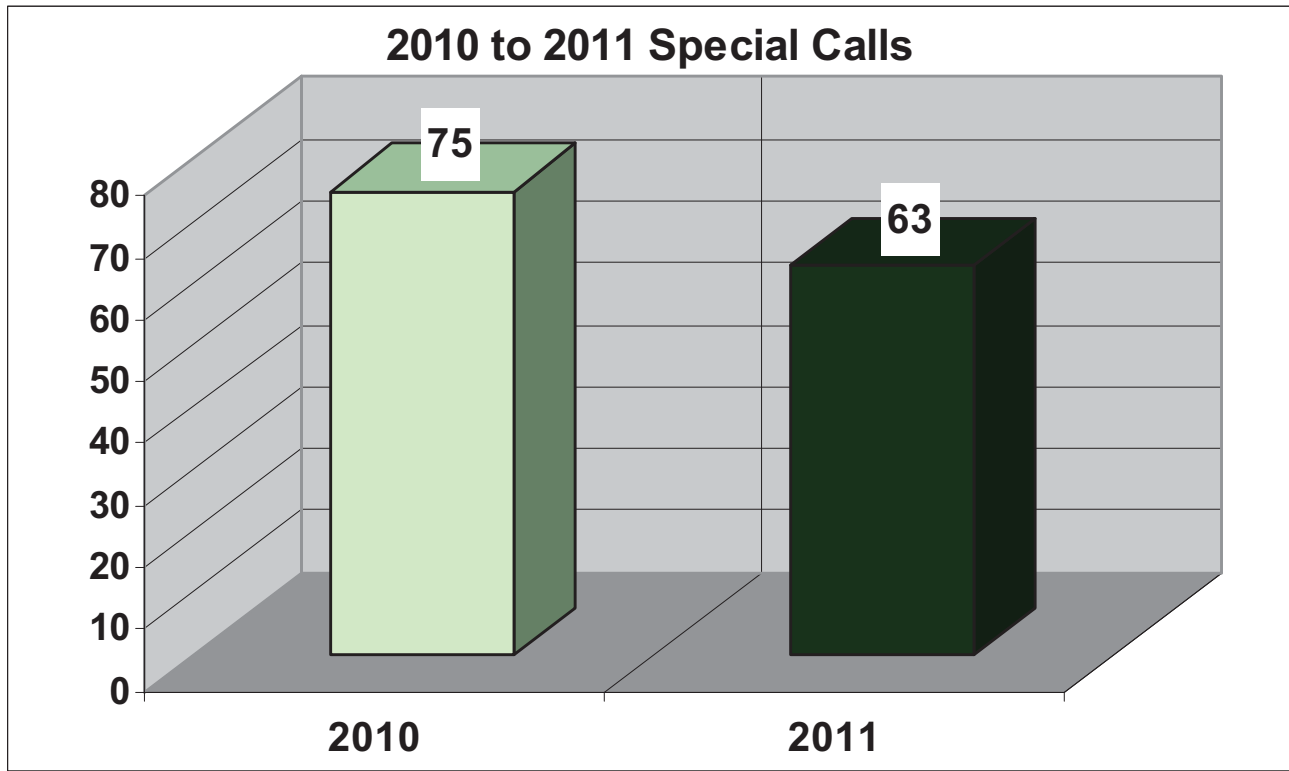
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Special Response

- Responded to water and ice incidents
- Provided weather stand-by at the Fire District stations and responded for incidents resulting from severe weather
- Responded to missing persons and animal rescues
- Responded to hazmat incidents, including gas spills and Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Responded to Mutual Aid and Auto Aid calls for assistance
 - Notable Mutual Aid responses in 2011 included fires in Mound, Long Lake, Plymouth, Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, and Minnetonka
- The data for call responses is listed below:



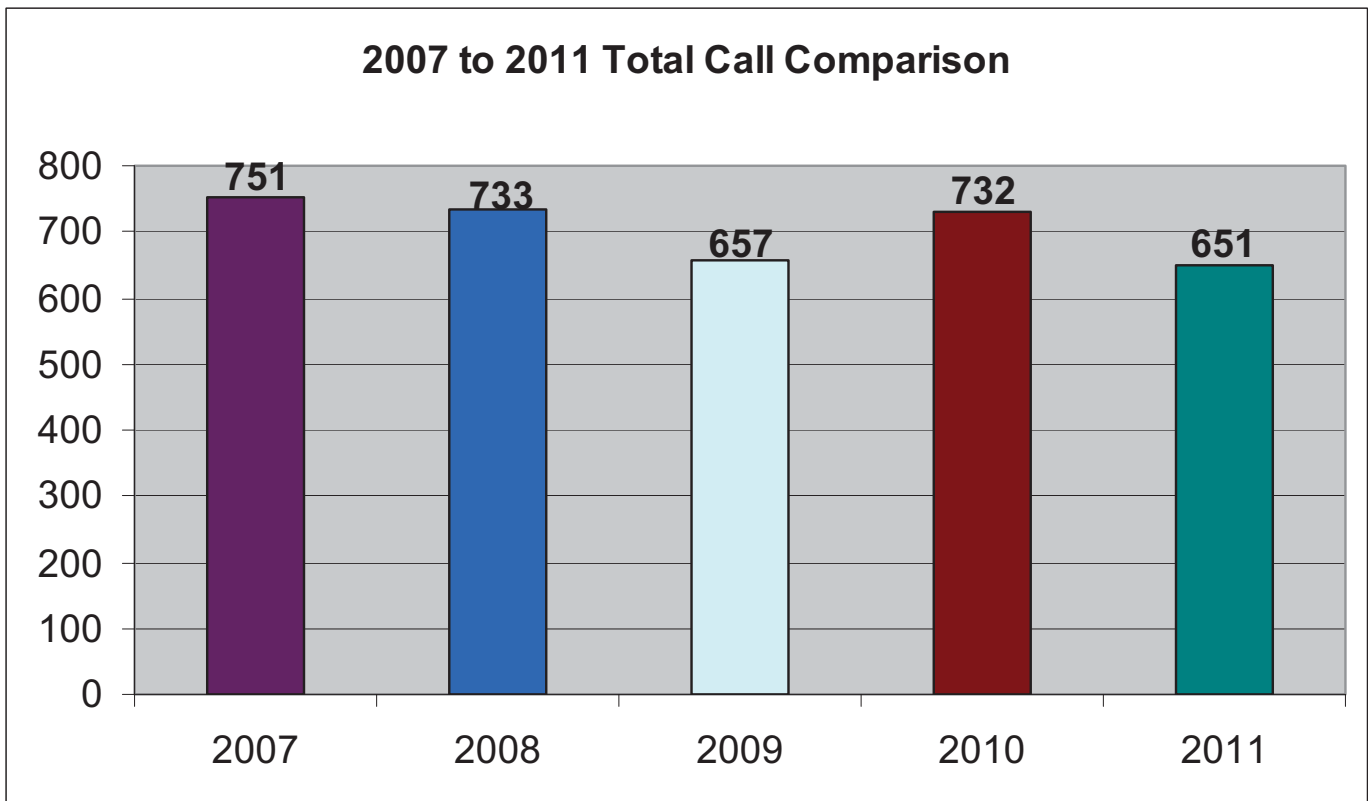


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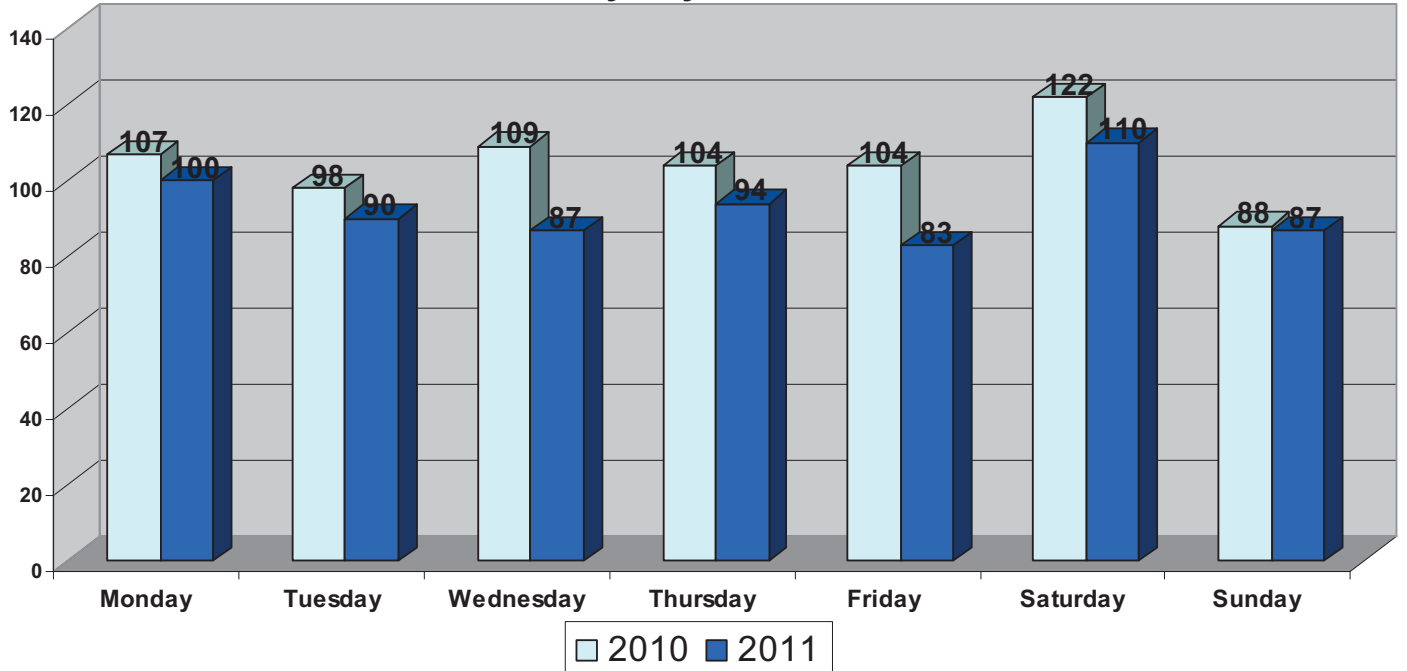
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Overall Response Breakdown

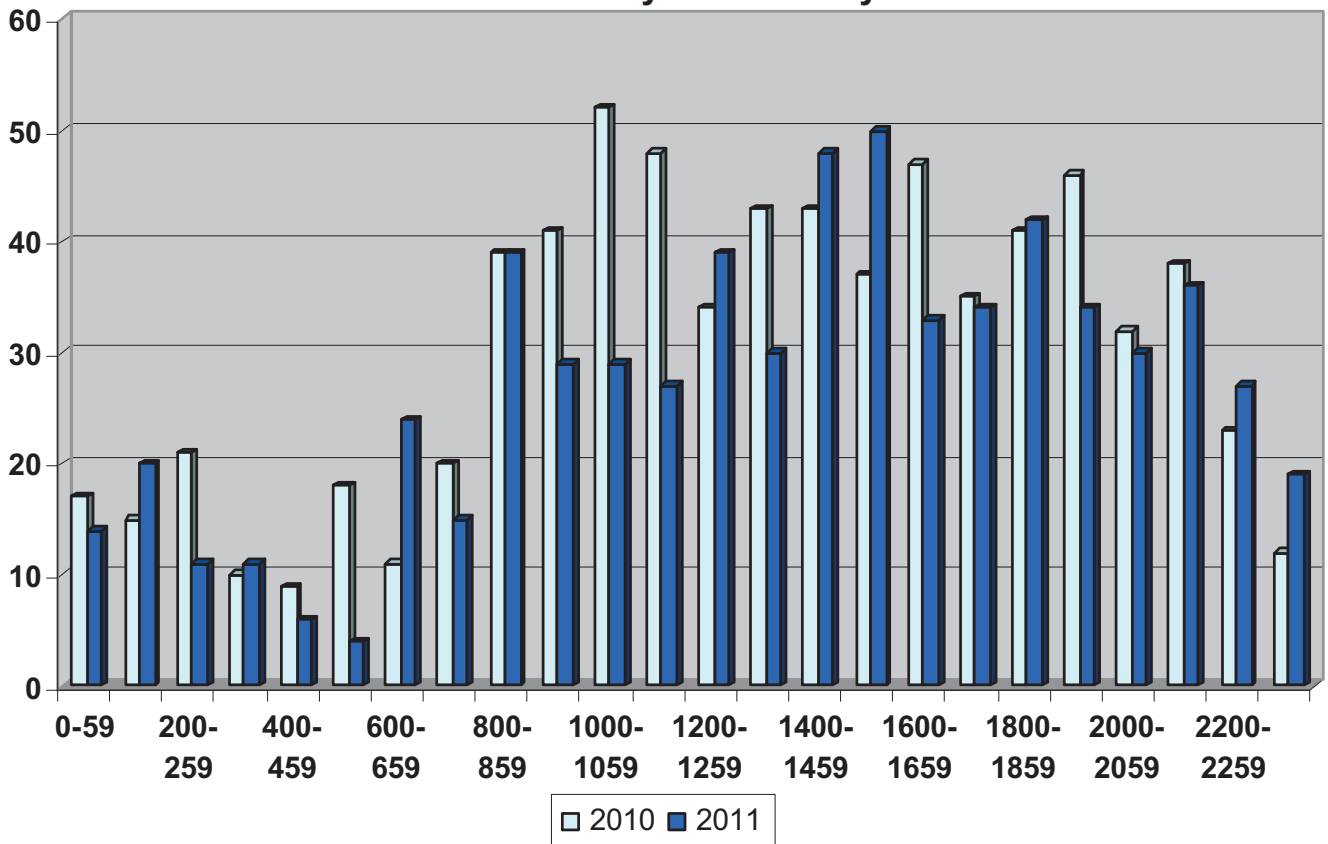


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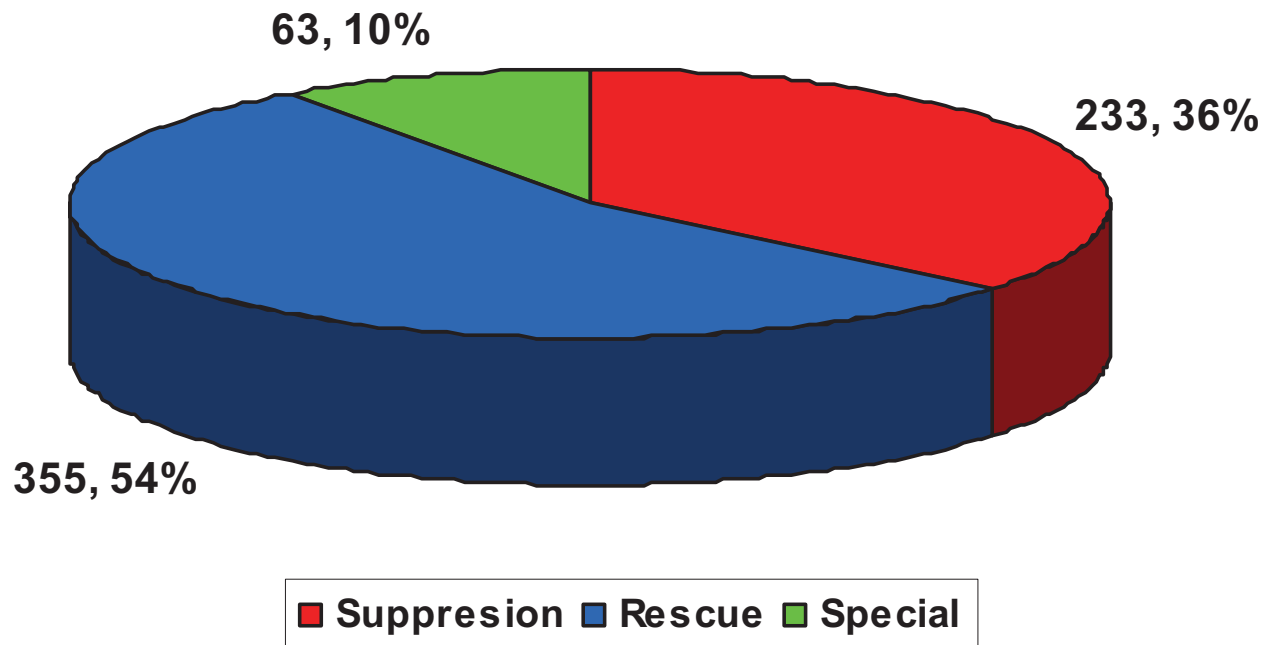
Calls by Day of the Week



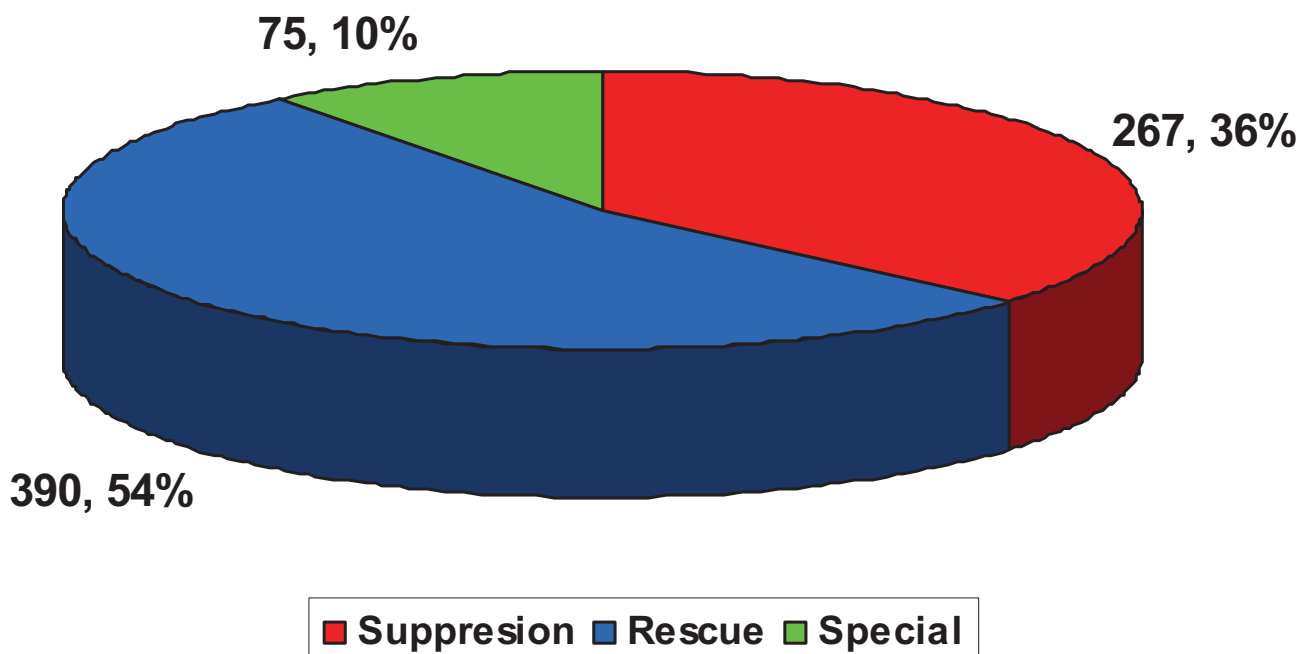
Total Calls by Time of Day



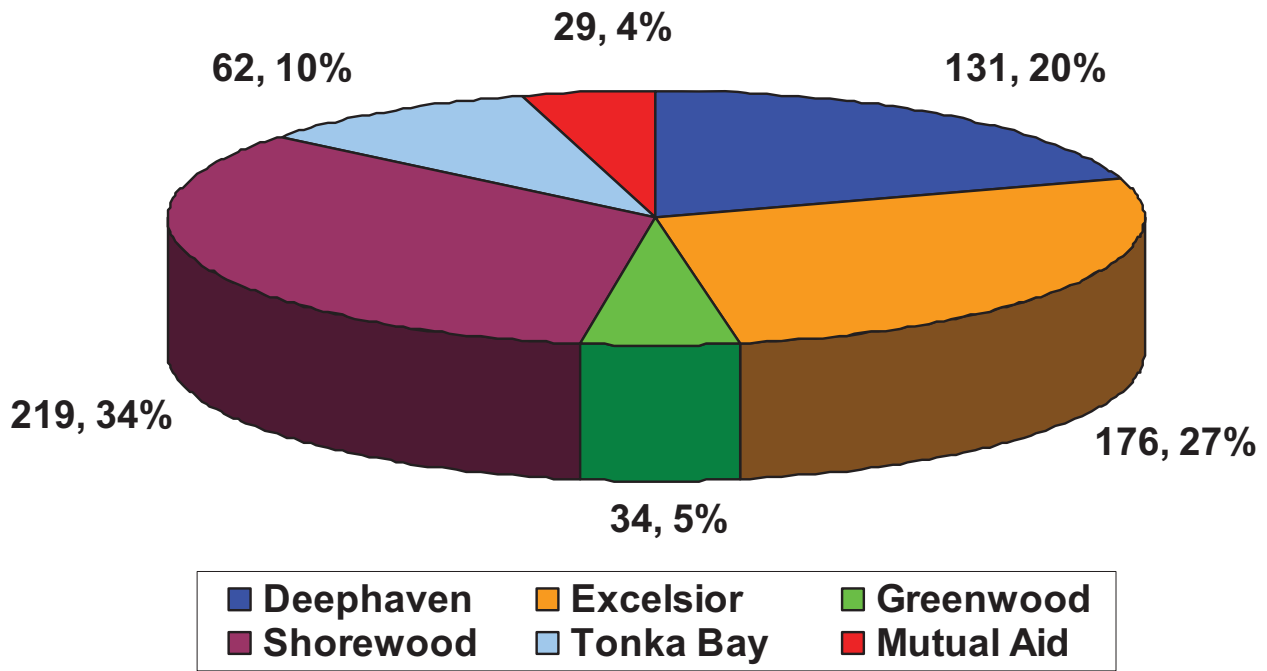
2011 Incidents by Type



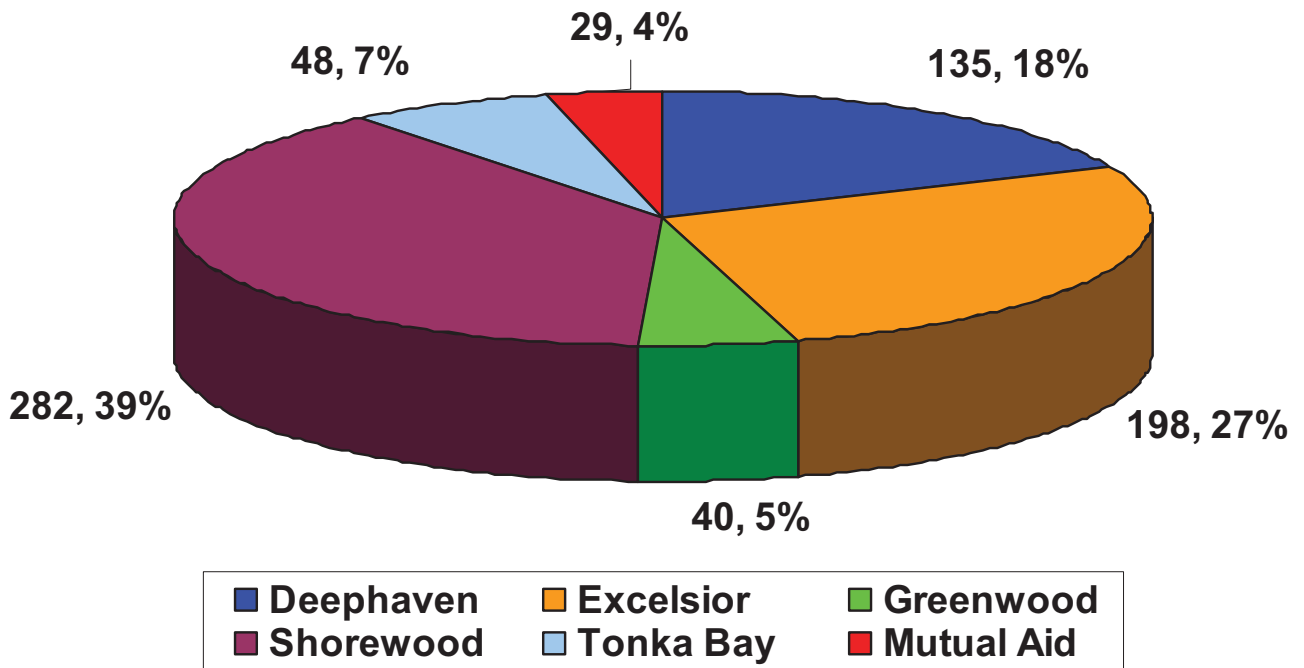
2010 Incidents by Type



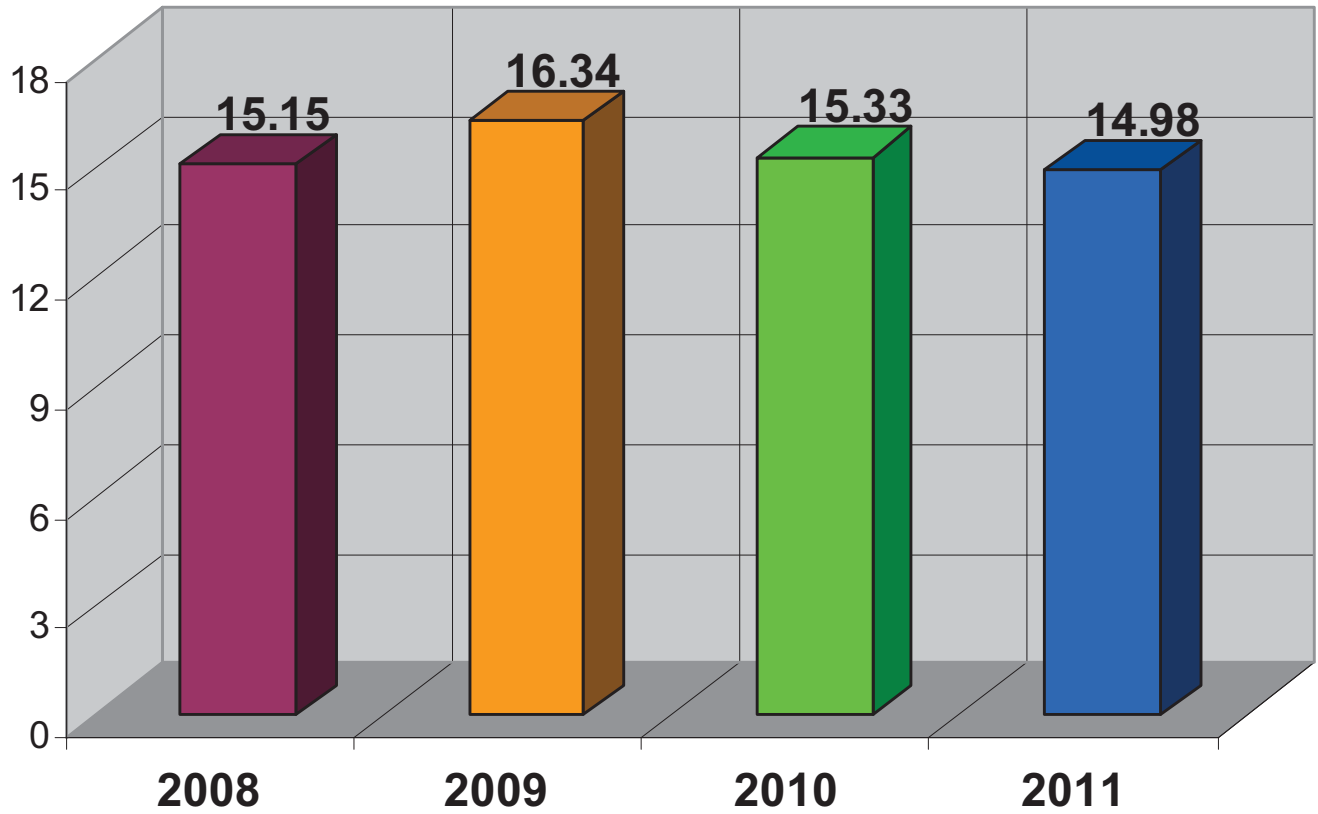
2011 Incidents by City



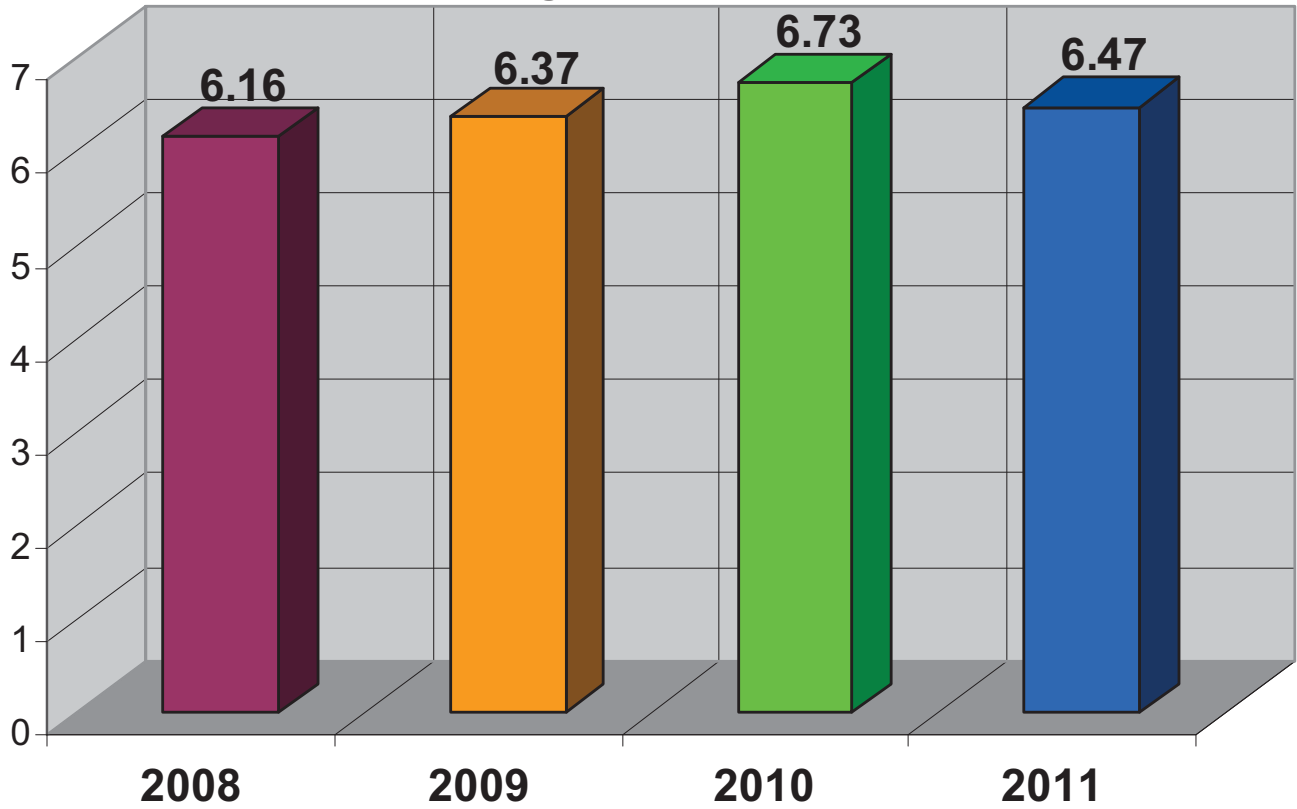
2010 Incidents by City



2008 - 2011 Average Firefighter Response



2008 - 2011 Average Response to Scene Time



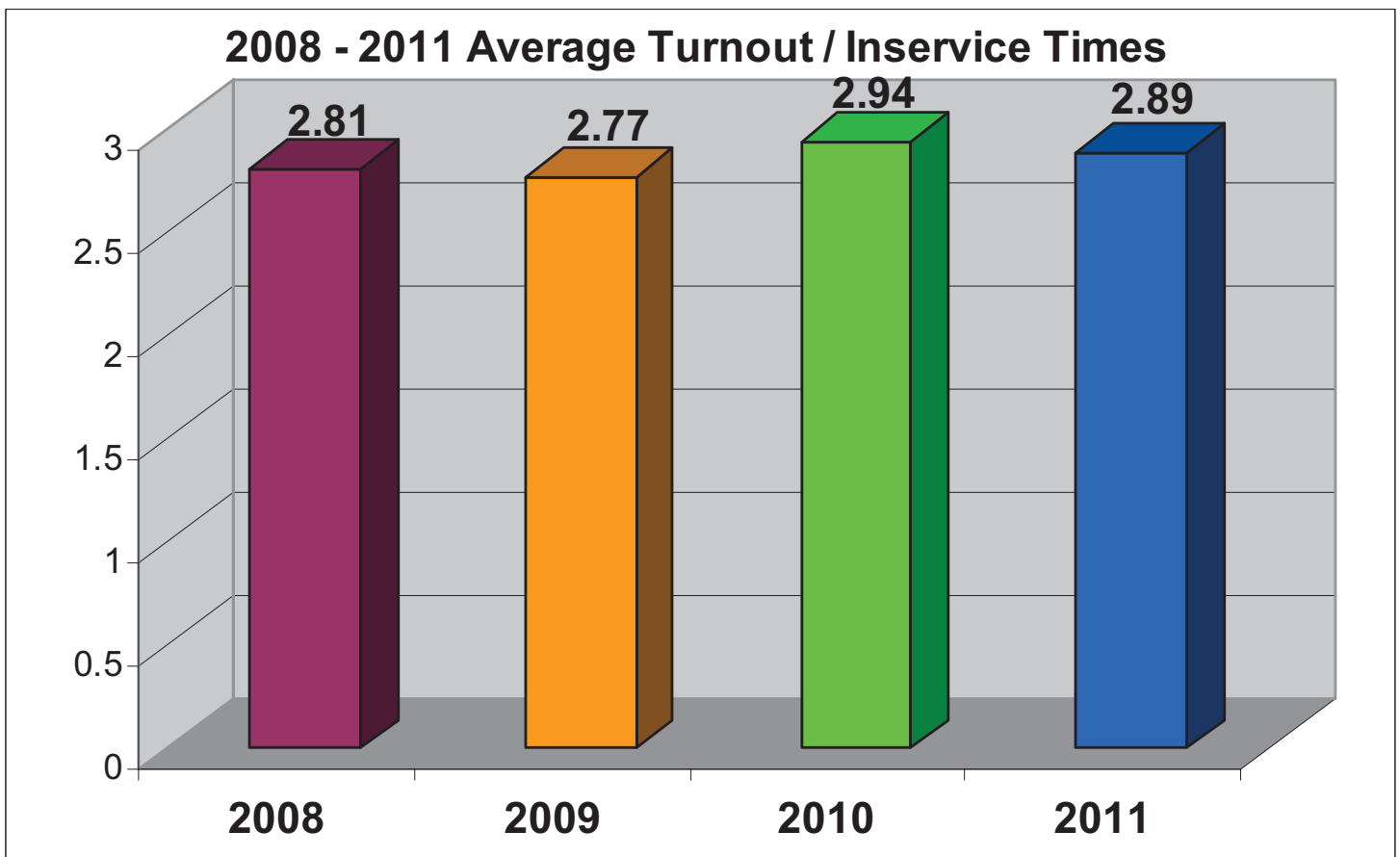


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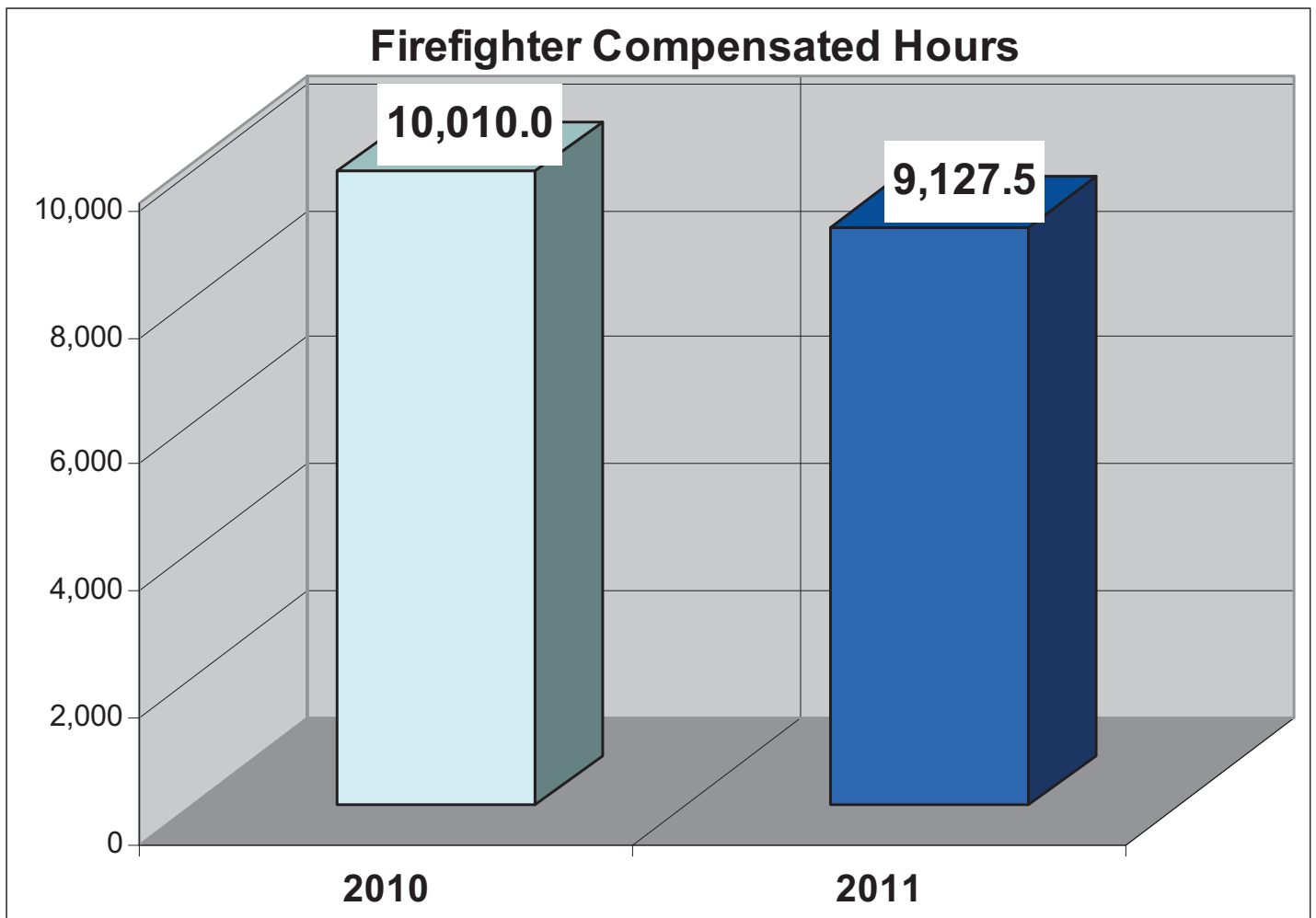


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Firefighter Compensated Hours



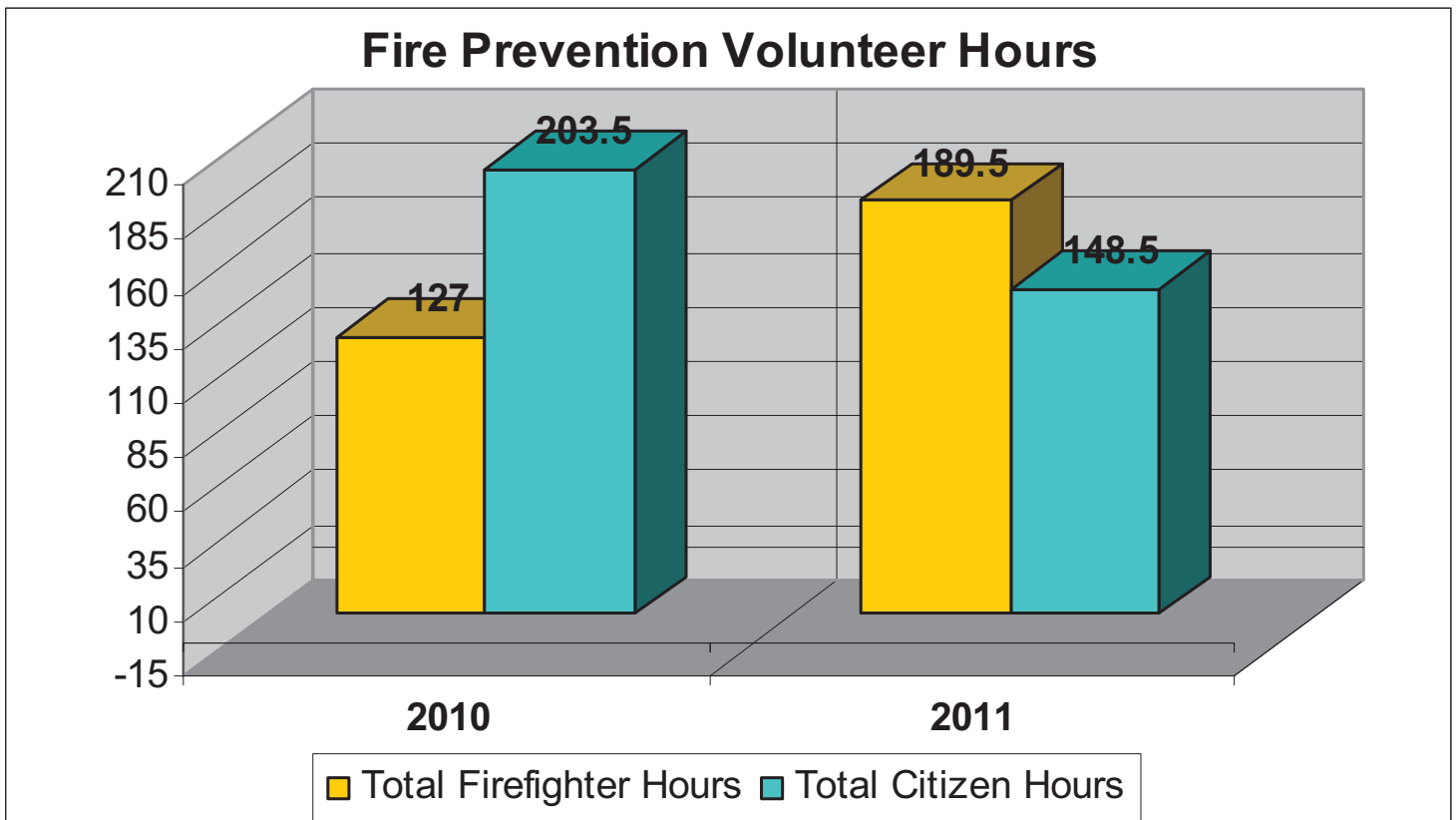


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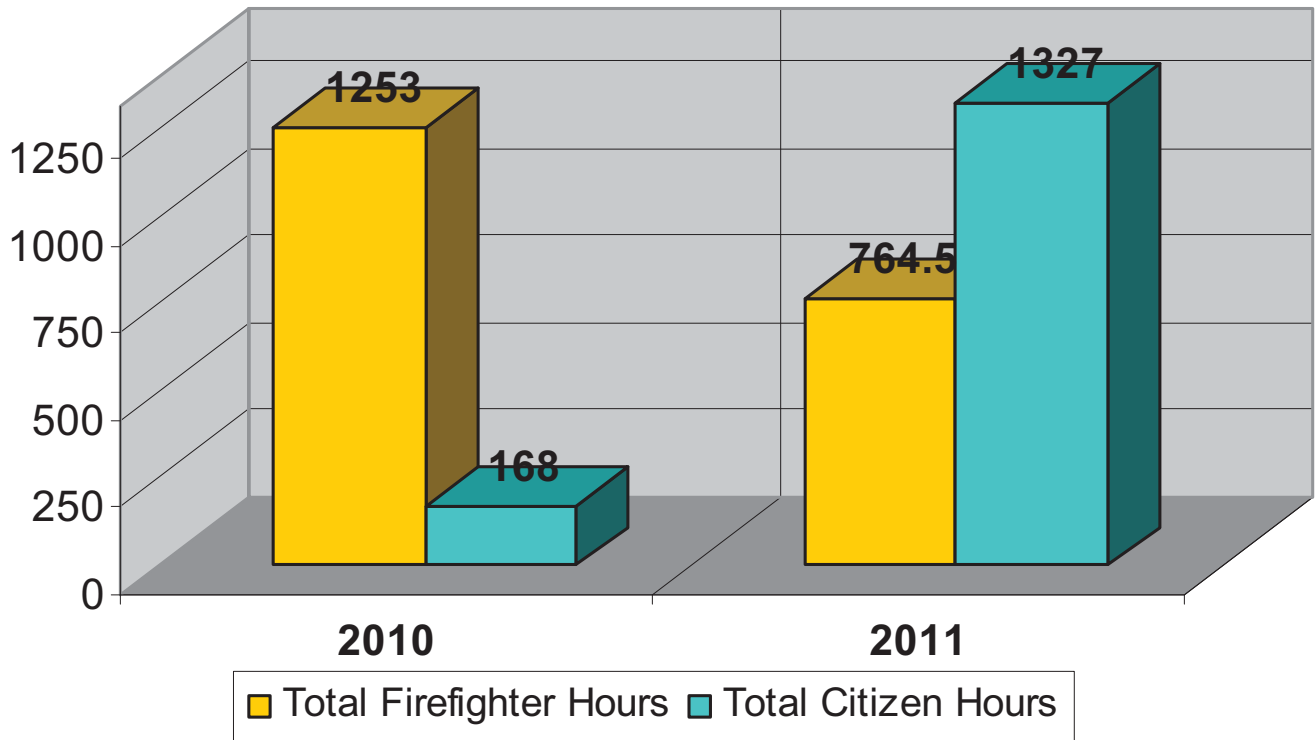
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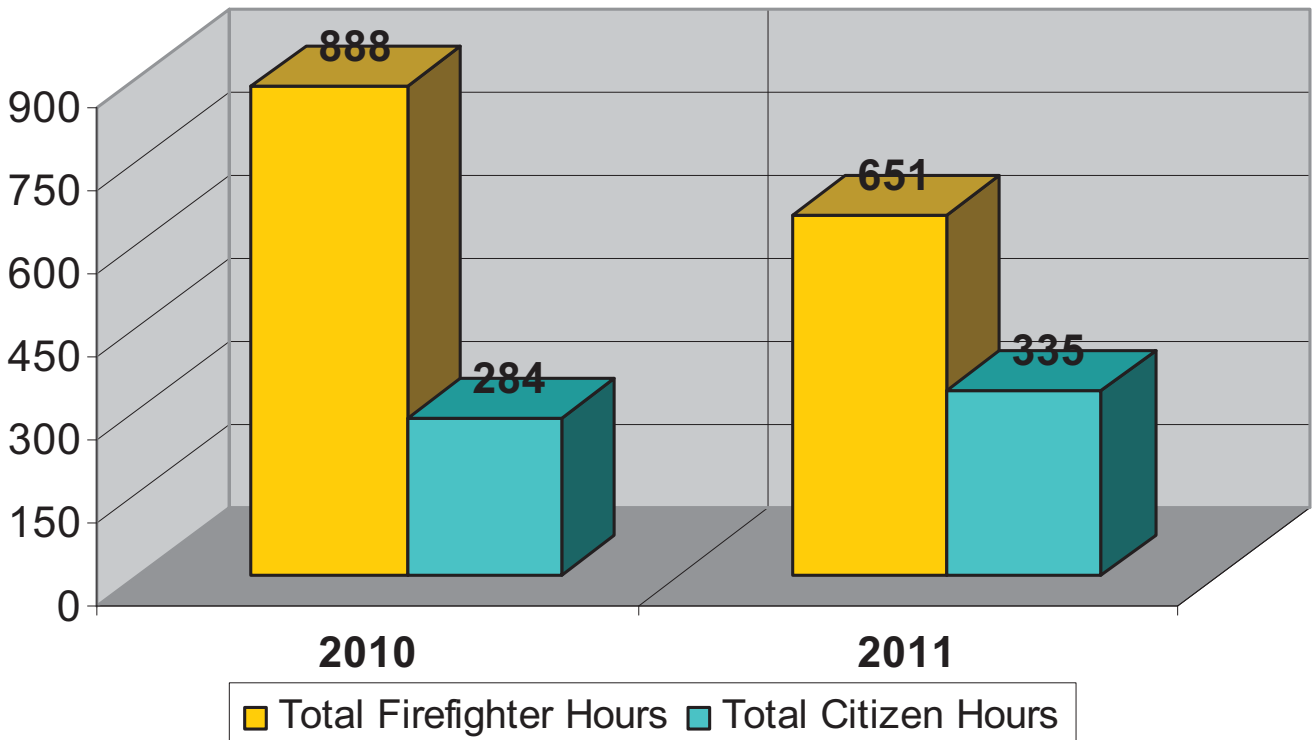
Firefighter Volunteer Hours



Special Event Volunteer Hours



EFD Relief Association Volunteer Hours





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Special Events

- Developed and utilized special events plans for the special events that needed greater detail planning
- Participated in the following special events in 2011
 - Apple Days
 - 4th of July
 - Arctic Fever
 - Minnesota's Night to Unite (National Night out)
 - Parades
 - ◆ Memorial Day
 - ◆ 4th of July
 - Excelsior
 - Greenwood
 - Cottagewood
 - Shorewood Oaks
 - ◆ Burnsville Fire Muster
 - ◆ Hopkins Parade
 - ◆ Long Lake Corn Days Parade
 - Halloween Parade
 - Art on the Lake
 - ALARC Ice Dive (Polar Plunge on Lake Minnetonka)
 - Pond Hockey Tournament
 - Cottagewood Grill Night for the Neighborhood
 - Fire Prevention VIP Event
 - Fire Prevention Day at the State Fair
 - Funerals
 - Kids Free Movie
 - Races
 - 4th of July
 - Tour de Tonka
 - Lake Minnetonka Triathlon
 - South Lake Safety Camp
 - ECFE Spring Picnic
 - Fund Raisers for neighboring fire departments





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- Participated in the following special events in 2011 (continued)
 - EFD Fire Prevention open House and Safety Fair
 - St. Therese Kids College
 - Minnetonka High School Senior Serve Day
 - Knewton Health Group AutoPulse Fundraiser
 - A.E.D. Orientation for Lay Persons
 - Giving Tree Project
 - Minnetonka Homecoming Parade
 - Our Savior's Easter Egg Hunt
 - Well's Fargo ½ Marathon
 - United Firefighters
 - Mount Calvary Family Fun Night
 - Pee Wee Hockey Tournament Hydrant Shoveling
 - Provided stand-by coverage to other departments for their special events
 - Victoria
 - Minnetonka
 - Long Lake
 - Mound
 - Minnesota Remembers, 10th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks
 - EFD Monument to Honor Firefighters Unveiling Ceremony
 - Minnesota Vikings Honor Public Safety
 - South Lake Minnetonka Police Citizens Academy
 - Bagging for Tips at Cub Foods Minnetonka for the ICA Food Shelf



