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METHODOLOGY

We collected three years of CAD data. In this report, we primarily focused our analysis on the 2016 calendar year. We focus on responses from Frederick County Fire and Rescue.

We utilized two distinct measures of call volume and workload. First, is the number of requests for service that are defined as either “dispatches” or “calls”. Dispatches/calls are the number of times a distinct incident was created involving units from Frederick County Fire and Rescue. Conversely, “responses” are the number of times that an individual unit (or units) responded to a call. Responses will be utilized on all Agency, Station and Unit level analyses, which account for all elements of workload and performance. Calls have been categorized as EMS, Fire, Rescue, Hazard, Fire investigation, and Mutual aid calls respectively. We analyzed outcomes for the requests for EMS services. Transport calls are identified if any responding ambulance has recorded a unit transport time.

We analyzed dispatch and turnout time separately and concluded the separation of dispatch and turnout time was not reliable. Thus, dispatch and turnout time are reported together. In this report, dispatch and turnout time is calculated from the time a request or incident was created by the dispatcher through the time a unit reported enroute. The time it took the dispatcher to answer the phone and create the incident was not captured in the dispatch time. This report mainly analyzes dispatch time, turnout time, travel time, and response time of the first arriving units.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE HISTORY

In the year of 2016, Frederick County Fire Rescue responded to a total of 10,250 incidents¹, which represented a 2.8% growth from 2015. EMS service requests totaled 8,133, accounting for 79.3% of the total number of incidents. The number of fire related calls were 1,379, which accounted for 13.5% of the dispatched incidents. Rescue and hazmat calls totaled 323, which accounted for 3.2% of the total incidents. A total of 382 incidents were mutual aid requests.

The number of individual unit responses will be more reflective of total workload since 54 percent of the calls resulted in multiple units responding. As summarized in Table 3, all units from the Frederick County Fire Rescue combined made 20,609 responses, and were busy on emergency calls 18,103 hours. On average, each response lasted 52.7 minutes from dispatched to clear.

Table 1: 2014 – 2016: Number of Incidents Dispatched by Category

Call Category	Number of Calls		
	2014	2015	2016
Cardiac and stroke	1,013	1,010	1,138
Seizure and unconsciousness	687	673	731
Breathing difficulty	787	871	729
Overdose and psychiatric	144	125	152
MVC	505	578	582
Fall and injury	1,510	1,622	1,741
Illness and other	2,791	3,043	3,060
EMS Total	7,437	7,922	8,133
Structure fire	130	123	113
Outside fire	142	102	117
Vehicle fire	93	85	84
Alarm	493	437	476
Public service	282	354	424
Move-up	51	56	47
Fire other	96	120	118
Fire Total	1,287	1,277	1,379
Rescue	14	11	18
Hazmat	327	333	305
Fire Investigation	39	44	33
Mutual aid	383	380	382
Total	9,487	9,967	10,250
Calls per Day	26.0	27.3	28.1
YoY Growth	NA	5.1%	2.8%

¹ 296 incidents were in CAD that did not have any Frederick County units assigned and were excluded. Therefore, if these incidents were included, the total call count in 2016 would be 10,546.

Table 2: Number of Incidents Dispatched by Category in 2016

Call Category	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
Cardiac and stroke	1,138	3.1	11.1%
Seizure and unconsciousness	731	2.0	7.1%
Breathing difficulty	729	2.0	7.1%
Overdose and psychiatric	152	0.4	1.5%
MVC	582	1.6	5.7%
Fall and injury	1,741	4.8	17.0%
Illness and other	3,060	8.4	29.9%
EMS Total	8,133	22.3	79.3%
Structure fire	113	0.3	1.1%
Outside fire	117	0.3	1.1%
Vehicle fire	84	0.2	0.8%
Alarm	476	1.3	4.6%
Public service	424	1.2	4.1%
Move-up	47	0.1	0.5%
Fire other	118	0.3	1.2%
Fire Total	1,379	3.8	13.5%
Rescue	18	0.0	0.2%
Hazmat	305	0.8	3.0%
Fire Investigation	33	0.1	0.3%
Mutual aid	382	1.0	3.7%
Total	10,250	28.1	100.0%

Figure 1: Percentage of Total Incidents Dispatched by Program in 2016

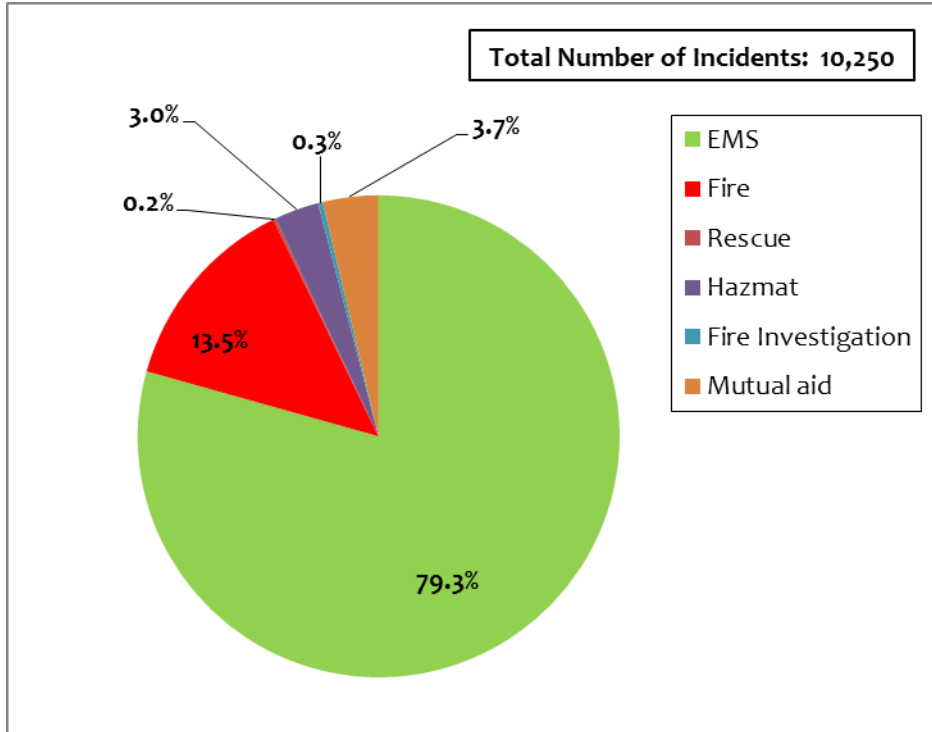


Table 3: Number of Calls, Number of Responses, and Total Busy Time by Program in 2016

Program	Number of Calls	Number of Responses	Average Responses per Call	Total Busy Hours	Average Busy Minutes per Response	Percentage of Total Busy Hours ²
EMS	8,133	15,408	1.9	13,971	54.4	77.2%
Fire	1,379	3,488	2.5	2,703	46.5	14.9%
Rescue	305	804	2.6	488	36.4	2.7%
Hazmat	18	70	3.9	40	34.1	0.2%
Fire Investigation	33	43	1.3	158	220.2	0.9%
Mutual aid	382	796	2.1	744	56.0	4.1%
Total	10,250	20,609	2.0	18,103	52.7	100.0%

² Hours are for apparatus or unit hours and not specifically personnel hours. The total personnel hourly commitment would be calculated as the product of the total busy hours and the number of personnel assigned to each unit.

Table 4: Mutual Aid Workload by Unit

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
Clear Brook	E13	Engine	44.1	23.5	32
	W13	Wagon	37.2	12.4	20
	T13	Tanker	69.8	15.1	13
	A132	Medic Unit	25.2	1.7	4
	B13	Brush	32.0	1.6	3
	Clear Brook Total			45.3	54.3
Gainesboro	CH16	Chief Officer	77.5	41.3	32
	T16	Tanker	63.7	30.8	29
	ALS1	ALS Chase Unit	102.7	24.0	14
	TW16	Aerial	108.7	25.4	14
	AT16	Attack	140.9	21.1	9
	B16	Brush	59.8	8.0	8
	W16	Wagon	106.5	10.6	6
	MO16	Mobile	155.3	12.9	5
	E16	Engine	98.5	8.2	5
	A162	Medic Unit	153.4	5.1	2
Gainesboro Total			90.7	187.5	124
Gore	E14	Engine	75.9	12.7	10
	T14	Tanker	69.0	9.2	8
	AT14	Attack	126.5	12.6	6
	B14	Brush	105.0	10.5	6
	CH14	Chief Officer	118.9	7.9	4
	SV14	Serve	136.0	4.5	2
	A142	Medic Unit	12.6	0.2	1
	W14	Wagon	13.0	0.2	1
Gore Total			91.4	57.9	38
Greenwood	Q18	Aerial	41.8	23.0	33
	ALS2	ALS Chase Unit	18.9	6.0	19
	E18	Engine	36.5	7.9	13
	A183	Medic Unit	16.4	1.4	5
	CH18	Chief Officer	43.6	1.5	2
	A181	Medic Unit	75.3	1.3	1
	Greenwood Total			33.7	41.0
Middletown	RE12	Rescue Engine	21.7	23.1	64
	A122	Medic Unit	26.2	8.7	20
	ET12	Engine	59.7	15.9	16
	A121	Medic Unit	17.7	3.8	13
	ALS12	ALS Chase Unit	35.1	5.3	9

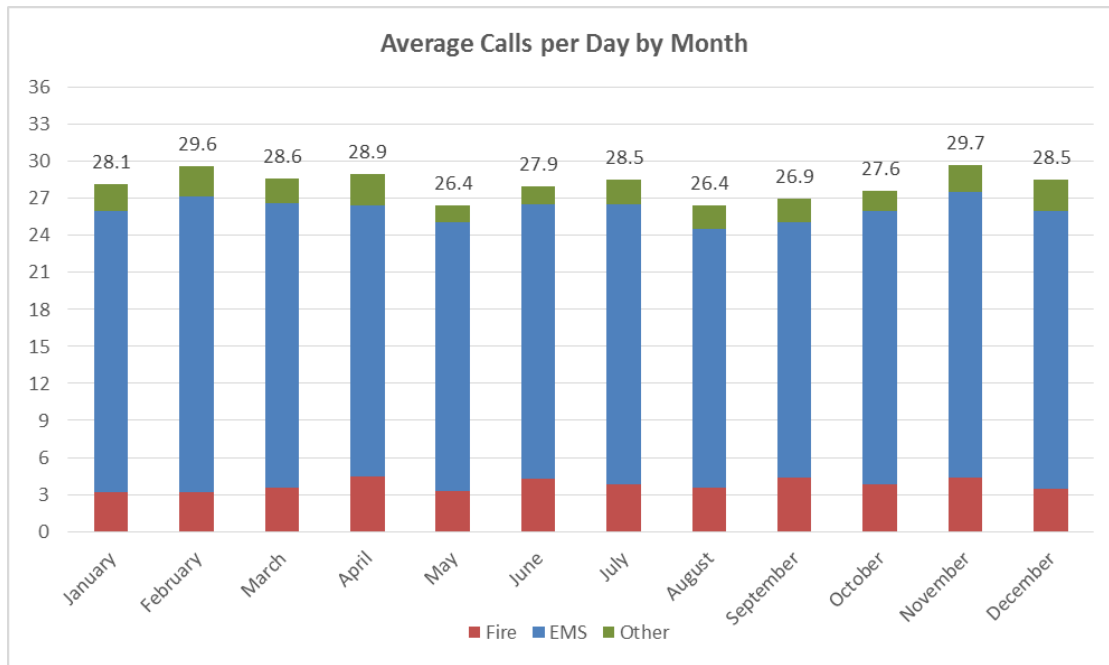
Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
	AT12	Attack	41.1	4.1	6
	CH12	Chief Officer	8.5	0.3	2
	MO12	Mobile	17.0	0.3	1
	Middletown Total		28.2	61.6	131
Millwood	E21	Engine	48.6	13.8	17
	RE21	Rescue Engine	5.4	0.8	9
	A211	Medic Unit	0.6	0.0	1
	Millwood Total		32.4	14.6	27
North Mountain	T19	Tanker	61.6	4.1	4
	B19	Brush	69.9	3.5	3
	CH19	Chief Officer	68.5	3.4	3
	AT19	Attack	78.4	2.6	2
	W19	Pumper	174.1	5.8	2
	A191	Medic Unit	47.5	0.8	1
	North Mountain Total		81.0	20.2	15
Public Safety Building	BTL10	Duty Officer Vehicle	56.0	58.8	63
	CH10	Chief Officer	3.8	0.1	2
	FM103	Fire Marshal	0.2	0.0	1
	FM1	Fire Marshal	0.1	0.0	1
	FM102	Fire Marshal	60.2	1.0	1
	TN10	Chief Officer	189.6	3.2	1
	BTX10	Duty Officer Vehicle	8.1	0.1	1
	Public Safety Building Total		54.2	63.3	70
Reynolds Store	E20	Engine	59.4	50.5	51
	T20	Tanker	70.2	45.7	39
	AT20	Attack	80.4	25.4	19
	CH20	Chief Officer	28.9	4.8	10
	RE20	Rescue Engine	18.7	2.5	8
	B201	Brush	10.0	1.2	7
	B203	Brush	3.5	0.2	3
	MO20	Mobile	49.1	2.5	3
	B202	Brush	146.7	4.9	2
	A201	Medic Unit	7.2	0.2	2
	A202	Medic Unit	28.4	0.5	1
	Reynolds Store Total		57.2	138.3	145
Round Hill	E15	Engine	27.6	17.9	39
	RE15	Rescue Engine	42.8	5.0	7
	CH15	Chief Officer	34.5	2.3	4
	A151	Medic Unit	2.1	0.1	2

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
	A152	Medic Unit	19.0	0.6	2
	Round Hill Total		28.8	25.9	54
Star Tannery	A171	Medic Unit	62.8	8.4	8
	B17	Brush	82.9	9.7	7
	W17	Pumper	85.1	9.9	7
	T17	Tanker	87.7	7.3	5
	E17	Engine	33.0	2.8	5
		Star Tannery Total		71.3	38.0
Stephens City	W11	Engine	72.8	7.3	6
Stephens City	TW11	Aerial	49.9	1.7	2
Stephens City	BT11	Boat	619.9	10.3	1
Stephens City	BT112	Boat	603.3	10.1	1
Stephens City	TRS11	Tech Rescue	593.1	9.9	1
Stephens City	E11	Engine	2.0	0.0	1
Stephens City	CH11	Chief Officer	33.2	0.6	1
Stephens City	A111	Medic Unit	71.8	1.2	1
Stephens City	A112	Medic Unit	0.1	0.0	1
Stephens City	Stephens City Total		164.0	41.0	15
Frederick County Total			56.0	743.5	796

Temporal analyses were conducted to evaluate patterns in community demands. These measures examined the frequency of requests for service by month, day of week, and hour of day. In the following temporal analysis, rescue, hazmat, fire investigation and mutual aid calls were grouped into the other category for presentation purpose.

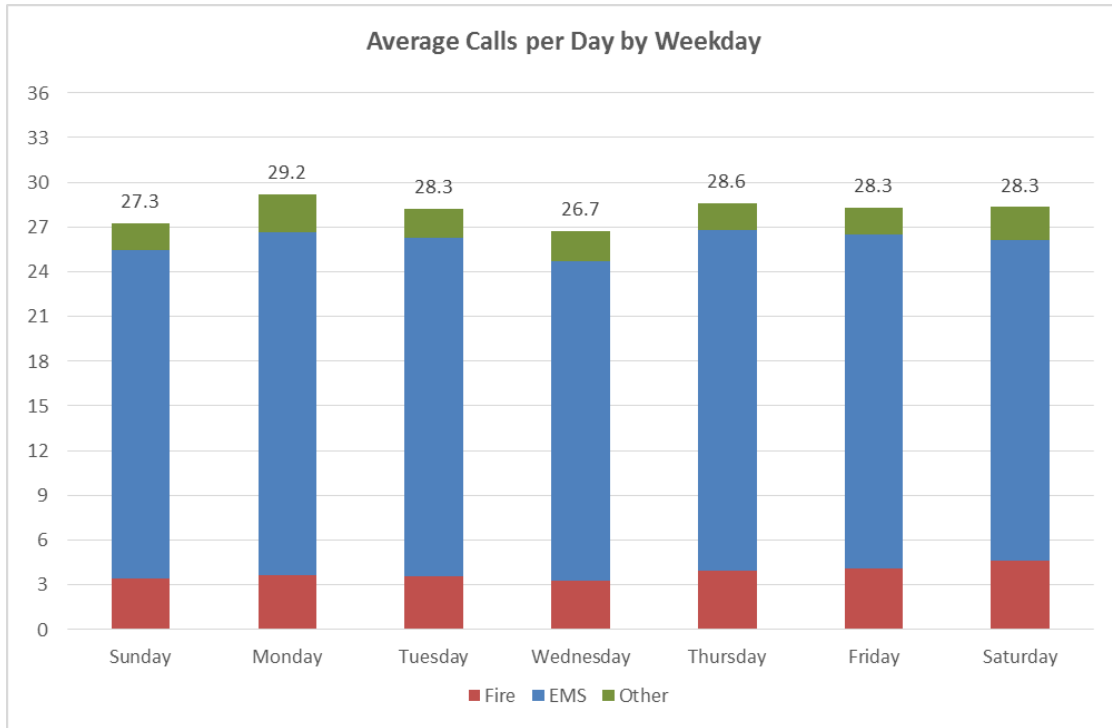
Overall, average requests per month ranged from a low of 26.4 per day in May to a high of 29.7 per day in November. The top three months with the most demands in the descending order are: November (29.7 per day), February (29.6 per day) and April (28.9 per day).

Figure 2: Overall: Average Calls per Day by Month



Similar analyses were conducted for requests by day of week. The data revealed that there is little variability in the demand for services by day of week. Wednesday was the lowest for the week at 26.7 calls per day. Monday has the highest frequency of requests for services at 29.2 calls per day.

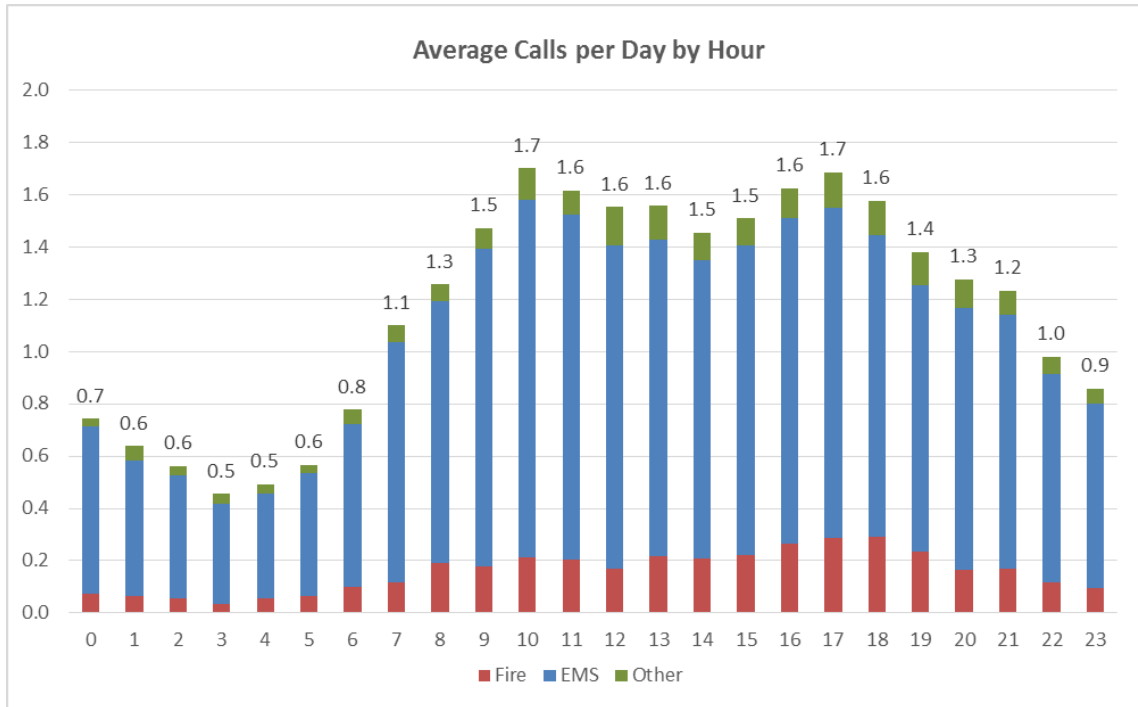
Figure 3: Overall: Average Calls per Day by Weekday



Overall demands were evaluated by the hour of the day. Considerable variability exists in the time of day that requests for emergency services are received. The average number of calls per hour is 427 or 1.2 per hour. The data illustrates that the busiest times of the day are between 1000 and 1700. The hour with the peak demand is at 1000.

To provide a more granular understanding of the community's demand for emergency services, this temporal analysis included the average number of calls per hour. In other words, when referring to the figure below, the busiest hour is at 1000 with 621 calls during that hour. The average number of calls per hour is a daily average for those 621 calls if they were equally distributed. Therefore, the busiest hour per day would be at 1000 with an average hourly call volume at 1.70 calls per day. The second busiest hour is at 1700 with 616 calls during the hour, and averaged 1.69 calls per hour.

Figure 4: Overall: Average Calls per Day by Hour



Overall, all units made 20,609 unit responses, and the total busy hours were 18,103 hours. On average, a Frederick County Fire Rescue unit spent 52.7 minutes from dispatch to clear. Units in the Greenwood station was dispatched most, totaling 4,453 runs a year, averaging 12.2 unit responses, and 11.3 hours a day.

Table 5: Overall Workload by Station

Station	Number of Calls	Annual Total Responses	Annual Busy Hours	Average Responses per Call	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Busy Hours per Day	Unit Responses per Day
Clear Brook	1,123	1,316	1,235	1.2	56.3	3.4	3.6
Gainesboro	1,334	1,390	1,250	1.0	54.0	3.4	3.8
Gore	400	580	579	1.5	59.9	1.6	1.6
Greenwood	2,498	2,560	2,351	1.0	55.1	6.4	7.0
Middletown	1,184	1,673	1,608	1.4	57.7	4.4	4.6
Millwood	1,893	2,172	1,579	1.1	43.6	4.3	6.0
North Mountain	465	754	638	1.6	50.7	1.7	2.1
Public Safety Building	1,512	1,649	1,104	1.1	40.2	3.0	4.5
Reynolds Store	393	552	546	1.4	59.4	1.5	1.5
Round Hill	1,822	2,273	1,806	1.2	47.7	4.9	6.2
Star Tannery	219	249	334	1.1	80.5	0.9	0.7
Stephens City	2,207	2,674	2,466	1.2	55.3	6.8	7.3
Total	10,250	17,842	15,495	1.7	52.1	42.5	48.9

Table 6: Overall Workload by Unit

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
Clear Brook	A132	Medic Unit	65.0	527.3	487
	A131	Medic Unit	66.8	387.5	348
	E13	Engine	33.7	123.5	220
	W13	Wagon	38.5	76.5	119
	B13	Brush	39.7	44.4	67
	T13	Tanker	54.3	57.0	63
	CH13	Chief Officer	89.2	13.4	9
	MO13	Mobile	139.3	4.6	2
	SV13	Serve	46.6	0.8	1
Clear Brook Total			56.3	1,234.9	1,316
Gainesboro	ALS1	ALS Chase Unit	58.1	846.1	874
	CH16	Chief Officer	40.5	227.2	337
	A162	Medic Unit	66.5	344.8	311
	A161	Medic Unit	59.1	232.3	236
	W16	Wagon	37.8	90.1	143
	E16	Engine	44.9	66.5	89
	T16	Tanker	53.8	69.0	77
	MO16	Mobile	71.7	82.5	69
	AT16	Attack	54.2	55.1	61

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
	TW16	Aerial	59.8	37.8	38
	ALS16	ALS Chase Unit	106.7	26.7	15
	B16	Brush	82.6	17.9	13
	BT16	Boat	2.5	0.0	1
	Gainesboro Total			55.5	2,096.0
Gore	A142	Medic Unit	70.4	195.9	167
	A141	Medic Unit	69.6	141.6	122
	E14	Engine	43.8	62.8	86
	SV14	Serve	35.4	50.7	86
	AT14	Attack	66.5	45.4	41
	CH14	Chief Officer	65.3	33.7	31
	T14	Tanker	61.2	27.6	27
	B14	Brush	84.8	17.0	12
	W14	Wagon	29.1	2.9	6
	MO14	Mobile	40.0	1.3	2
Gore Total			59.9	578.9	580
Greenwood	ALS2	ALS Chase Unit	55.8	1,761.9	1,893
	A183	Medic Unit	65.0	1,132.8	1,046
	A181	Medic Unit	60.3	764.2	760
	E18	Engine	31.6	145.2	276
	Q18	Aerial	26.9	103.9	232
	CH18	Chief Officer	22.5	62.5	167
	A184	Medic Unit	132.3	130.1	59
	B18	Brush	41.2	10.3	15
	SV18	Serve	36.5	1.8	3
	MO18	Mobile	8.3	0.3	2
Greenwood Total			55.4	4,112.9	4,453
Middletown	A121	Medic Unit	66.2	453.3	411
	A122	Medic Unit	68.9	434.9	379
	ALS12	ALS Chase Unit	63.1	317.4	302
	RE12	Rescue Engine	30.2	146.6	291
	ET12	Engine	36.6	60.4	99
	CH12	Chief Officer	58.7	78.3	80
	AT12	Attack	44.0	38.9	53
	MO12	Mobile	47.6	41.2	52
	ATV12	ATV	363.7	36.4	6
Middletown Total			57.7	1,607.5	1,673
Millwood Station	A211	Medic Unit	57.9	764.2	792
	RE21	Rescue Engine	26.5	206.5	467
	E21	Engine	27.0	207.4	460

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
	A212	Medic Unit	56.3	314.4	335
	A101	Medic Unit	48.7	62.5	77
	SV21	Serve	34.7	22.6	39
	CH21	Chief Officer	42.2	1.4	2
	Millwood Station Total			43.6	1,578.9
North Mountain	A192	Medic Unit	62.8	174.9	167
	A191	Medic Unit	69.4	173.4	150
	CH19	Chief Officer	40.5	91.7	136
	W19	Pumper	41.9	59.3	85
	SV19	Serve	26.5	37.1	84
	AT19	Attack	33.4	36.7	66
	T19	Tanker	54.9	43.9	48
	B19	Brush	72.3	20.5	17
	E19	Engine	0.1	0.0	1
North Mountain Total			50.7	637.6	754
Public Safety Building	BTL10	Duty Officer Vehicle	32.0	743.2	1,394
	FM102	Fire Marshal	68.6	61.7	54
	FM1	Fire Marshal	82.4	70.0	51
	FM2	Fire Marshal	152.7	119.6	47
	CH10	Chief Officer	34.1	17.6	31
	OPS1	Chief Officer	26.4	11.0	25
	FM103	Fire Marshal	176.5	50.0	17
	BTX10	Duty Officer Vehicle	27.6	4.6	10
	TN102	Support Vehicle	20.6	1.7	5
	HZM10	HazMat Truck	144.6	7.2	3
	TN10	Chief Officer	84.5	4.2	3
	E10	Engine	21.5	1.1	3
	EM10	Support Vehicle	178.2	8.9	3
	FM106	Fire Marshal	88.8	3.0	2
	TN101	Support Vehicle	8.5	0.1	1
Public Safety Building Total			40.2	1,104.0	1,649
Reynolds Store	A202	Medic Unit	80.1	215.1	161
	E20	Engine	49.8	102.2	123
	T20	Tanker	62.6	55.3	53
	A201	Medic Unit	71.7	60.9	51
	AT20	Attack	50.4	38.7	46
	MO20	Mobile	40.8	26.5	39
	RE20	Rescue Engine	31.3	16.2	31
	CH20	Chief Officer	40.4	20.2	30
	B201	Brush	18.4	3.4	11

Station	Unit	Unit Type	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses
	B202	Brush	114.2	7.6	4
	B203	Brush	3.5	0.2	3
	Reynolds Store Total		59.4	546.2	552
Round Hill	A152	Medic Unit	60.9	988.4	974
	RE15	Rescue Engine	30.9	182.1	354
	A151	Medic Unit	60.9	345.2	340
	E15	Engine	26.0	107.2	247
	SV15	Serve	29.1	84.7	175
	CH15	Chief Officer	33.4	58.4	105
	B15	Brush	30.9	39.6	77
	AT15	Attack	1.2	0.0	1
Round Hill Total		47.7	1,805.6	2,273	
Star Tannery	A171	Medic Unit	94.2	260.7	166
	B17	Brush	52.7	24.6	28
	W17	Pumper	50.8	16.9	20
	T17	Tanker	64.4	21.5	20
	E17	Engine	46.9	9.4	12
	SV17	Serve	16.3	0.8	3
Star Tannery Total		80.5	333.9	249	
Stephens City	A113	Medic Unit	61.8	974.8	947
	A112	Medic Unit	65.3	592.3	544
	A111	Medic Unit	64.1	401.4	376
	CH11	Chief Officer	31.5	124.8	238
	W11	Engine	35.8	118.7	199
	E11	Engine	35.2	113.2	193
	AT11	Attack	28.2	27.8	59
	MO11	Mobile	23.8	20.2	51
	TW11	Aerial	39.4	29.5	45
	TRS11	Tech Rescue	259.2	21.6	5
	BT11	Boat	244.9	20.4	5
	SV11	Serve	12.3	0.8	4
	ALS11	Mobile	54.5	2.7	3
	BT111	Boat	387.8	6.5	1
	HZM11	Support Trailer	26.5	0.4	1
	BT112	Boat	603.3	10.1	1
	UT11	Utility	28.8	0.5	1
B11	Brush	38.3	0.6	1	
Stephens City Total		55.3	2,466.2	2,674	
Frederick County Total			52.7	18,102.8	20,609

This analysis utilized the first arriving units of all distinct incidents. CAD data does not differentiate dispatch and turnout times reliably, so dispatch and turnout time are reported together. The mean (average) dispatch and turnout time was 312 seconds. The mean (average) travel time was 354 seconds (five minutes 54 seconds), and response time was 672 seconds (eleven minutes and 12 seconds). The average response time is the same as the sum of the average dispatch time and turnout and travel time.

However, a more conservative and reliable measure of performance is the fractile or percentile. This measure is more robust, or less influenced by outliers, than measures of central tendency such as the mean. Best practice is to measure at the 90th percentile. In other words, 90% of all performance is captured expecting that 10% of the time the department may experience abnormal conditions that would typically be considered an outlier. For example, if the department were to report an average response time of six minutes, then in a normally distributed set of data, half of the responses would be longer than six minutes and half of the responses would be less than six minutes. The 90th percentile communicates that 9 out of 10 times the department performance is predictable and thus more clearly articulated to policy makers and the community.

The performance for dispatch and turnout time at the 90th percentile was 437 seconds (seven minutes and 17 second), travel time was 623 seconds (ten minutes and 23 seconds), and response time was 16.4 minutes. Please note that the summation of 90th percentile dispatch and turnout time, and 90th percentile travel time is not the same as 90th percentile response time.

Table 7: Average Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by Program

Program	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size ³
EMS	5.3	5.9	11.1	7,519
Fire	4.8	6.4	11.2	1,088
Rescue	5.4	6.0	11.4	15
Hazmat	5.5	5.9	11.3	274
Total	5.2	5.9	11.2	8,896

³ The sample size is different from the totals reported in Tables 1 and 2 due to missing data elements such as missing time elements. Therefore, 87% of the total incidents are represented and are statistically robust to make inferences about the total population.

Figure 5: Average Turnout and Travel Time by Call Category

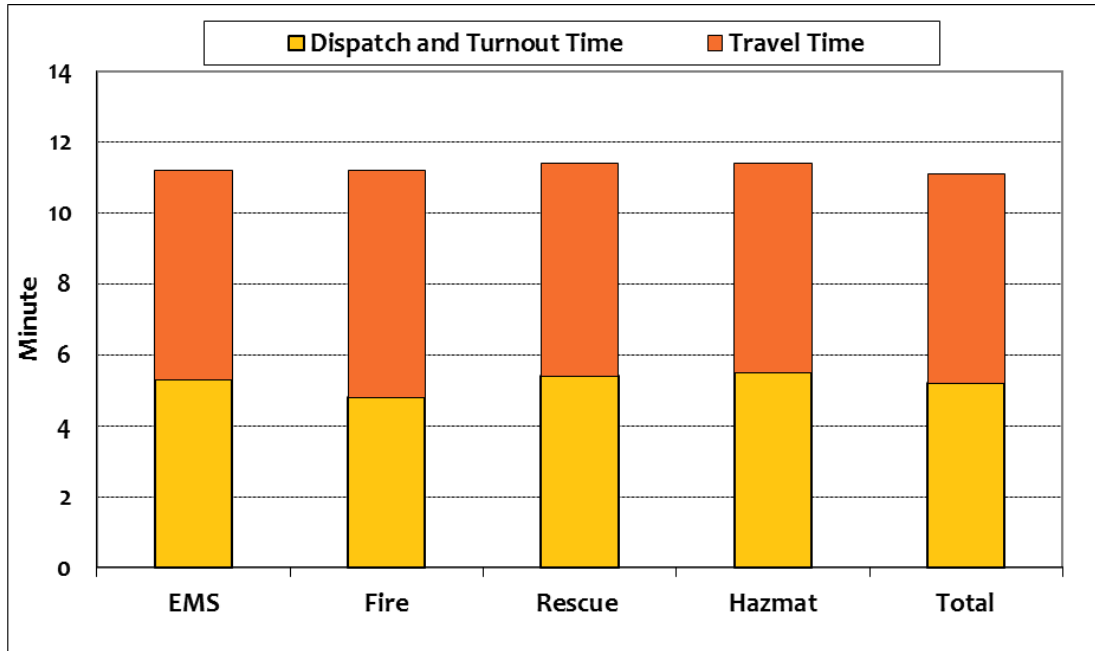


Table 8: 90th Percentile Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by Program

Program	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
EMS	7.3	10.1	16.1	7,519
Fire	7.5	11.7	17.6	1,088
Rescue	8.6	9.6	17.6	15
Hazmat	8.0	10.7	17.1	274
Total	7.3	10.4	16.4	8,896

The average travel time varied by EMD code from 4.8 minutes for Echo calls to 8.3 minutes for Omega calls. The 90th percentile response times were consistently more than 14 minutes and the aggregate total response time was 16.1 minutes. Echo type of EMS calls has the shortest average and 90th percentile response time.

The distributions of dispatch and turnout time and travel time were also analyzed. A total of 53% of calls had dispatch and turnout time of five minutes or less. A total of 47% of calls had travel time of five minutes or less, and 78% of calls had travel time of eight minutes or less.

Figure 6: All Calls: Distribution of Dispatch and Turnout Time of First Arriving Unit

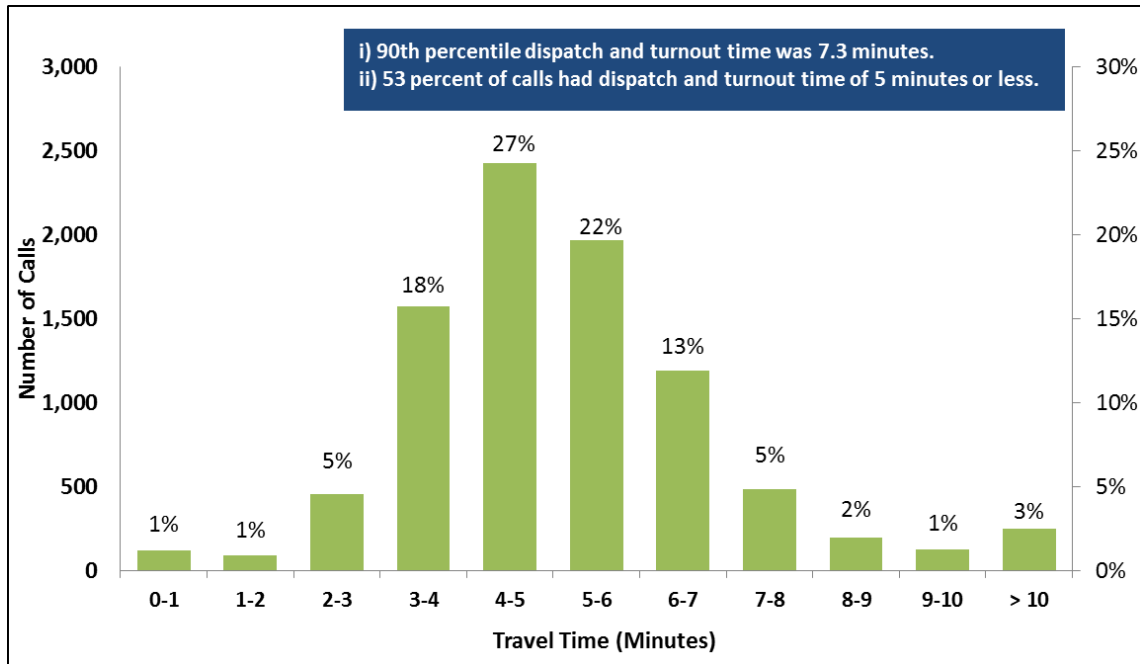


Figure 7: All Calls: Distribution of Travel Time of First Arriving Unit

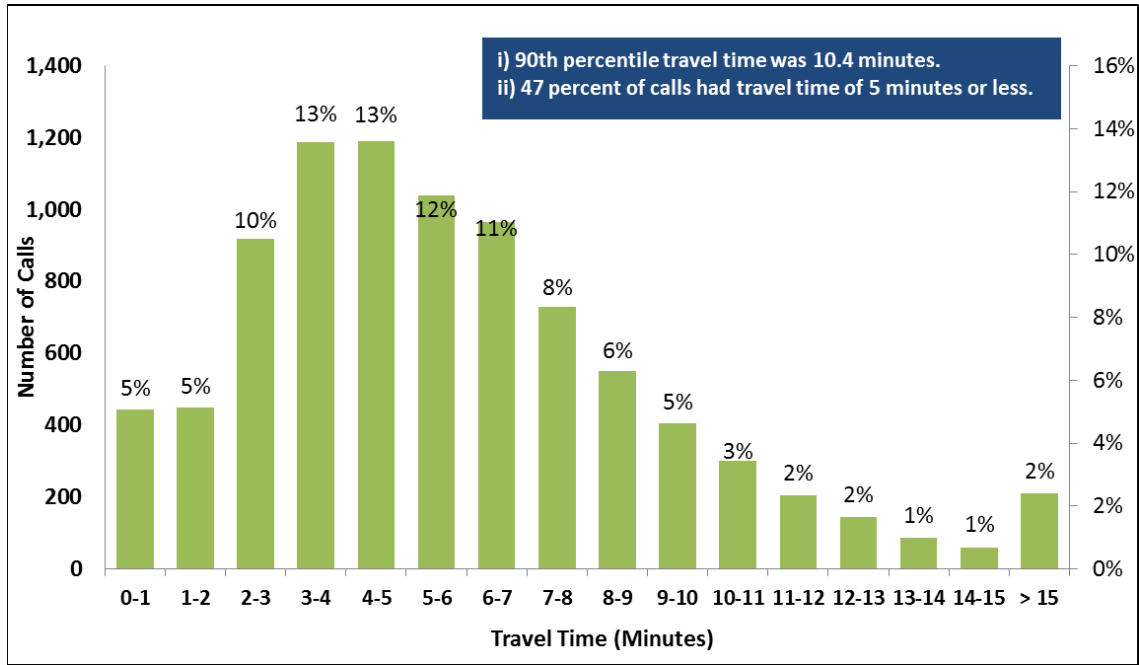


Table 9: EMS Calls: Average Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by EMD Code

Program	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
Alpha	5.5	6.0	11.6	1,911
Bravo	5.5	5.7	11.2	882
Charlie	5.6	6.0	11.6	1,407
Delta	5.3	5.8	11.1	1,931
Echo	4.2	4.8	9.0	109
Omega	5.5	8.3	13.8	29
Missing	4.4	5.6	10.0	1,250
EMS Total	5.3	5.9	11.1	7,519

Figure 8: EMS Calls: Average Turnout and Travel Time by EMD Code

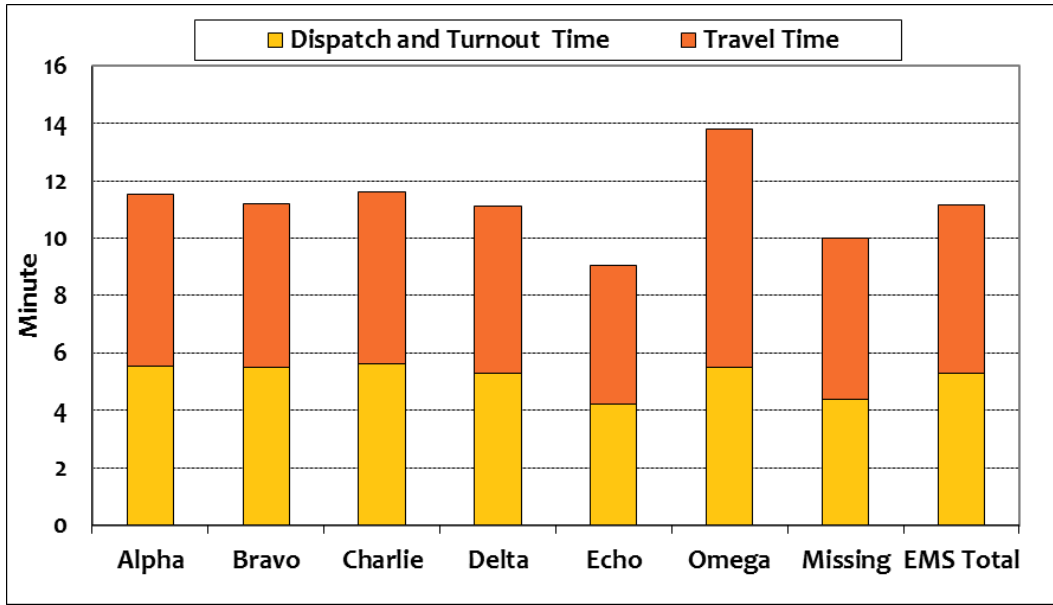


Table 10: EMS Calls: 90th Percentile Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by EMD Code

Program	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
Alpha	7.4	10.3	16.5	1,911
Bravo	7.4	9.8	15.9	882
Charlie	7.5	10.0	16.4	1,407
Delta	7.2	9.9	15.9	1,931
Echo	6.1	8.2	14.1	109
Omega	7.0	12.9	18.7	29
Missing	6.8	10.6	15.6	1,250
EMS Total	7.3	10.1	16.1	7,519

Fire Services

Overall, there are 1,379 total fire incidents, averaging 3.8 per day. Structure, outside and vehicle fires totaled 314. The largest fire category was alarm and public service calls, averaging 1.3 and 1.2 per day.

Table 11: Number of Fire Incidents Dispatched by Category

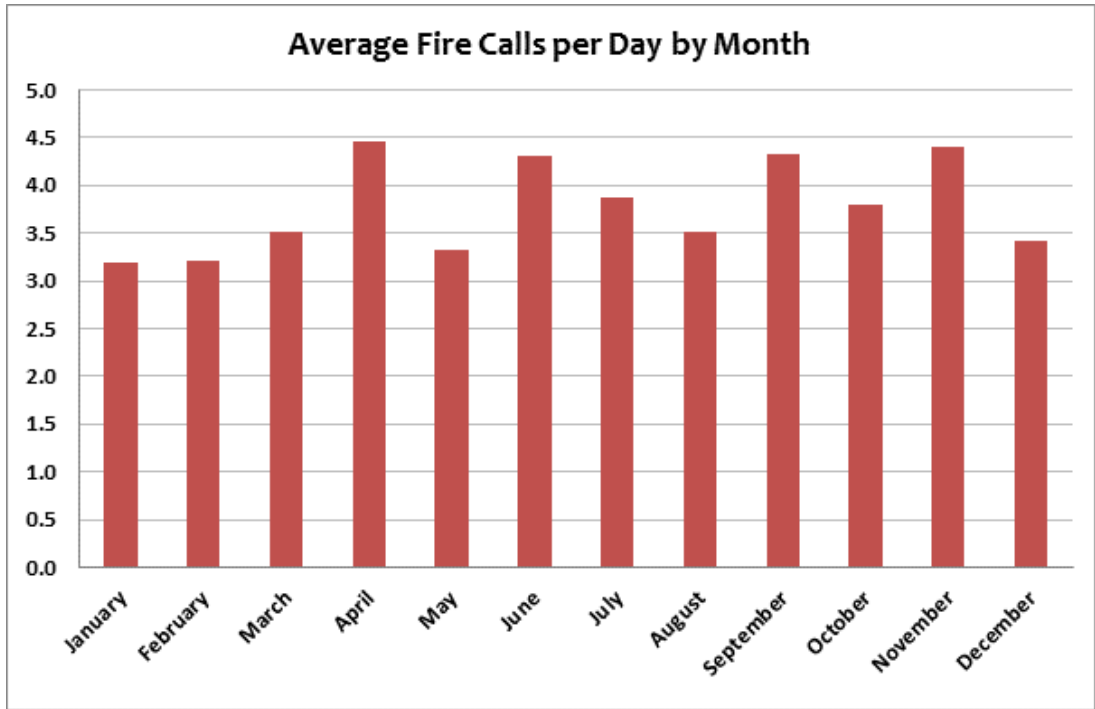
Call Category	Number of Calls	Calls per Day
Structure fire	113	0.3
Outside fire	117	0.3
Vehicle fire	84	0.2
Alarm	476	1.3
Public service	424	1.2
Move up	47	0.1
Fire other	118	0.3
Fire Total	1,379	3.8

Temporal analyses were conducted to evaluate patterns in community demands for fire related services. These measures examined the frequency of requests for service in 2016 by month, day of week, and hour of day. Results found that there was variability by month. The three months with most fire calls in order were: April (4.5 per day), November (4.4 per day) and September (4.3 per day). The three months with least fire calls in order were: January and February (3.2 per day) and May (3.3 per day). Results are presented below.

Table 12: Total Fire Related Calls per Month

Month	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
January	99	3.2	7.2
February	90	3.2	6.5
March	109	3.5	7.9
April	134	4.5	9.7
May	103	3.3	7.5
June	129	4.3	9.4
July	120	3.9	8.7
August	109	3.5	7.9
September	130	4.3	9.4
October	118	3.8	8.6
November	132	4.4	9.6
December	106	3.4	7.7
Total	1,379	3.78	100.0

Figure 9: Average Fire Related Calls per Month

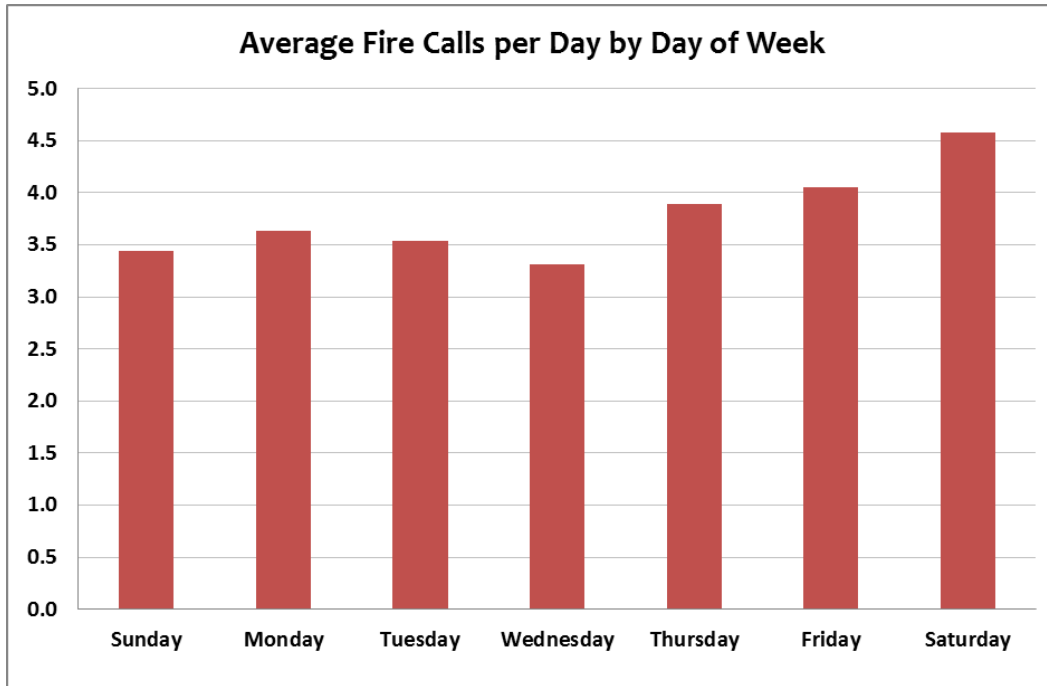


Similar analyses were conducted for fire related calls per day of week. The data revealed that there is some variability in the demand for services by day of week. Wednesday was the lowest for the week, averaging 3.3 per day or 12.5 percent of the fire related calls for the week. Saturday has the highest frequency of requests for fire related services averaging 4.6 calls per day and 17.3%. Results for this analysis are presented below.

Table 13: Total Fire Related Calls by Day of Week

Day of Week	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
Sunday	179	3.4	13.0
Monday	189	3.6	13.7
Tuesday	184	3.5	13.3
Wednesday	172	3.3	12.5
Thursday	206	3.9	14.9
Friday	211	4.1	15.3
Saturday	238	4.6	17.3
Total	1,379	3.78	100.0

Figure 10: Average Fire Related Calls by Day of Week



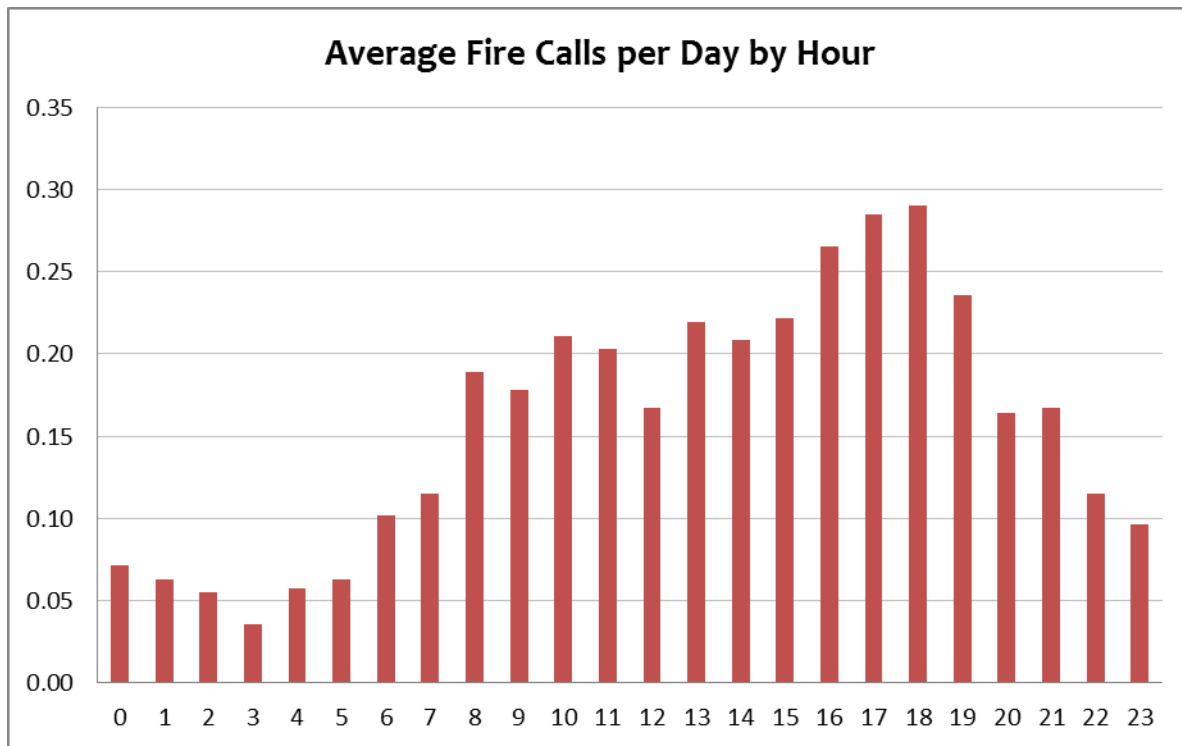
Fire related calls were evaluated by hour of the day. Considerable variability exists in the time of day that requests for fire related services are received. The hours that include 0100 to 0500 have the lowest demands. The middle of the day has the greatest frequency of calls, specifically from 1600 to 1800. The average number of calls per hour in a year is 57. Finally, in an effort to provide a more granular understanding of the community’s demand for fire related services, this temporal analysis included the average number of calls per hour. In other words, when referring to the Table below, the busiest hour is at 1800 with 106 calls during that hour in 2016. The average number of calls per hour is a daily average for those 106 calls if they were equally distributed. Therefore, the busiest hour per day would be at 1800 with an average hourly call volume of 0.29 calls per hour.

Table 14: Total and Average Fire Related Calls by Hour of Day

Hour of Day	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
0	26	0.07	1.9
1	23	0.06	1.7
2	20	0.05	1.5
3	13	0.04	0.9
4	21	0.06	1.5
5	23	0.06	1.7
6	37	0.10	2.7
7	42	0.12	3.0
8	69	0.19	5.0
9	65	0.18	4.7

Hour of Day	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
10	77	0.21	5.6
11	74	0.20	5.4
12	61	0.17	4.4
13	80	0.22	5.8
14	76	0.21	5.5
15	81	0.22	5.9
16	97	0.27	7.0
17	104	0.28	7.5
18	106	0.29	7.7
19	86	0.24	6.2
20	60	0.16	4.4
21	61	0.17	4.4
22	42	0.12	3.0
23	35	0.10	2.5
Total	1,379	3.78	100.0

Figure 11: Average Fire Related Calls per Day by Hour of Day



Frederick Fire and Rescue units made a total of 3,488 responses to fire related calls. The total time on task was 2,703 hours, and the average time on task was 46.5 minutes.

Table 15: Workload by Station for Fire Calls

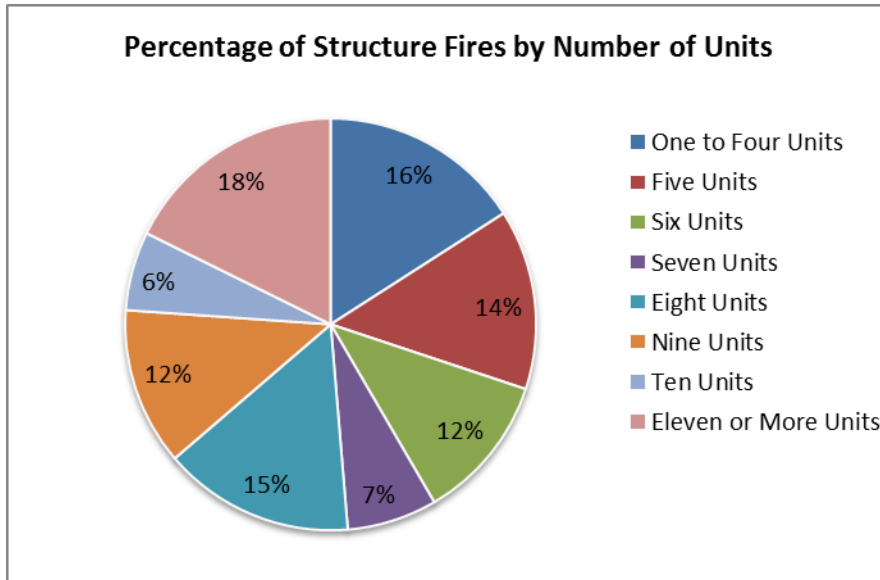
Station	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses	Busy Hours per Day	Unit Responses per Day
Clear Brook	43.6	204	281	0.6	0.8
Gainesboro	63.6	427	403	1.2	1.1
Gore	55.9	116	124	0.3	0.3
Greenwood	41.5	357	516	1.0	1.4
Middletown	68.3	297	261	0.8	0.7
Millwood Station	28.1	183	391	0.5	1.1
North Mountain	42.0	132	189	0.4	0.5
Public Safety Building	48.6	367	453	1.0	1.2
Reynolds Store	48.3	77	96	0.2	0.3
Round Hill	31.1	185	358	0.5	1.0
Star Tannery	50.7	34	40	0.1	0.1
Stephens City	51.7	324	376	0.9	1.0
Total	46.5	2,703	3,488	7.4	9.6

We analyzed number of responding units by call type. Overall, 42% of fire calls were responded by one unit; 23% were responded to by two units; 15% were responded to by three units, and 19% were responded to by four or more units. However, for structure fire calls, five or more units responded to 85% of calls. Ten or more units responded to a total of 24% of the structure fires.

Table 16: Number of Responding Units by Fire Call Type

Call Category	Number of Frederick Units							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or more	
Structure fire	2	3	6	7	16	13	66	113
Outside fire	19	21	29	14	11	10	13	117
Vehicle fire	15	22	15	21	7	2	2	84
Alarm	161	142	109	54	8	2	0	476
Public service	288	88	34	4	5	3	2	424
Move-up	33	12	2	0	0	0	0	47
Fire other	67	30	14	3	3	1	0	118
Total	585	318	209	103	50	31	83	1,379
Percentage	42.4%	23.1%	15.2%	7.5%	3.6%	2.2%	6.0%	100.0%

Figure 12: Percentage of Structure Fire Calls by Number of Responding Units



Emergency Medical Services

Frederick Fire Rescue provides patient transport services. Requests for EMS are categorized as granular call categories using the CAD call description. On average, there were 22.3 EMS requests, and Cardiac and Stroke requests totaled 1,138 or 3.1 per day.

Table 17: Number of EMS Incidents Dispatched by Category

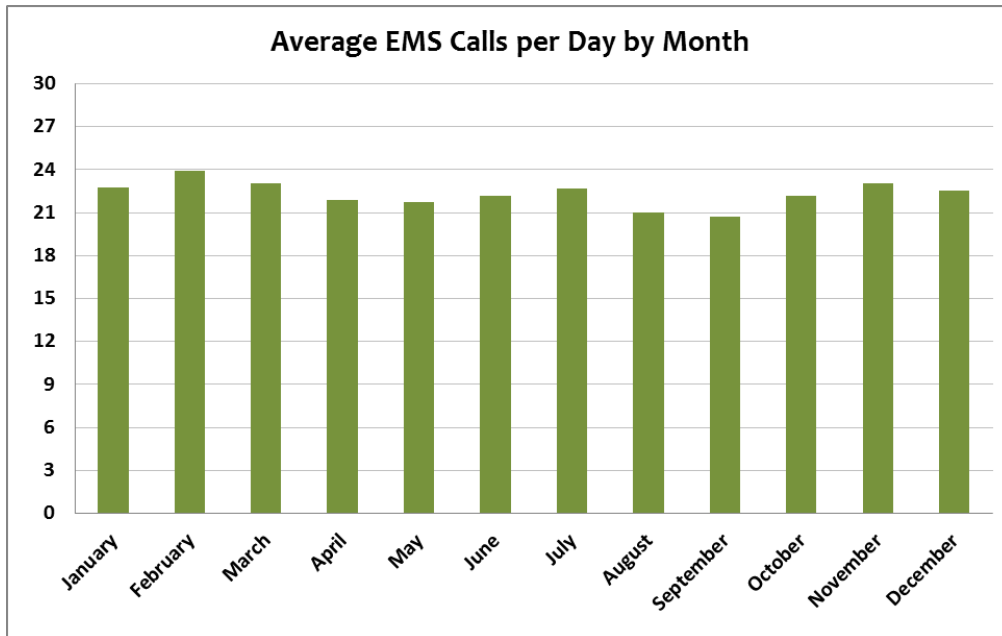
Call Category	Number of Calls	Calls per Day
Cardiac and stroke	1,138	3.1
Seizure and unconsciousness	731	2.0
Breathing difficulty	729	2.0
Overdose and psychiatric	152	0.4
MVC	582	1.6
Fall and injury	1,741	4.8
Illness and other	3,060	8.4
EMS Total	8,133	22.3

Temporal analyses were completed to describe the community’s demands for emergency medical services. These analyses were completed by month of year, day of week, and hour of day. February had the most EMS demand, averaging 23.9 per day. September had the lowest EMS demand, averaging 20.7 per day.

Table 18: Annual Total and Average per Day of EMS Calls by Month of Year

Month	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
January	705	22.7	8.7
February	670	23.9	8.2
March	714	23.0	8.8
April	657	21.9	8.1
May	673	21.7	8.3
June	665	22.2	8.2
July	702	22.6	8.6
August	650	21.0	8.0
September	621	20.7	7.6
October	686	22.1	8.4
November	692	23.1	8.5
December	698	22.5	8.6
Total	8,133	22.3	100.0

Figure 13: Average EMS Calls per Day by Month of Year

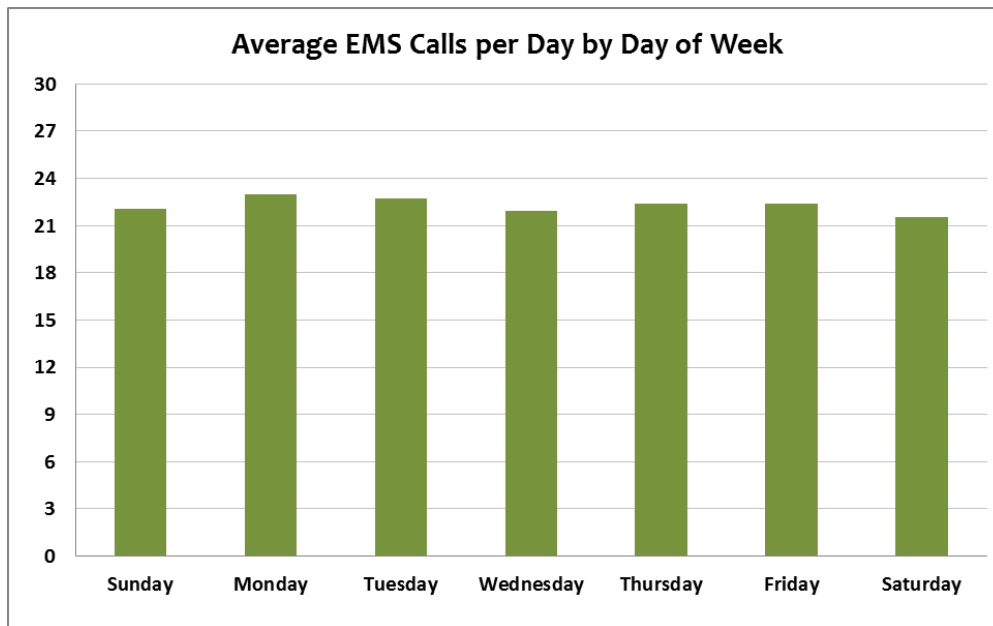


Similar analyses were conducted examining the frequency of requests for service by the day of the week. Once again, there is variability in the demand for services by the day of the week. Monday receives the most requests for service and Saturday the least. Results are provided below.

Table 19: Annual Total and Average per Day of EMS Calls by Day of Week

Day of Week	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
Sunday	1,146	22.0	14.1
Monday	1,195	23.0	14.7
Tuesday	1,182	22.7	14.5
Wednesday	1,139	21.9	14.0
Thursday	1,186	22.4	14.6
Friday	1,166	22.4	14.3
Saturday	1,119	21.5	13.8
Total	8,133	22.3	100.0

Figure 14: Average EMS Calls per Day by Day of Week



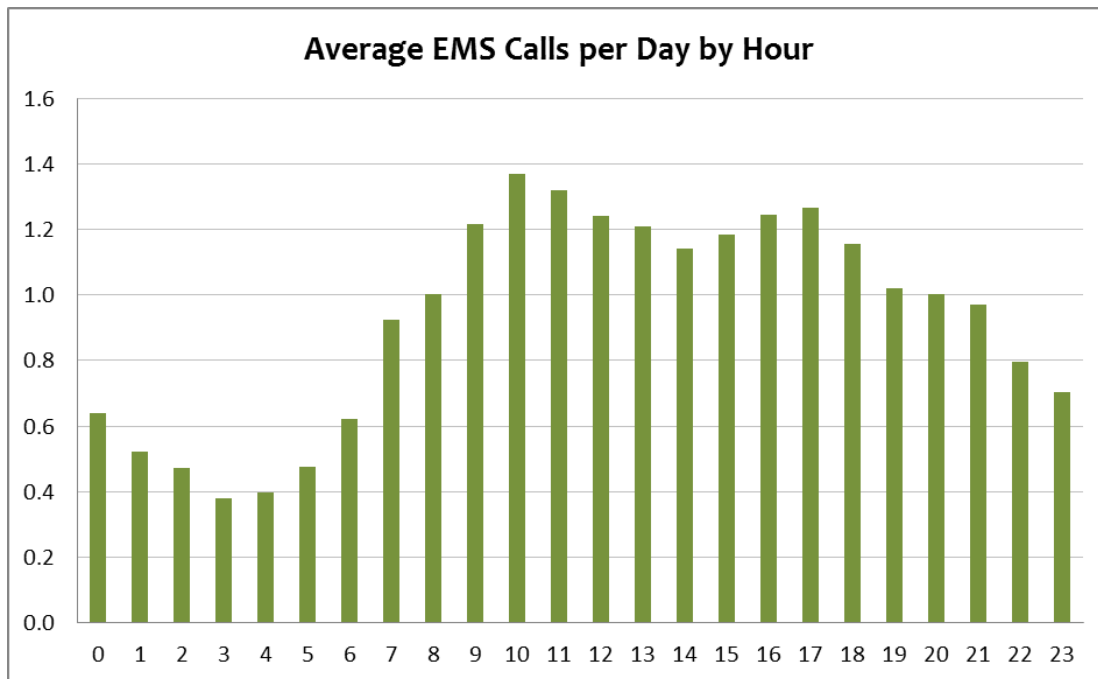
Finally, the analyses for EMS services are completed by identifying the EMS calls by hour of day and the average hourly rate of EMS calls per hour. The demand curve for requests for EMS service follows an expected pattern experienced in similar communities across the nation. The higher frequency of service calls begins from 0900 to 1800 and each hour had more than 400 calls. The demand peaked at 1000 with 500 calls in a year. Results are provided below.

Table 20: Annual Total and Average per Day of EMS Calls by Hour of Day

Hour of Day	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
0	234	0.64	2.9
1	190	0.52	2.3
2	172	0.47	2.1
3	139	0.38	1.7

Hour of Day	Number of Calls	Calls per Day	Call Percentage
4	145	0.40	1.8
5	173	0.47	2.1
6	227	0.62	2.8
7	337	0.92	4.1
8	366	1.00	4.5
9	444	1.22	5.5
10	500	1.37	6.1
11	482	1.32	5.9
12	453	1.24	5.6
13	442	1.21	5.4
14	417	1.14	5.1
15	432	1.18	5.3
16	455	1.25	5.6
17	462	1.27	5.7
18	422	1.16	5.2
19	372	1.02	4.6
20	366	1.00	4.5
21	355	0.97	4.4
22	291	0.80	3.6
23	257	0.70	3.2
Total	8,133	22.28	100.0

Figure 15: Average EMS Calls per Day by Hour of Day



A total of 53 percent of the EMS incidents had multiple responding units. On average, 1.9 units were dispatched per EMS call. Motor Vehicle Collision (MVC) is the category that had 95% of the incidents with two or more units responding.

Frederick Fire Rescue units made a total of 15,408 responses to EMS calls. The total time on task was 13,971 hours, and the average time on task was 54.4 minutes. Greenwood, Stephens City, and Round Hill were the top three stations in terms of total unit responses.

Table 21: Workload by Station for EMS Incidents

Station	Avg. Busy Minutes per Response	Annual Busy Hours	Annual Total Responses	Busy Hours per Day	Unit Responses per Day
Clear Brook	62.0	939	909	2.6	2.5
Gainesboro	46.0	657	858	1.8	2.4
Gore	59.8	391	392	1.1	1.1
Greenwood	58.0	1,952	2,021	5.3	5.5
Middletown	60.5	1,213	1,203	3.3	3.3
Millwood Station	48.3	1,306	1,622	3.6	4.4
North Mountain	54.4	462	509	1.3	1.4
Public Safety Building	27.5	441	962	1.2	2.6
Reynolds Store	65.4	312	286	0.9	0.8
Round Hill	52.5	1,561	1,784	4.3	4.9
Star Tannery	91.7	249	163	0.7	0.4
Stephens City	56.1	2,029	2,171	5.6	5.9
Total	53.6	11,511	12,880	31.5	35.3

Transport

We analyzed outcomes for the requests for EMS services. The number of EMS transports totaled 5,996, averaging 16.4 transports per day. Approximately 74% of EMS calls resulted in a patient transport. Duration of a call is defined as the difference between the earliest dispatch time and the last unit clear time. On average, the duration of a non-transport EMS call was 27.1 minutes. The duration of a transport EMS call was averaged 86.5 minutes, which was one hour or three times longer than a non-transport EMS call.

Table 22: EMS Transports by Call Category

Call Category	Non-Transport		Transport		
	Duration	Number of Calls	Duration	Number of Calls	Transport Rate
Cardiac and stroke	31.7	177	91.3	961	84.4%
Seizure and unconsciousness	26.9	152	91.7	579	79.2%
Breathing difficulty	22.9	75	90.7	654	89.7%
Overdose and psychiatric	24.2	46	87.7	106	69.7%
MVC	43.7	280	98.7	302	51.9%
Fall and injury	17.9	582	82.7	1,159	66.6%
Illness and other	27.4	825	82.1	2,235	73.0%
Total	27.1	2,137	86.5	5,996	73.7%

We analyzed variation of total EMS requests and transport requests by the hour of the day and the average hourly rate of requests. The variation of total EMS requests and EMS transport reports followed a similar pattern. The busiest period for EMS and EMS transport requests was between 0900 and 1800. From 0900 to 1300, on average one EMS transport occurred per hour per day. Requests by hour of the day are represented below.

Figure 16: Average EMS Calls and EMS Transports per Day by Hour of Day

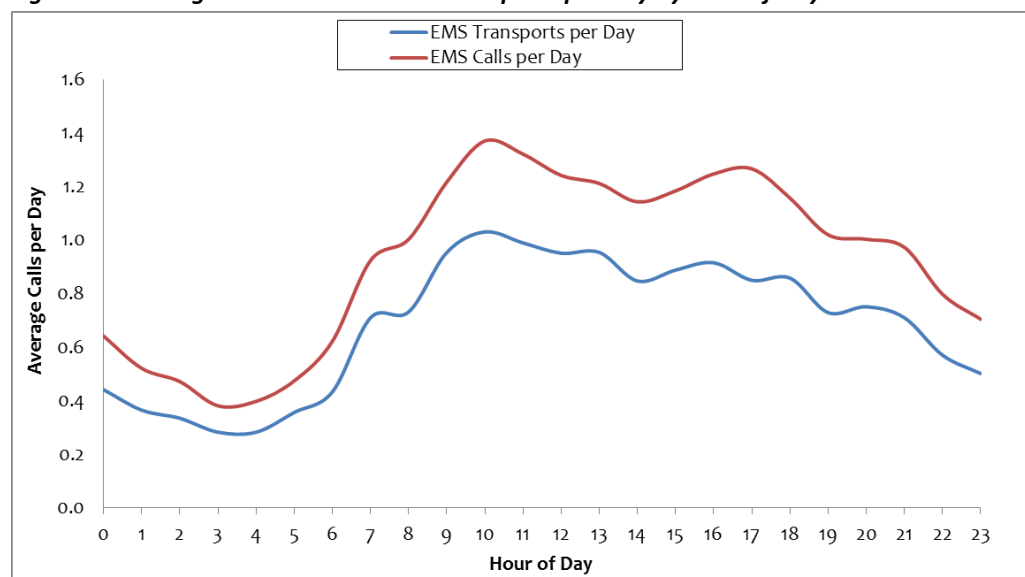


Table 23: Total EMS Calls and EMS Transports and Average per Day by Hour of Day

Hour	Number of EMS Transports	Number of EMS Calls	EMS Transports per Day	EMS Calls per Day	Transport Rate
0	161	234	0.4	0.6	68.8
1	133	190	0.4	0.5	70.0
2	122	172	0.3	0.5	70.9
3	103	139	0.3	0.4	74.1
4	103	145	0.3	0.4	71.0
5	130	173	0.4	0.5	75.1
6	158	227	0.4	0.6	69.6
7	259	337	0.7	0.9	76.9
8	267	366	0.7	1.0	73.0
9	348	444	1.0	1.2	78.4
10	376	500	1.0	1.4	75.2
11	361	482	1.0	1.3	74.9
12	347	453	1.0	1.2	76.6
13	348	442	1.0	1.2	78.7
14	309	417	0.8	1.1	74.1
15	324	432	0.9	1.2	75.0
16	334	455	0.9	1.2	73.4
17	310	462	0.8	1.3	67.1
18	313	422	0.9	1.2	74.2
19	266	372	0.7	1.0	71.5
20	274	366	0.8	1.0	74.9
21	259	355	0.7	1.0	73.0
22	208	291	0.6	0.8	71.5
23	183	257	0.5	0.7	71.2

REVIEW OF SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

The first step in determining the current state of the system's deployment model is to establish baseline measures of performance. This analysis is crucial to the ability to discuss alternatives to the status quo and in identifying opportunities for improvement. This portion of the analysis will focus efforts on elements of response time and the cascade of events that lead to timely response with the appropriate apparatus and personnel to mitigate the event. Response time goals should be looked at in terms of total reflex time, or total response time, which includes the dispatch or call processing time, turnout time, and travel time, respectively.

Cascade of Events

The cascade of events is the sum of the individual elements of time beginning with a state of normalcy and continuing until normalcy is once again returned through the mitigation of the event. The elements of time that are important to the ultimate outcome of a structure fire or critical medical emergency begin with the initiation of the event. For example, the first on-set of chest pain begins the biological and scientific time clock for heart damage irrespective of when 911 is notified. Similarly, a fire may begin and burn undetected for a period of time before the fire department is notified. The emergency response system does not have control over the time interval for recognition or the choice to request assistance.

Therefore, Frederick Fire and Rescue utilizes quantifiable "hard" data points to measure and manage system performance. These elements include alarm processing (with updated CAD), turnout time, travel time, and the time spent on-scene. An example of the cascade of events and the elements of performance utilized is provided as Figure 17 below.⁴

Detection

Is the element of time between the time an event occurs and someone detects it and the emergency response system has been notified. This is typically accomplished by calling the 911 Primary Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

Call Processing

This is the element of time measured between when 911 answers the 911 call, processes the information, and subsequently dispatches emergency responders.

⁴ Olathe Fire Department. (2012). Adapted from Community Risk and Emergency Services Analysis: Standard of Cover. Olathe, Kansas: Author.

Turnout Time

This is the element of time that is measured between the time the fire department is dispatched or alerted of the emergency incident and the time when the fire apparatus or ambulance is enroute to the call.

It is understood that for Frederick County, the Call Processing (Dispatch) time and Turnout times are combined, as they are not currently differentiated in the data captured by the CAD.

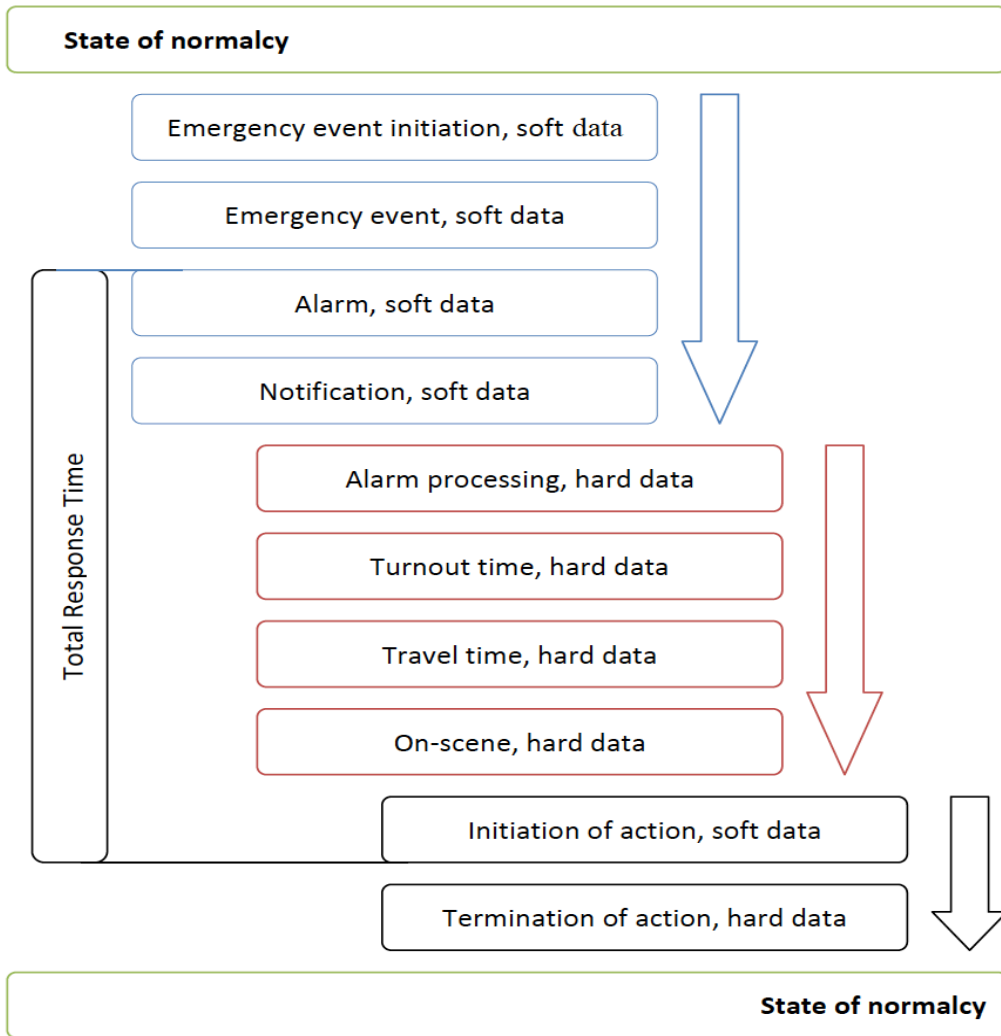
Travel Time

The travel time is the element of time between when the unit went enroute, or began to travel to the incident, and their arrival on-scene.

Total Response Time

The total response time, or total reflex time, is the total time required to arrive on-scene beginning with 911 answering the phone request for service and the time that the units arrive on-scene.

Figure 17: Cascade of Events



Comparison of Workloads and Response Time by Demand Zone

Another method of assessing the effectiveness of the distribution model is to analyze the demand for services across the distribution model. Workload is assessed at the first due station demand zone level and at the individual unit level.

Of requests in the jurisdiction of Frederick County Fire Rescue, analyses illustrate that Station Demand Zones Greenwood accounted for 21.7% of the total demand, station demand Stephens City accounted for 18.0%, and station Round Hill Community accounted for 12.2% of the total. The workload of the top three station demand zones accounted for 52% of the department total.

Table 24: Number of Calls and Responses by First Due Station⁵

First Due Station	Number of Calls	Number of Unit Responses	Responses per Day	Percent of Department Workload
10 - Frederick County	100	160	0.4	0.8
11 - Stephens City	2,216	3,714	10.2	18.0
12 - Middletown	744	1,279	3.5	6.2
13 - Clear Brook	981	2,053	5.6	10.0
14 - Gore	290	740	2.0	3.6
15 - Round Hill Community	1,402	2,522	6.9	12.2
16 - Gainesboro	422	1,149	3.1	5.6
17 - Star Tannery	178	362	1.0	1.8
18 - Greenwood	1,990	4,470	12.2	21.7
19 - North Mountain	356	979	2.7	4.8
20 - Reynolds Store	316	762	2.1	3.7
21 - Millwood Station	979	1,893	5.2	9.2
Berkeley County	28	35	0.1	0.2
Clarke County	27	58	0.2	0.3
Hampshire County	42	88	0.2	0.4
Hardy County	8	11	0.0	0.1
Jefferson County	5	10	0.0	0.0
Morgan County	42	101	0.3	0.5
Out of County	3	4	0.0	0.0
Warren County	4	8	0.0	0.0
Winchester	117	211	0.6	1.0
Total	10,250	20,609	56.5	100.0

⁵ The CAD data provided did not have a method to determine calls involving Shenandoah County.

Figure 18: Number of Incidents by Station Demand Zone

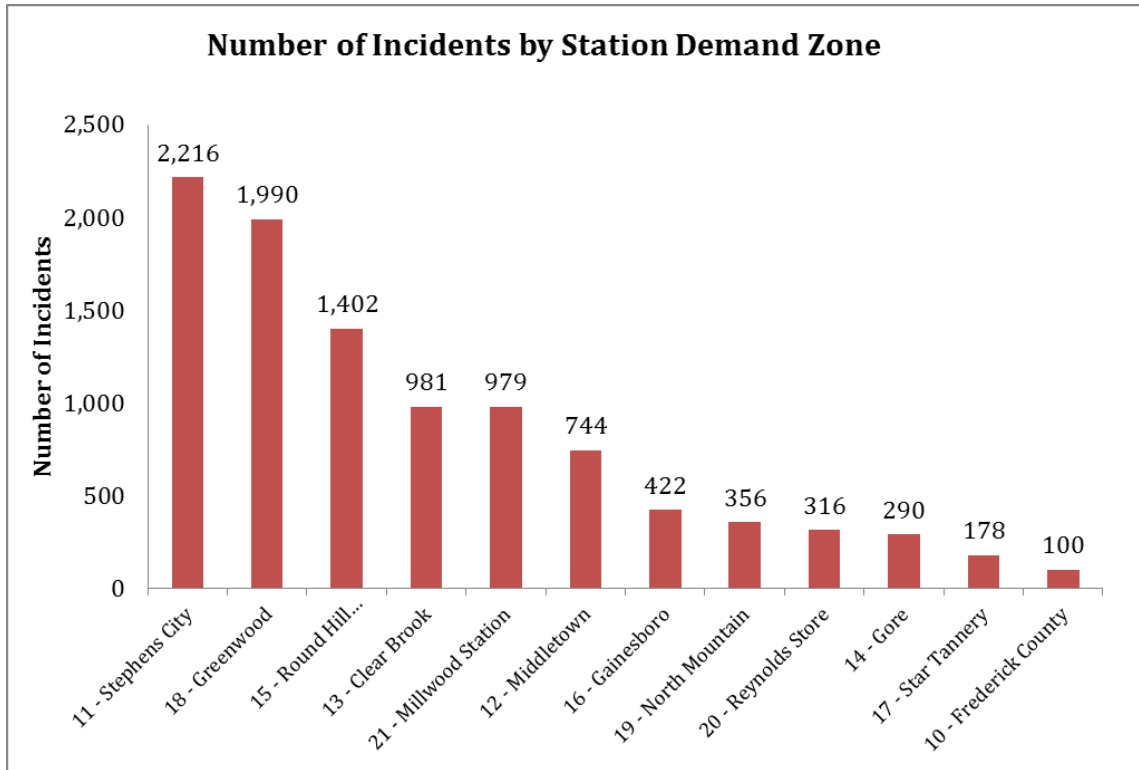
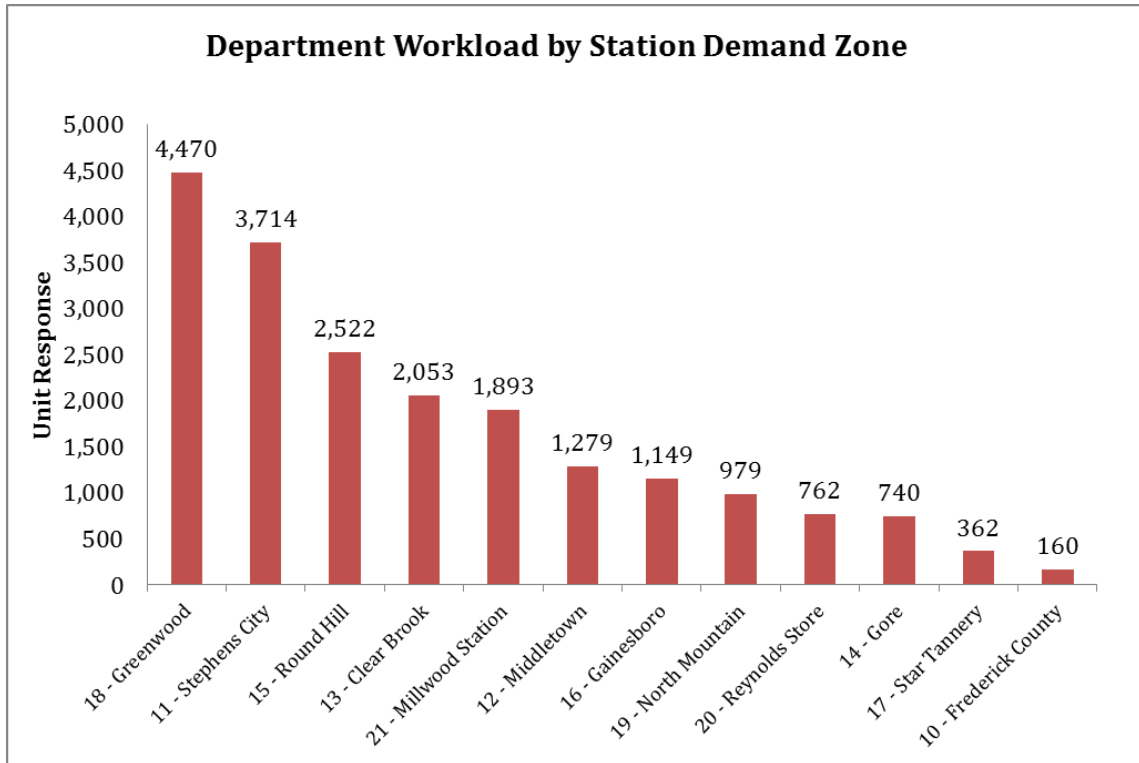


Figure 19: Workload by Station Demand Zone



Another measure, time on task, is necessary to evaluate best practices in efficient system delivery and consider the impact workload has on personnel. Unit Hour Utilization (UHU) determinants were developed by mathematical model. This model includes both the proportion of calls handled in each major service area (Fire, EMS, Rescue, and Hazmat) and total unit time on task for these service categories in 2016. The resulting UHU's represent the percentage of the work period (24 hours) that is utilized responding to requests for service. Historically, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has recommended that 24-hour units utilize 0.30, or 30% workload as an upper threshold.⁶ In other words this recommendation would have personnel spend no more than eight (8) hours per day on emergency incidents. These thresholds take into consideration the necessity to accomplish non-emergency activities such as training, health and wellness, public education, and fire inspections. The 4th edition of the IAFF EMS Guidebook no longer specifically identifies an upper threshold. However, *FITCH* recommends that an upper unit utilization threshold of approximately .30, or 30%, would be considered best practice. In other words, units and personnel should not exceed 30%, or eight (8) hours, of their workday responding to calls. These recommendations are also validated in the literature. For example, in their review of the City of Rolling Meadows, the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association utilized a UHU threshold of .30 as an indication to add additional resources.⁷ Similarly, in a standards of cover study facilitated by the Center for Public Safety Excellence, the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department utilizes a UHU of .30 as the upper limit in their standards of cover due to the necessity to accomplish other non-emergency activities.⁸

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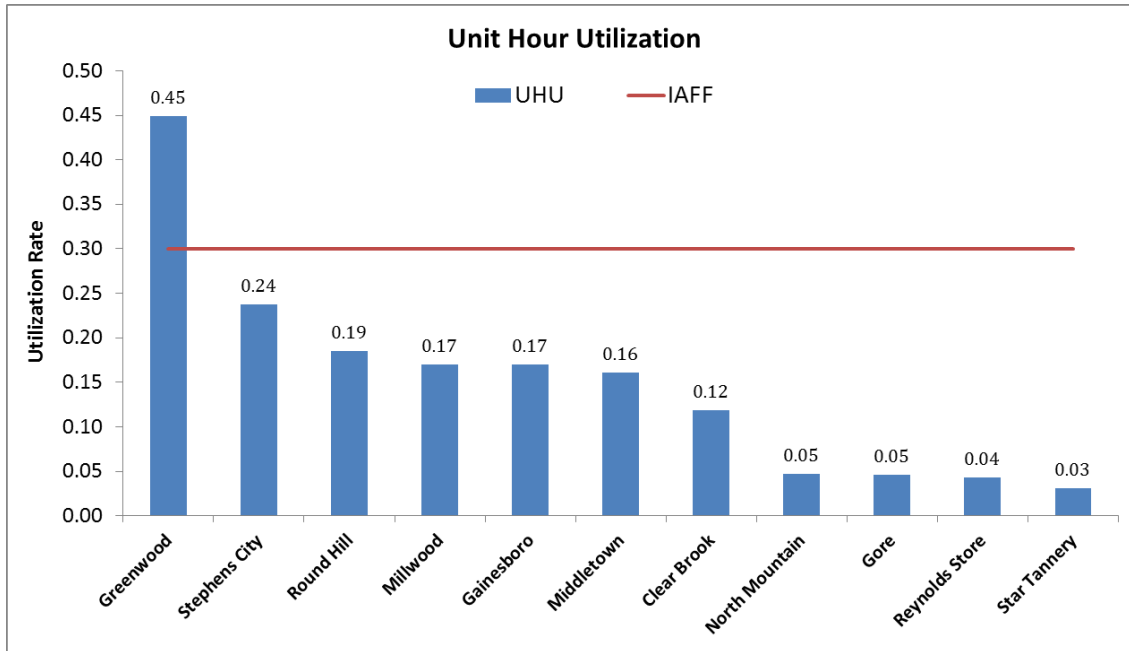
We grouped cross-staffed units together and conduct UHU analysis at station level. Greenwood Station has the highest workload at 0.44, followed by Stephens City station at 0.24, Greenwood at 0.22, and Round Hill at 0.19. North Mountain, Gore, Reynolds Store, and Star Tannery stations all had UHU less than or equal to 5%.

⁶ International Association of Firefighters. (1995). *Emergency Medical Services: A Guidebook for Fire-Based Systems*. Washington, DC: Author. (p. 11)

⁷ Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. (2012). *An Assessment of Deployment and Station Location: Rolling Meadows Fire Department*. Rolling Meadows, Illinois: Author. (pp. 54-55)

⁸ Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department. (2011). *Community Risk Analysis and Standards of Cover*. Castle Rock, Colorado: Author. (p. 58)

Figure 20: Station Level Unit Hour Utilization



Note: Greenwood station assumed one unit was staffed by full-time firefighters 24/7.

Table 25: Station Level Unit Hour Utilization

Station	Unit	Busy Hours	UHU	IAFF	IAFC
Greenwood	A181/A183/A814/E18/ALS2	3,934	0.45	0.30	0.30
Stephens City	A111/A112/A113/E11	2,082	0.24	0.30	0.30
Round Hill	A151/A152/RE15/E15	1,623	0.19	0.30	0.30
Millwood	A211/A212/RE21/E21	1,493	0.17	0.30	0.30
Gainesboro	A161/A162/E16/ALS1	1,490	0.17	0.30	0.30
Middletown	A121/A122/ALS12/RE12/ET12	1,413	0.16	0.30	0.30
Clear Brook	A131/A132/E13	1,038	0.12	0.30	0.30
North Mountain	A191/A192/W19	408	0.05	0.30	0.30
Gore	A141/A142/E14	400	0.05	0.30	0.30
Reynolds Store	A201/A202/E20	378	0.04	0.30	0.30
Star Tannery	A171/E17	270	0.03	0.30	0.30

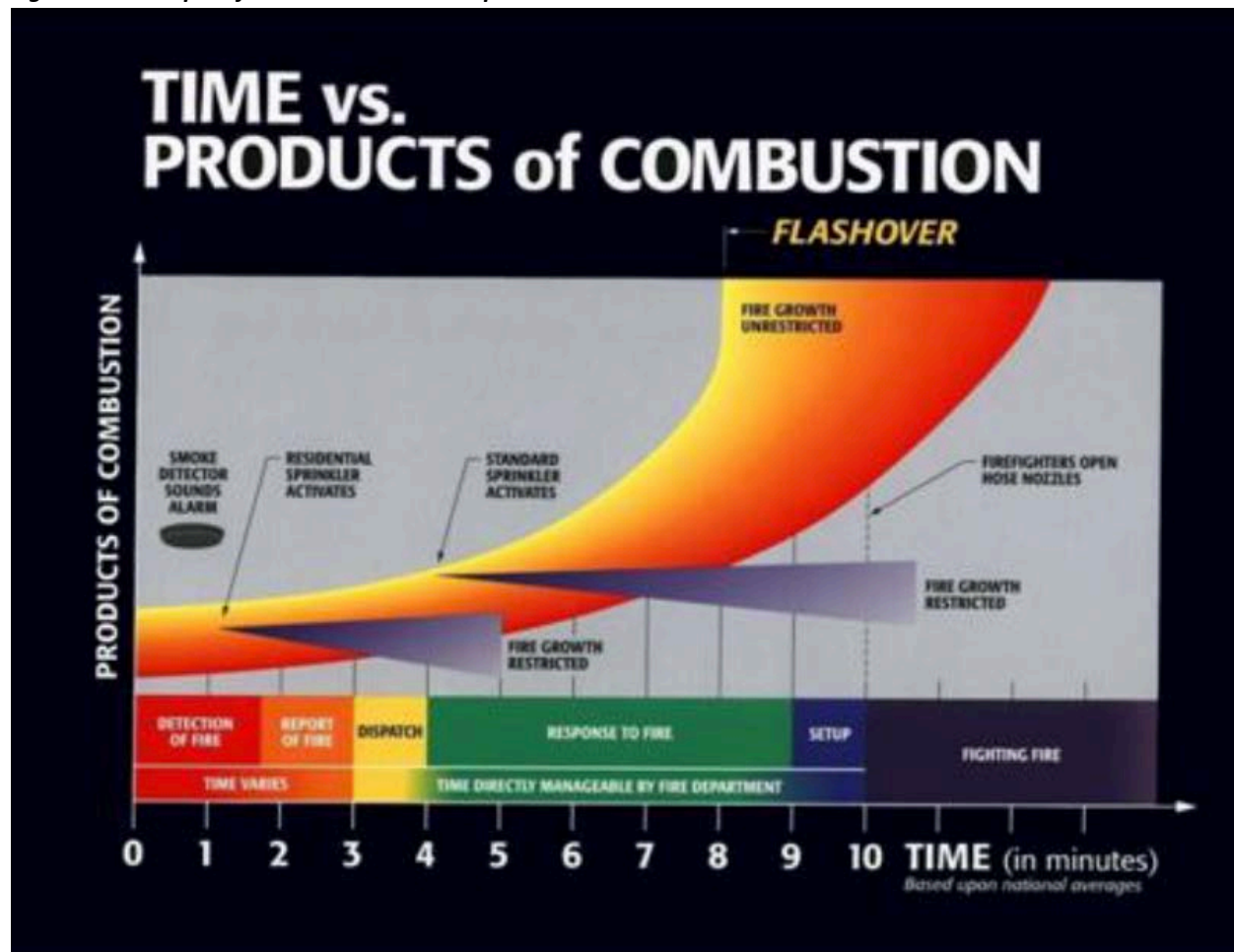
RESPONSE TIME CONTINUUM

Fire

The number one priority with structural fire incidents is to save lives followed by the minimization of property damage. A direct relationship exists between the timeliness of the response and the survivability of unprotected occupants and property damage. The most identifiable point of fire behavior is Flashover.

Flashover is the point in fire growth where the contents of an entire area, including the smoke, reach their ignition temperature, resulting in a rapid-fire growth rendering the area un-survivable by civilians and untenable for firefighters. Best practices would result in the fire department arriving and attacking the fire prior to the point of flashover. A representation of the traditional time temperature curve and the cascade of events are provided as Figure 19 below.⁹

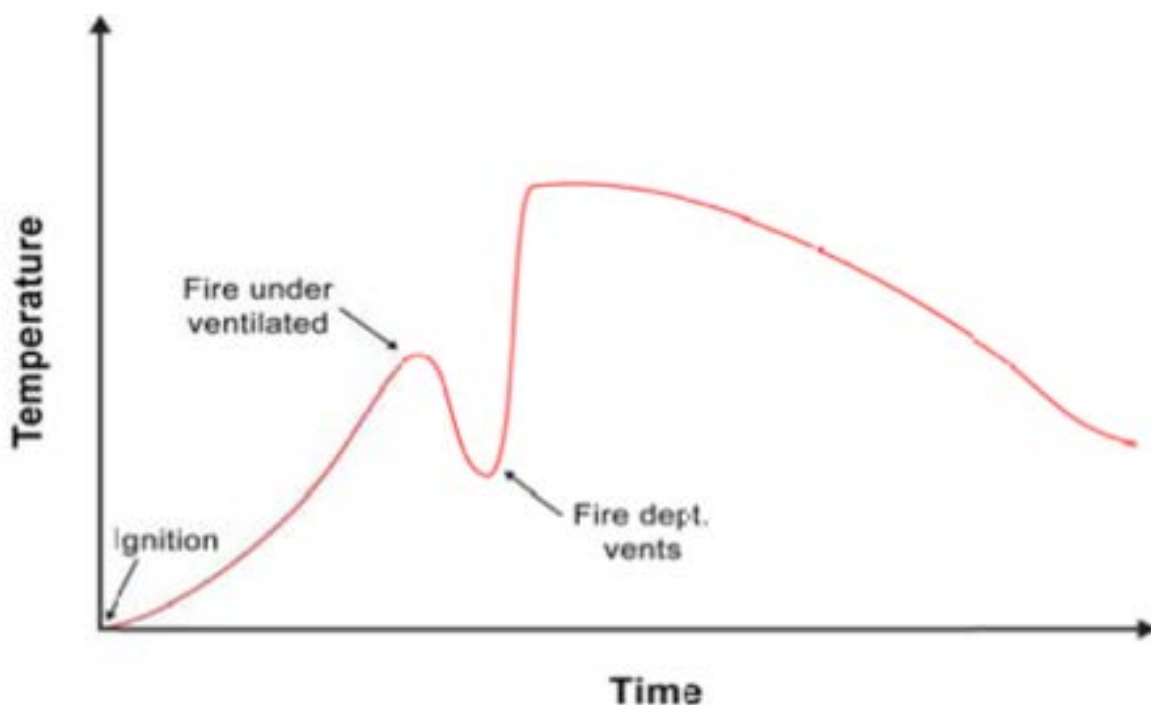
Figure 21: Example of Traditional Time Temperature Curve



⁹ Example of Traditional Time Temperature Curve. Retrieved at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/coffee-break/time-vs-products-of-combustion.pdf>

Recent studies by Underwriter’s Laboratories (UL) have found that in compartment fires such as structure fires, flashover occurs within 4 minutes in modern fire environment. In addition, the UL research has identified an updated time temperature curve due to fires being ventilation controlled rather than fuel controlled as represented in the traditional time temperature curve. While this ventilation controlled environment continues to provide a high risk to unprotected occupants to smoke and high heat, it does provide some advantage to property conservation efforts as water may be applied to the fire prior to ventilation and the subsequent flashover. An example of UL’s ventilation controlled time temperature curve is provided as Figure 20 below.¹⁰

Figure 22: Ventilation Controlled Time Temperature Curve



EMS

The effective response to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) incidents also has a direct correlation to the ability to respond within a specified period of time. However, unlike structure fires, responding to EMS incidents introduces considerable variability in the level of clinical acuity. From this perspective, the association of response time and clinical outcome varies depending on the severity of the injury or the illness. Research has demonstrated that the overwhelming majority of requests for EMS services are not time sensitive between 5 minutes and 11 minutes for emergency and 13

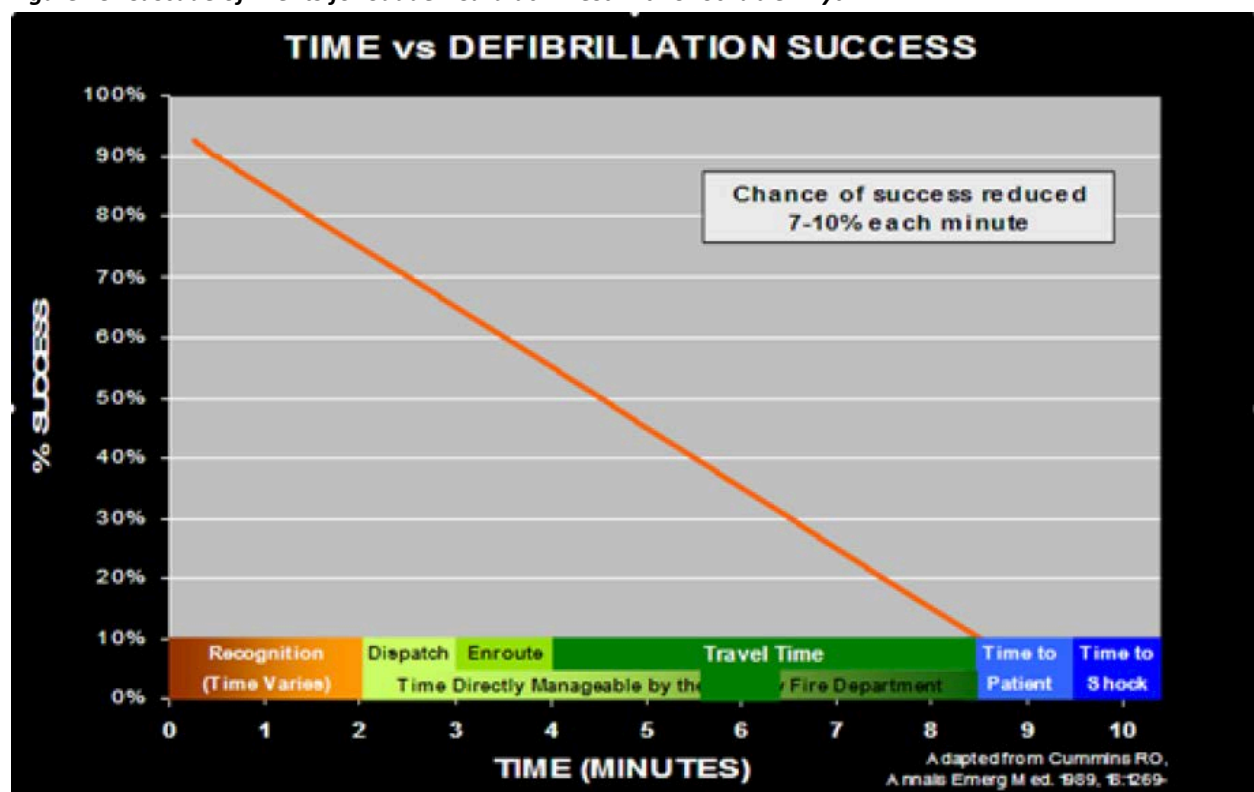
¹⁰ UL/NIST Ventilation Controlled Time Temperature Curve. Retrieved from http://www.nist.gov/fire/fire_behavior.cfm

minutes for non-emergency responses.¹¹ The 12-minute upper threshold is only the upper limit of the available research and is not a clinically significant time measure, as patients were not found to have a significantly different clinical outcome when the 12-minute threshold was exceeded.¹²

Out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest is the most identifiable and measured incident type for EMS. In an effort to demonstrate the relationship between response time and clinical outcome, a representation of the cascade of events and the time to defibrillation (shock) is presented as Figure 21 below. The American Heart Association (AHA) has determined that brain damage will begin to occur between four and six minutes and become irreversible after 10 minutes without intervention.

Modern sudden cardiac arrest protocols recognize that high quality Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level is a quality intervention until defibrillation can be delivered in shockable rhythms. Figure 23¹³ below is representative of a sudden cardiac arrest that is presenting in a shockable heart rhythm such as Ventricular Fibrillation or Ventricular Tachycardia.

Figure 23: Cascade of Events for Sudden Cardiac Arrest with Shockable Rhythm



¹¹ Blackwell, T.H., & Kaufman, J.S. (April 2002). Response time effectiveness: Comparison of response time and survival in an urban emergency medical services system. *Academic Emergency Medicine*, 9(4): 289-295.

¹² Blackwell, T.H., et al. (Oct-Dec 2009). Lack of association between prehospital response times and patient outcomes. *Prehospital Emergency Care*, 13(4): 444-450.

¹³ Olathe Fire Department. (2012). Adapted from Community Risk and Emergency Services Analysis: Standard of Cover. Olathe, Kansas: Author.

DESCRIPTION OF FIRST ARRIVING UNIT PERFORMANCE

Analyses of the response characteristics of the first arriving units were conducted. Overall the system had a mean dispatch and turnout time of 312 seconds, and 437 seconds at the 90th percentile. The travel time for all first arriving unit responses were calculated irrespective of their assigned station FDZ. In other words, this analysis describes the first arriving unit to the scene. The mean travel time was 354 seconds, or five minutes and 54 seconds. Performance at the 90th percentile was 623 seconds, or ten minutes and 23 seconds.

The “total response time” is defined as from call entry through unit arriving on scene. The mean response time is 672 seconds, or eleven minutes and 12 seconds. Performance at the 90th percentile is 981 seconds, or 16 minutes and 21 seconds. Results of first arriving unit performance are provided below.

Table 26: Description of First Arriving Unit Emergency Response Performance

Measure	Average	90th Percentile
Dispatch and Turnout Time	5.2	7.3
Travel Time	5.9	10.4
Response Time	11.2	16.4

The 90th percentile dispatch and turnout time for EMS and fire calls were 7.3 and 7.5 minutes respectively. For EMS calls, a total of 51% of calls had dispatch and turnout time of five minutes or less. For fire calls, a total of 65% of the calls had dispatch and turnout time of five minutes or less.

The 90th percentile travel time for EMS and fire calls were 10.1 and 11.7 minutes respectively. For EMS calls, a total of 47% of the calls had travel time of five minutes or less. For fire calls, a total of 46% of calls had travel time of five minutes or less.

Figure 24: EMS Calls: Distribution of Dispatch and Turnout Time of First Arriving Unit

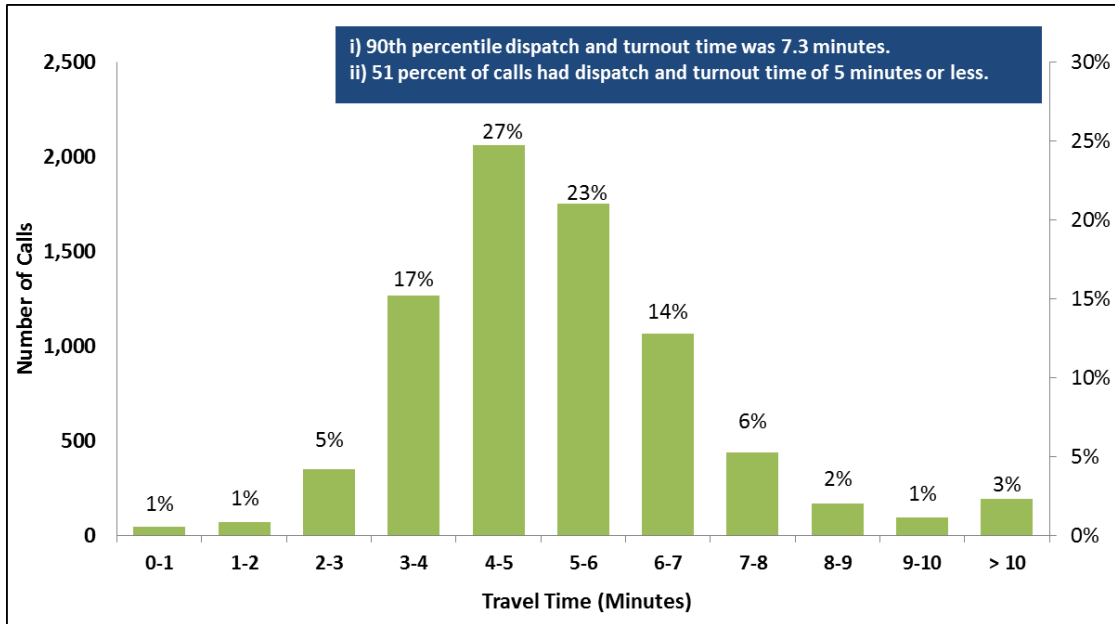


Figure 25: EMS Calls: Distribution of Travel Time of First Arriving Unit

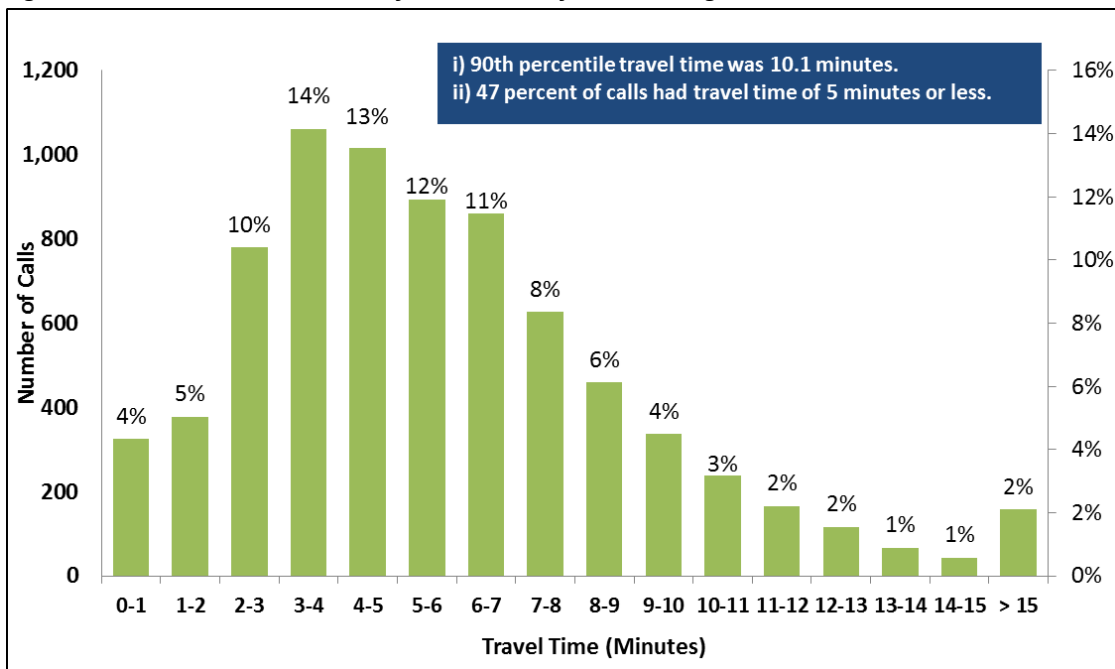


Figure 26: Fire Calls: Distribution of Dispatch and Turnout Time of First Arriving Unit

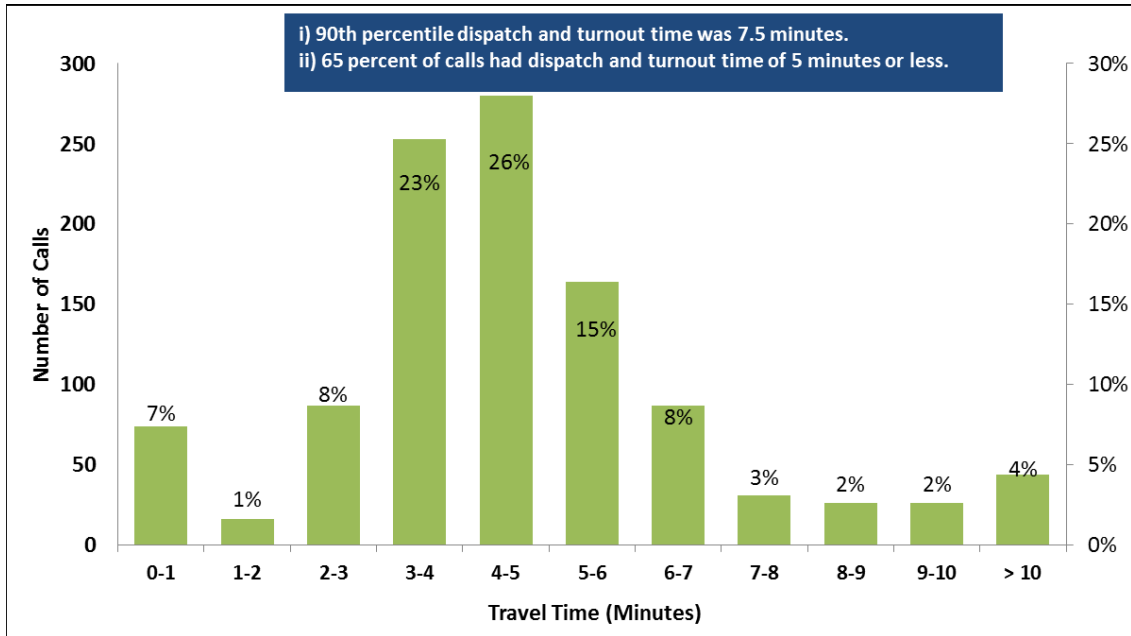
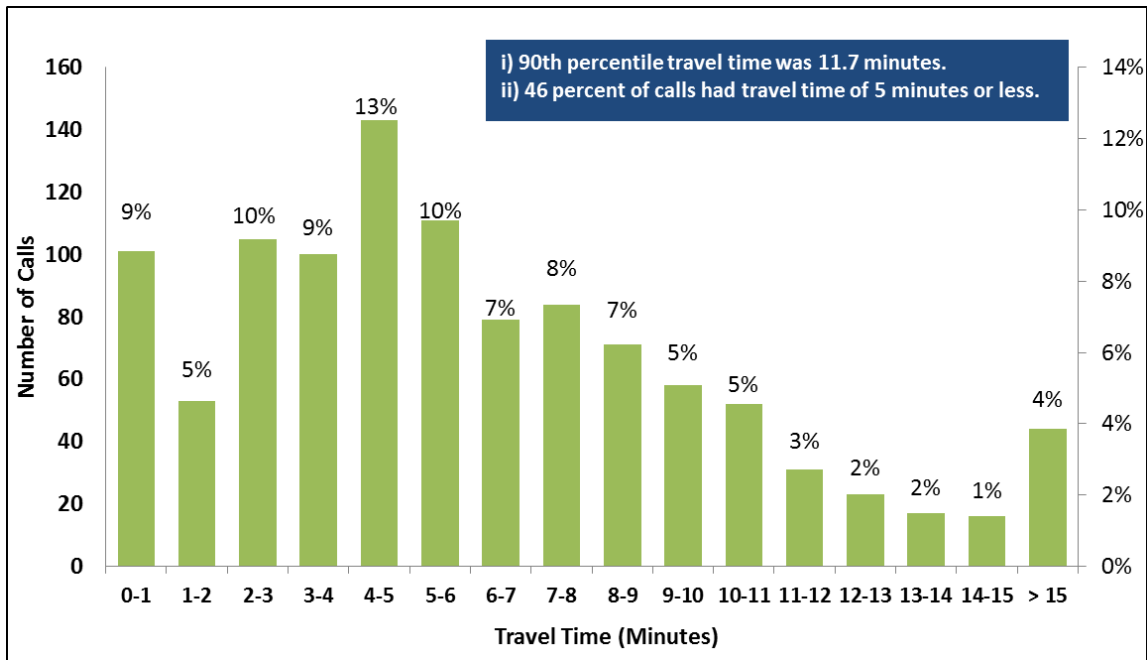


Figure 27: Fire Calls: Distribution of Travel Time of First Arriving Unit



In the following analysis, we focused on units staffed by career firefighters. Greenwood units had the fastest average and 90th percentile response time, followed by Millwood Station and Round Hill.

Table 27: Average Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by Station

Station	Unit	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
Clear Brook	A131/A132/E13	5.1	6.2	11.3	697
Gainesboro	A162/A161/E16	5.2	6.9	12.1	256
Gore	A141/A142/E14	5.3	6.2	11.5	207
Greenwood	A184/A183/A181/E18	5.1	5.1	10.2	1,431
Middletown	A121/A122/RE12/ET12	5.2	6.9	12.0	541
Millwood Station	A211/A212/RE21/E21	5.2	5.8	10.9	945
North Mountain	A192/A191/W19	6.5	6.4	13.0	220
Reynolds Store	A202/A201/E20	5.3	6.1	11.5	177
Round Hill	A151/A152/RE15/E15	5.1	5.9	11.0	1,109
Star Tannery	A171/E17	4.9	9.6	14.6	127
Stephens City	A111/A112/A113/E11	5.1	5.9	11.0	1,641
Total		5.2	6.0	11.1	7,325

Table 28: 90th Percentile Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time of First Arriving Units by Station

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Greenwood	A184/A183/A181/E18	7.0	8.3	14.1	1,431
Middletown	A121/A122/RE12/ET12	7.3	11.9	18.1	541
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ALS1 and ALS2 responded to countywide incidents, and they only arrived first on scene 28% of the time. Of all their responses, ALS1's average response time was 15.6 minutes, and the 90th percentile response time was 22.1 minutes. ALS2's average response time was 12.1 minutes, and the 90th percentile response time was 16.9 minutes. When they arrived first on scene, ALS1 90th percentile response time was 17.9 minutes, and ALS2 90th percentile response time was 13.2 minutes.

Table 29: ALS1/AL2: Average Dispatch, Turnout and Travel Time by Arrival Sequence

Station	Unit	Arrival Sequence	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
Gainesboro	ALS1	1	5.1	7.6	12.8	132
		2	5.9	10.4	16.3	281
		3 or later	5.3	11.7	17.0	129
		Total	5.6	10.0	15.6	542
Greenwood	ALS2	1	5.0	4.5	9.5	143
		2	5.5	7.2	12.7	219
		3 or later	8.5	8.3	16.9	51
		Total	5.7	6.4	12.1	413

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		3 or later	13.4	11.1	22.7	51
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First Arriving Unit Response Time by Station Demand Zone

Further analyses were conducted to measure the performance of the first arriving unit in each demand zone. Response times are reported below at both the mean and 90th percentile respectively. Station demand zone Millwood Station had the best response time performance, and the average response time was 10.0 minutes, and the 90th percentile response time was 14.1 minutes. The second fastest station demand zone is Greenwood.

Table 31: Mean First Arrival Performance by First Due Station

Jurisdiction	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
21 - Millwood Station	5.1	4.9	10.0	840
18 - Greenwood	5.2	5.2	10.3	1,862
10 - Frederick County	5.0	5.6	10.6	89
12 - Middletown	5.0	6.0	11.0	519
15 - Round Hill	5.2	5.8	11.0	1,291
11 - Stephens City	5.2	6.2	11.4	2,095
13 - Clear Brook	5.1	6.3	11.5	867
14 - Gore	5.4	6.8	12.1	248
16 - Gainesboro	5.2	6.9	12.2	382
20 - Reynolds Store	5.6	6.7	12.3	221
19 - North Mountain	6.2	6.6	12.8	331
17 - Star Tannery	5.6	9.9	15.5	151
Total	5.2	5.9	11.2	8,896

Figure 28: Average Dispatch and Turnout and Travel Time by Station Demand Zone

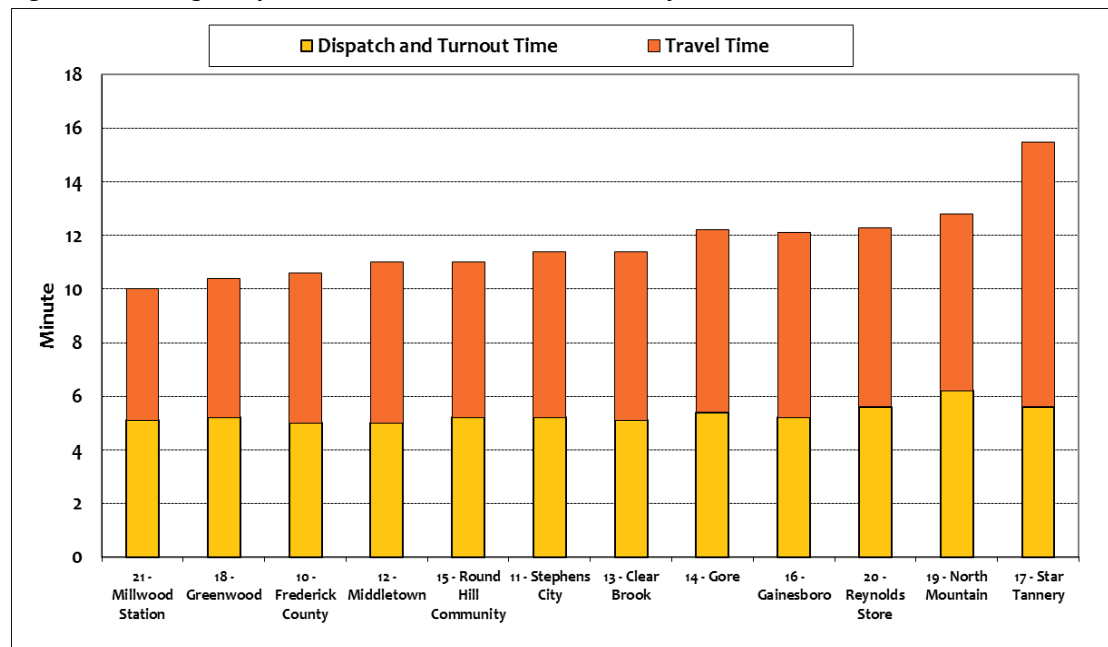
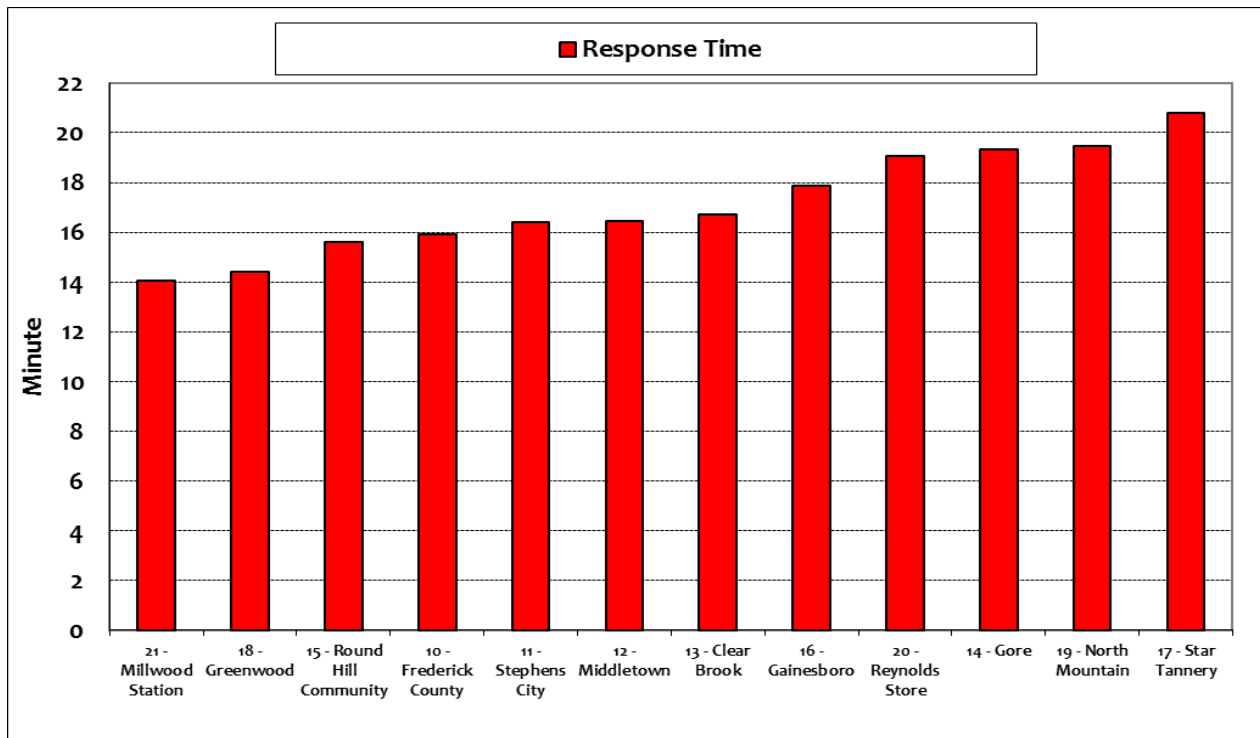


Table 32: 90th Percentile First Arrival Performance by Station FDZ

First Due Station	Dispatch and Turnout Time	Travel Time	Response Time	Sample Size
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Figure 29: 90th Percentile Response time by Station FDZ



The data were further analyzed to compare the individual station FDZ performances. Regarding dispatch and turnout time, performances for calls in Round Hill, Millwood Station, and Middletown were the fastest. With respect to travel time performance, performances for calls in station Greenwood, Millwood Station, and Round Hill were the fastest. Calls in Reynolds Store, Gore and Star Tannery had the longest 90th percentile travel time.

Figure 30: 90th Percentile Dispatch and Turnout Time by Station FDZ

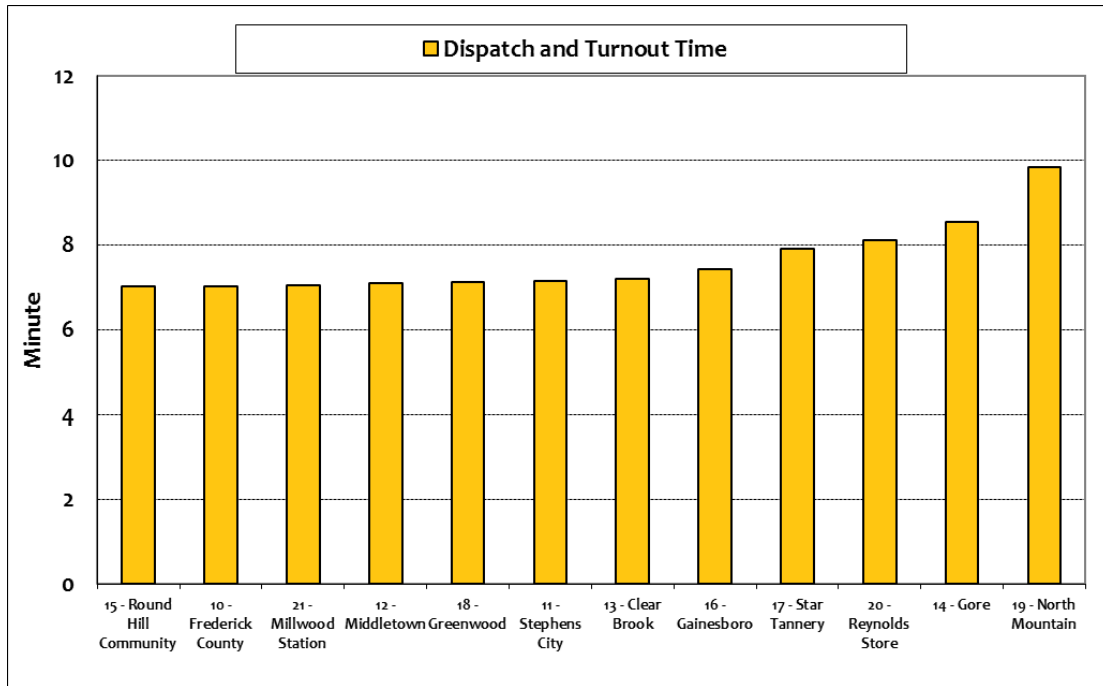
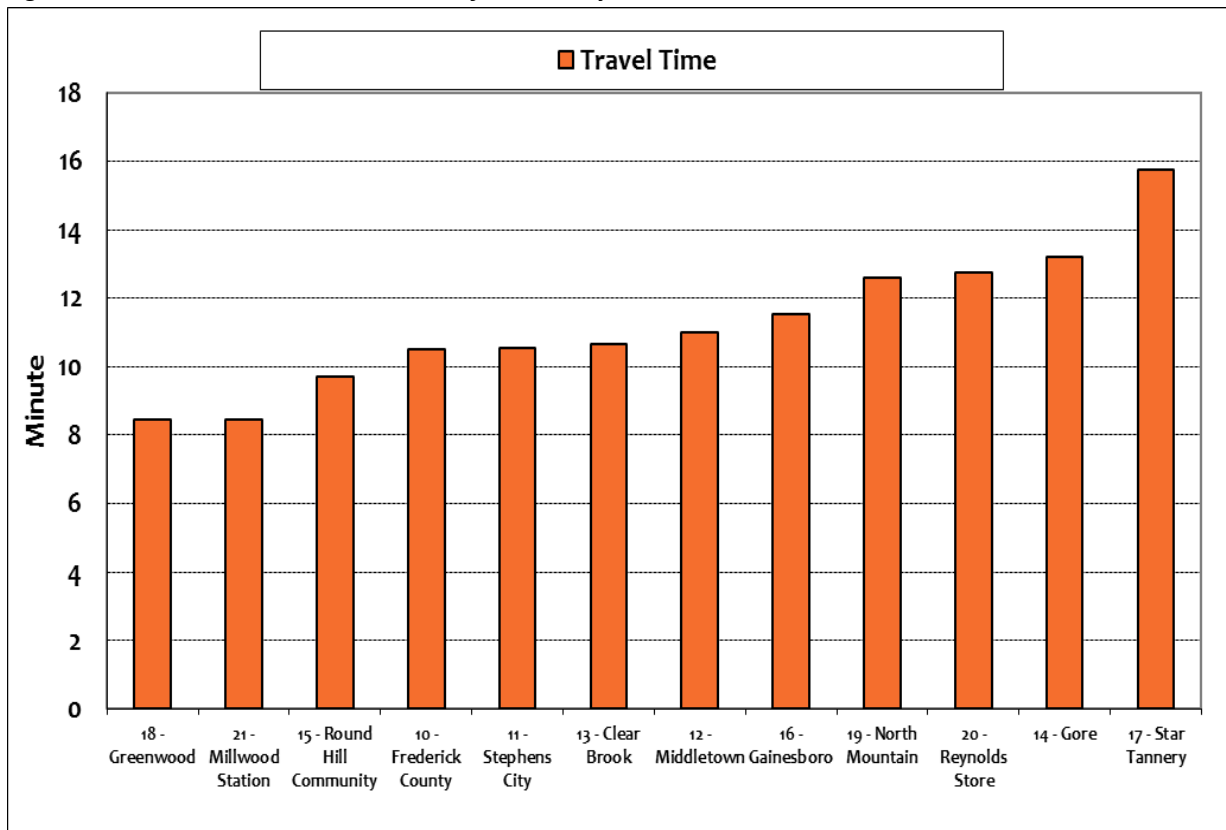


Figure 31: 90th Percentile Travel Time Performance by Station FDZ



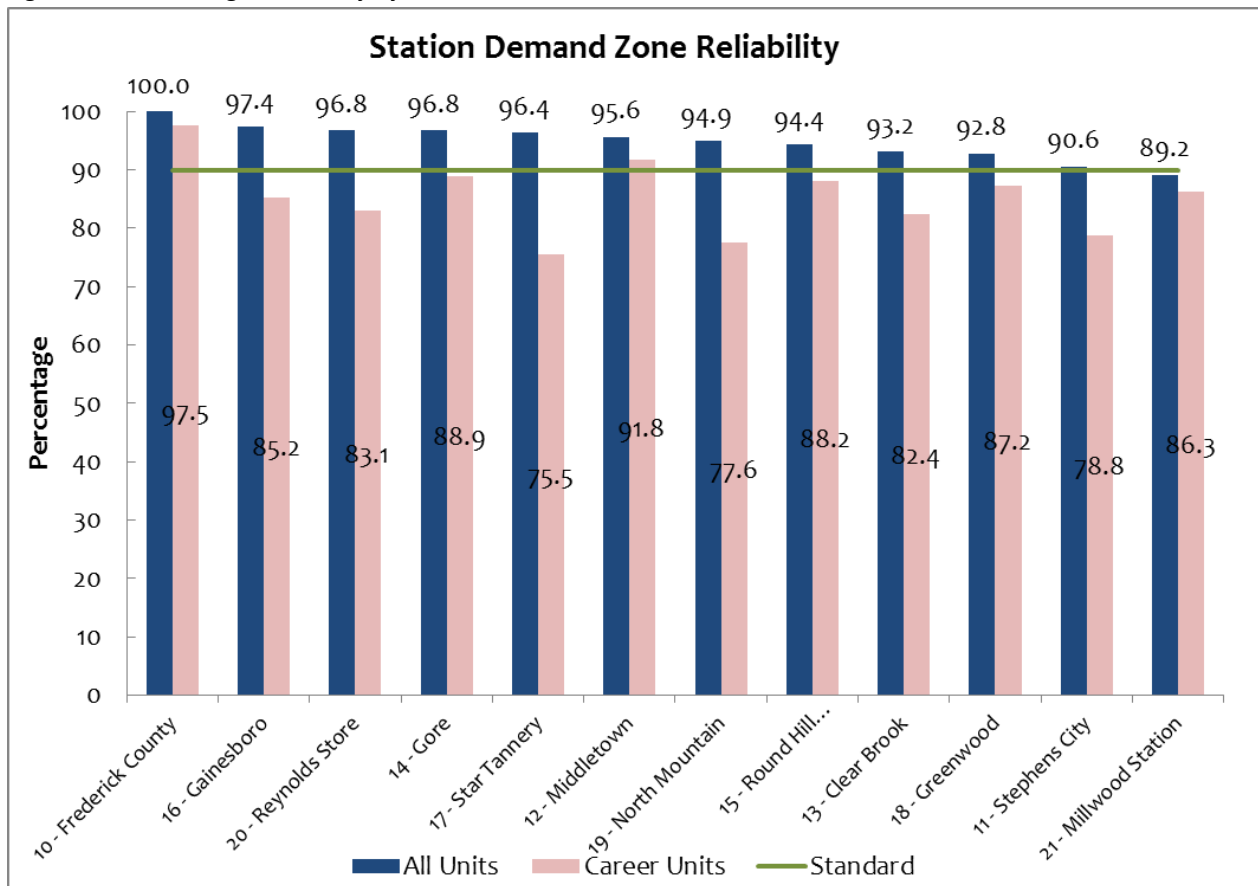
Reliability Factors

Percentage of First Due Compliance

The reliability of the distribution model is a factor of how often the response model is available and able to respond to the call within the assigned demand zone. If at least one unit from the first due station is able to respond to a call, we consider the station is able to response to the call within the assigned demand zone. Utilizing the Fire Station Demand Zones (FDZ), analyses reveal that all stations except Millwood Station had reliability of 90% or above.

We also only analyzed reliability of career units and only Frederick County, and Middletown had reliability of 90% or above. Star Tannery had the lowest career unit reliability at 75.5.

Figure 32: Percentage Reliability by Station FDZ

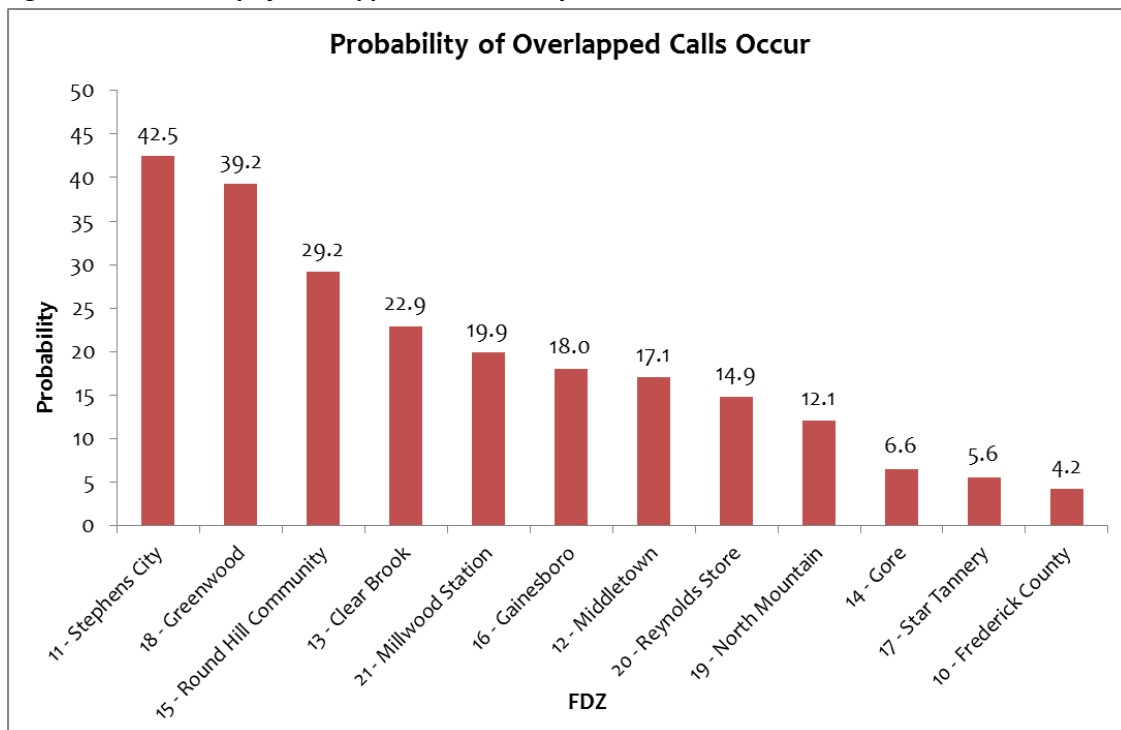


Overlapped or Simultaneous Call Analysis

Overlapped calls are defined as the rate at which another call was received for the same first due station while there were one or more ongoing calls in the same first due station. For example, if there is one call in station Stephens City’s zone, before the call was cleared another request in Stephens City’s zone occurred and those two calls would be captured as overlapped calls. Some studies also refer as simultaneous calls. Understanding the probability of overlapped or simultaneous calls occurs will help to determine the number of units to staff for each station. In general, the larger the call volume a first due station has, it is more likely to have overlapped or simultaneous calls. The distribution of the demand throughout the day will impact the chance of having overlapped or simultaneous calls. The duration of a call will also have major influences, since the longer time it takes to clear a request, the more likely to have an overlapped request.

Station Stephens City had the highest probability of having overlapped calls at 42.5% since it has the highest demand at 2,216 requests in 2016, and the average duration was 65.3 minutes. Station Greenwood had the second highest probability of overlapped calls at 39.2%. Greenwood station has the second highest demand at 1,990 requests in 2016 and the average duration was 65.9 minutes.

Figure 33: Probability of Overlapped Calls Occur by Station FDZ





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