

**TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
119 NORTH MAIN STREET  
GRANITE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA 28630**

Mr. Jerry Church  
Town Manager  
Granite Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Church,

Granite Falls Fire Department is proud to submit the activities and statistics for the year 2015. Attached you will find our accomplishments and calls for service reports.

The fire department has once again met a milestone of exceeding prior records for responding to the most calls for service in a year. Granite Falls Fire Department continues to strive to provide the best service to our citizens through professional and dedicated members.

I hope you find the information within valuable in reviewing the fire department's activities for the year 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian A. Bennett  
Fire Chief

# Fire Department

2015 Annual Report  
Chief Brian Bennett



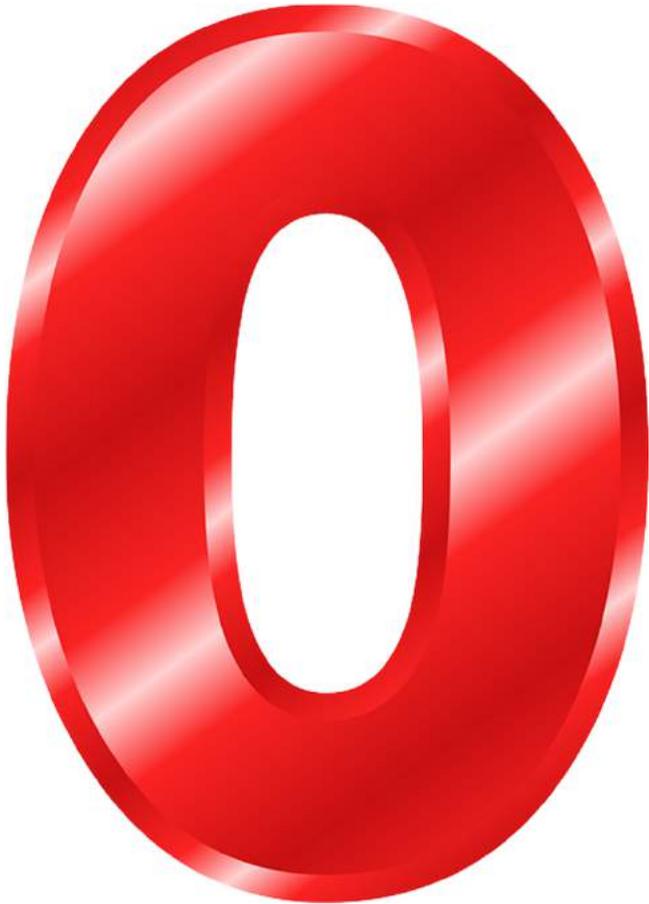
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# Staff and Volunteers

The Granite Falls Fire Department consists of 7 paid employees and 23 volunteers.

We wish to thank our volunteers for their service throughout the year.





**Fire Service Injuries**

**Other Injuries**

**Fire Service Fatalities**

**Other Fatalities**

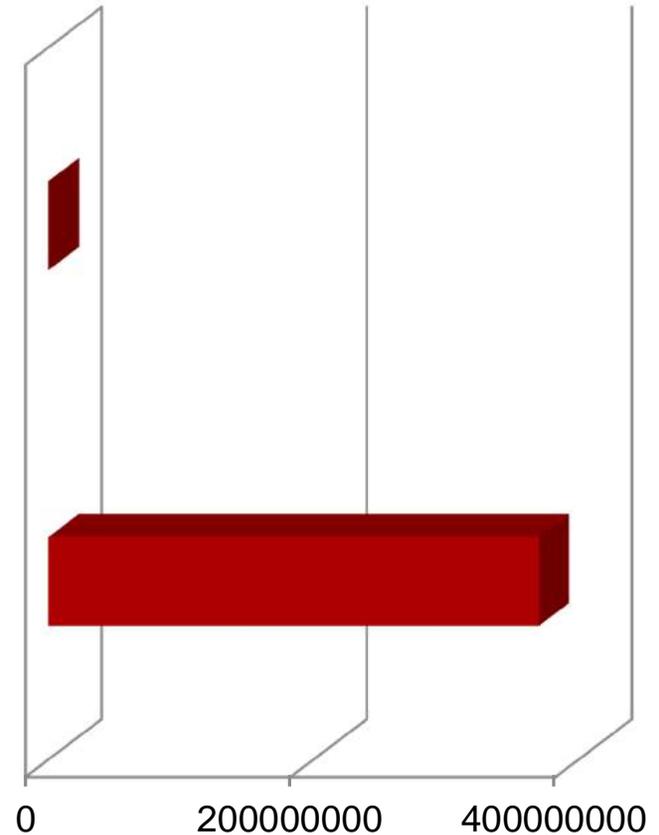
**No Injuries or Fatalities in 2015**

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Property Loss  
\$239,755

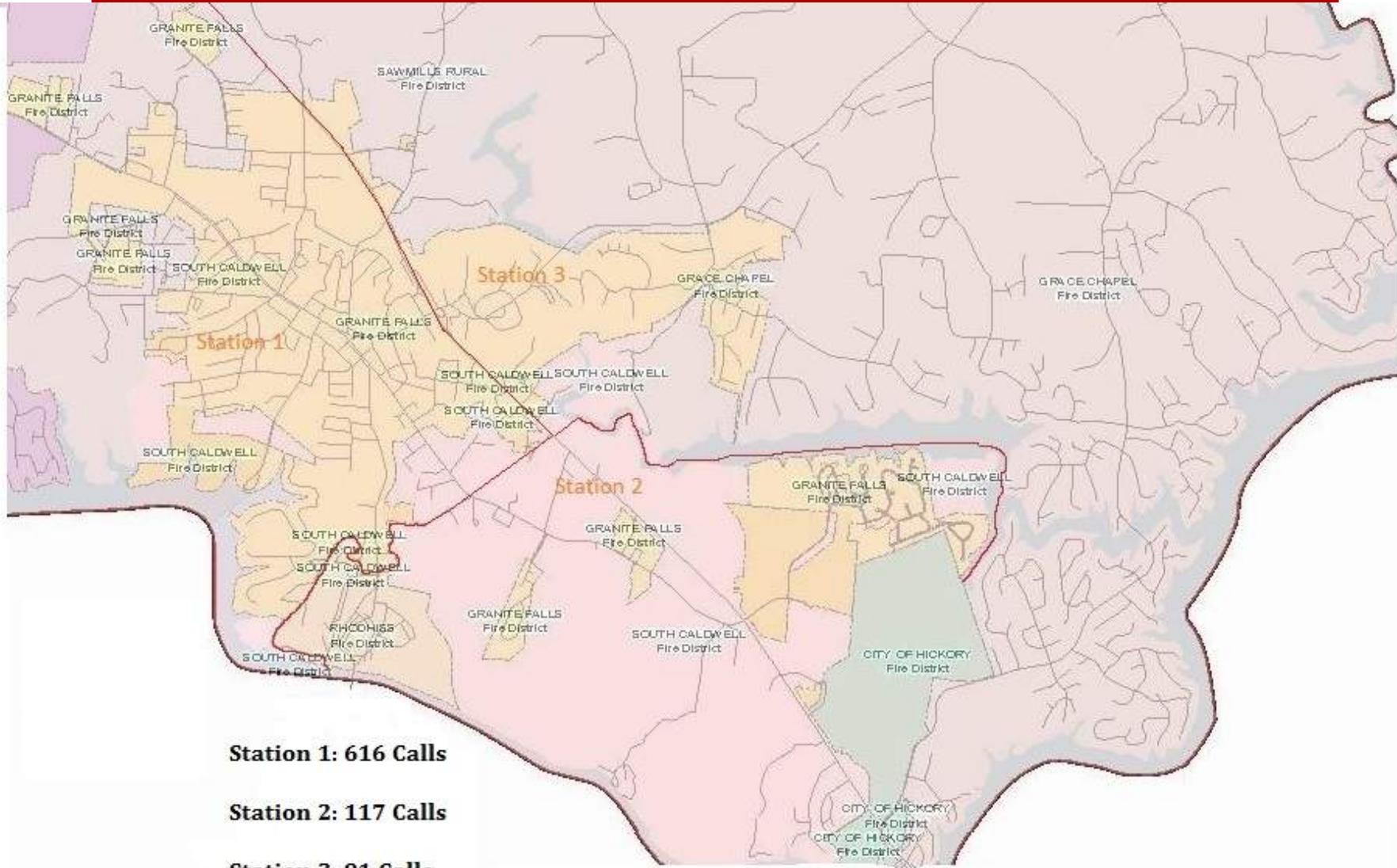
Total Property  
Protected  
\$369,932,956



# Property At Risk

The Granite Falls Fire District experienced a property loss of only **.065%** in **2015**

# Station Response Area



**Station 1: 616 Calls**

**Station 2: 117 Calls**

**Station 3: 91 Calls**

Each station is divided into a mile and a half response district

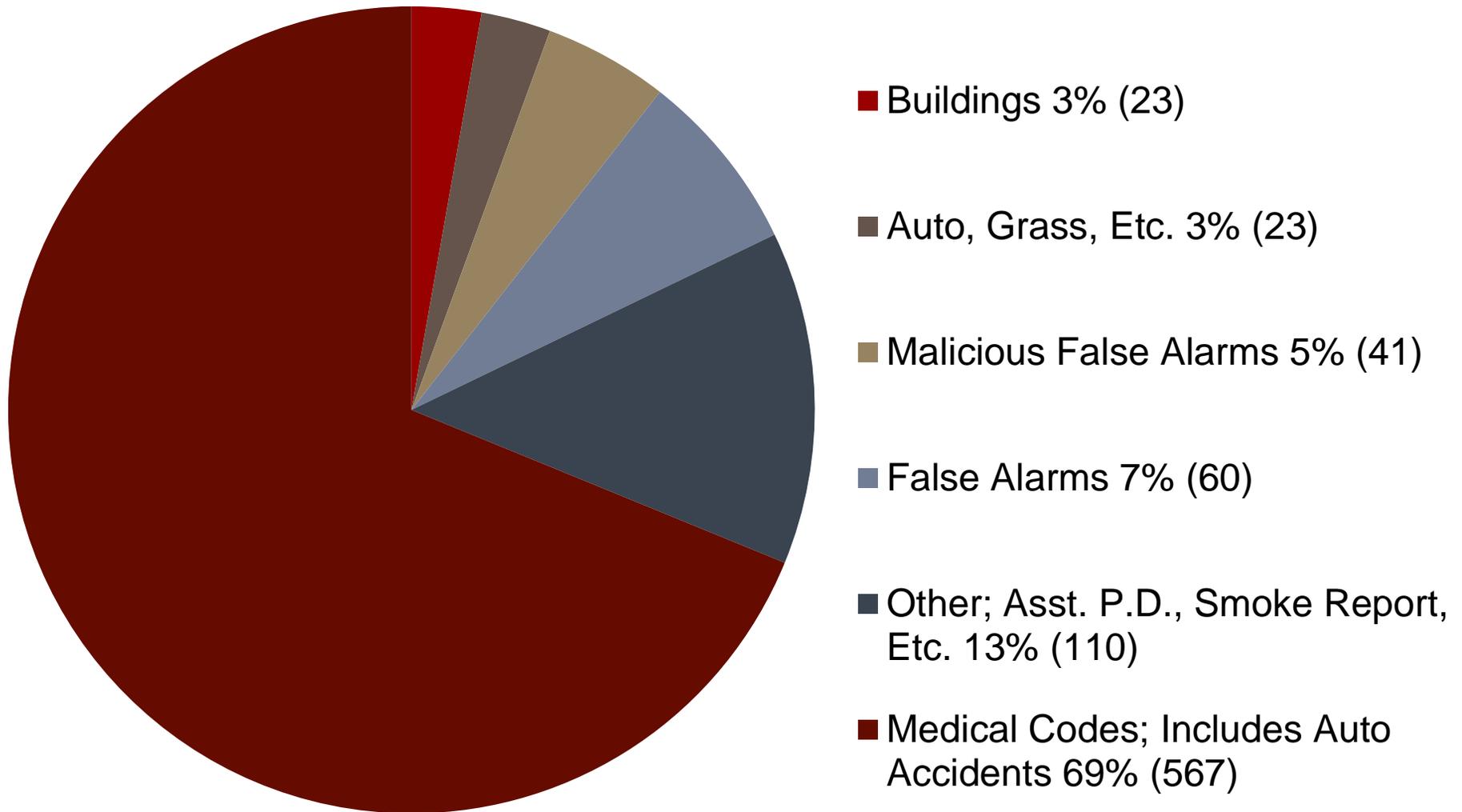
- Total Response for 2015:  
6,372
- Average Response Per Call:  
8 Firefighters
- Total Man-hours Spent on Calls:  
3,180 Hours
- Average Response Time Per Incident:  
3 Mins & 36 Secs



# Fire Service Response

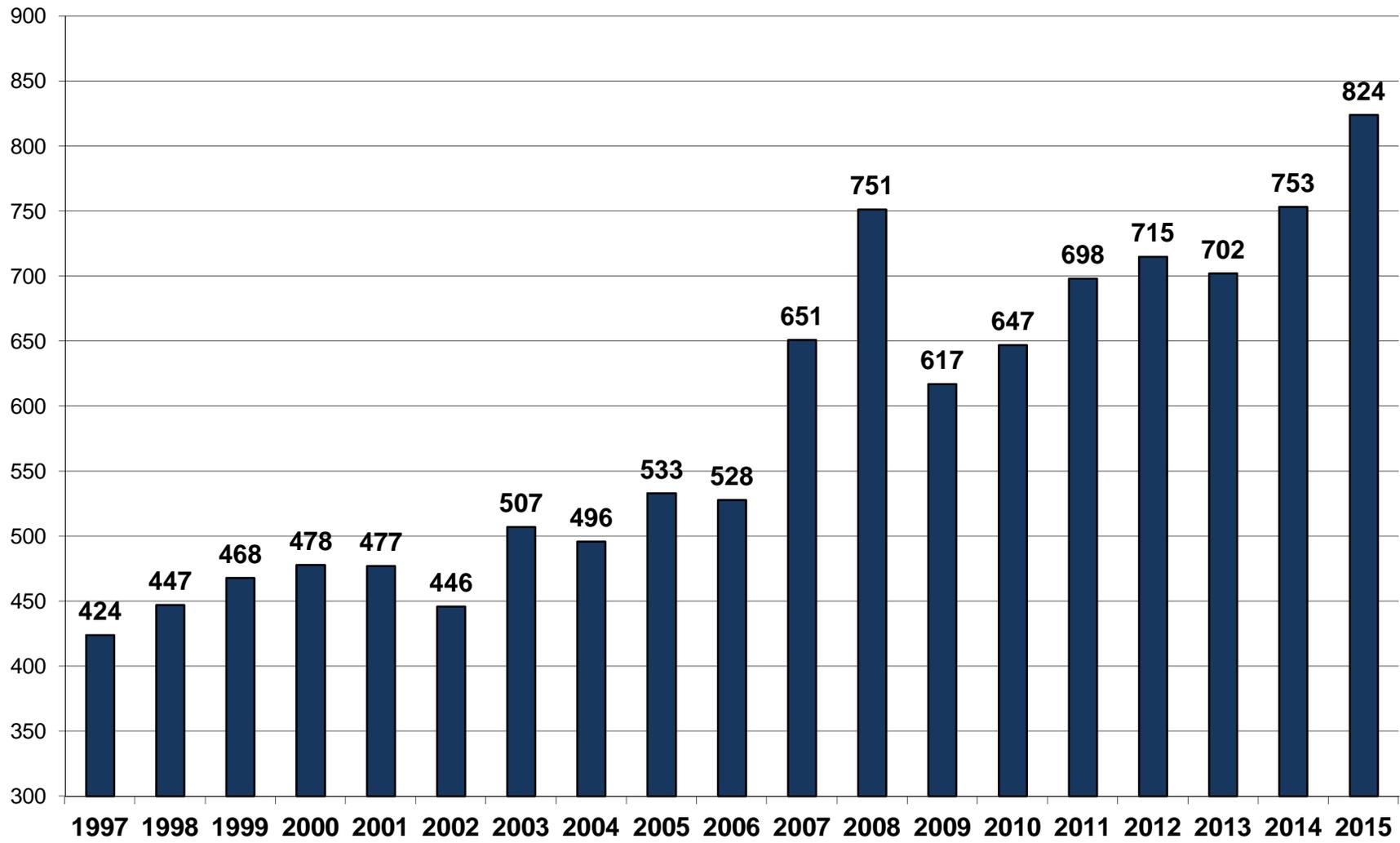
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## 2015 Alarm Types Breakdown

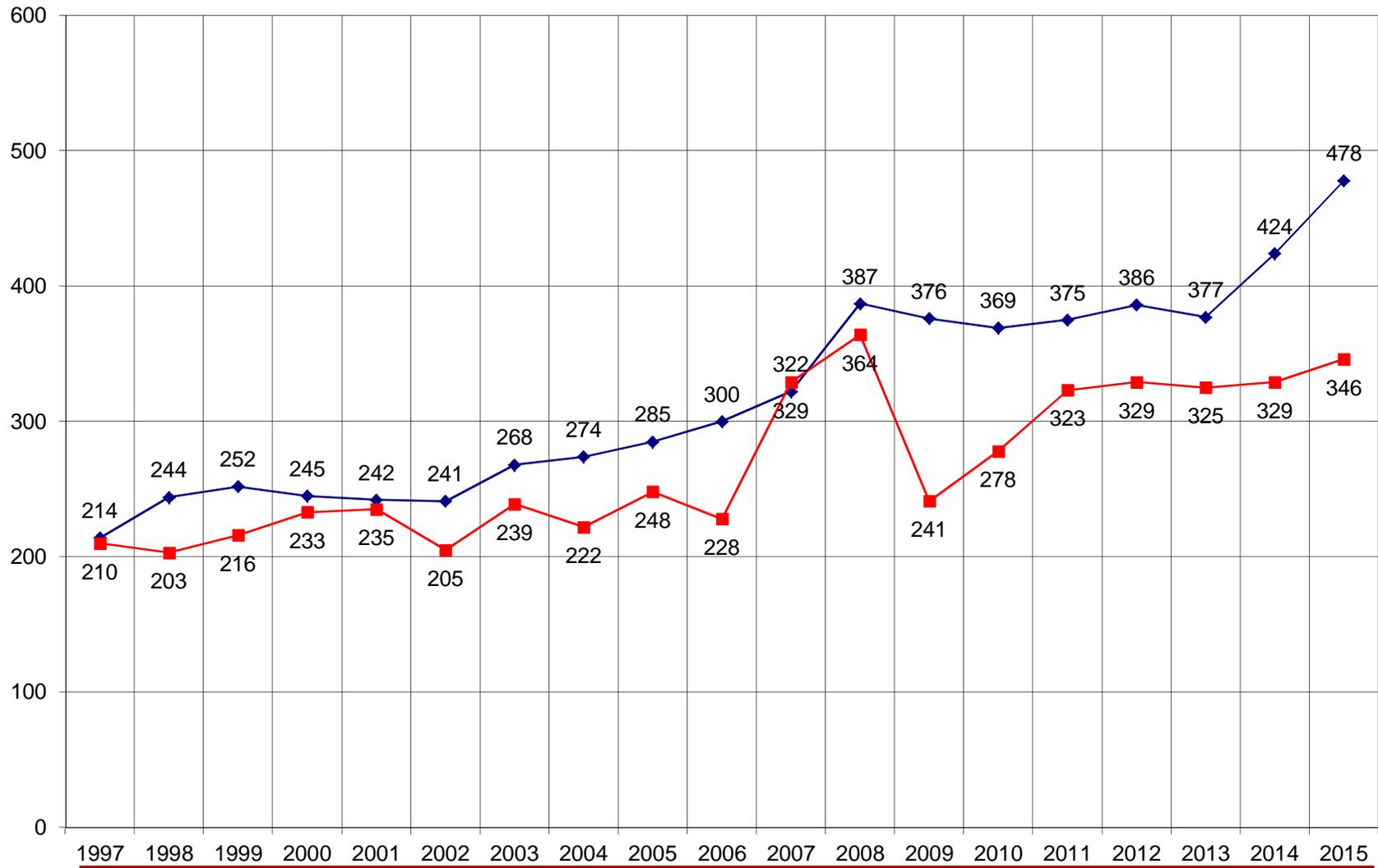


The GFFD responded to a total of 824 alarms in 2015. Of the calls, 720 were inside of the Town, and 104 were outside of the Town.

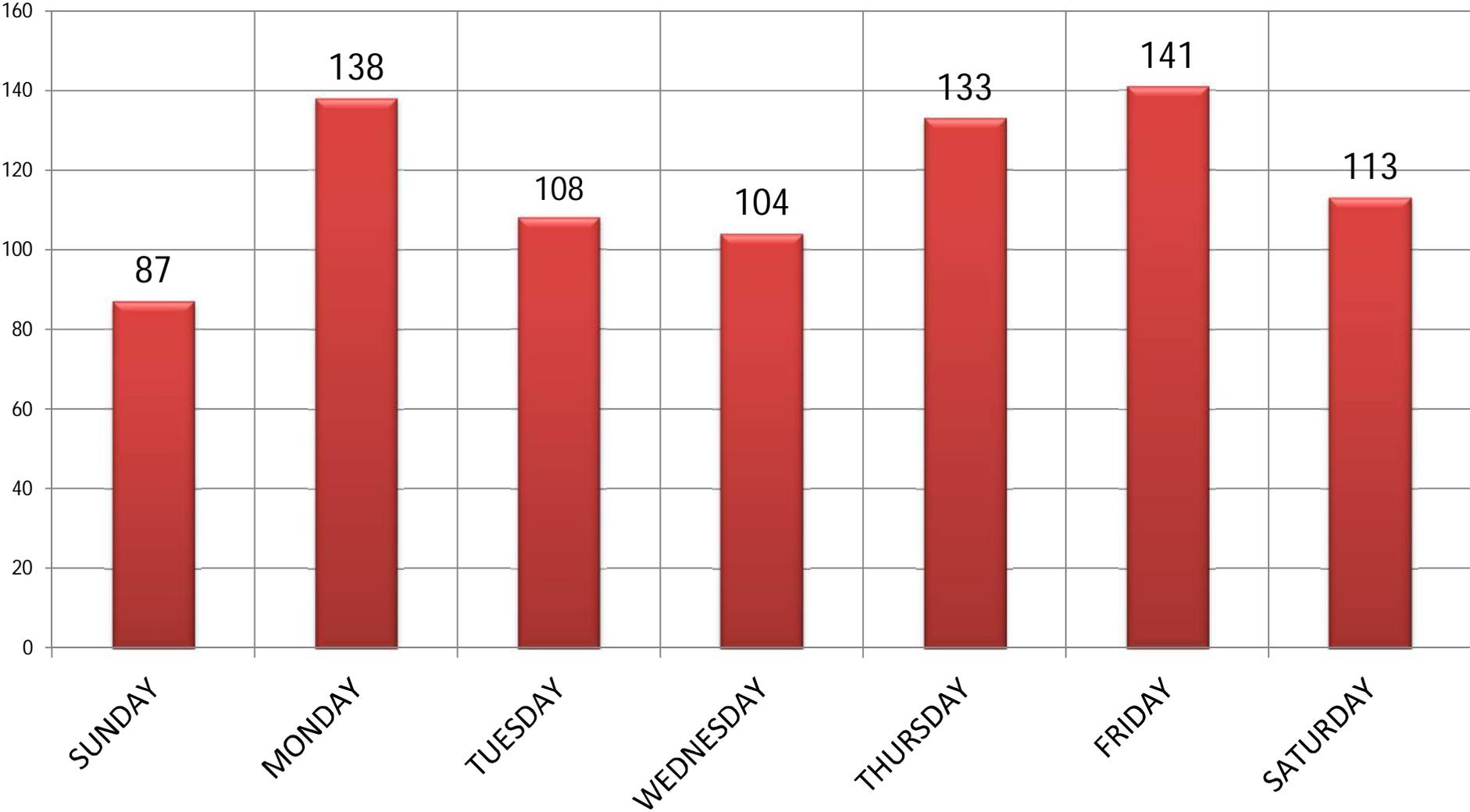
## YEARLY CALL RESPONSE COMPARISON 1997 - 2015



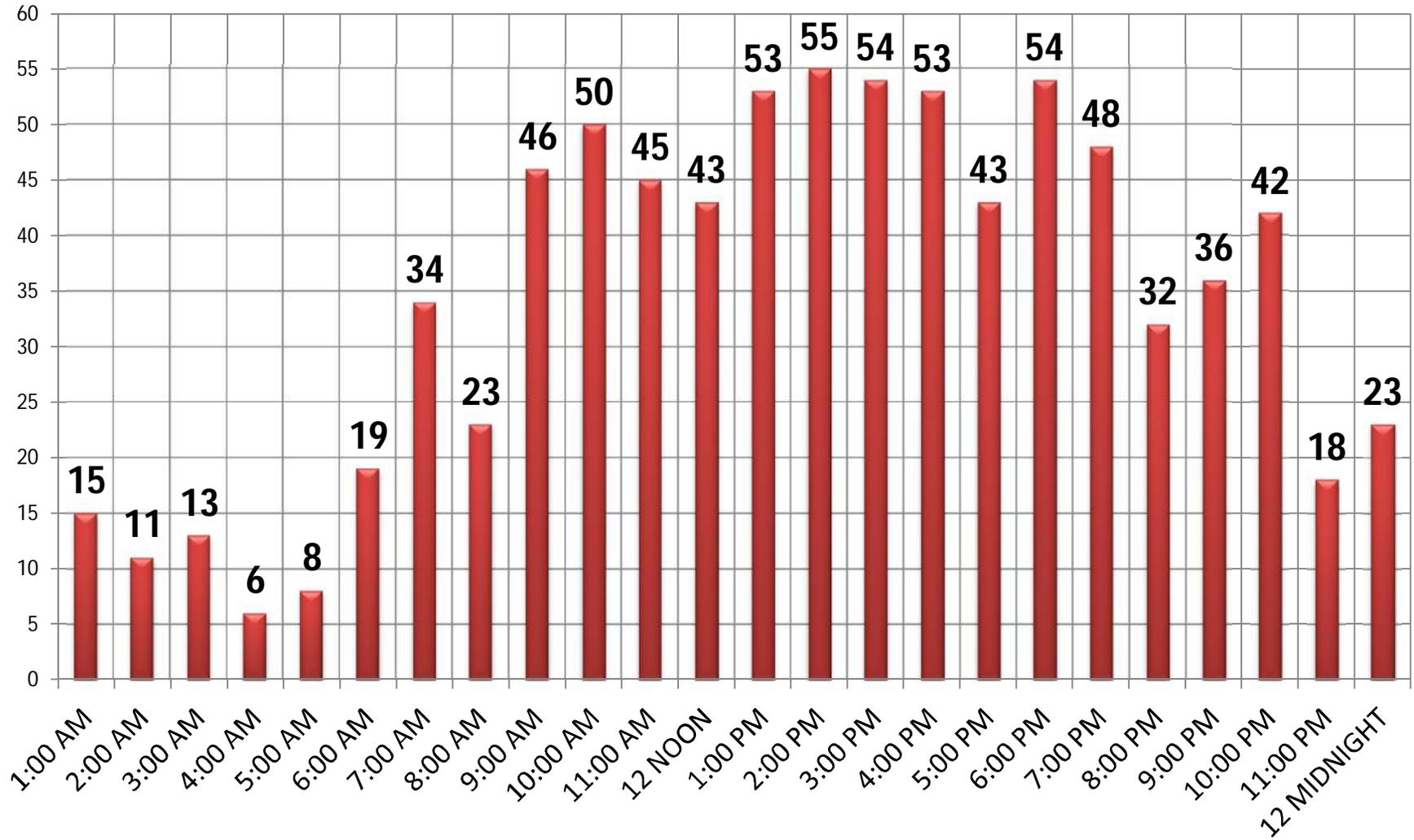
## Fire vs Medical Calls 1997 - 2015



**INCIDENTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK 2015**



## ALARM TIME ANALYSIS 2015



## Fire Prevention Activities



Over 300 kids were educated on fire prevention during Fire Prevention Week. This includes touring the station, fire truck tours, and safety education tips.

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**The Granite Falls Fire Department is involved in the Safe Kids activities that consists of car seat checks. We actively participate in the state diversion program.**



**We also provided presentations to seventh and eighth grade students at Granite Falls Middle School Career Day.**

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3 Firefighters obtained their Technical Rescue Certification  
14 Firefighters are now rescue certified  
88 hours of training

4 Paid Firefighters certified as Level One Instructor  
45 hours of training

2 Firefighters completed state EMT certification  
20 Firefighters now have state medical certifications  
168 hours of training

4 Paid Firefighters certified in Fire Officer Levels One & Two  
64 hours of training

# Training and Accomplishments

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In 2015, the Granite Falls Firefighters completed 4,908 hours of training



# Grant Accomplishments



Granite Falls Fire Department has applied for and received a federal grant to purchase fire hose, fire hose appliances, and a hose management system. This grant replaced all hose older than 1987 which is recommended by NFPA. We were awarded this grant in the amount of \$50,600. We were able to replace most of the fire hose within the station. This made our hose NFPA compliant. We were also able to update all of our fire attack nozzles and purchase a hose tester with this grant.

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# COMPARISON SHEET 2015

	2013	2014	2015
NUMBER OF CALLS	702	753	824
CALLS INSIDE TOWN	620	671	720
CALLS OUTSIDE TOWN	82	82	104
PROPERTY LOSS/VALUE	\$54,001/\$366,126,096	\$270,250/\$370,699,564	\$239,755/\$369,932,956
MANPOWER RESPONSE	5,641	5,507	6,372
TIME AT FIRE SCENE	342.39 Hrs.	357.38 Hrs.	342.81 Hrs.
AVG. RESPONSE TIME TO CALLS	3 Mins 30 Secs	3 Mins 43 Secs	3 Mins 36 Secs
TOTAL MILES RUN	15,667	21,838	17,918.70
DIESEL FUEL	1,094.35 Gals.	1,197.2 Gals.	1,346.8 Gals.
GASOLINE	1,250.6 Gals.	1,336.3 Gals.	1,255.5 Gals.

## TYPES OF ALARMS

	2013	2014	2015
BUILDINGS	17	17	23
AUTO, GRASS, ETC.	19	26	23
MALICIOUS FALSE ALARMS	7	13	41
FALSE ALARMS	80	92	60
OTHER; ASST. P.D., SMOKE REPORT, ETC.	155	130	110
MEDICAL CODES; INCLUDES AUTO ACCIDENTS	424	475	567

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

	2013	2014	2015
HRS. SPENT ON TRAINING	5,652 Hrs.	5,312 Hrs.	4,908 Hrs.
AVG. # MEN RESPONDING PER ALARM	9	8	8
MUTUAL AID GIVEN	12	56	60

Note: A record of time spent on maintenance of hydrants, hydrant records, hose maintenance, service testing, and maintenance of apparatus, inspections, pre-fire planning, etc. are not kept but are performed on a yearly basis.