SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE MONTHLY REPORT
NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026



HIGHLIGHTS
REMEMBERING 9/11 - 25 YEARS LATER



We were honored to support the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation with the Flame of Liberty Memorial at the Los Gatos Civic Center on September 11.

The foundation brought hundreds of community members together to honor the heroes, victims, and survivors of Sept. 11, 2001. Hometown heroes Todd Beamer and Mark Bingham who courageously led the fight to take back the cockpit on United Flight 93 were also honored. Assistant Chief Arthur Tomasetti, a veteran himself, was honored to speak as part of the program.

Chief Kerdkaew, Assistant Chief Tomasetti, Honor Guard members, and staff posed for a brief picture and conversation with retired FDNY Lt. Joe Torrillo, a 9/11 tower survivor and keynote speaker. His story of survival is remarkable and all in attendance were left touched by his inspiring story that spoke of bravery, selflessness, family, and lifting up those around us.

HONOR GUARD IN NYC ON 9/11



Eight members of the Santa Clara County Fire Department Honor Guard traveled to New York City to show their support to the FDNY. Standing beside them, our firefighters were a physical reminder that twenty-five years later, they continue to honor the 343 firefighters and thousands more lives lost on and after September 11, 2001.

We will always remember.



Top: SCCFD Honor Guard members with FDNY Engine 47 firefighters outside the station. Below: Honor Guard at a Memorial Ceremony at River Park, NYC. Both taken September 11, 2026.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS





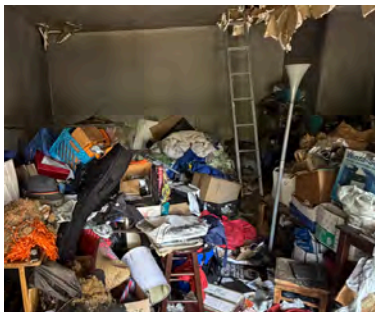
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

XSC Strike Team 2311-C arrived home after a one week mutual aid deployment on the Plaskett Fire in Monterey County. During their firefighting efforts, firefighters deployed over 7,000 feet of fire hose (more than 1.3 miles), protected homes and historical structures, secured fire lines, and cleaned up hot spots along Highway 1 to keep the roads safe.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Masten Station's Engine 68 was dispatched to a structure fire on Columbet Ave. in San Martin. Upon arrival, firefighters located a single-story family home with heavy smoke and flames visible from the street. Engine 68 and 67 firefighters extinguished the fire.







MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SCCFD and Gilroy Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Kern Ave., just north of First St. in the City of Gilroy. Firefighters from both departments arrived to find a two-story apartment building with smoke coming from the windows. Firefighters made a quick entry and extinguished the fire, keeping it to the room of origin. There were no reported injuries of firefighters or civilians.

Swift Water Rescue Tech Training Ahead of El Niño

Seven firefighters from our Special Operations program recently completed an intensive Swiftwater Rescue Technician course, sharpening advanced rescue tactics ahead of storm season. The training included setting up rope systems for rescues and retrieving individuals from flooded areas.

Community members were also encouraged to get storm ready during National Preparedness Month in September.

Preparedness starts at home. Remember to inspect rain gutters, clear nearby storm drains, and remember—never drive through flooded roadways.



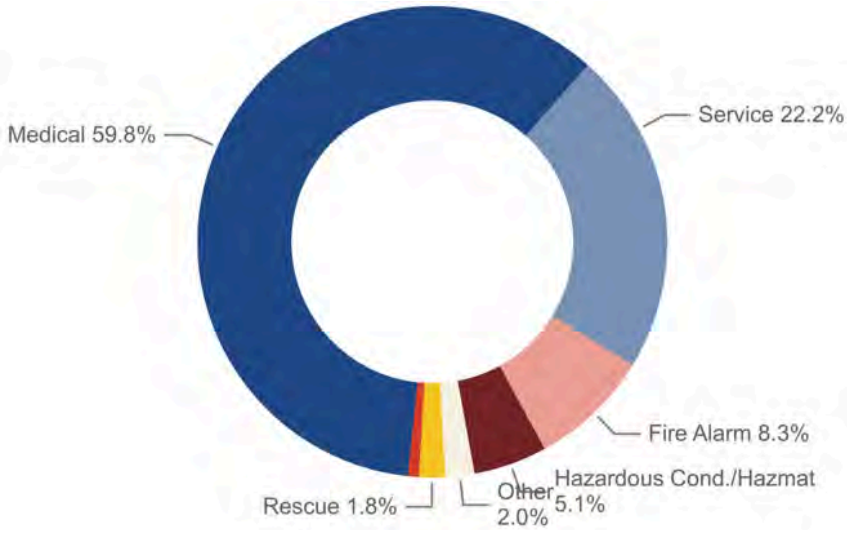
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EMERGENCY AND SERVICE CALLS

Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	3	0.8%
Fire Alarm	33	8.3%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	20	5.1%
Medical	237	59.8%
Other	8	2.0%
Rescue	7	1.8%
Service	88	22.2%
Total	**396**	**100.0%**

CALL BREAK DOWN

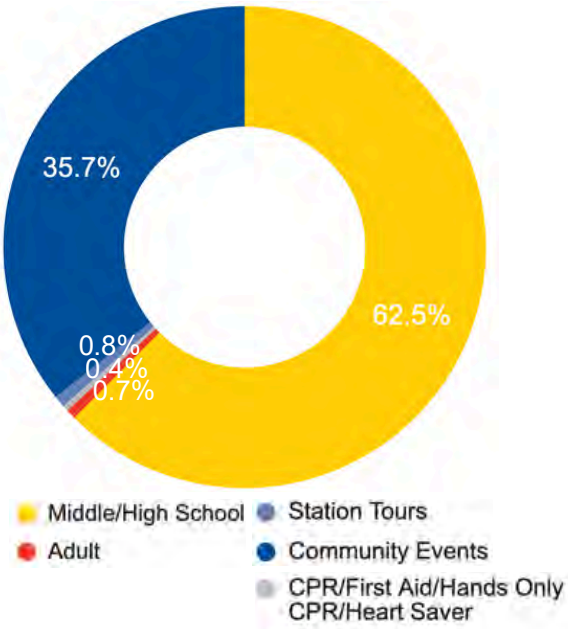


SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

C262560060, 9/13/26 – Full first alarm structure fire at Valley Green Apartments, 20000 block of Valley Green Drive. Firefighters arrived to find light smoke from a dryer vent at a one-story apartment building. Entry was made to the affected unit which was full of cold smoke. Smoldering clothing material was located in the laundry area and removed. There was no fire extension to the structure. No injuries were reported.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION 8/1/26 - 9/30/26

CERRS Classes/Events/Presentations - Cupertino	
Program Type	**# Of Attendees**
Preschool	0
Elementary School	0
Middle/High School	2000
Adult	21
CERT	0
CPR/First Aid/Hands Only CPR/Heart Saver	13
Station Tours	25
Community Events	1,142
Total Attendees	**3201**

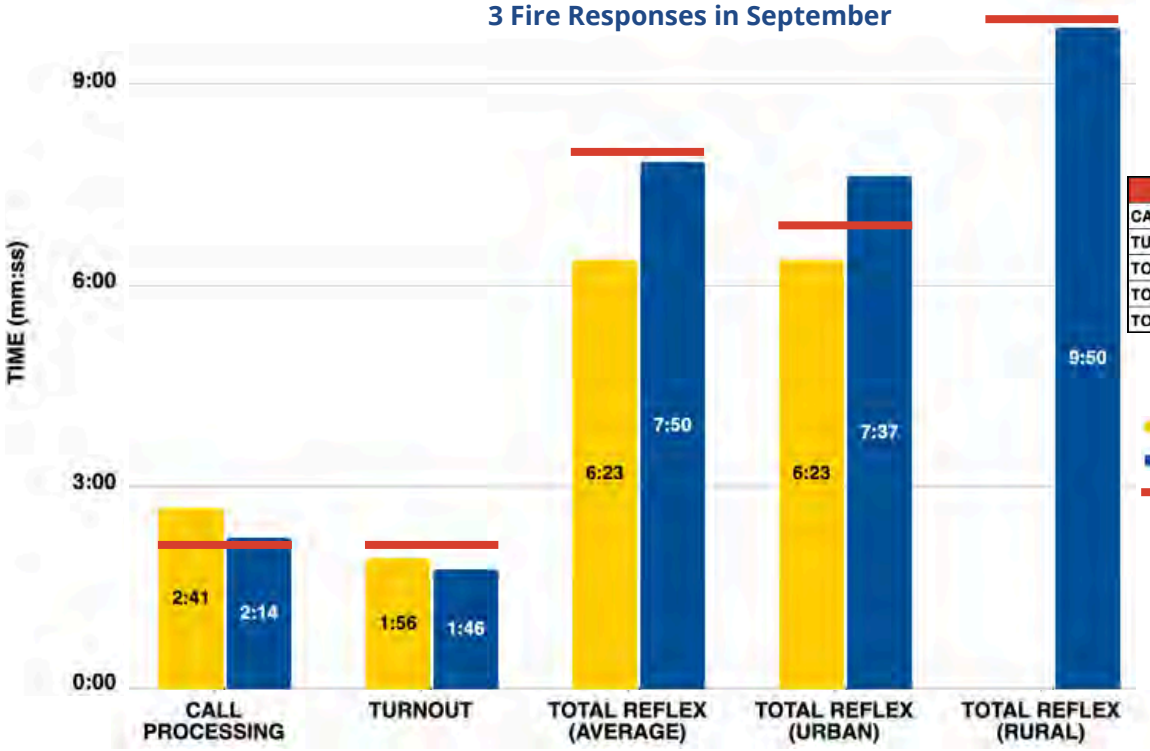


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Average Time for Fire Responses

3 Fire Responses in September

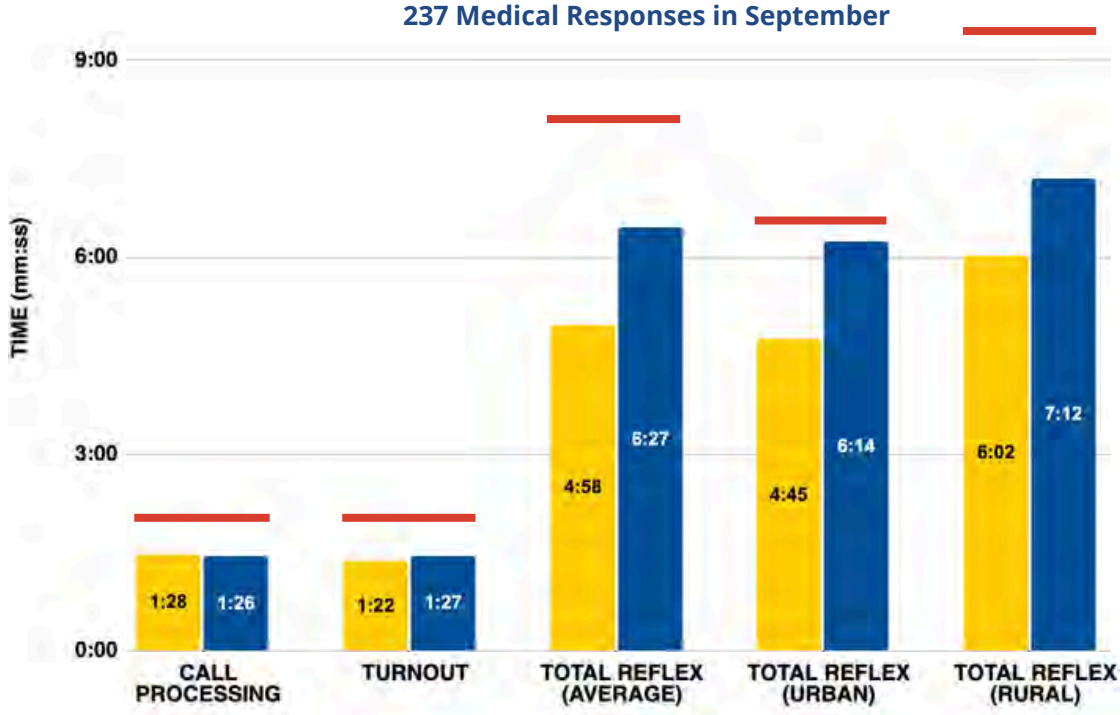


TIME STANDARDS (FIRE)	
CALL PROCESSING	2:00
TURNOUT	2:00
TOTAL REFLEX (AVERAGE)	8:00
TOTAL REFLEX (URBAN)	7:00
TOTAL REFLEX (RURAL)	10:00

CURRENT MONTH AVG.
12 MONTH ROLLING AVG.
STANDARD

Average Time for Fire Apparatus Responding to Medical Emergencies

237 Medical Responses in September



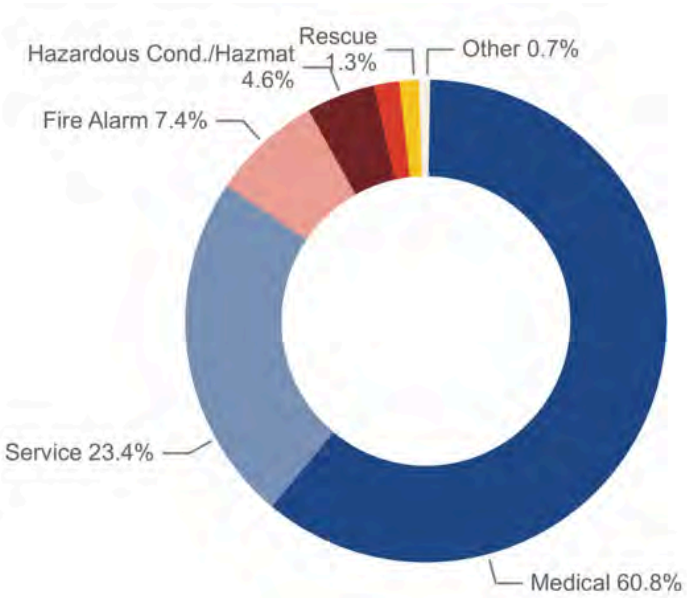
TIME STANDARDS (EMS)	
CALL PROCESSING	2:00
TURNOUT	2:00
TOTAL REFLEX (AVERAGE)	8:00
TOTAL REFLEX (URBAN)	6:30
TOTAL REFLEX (RURAL)	9:30

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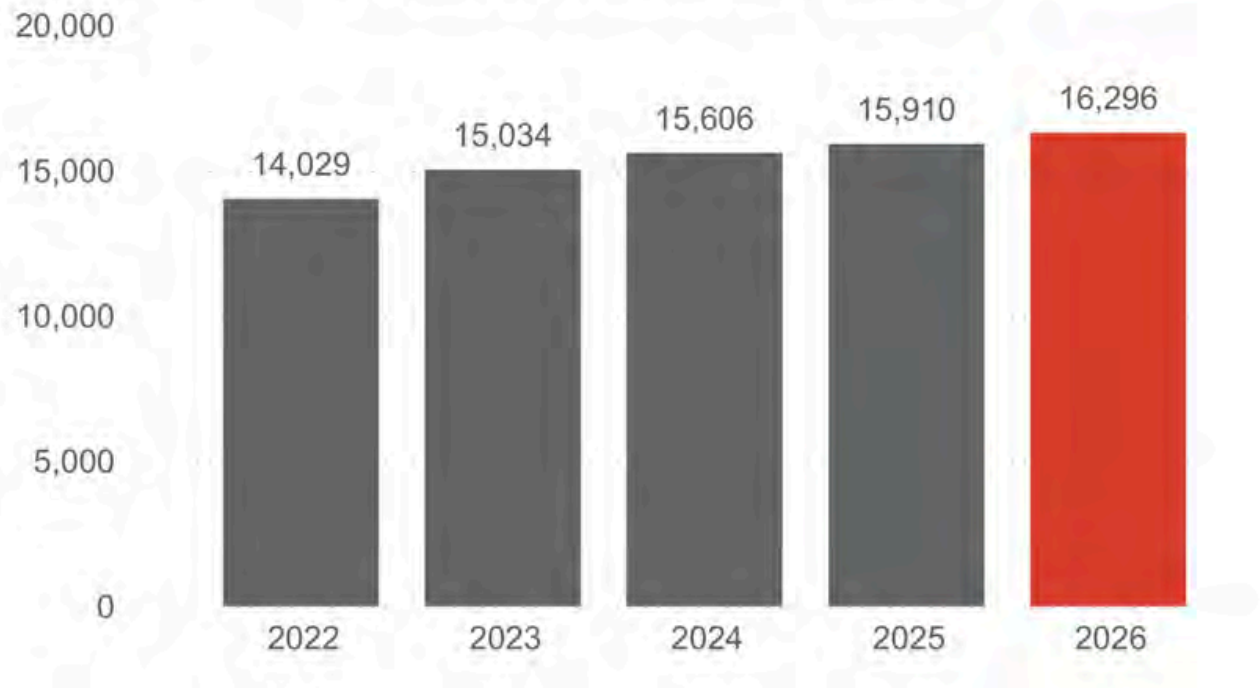
DEPARTMENT TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS
SEPTEMBER 2026

Number of Incidents by Type
September 2026

Dispatched Incident Type	Incidents	Percentage (%)
Fire - Structure, Veg., Other	32	1.7%
Fire Alarm	141	7.4%
Hazardous Cond./Hazmat	88	4.6%
Medical	1,154	60.8%
Other	14	0.7%
Rescue	25	1.3%
Service	445	23.4%
Total	**1,899**	**100.0%**



Number of Incidents Year to Date
Year Over Year - January to September



COMMUNITY SAFETY

OCTOBER SAFETY MESSAGES



International ShakeOut Day

On **October 15,** millions of people will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever recorded: *ShakeOut*! Why? Earthquakes can happen anywhere you work, live, or travel, which is why everyone, everywhere should know how to protect themselves should an earthquake occur. Take 3 actions now to prepare:

1. **Download MyShake App**: Get life-saving seconds of advance warning on your phone.
2. **Check Your Emergency Kit**: Ensure you have 72+ hours of water, non-perishable food, and medications.
3. **Secure Heavy Objects**: Anchor high furniture, water heaters, and heavy electronics.

Fire Prevention Week



We're teaming up with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) to promote Fire Prevention Week™ from **October 4 -10**. This year's theme is *Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower*

Lithium-ion batteries power our e-bikes, cellphones, toys, and many other household items. When mishandled, these batteries can cause serious fires and severe, even fatal injuries.

Help us spread the word that everyday actions can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires. Use your charging superpower by making smart choices every time you plug in.

For more info, visit fpw.org.











