

BAZETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bazetta

Striving for a Better Tomorrow

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The Bazetta Fire Department is please to submit this 2018 performance report to the Bazetta Township Trustees, the personnel of Bazetta Fire Department, and the citizens of Bazetta Township. This report would not be possible without the continued support of the Board of Bazetta Township Trustees. With your support we will make it possible to make capital improvements that maintain the department on the cutting edge of new technology.

Bazetta Fire Department has been in the new fire station that is centrally located for over three years. We have seen numerous cost savings but the biggest improvement is the service to our community, we have seen our response times reduce significantly to emergency calls. EMS emergency responses are over 2 minutes faster and Fire responses are over 2 minutes and 30 seconds faster.

Average EMS response time:

2018	3:36
2017	3:24
2016	5:37
2015	5:29

Average Fire response time:

2018	3:44
2017	4:15
2016	7:50
2015	6:58

I would like to reflect on a couple of items. The first being funding, the department brought in over \$2,175,000 in funding since 2003. This is an amazing fact that nearly \$143,000 a year of funding was done by non-tax dollars. We have through commitment of our excellent staff, kept the department in a progressive position. The second is the concern that this position of grant money will not last and a decision will need to be made as to the level of services if there is no additional funding.

Bazetta Fire Department must meet the never-ending changes, that we must meet head on in our ever-growing community and changing service. Reviewing numerous year-end reports and the five year plan the following priorities and goals are listed for your review, planning and implementation in the very near future. The 2018 priorities have been accomplished at minimal cost to the tax payers as each 2018 priority was purchased through grant money.

2018

1. ~~Replace 12 sets of structural firefighting gear (obsolete 2018)~~ ~~\$30,000.00~~
2. ~~Replace 10 Self Contained Breathing apparatus (obsolete 2018)~~ ~~\$75,000.00~~
3. ~~Firefighting and Water Rescue Gear Dryer (new)~~ ~~\$9,100.00~~
4. ~~Replace patient stretcher (obsolete 14 years old)~~ ~~\$40,000.00~~

2019

1. Upgrade/replace all radio equipment \$65,000.00
2. Replace 2nd Patient Stretcher (obsolete 15 years old) \$48,000.00
3. Purchase 2nd LUCAS CPR Device \$15,000.00

2020

1. Replace 2010 Ambulance \$129,000.00

2021

1. Replace 2 cardiac monitors \$50,000.00

2022

1. Replace 2006 Fire Engine \$500,000.00

I know there is a limited amount of tax dollars from the community and this has everything to do with improvements, that is why we must keep working together to make all the recommended improvements over the next 4 years. Without the use of general fund dollars, it is my recommendation that the Trustee's consider replacing the 4 mill continuous levy, which only is collecting 2.8 mills as of 2017. This would provide the equipment and staffing needed to provide safe dependable equipment for our residents and firefighters.

The events of September 11, 2001 will be in our minds and hearts forever. With the loss of 343 firefighters, there is no doubt that a firefighter's life can change at any time. The question is how much risk should be taken with one's life, or how much community support is needed to adequately give their firefighters an honest chance?

We would like to express our special thanks to Police Chief Mike Hovis and staff, Road Superintendent Kris Parke and staff, Fiscal Officer Rita K. Drew, Fiscal Officer Jean Eddy, and Administrative Secretary Robyn Metheny. Most of all I would like to thank the officers and staff of the Bazetta Fire Department. To the residents of Bazetta Township who cooperated in our efforts to minimize lost of life and fire, for the continuous vote of confidence, and being prepared to meet future challenges.

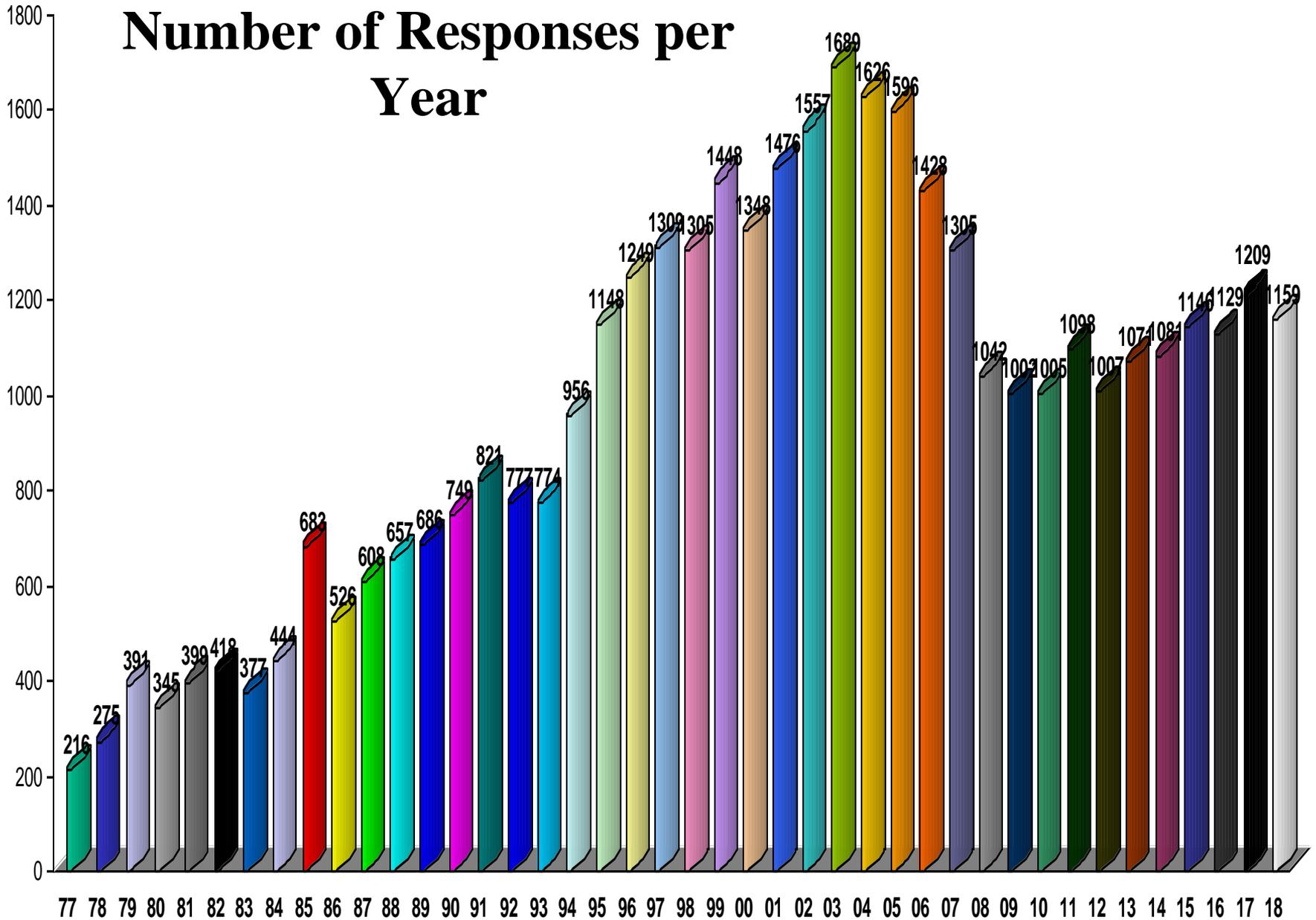
This report is dedicated to those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of their fellow man.

Professionally,

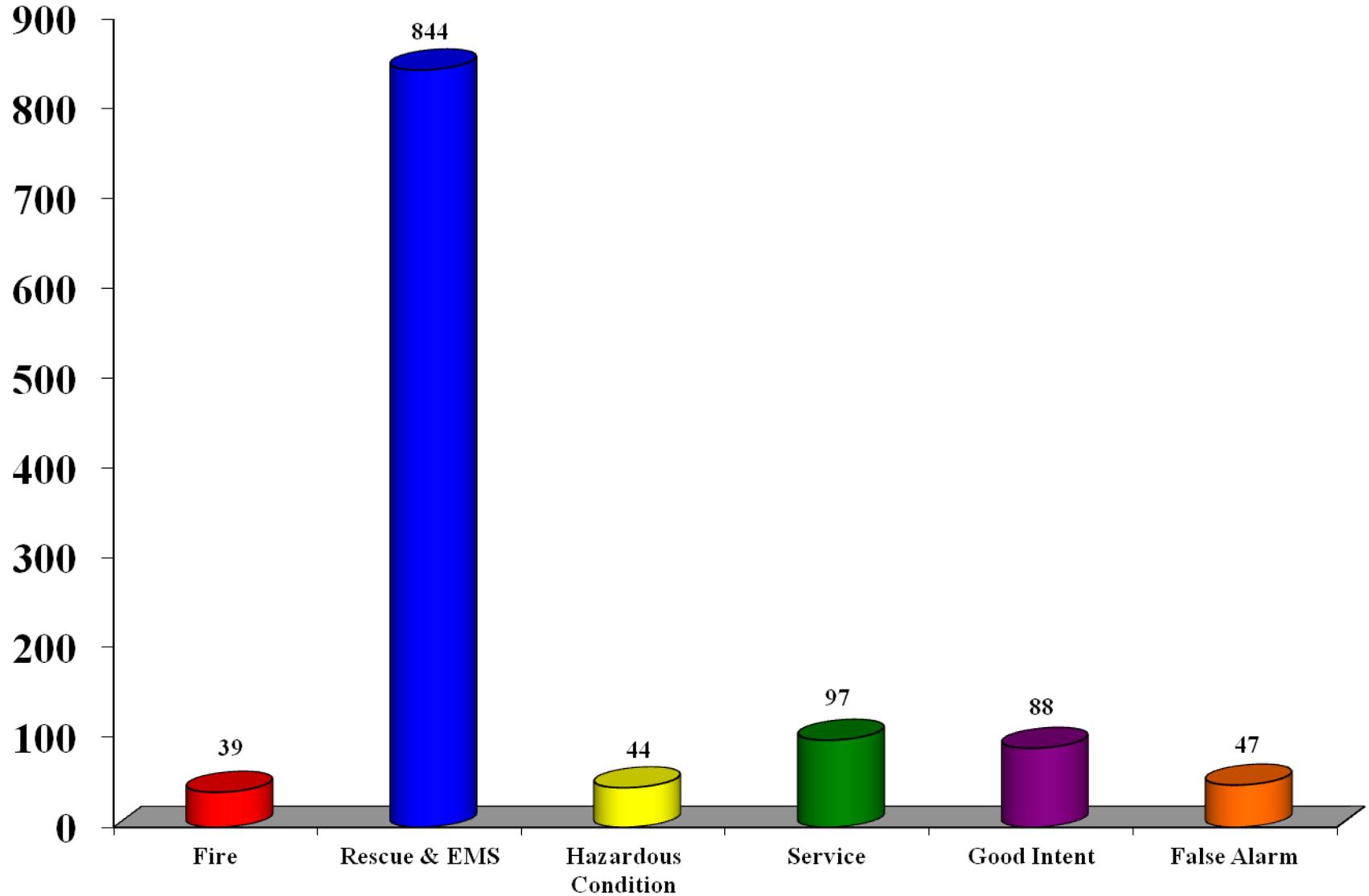
Dennis Lewis

Chief Dennis Lewis OFE, OFC

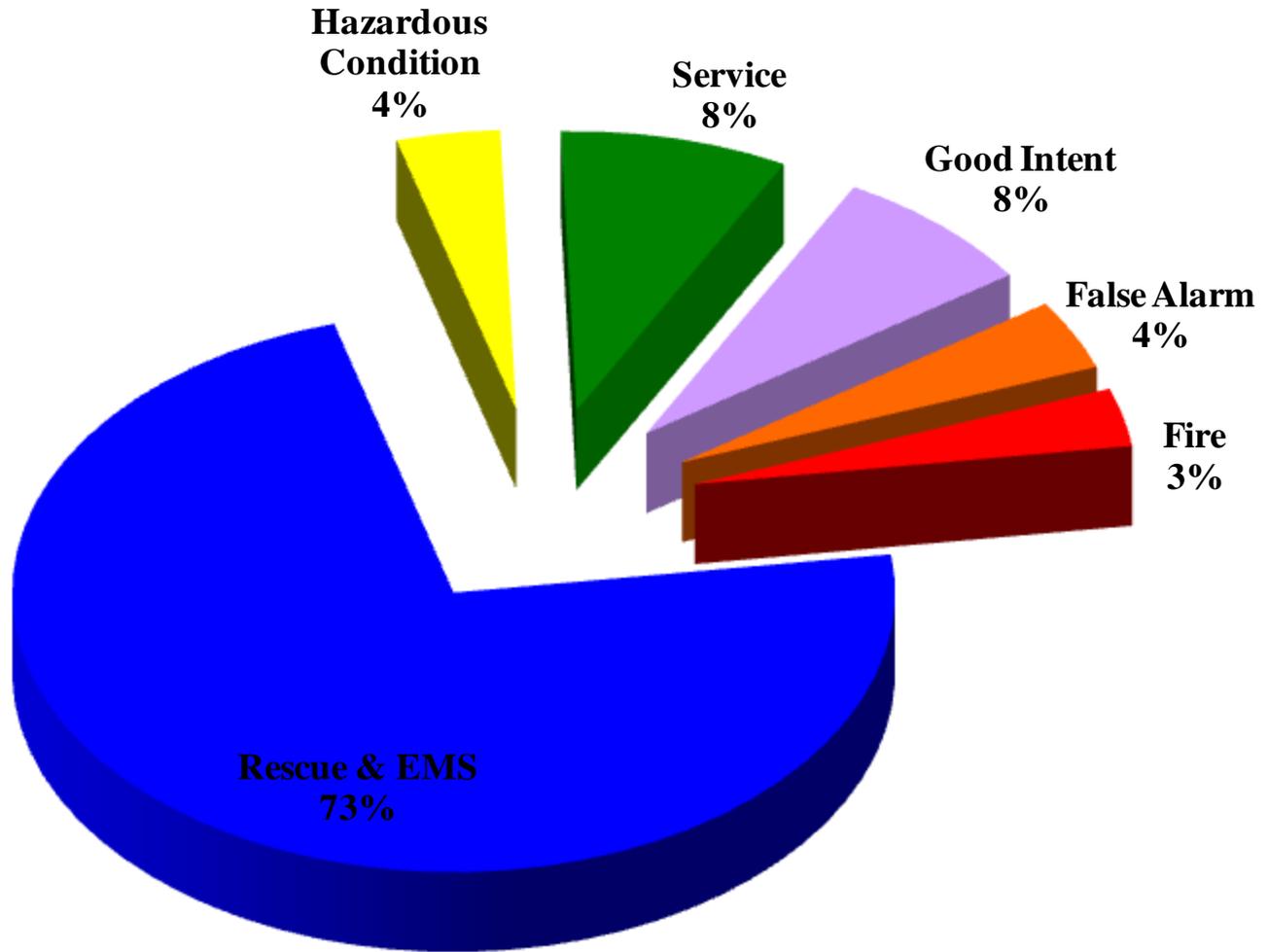
Number of Responses per Year



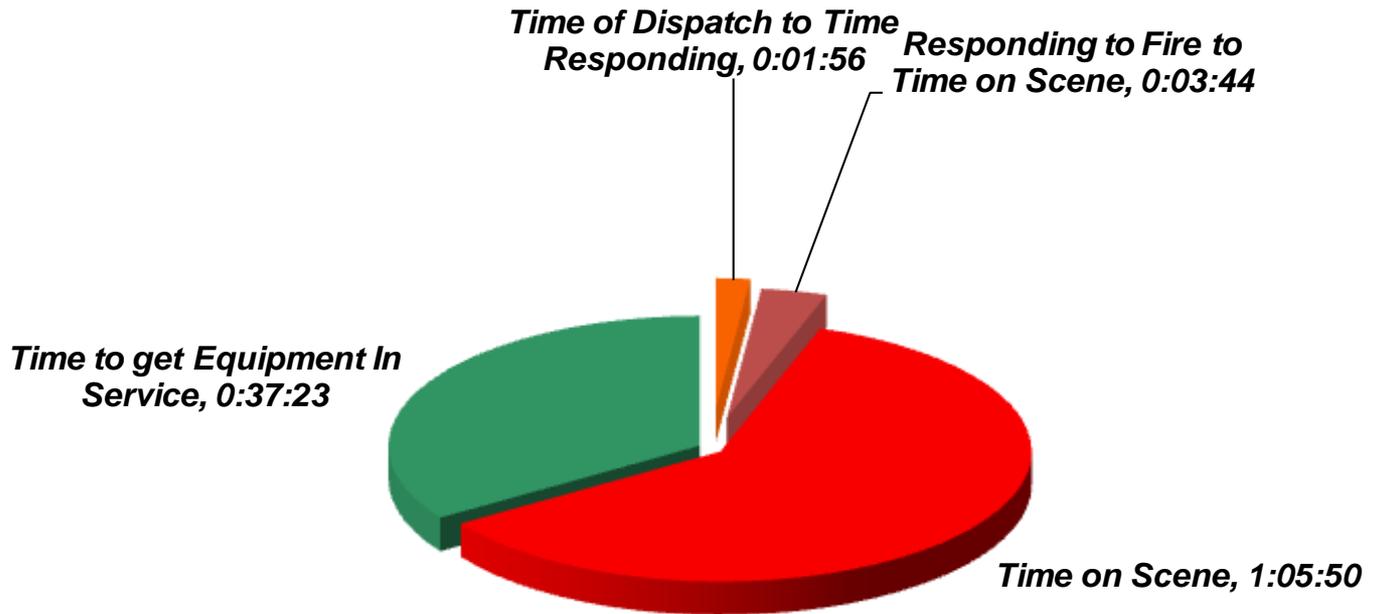
Emergency Calls



Emergency Calls in Percentages

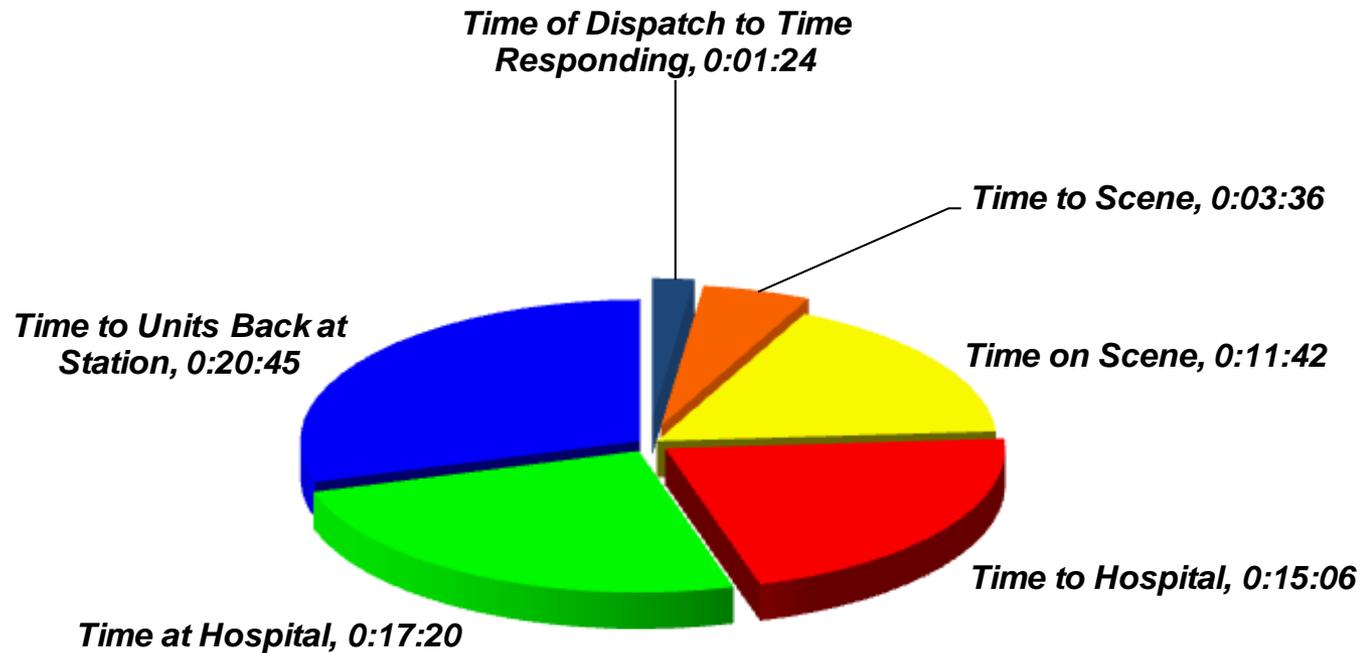


Average Time Analysis of Actual Fires



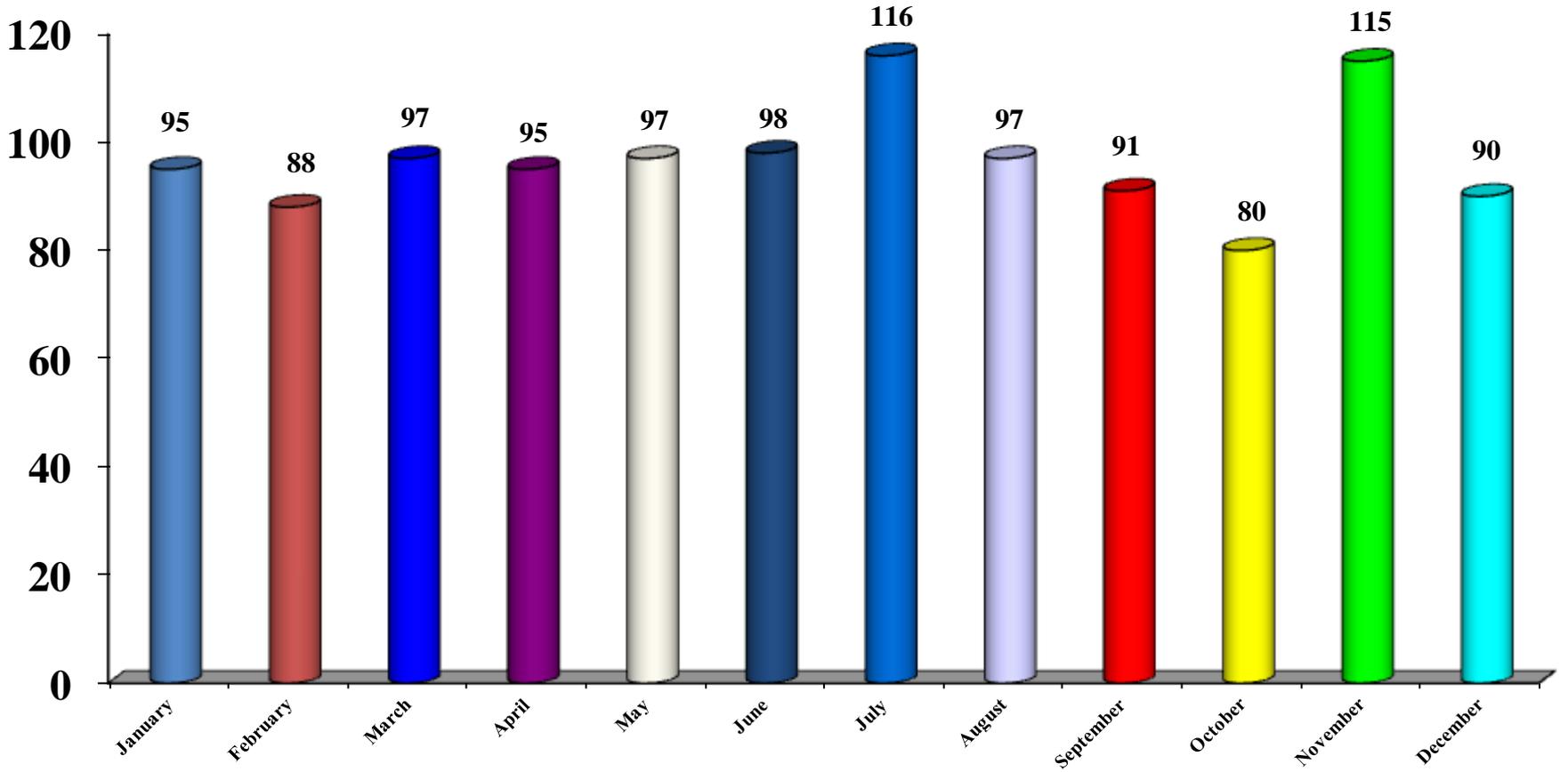
Bazetta Fire Department responded to 39 actual fires in 2018. On average it takes the crews 01:48:53 to handle the fire and put apparatus back in-service.

Average Time Analysis of EMS and Rescue Calls

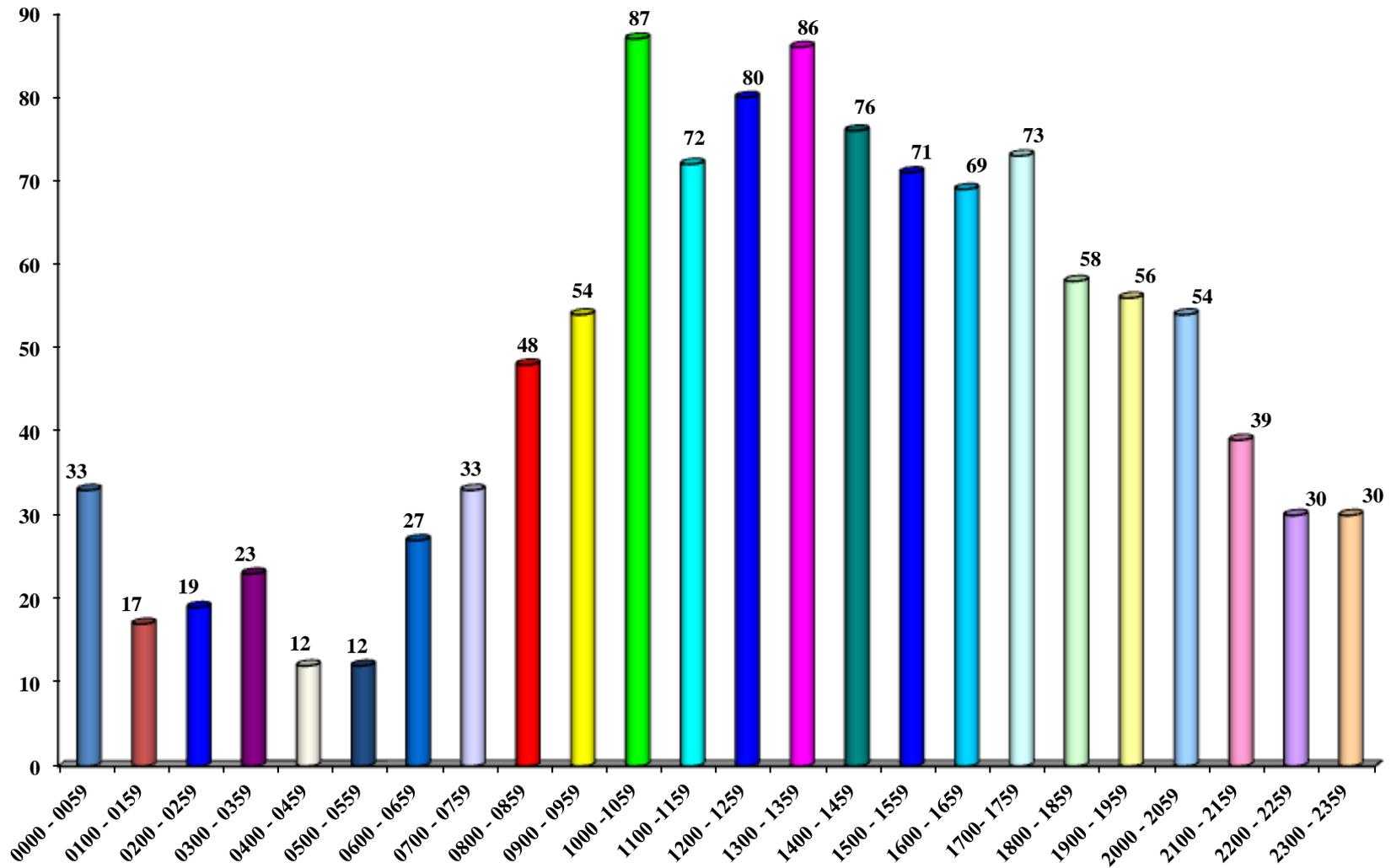


On average it takes Bazetta Fire Department 01:09:53 to handle and EMS emergency; however, we are available to handle the next EMS emergency in 00:49:08.

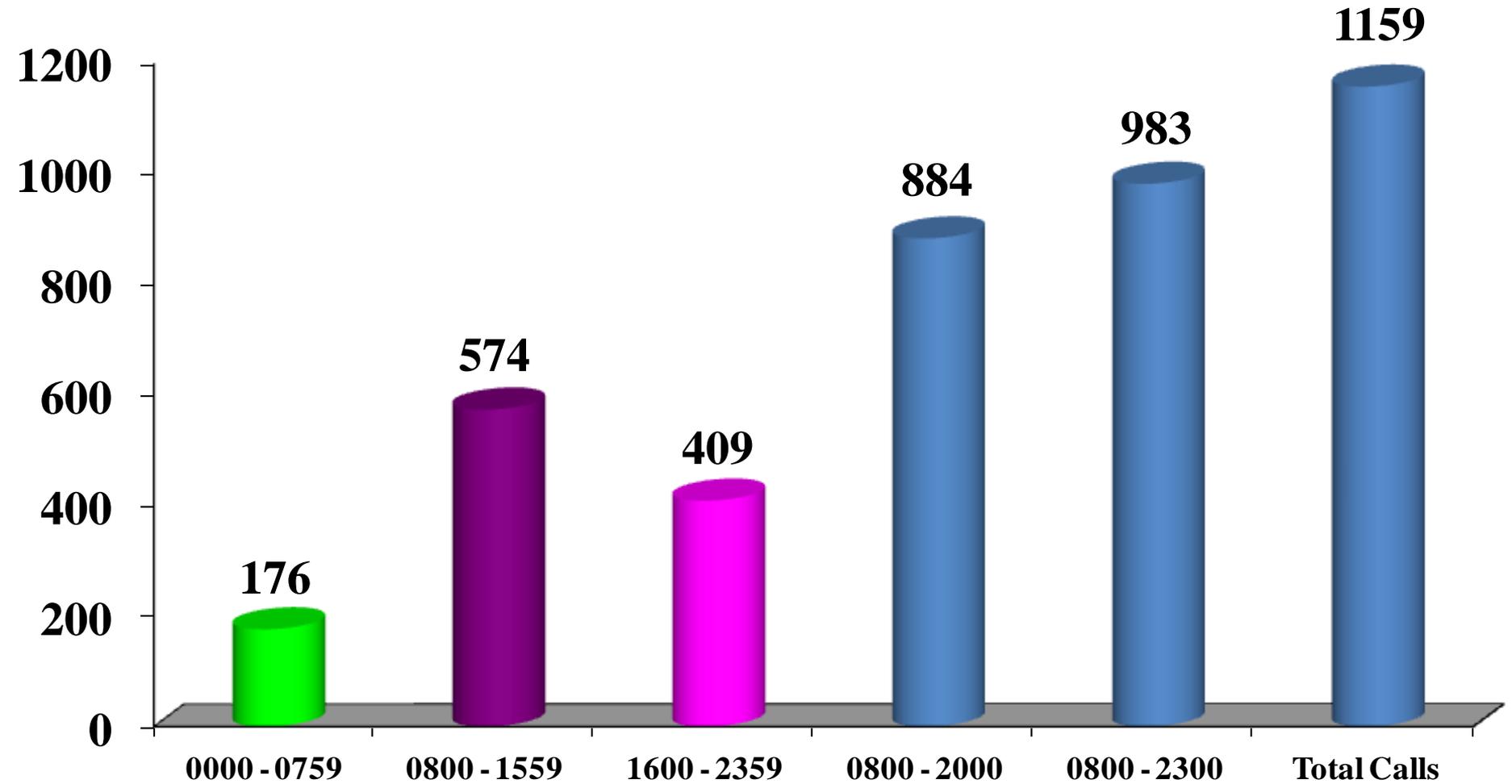
Emergency Calls per Month



Emergency Calls per Hour



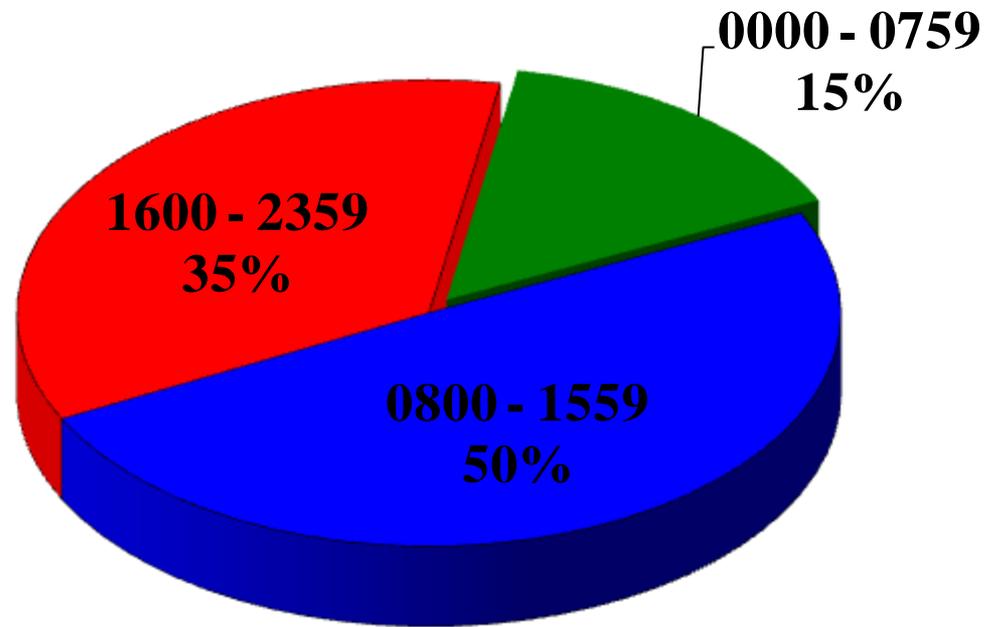
Total Number of Calls per 8 Hours



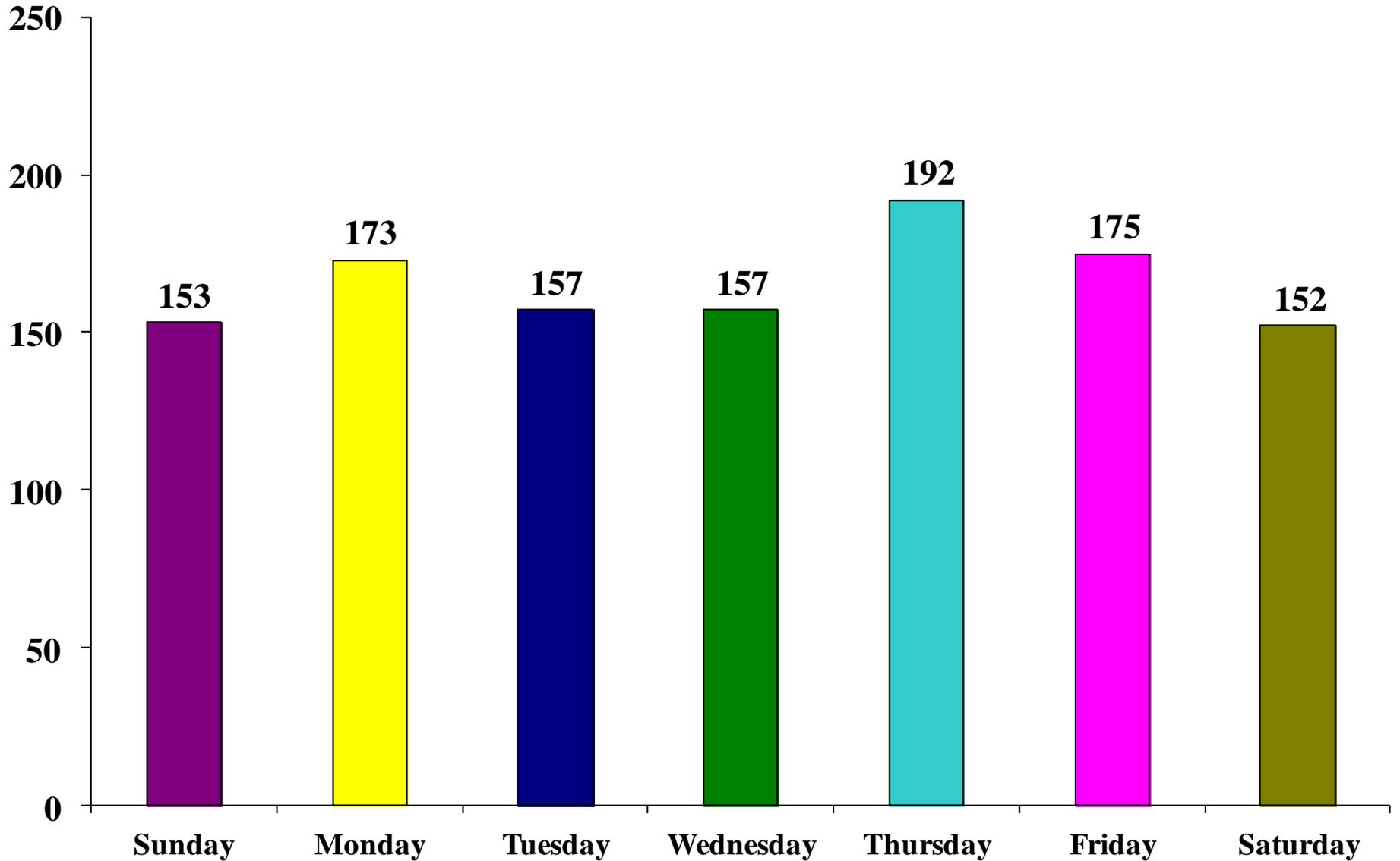
76.3% of Calls are in time period 0800-2000

84.8% of Calls are in time period 0800-2300

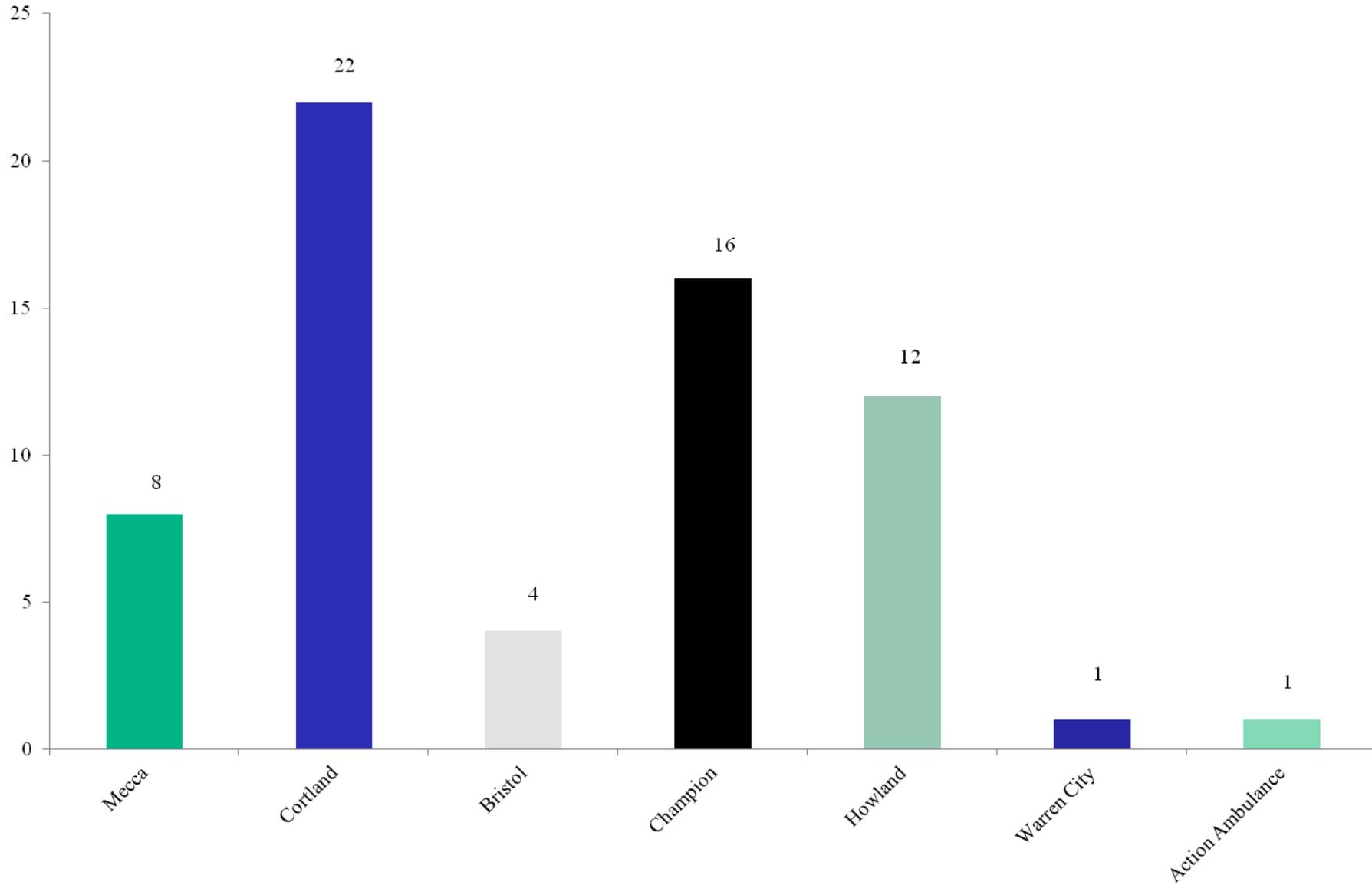
Total Number of Calls in Percentages per 8 Hours



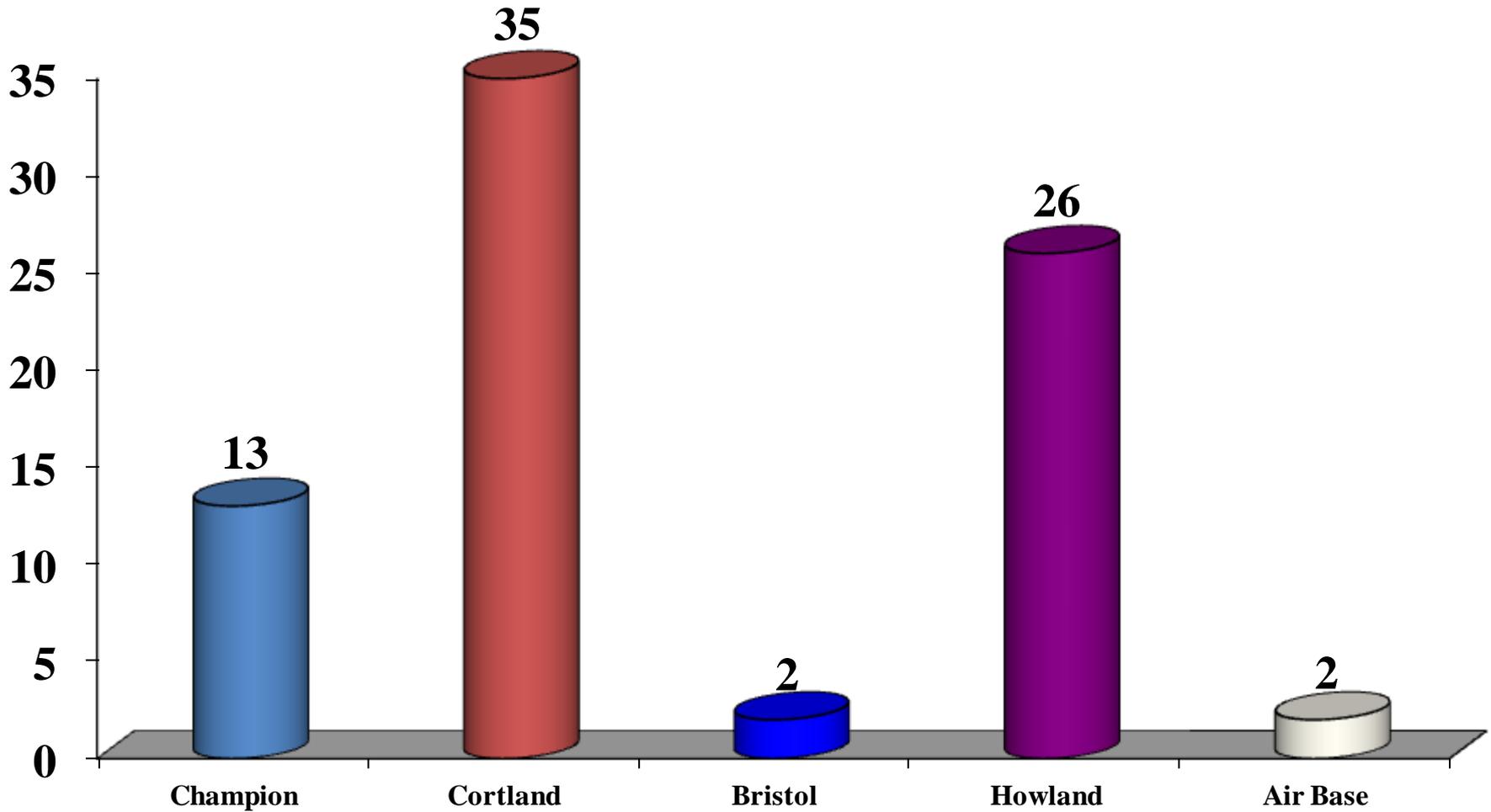
Emergency Calls per Day



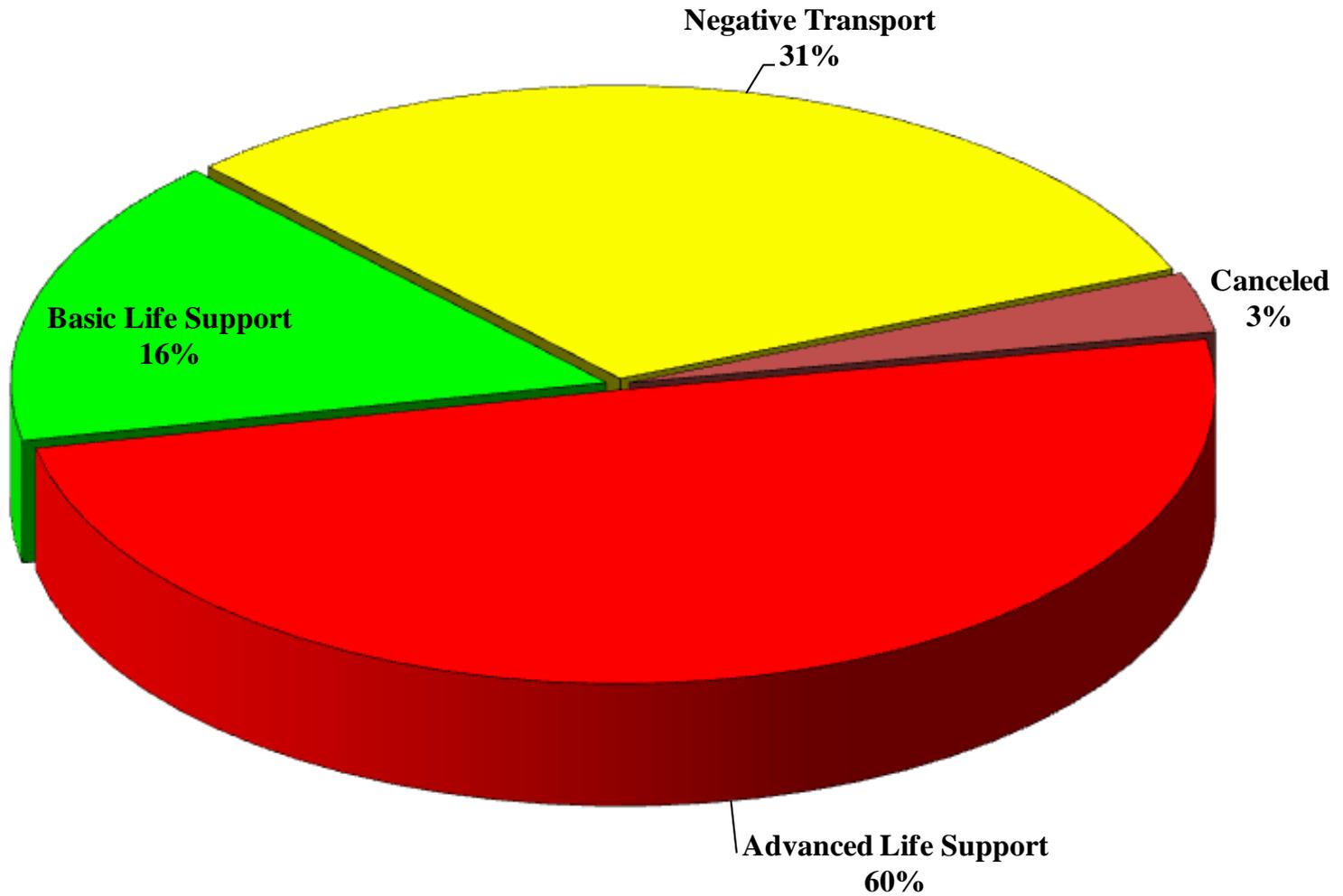
Assistance Given to Area Fire Departments



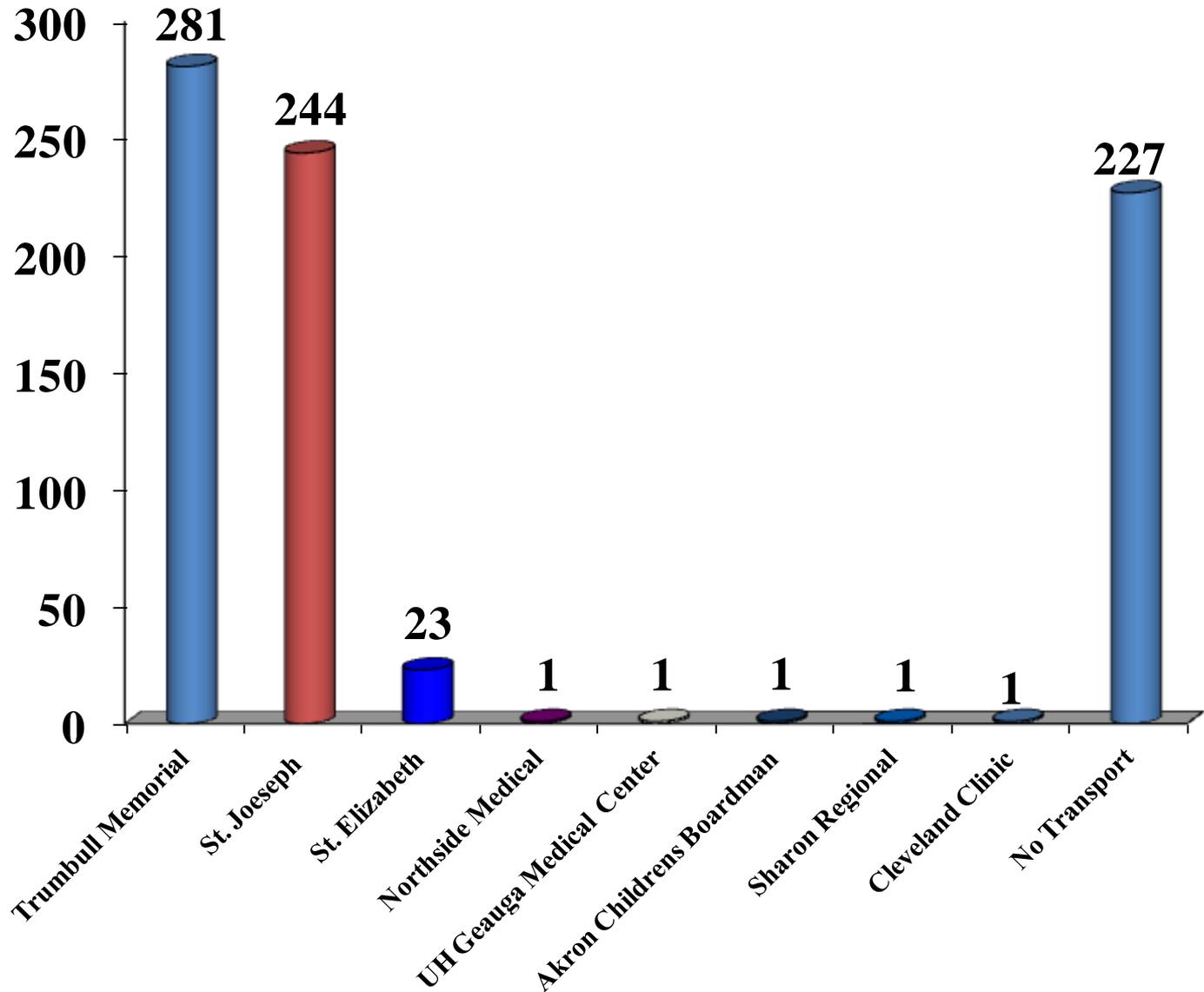
Assistance Received by other Fire Departments



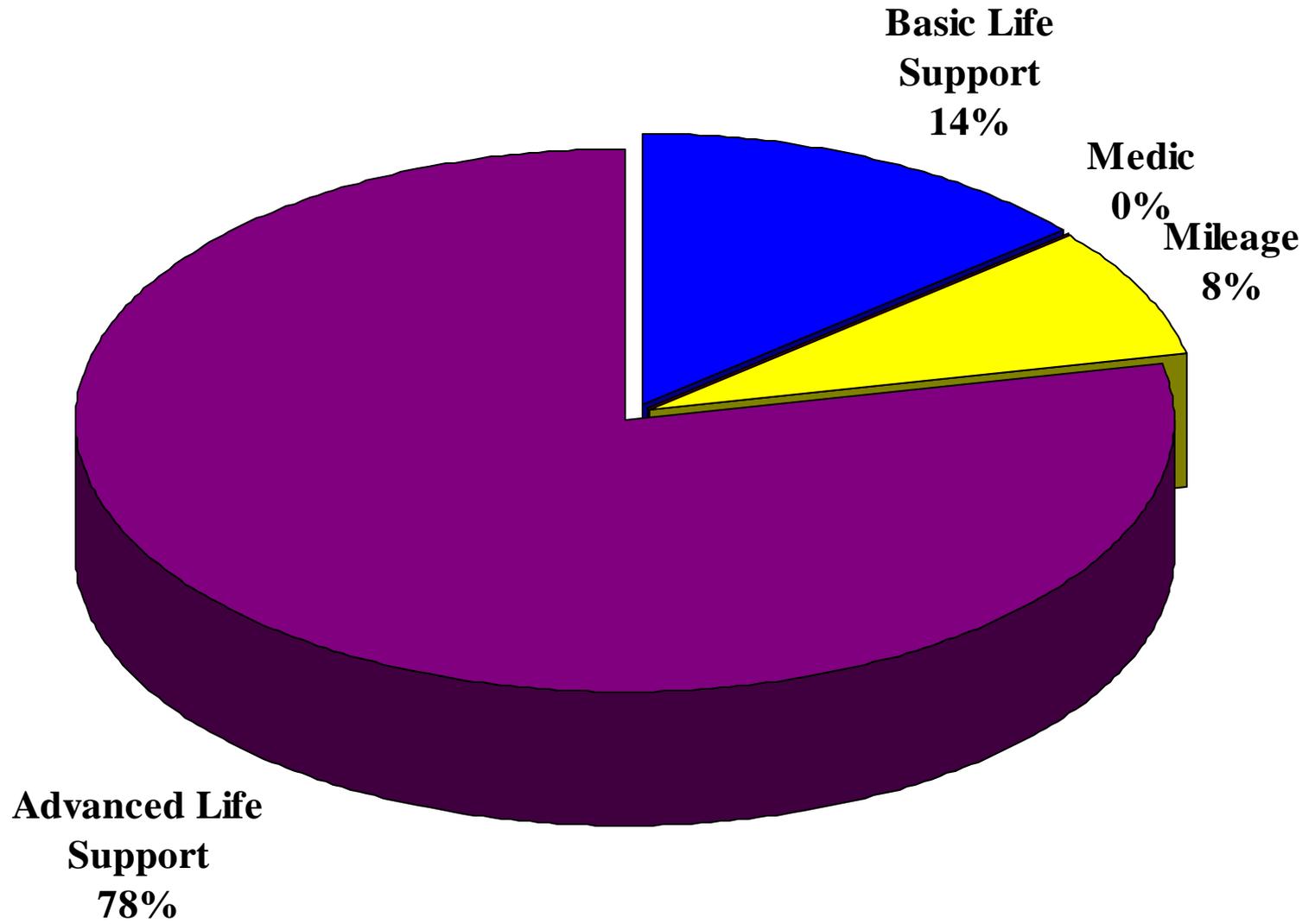
EMS Call Breakdown



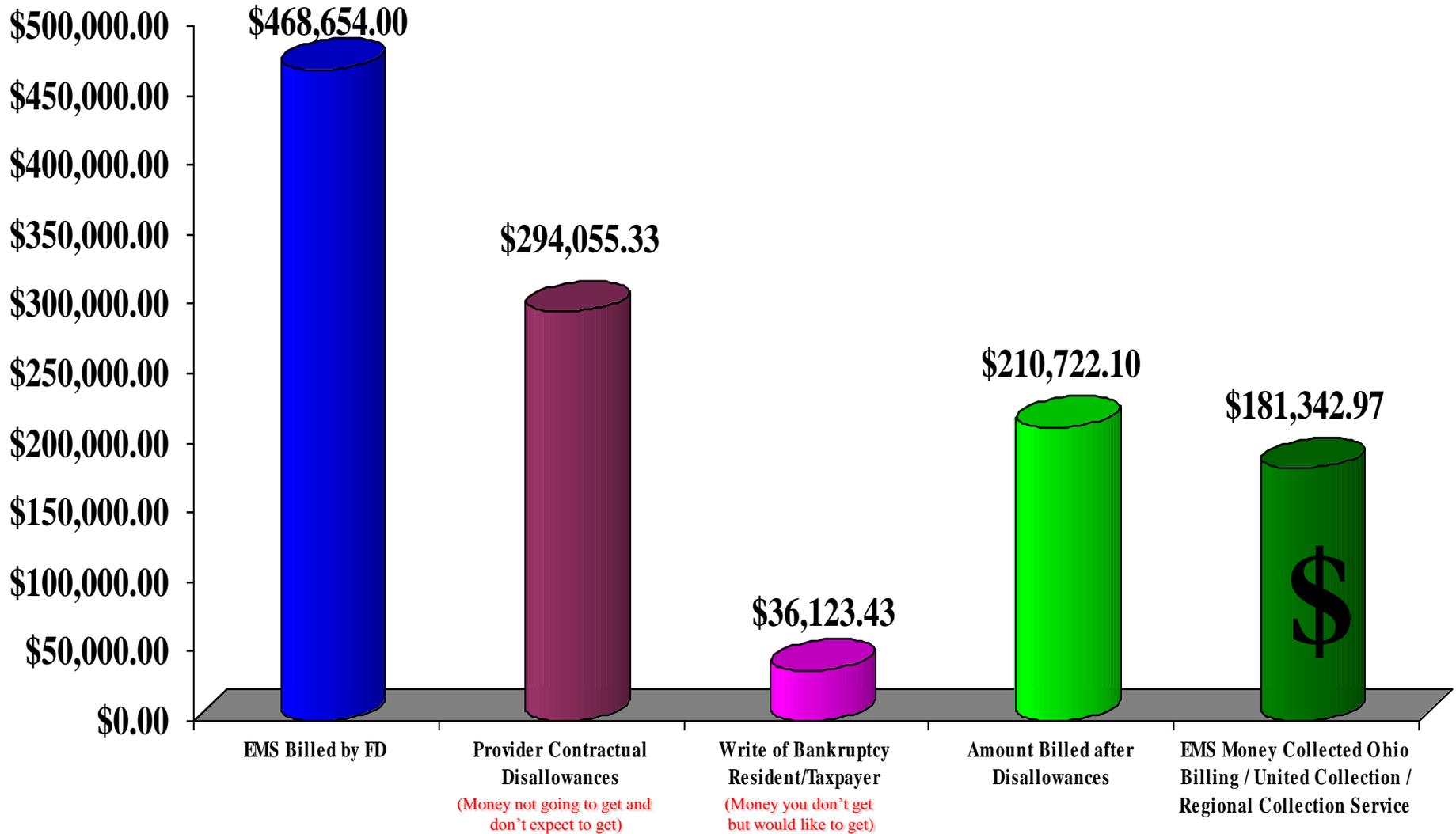
Bazetta EMS Transports to Hospitals



EMS Breakdown of Billing



Comparison of EMS Money Billed and Collected



86% Collection Percentage 2018