



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
5:30 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(B) AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: PFAS CLASS ACTION** **5:30 PM**

AND

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E)(I) AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (MXV RAIL)

Carla Sikes, City Attorney

30 minute presentation

PRESENTATIONS

- A. LOBBYIST UPDATE** **6:00 PM**
Gil Romero - Capitol Success Group
30 minute presentation
- B. MICROTRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM** **6:30 PM**
Miles Lucero - County Commissioner
Becky Medina COO - Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County

Niko Mora Youth Advisor - Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County
15 minute presentation

C. SKY CORRAL 6:55 PM

Andrew Hayes, Public Works Director
Brian Caruso President – Sky Corral RC Club President
Brent Cozzolino - Sky Corral RC Club Event Coordinator
20 minute presentation

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING 7:25 PM

Barb Huber, Fire Chief
15 minute presentation

E. CITY COUNCIL BOARD & COMMISSION UPDATE 7:50 PM

City Council
15 minute presentation

ADJOURNMENT



Arrive Alive 719

A microtransit system for youth to prevent teen drunk driving

The problem

- Pueblo County is ranked 10th in statewide teen car crashes with 3,428 car crashes
 - Ranked 7th in car crashes resulting in a teen fatality
- Pueblo had 22 teen fatalities due to car crashes between 2016-2021
 - Most of these fatalities occurred on Saturday nights
 - Distractions and driving under the influence are top reasons for fatalities
- City Transit stops service at 6PM

The tipping point

- Fatal car crash in 2022 that impacted Central High School's community
- Group of concerned partners have regularly been meeting since 2022 to develop potential solutions
 - Partners include Transit, PDPHE, PACOG, Boys and Girls Club, SRDA, youth advisors, juvenile justice system, D60
- Completed feasibility assessment on potential transit options for youth
- Conducted focus groups with youth and parents



Data Collection

- **Surveys**

- Surveyed 19 parents and 181 youth
- Surveys asked youth and parents their perspectives on transportation options, including safety, interest in use, concerns, and preferred features of the service

- **Focus Groups**

- 10 total focus groups with 65 youth & parents across Pueblo County
- Focus groups were conducted to fill gaps in survey data and better inform next steps

- **What We Heard**

- Strong demand for a safe, reliable, youth-focused transportation option
- Safety is critical: tracking of shuttles, cameras, and vetted drivers
- Affordability matters -- parents and students want this to be as free as possible
- Barriers to using service for youth & families: cost, reliability (wait times), and driver professionalism
- Interest in door-to-door service

The proposed solution

- Provide safe, reliable, and flexible transportation for youth during late-night hours
 - Microtransit (shared, on-demand rides) is more financially and operationally feasible than traditional door-to-door transportation
- Goals:
 1. Reduce teen car crash fatalities
 2. Fill gaps in Pueblo Transit service that limit youth mobility
 3. Increase transportation alternatives available to youth

The program

- Age: 15 – 22 year olds can use this service
- Service Hours: 8 PM – 2 AM, Thursday through Saturday
- Service Zone: Pueblo City limits
 - Future expansion to include Pueblo West and the County
- Free of charge for users
 - Funded through Clean Transit Enterprise funds through CDOT
- No questions asked
- Transportation **home**



The program

- Administered by SRDA
 - Leverages their expertise in microtransit
- Operations: Calls will be dispatched through SRDA who will bundle rides for efficiency
 - Looking at getting an app for booking and tracking rides
- Vehicles & Staffing: Three shuttles with three drivers per night, plus one dispatcher
 - SRDA will hire, train, and manage the positions



The ask

- Help with promotion to ensure that youth and parents know they have this option
- Champion Arrive Alive 719 in your circles of influence





Sky Corral RC Club – Stewardship & Community Impact

The **Sky Corral RC Club**, founded in 1970, is one of the longest-standing model aviation clubs in the region. The club is affiliated with the **Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)**, a national organization established in 1930 that promotes model aviation and provides site liability insurance coverage for all members.

Located on City-owned land, Sky Corral RC Club has operated as a fully self-sufficient non-profit 501(3c) organization for over 50 years. The club has never requested or received City funding for field maintenance. All upkeep—including runway crack repair, annual seal coating, and general improvements—has been funded entirely through member dues and donations. Annual maintenance costs typically range from **\$3,000 to \$5,000**, all of which is reinvested directly into preserving and improving the facility.

Sky Corral is also deeply committed to community engagement and outreach. The club regularly supports:

Community Impact

- Local food drives
- Aviation-related educational programs with local school district
- Static model displays at malls, community events, and full-scale air shows
- Honors Veterans in our community at our Warbird and Jet Events
- Promote Tourism and Recreation
- Philanthropy In Pueblo Community
- Represents Pueblo Nationally at Events and Competitions

In recognition of its leadership and commitment to excellence, Sky Corral has earned the **AMA Gold Leader Club designation**, placing it among the top-tier model aviation clubs nationwide.

For more than five decades, Sky Corral RC Club has demonstrated responsible stewardship of City property while serving as a valuable community asset—

promoting education, aviation heritage, tourism, and local economic activity, all without financial burden to the City of Pueblo.



Warbirds and Classics Over Pueblo

Warbirds and Classics Over Pueblo is a Memorial Day weekend RC aviation event featuring highly detailed scale model aircraft representing historic military and classic airplanes. In recent years, the event has grown to attract approximately **40 to 50 pilots**, making it a well-established and expanding regional event. This is a spectator event as well. We believe that traffic from the new Medal Of Honor Blvd. will increase public interest.

At this level, the event already generates meaningful economic benefit for the Pueblo community. With visiting pilots and their families, estimated attendance ranges from approximately 80 to 120 out-of-town visitors. These guests contribute to local hotels, restaurants, fuel stations, and retail businesses. Based on typical travel and lodging patterns, the event is estimated to generate approximately

\$20,000 to \$40,000 annually, resulting in a cumulative impact of roughly **\$400,000 to \$800,000+** over the past 20 years in direct local economic activity.



With the development of the new flying field, participation is expected to increase to approximately **100 to 110 pilots**. It is anticipated that approximately 80% of these participants will travel from outside the area, many accompanied by family members. This would result in an estimated **150 to 200 visitors per event**.

At this projected scale, lodging alone—based on a conservative two-night stay at approximately \$120 per night—would generate between **\$36,000 and \$48,000** in local hotel revenue per event. Additional visitor spending on dining, fuel, and other local purchases is estimated to contribute another **\$15,000 to \$30,000**, bringing the total projected direct economic impact to approximately **\$50,000 to \$75,000 per event**.

In addition to Warbirds and Classics Over Pueblo, the club will host an annual **Jets Over Pueblo** event each August, featuring all styles of model jet aircraft. This event is expected to attract a similar number of pilots and visitors, effectively doubling the annual economic impact generated by major events.

Together, these two events are projected to contribute approximately **\$100,000 to \$150,000 annually** in direct economic activity, with additional indirect benefits through increased tourism, repeat visitation, and broader exposure for the Pueblo community.



Warbirds Over Pueblo

Airplane Staging for Presentations to the Veterans

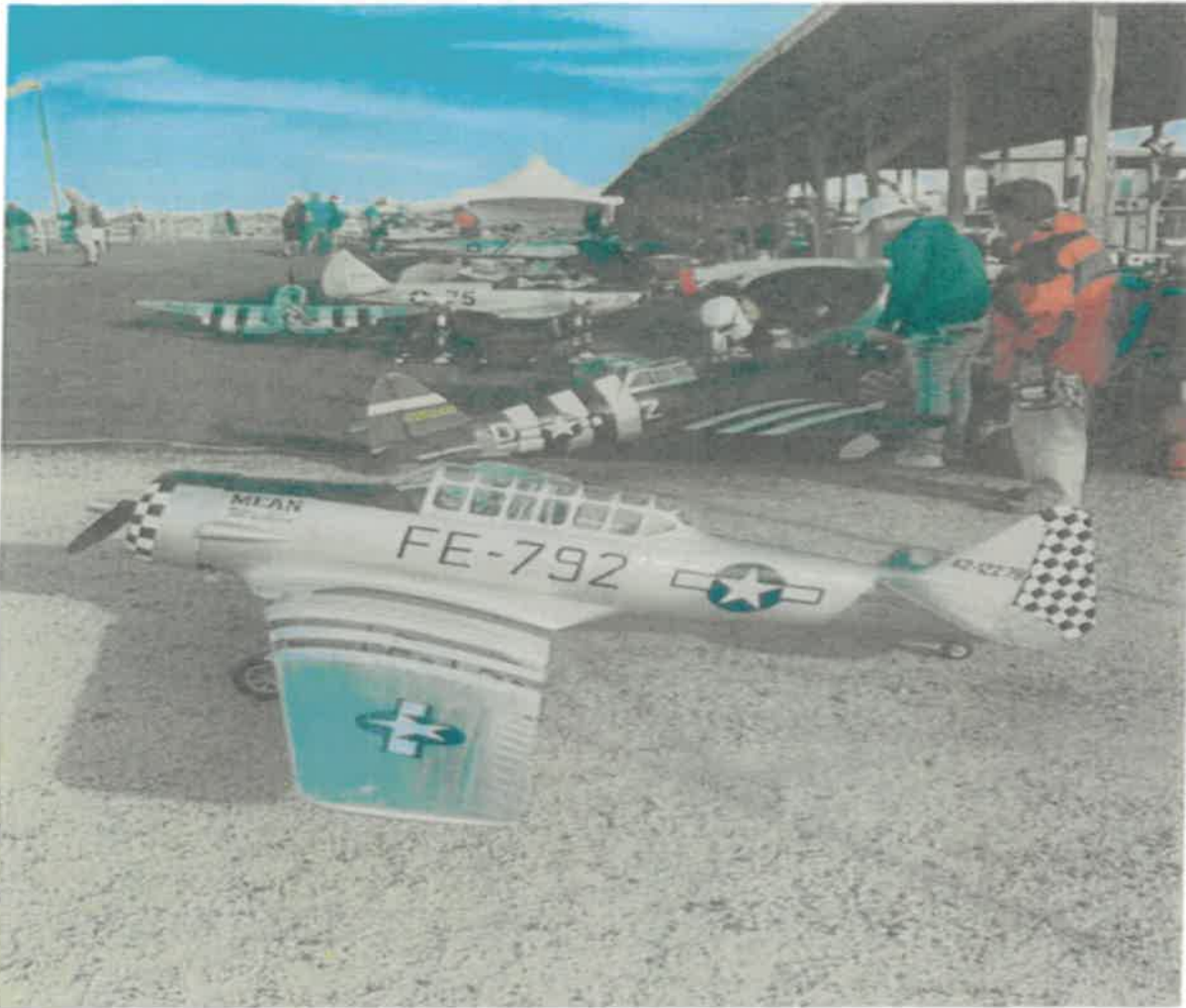
Further enhancing this opportunity is the potential to host a National Association of Scale Aeromodelers (NASA) qualifier event. With approximately 14 qualifying contests held nationwide each year, these competitions attract highly skilled pilots, judges, and support teams. The new Pueblo facility is well-positioned to host such an event, bringing additional visitors and increasing national visibility.

Regional Significance and Future Growth

Modeled after premier RC aviation facilities such as those in Phoenix, Arizona—where clubs support upwards of 250 members—the new Pueblo flying field is designed to accommodate large-scale events and long-term growth. Club membership is expected to increase significantly, from approximately 70 members today to 150 or more, further strengthening local engagement and consistent use of the facility.

These combined improvements position Pueblo as a premier destination for RC aviation in Colorado and the surrounding region. Beyond the economic benefits, the facility and its events provide a unique, family-friendly environment that connects generations through aviation history, technology, and hands-on experience.

Overall, this initiative represents a strong partnership between a dedicated local organization and the community—delivering sustained economic impact, educational opportunities, and civic pride for the City of Pueblo.



Busy flight area within RC Scale Event

National Exposure

Sky Corral membership includes RC pilots that have gone to National and International events and competed against some of the best RC pilots out there. The international invitational in Lakeland Florida (Top Gun) saw one of our pilot teams win 2nd place in the Team Scale Competition. We have had various members compete in AMA National events in pylon racing and scale competitions held in Muncie Indiana. Several of our pilots travel to Arizona in January and again in March each year to attend Warbird Events and representing Sky Corral. This has created important friendships and contacts that will certainly be helpful in reciprocating attendance at the new flying field here in Pueblo.



Sky Corral representing Pueblo Colorado at the Top Gun World Championships held in Lakeland Florida.

THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

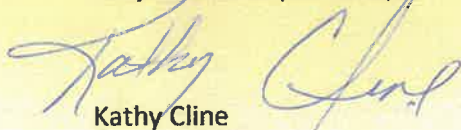
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Sky Corral RC Flying Club
Pueblo, Co

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen, I would just like to send a great big Thank You to all of you for the generous donations of canned goods over the past two years. Your generosity over these two years have been a blessing each time, Mike and Sharon drop off the items to us. These trying times have proven that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to feed our hungry neighbors. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue feeding our clients and many others including families, veterans, and seniors in the Pueblo community.

May God Bless you always!



Kathy Cline
Executive Director

Visit our website pcsk.org
NEW Mailing Address: Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen
P.O. Box 172
Pueblo, Co 81002
FED ID # 84-1002441

Pueblo Fire Department

Barb Huber, Fire Chief
Bella Trujillo, Human Resources Director



Fire department objectives 2026:

Provide emergency services to all incidents within the city limits

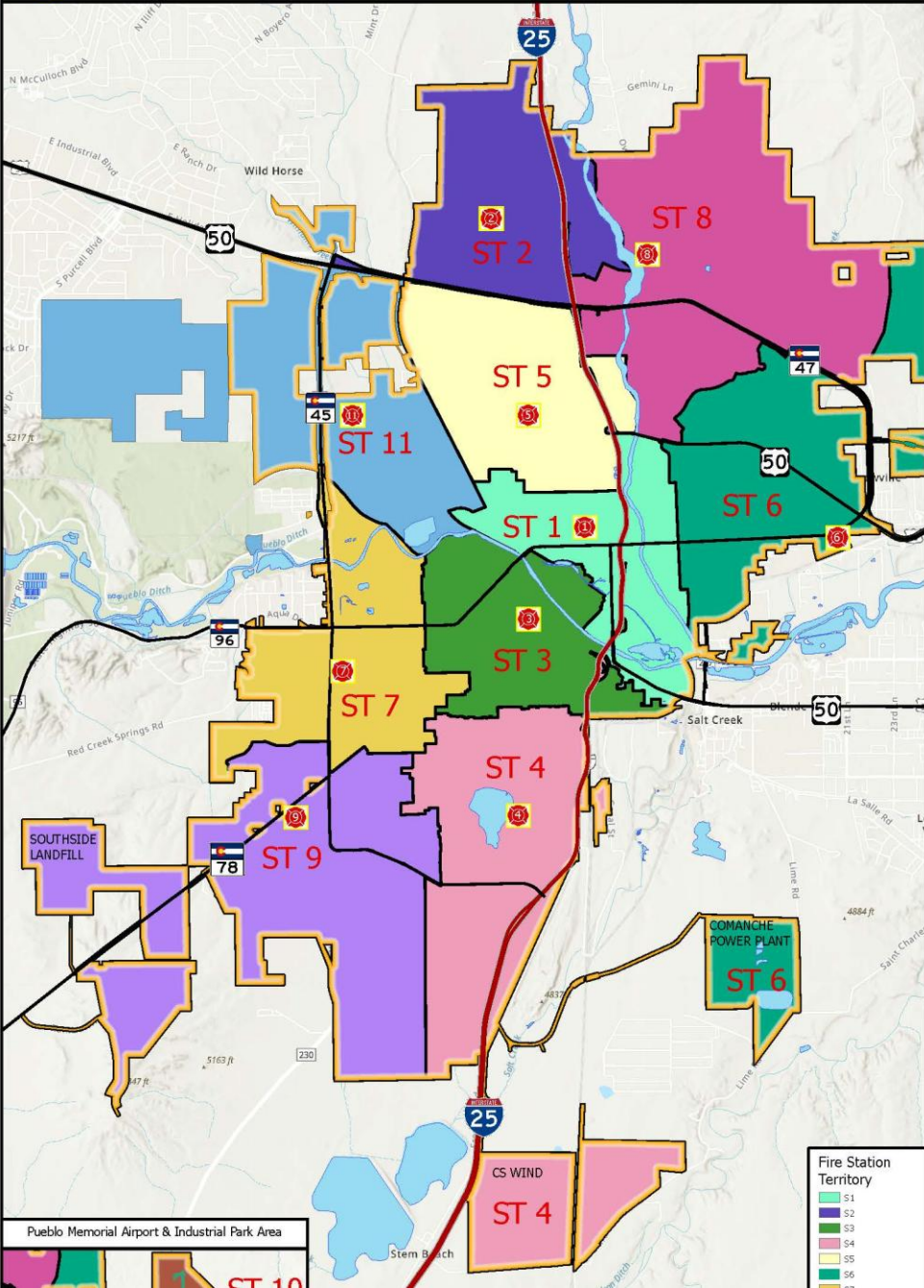
Fire code enforcement and improve public fire safety education programs

Excellent customer service to the citizens and visitors of Pueblo

Work with the community to improve community resources and their proper usage

Continue collaboration and training with County departments

Continue to evaluate and upgrade stations for health and wellness



Station locations and focus

11 Stations and 13 crews

- Station 1: Engine, Truck, Assistant Chief as well as technical rescue to include hazmat, swift water and specialty rescue
- Station 2: engine w/extrication capabilities
- Station 3: Engine
- Station 4: Engine, Assistant Chief, Brush unit (cross staffed)
- Station 5: Engine
- Station 6: Engine, hazmat trailer, back up ARFF
- Station 7: Engine
- Station 8: Engine, Brush unit (cross staffed)
- Station 9: Engine
- Station 10: Airport Rescue Fire Fighting, (2 ARFF), 1 Engine
- Station 11: Engine, Truck, Bike units



Operations

3 Shifts

A, B, and C

2 Assistant Chiefs per shift

A crew of 3 can consist of:

- an Officer,
- Engineer, and
- an EMO or a Firefighter

Position Descriptions:

Assistant Chiefs: Responsible for scheduling and managing the shifts and emergency response.

Officer (Captain and Lieutenant): Responsible for leading assigned crew through day-to-day activities. All are Advanced Life Support Certified. Provide supervision and assistance to EMO

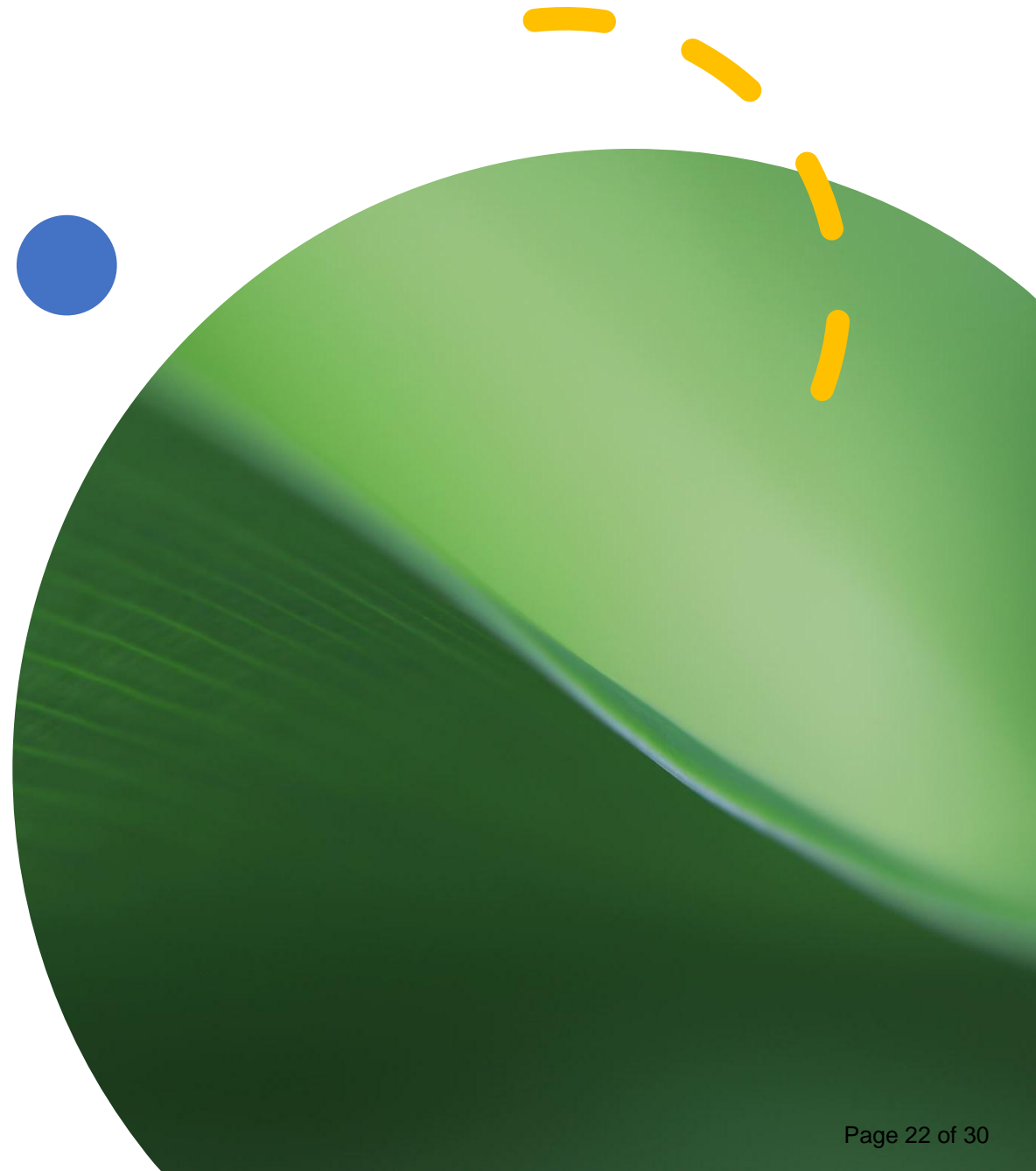
Engineer: Responsible for apparatus, driving, pumping and assisting with patient care on medical calls.

Emergency Medical Officer (EMO): Responsible for Advanced Life Support, patient care and firefighting

Firefighter: Responsible for EMT-basic or greater, firefighting, medical and other duties as assigned.

Boomer: Firefighters not assigned to a specific station. Are moved from station to station to cover absences as needed.

All personnel are minimum of EMT-Basic; most are IV certified.



Hours and Activities



**Personnel work a 48-hour tour,
which consists of 2x24 hour shifts.**



In that time, the following occurs:

Training

Equipment checks, maintenance and testing

Running Calls

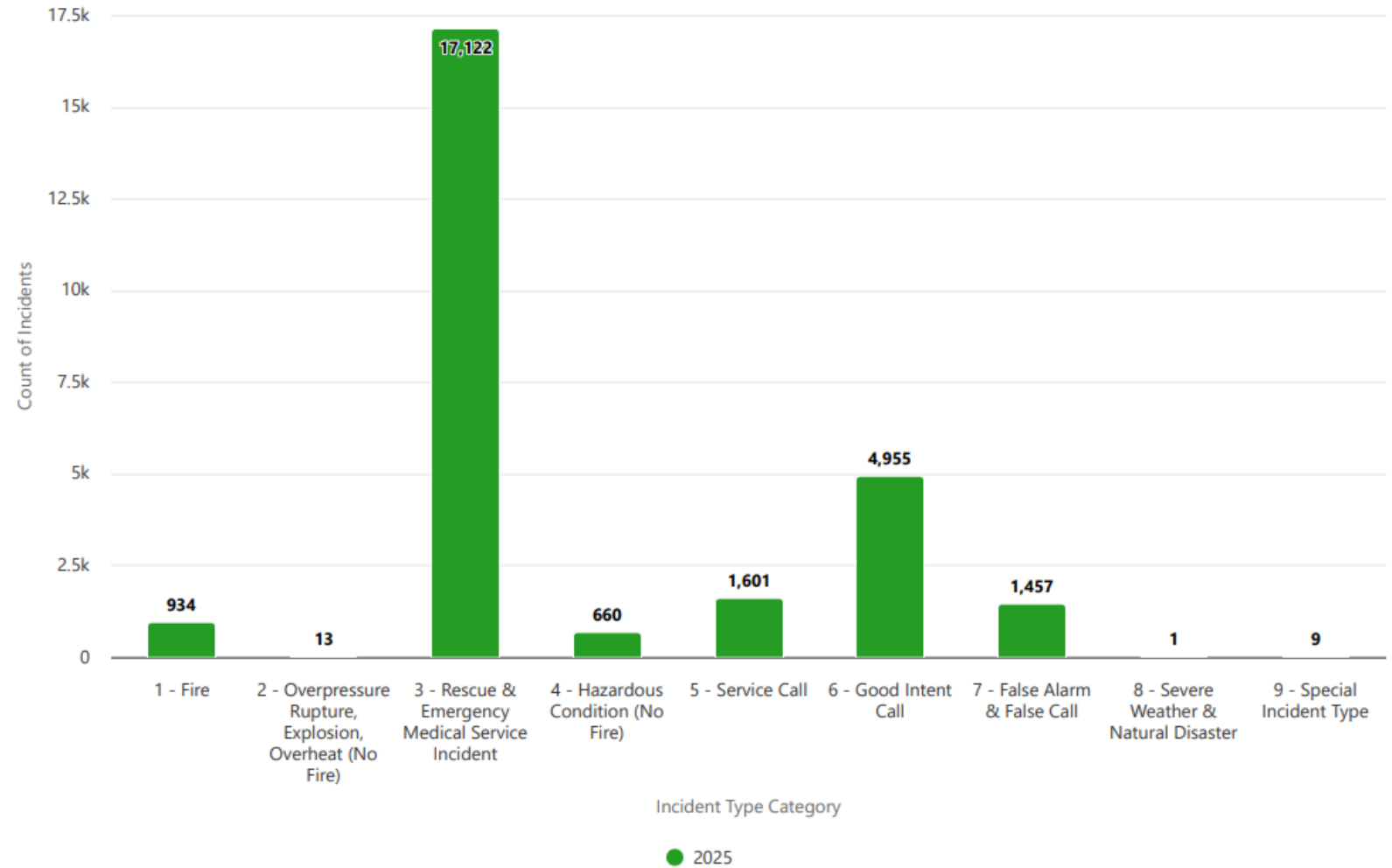
Work outs/wellness

Public events and education

Emergency Call
breakdown:
Total Count:
26,753

Incidents by Category and Year

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



Basic (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Calls

Basic life support calls in 2025 =

- Approximately 17,000 EMS calls
- 6,704 calls w/ Patient Care Reports.



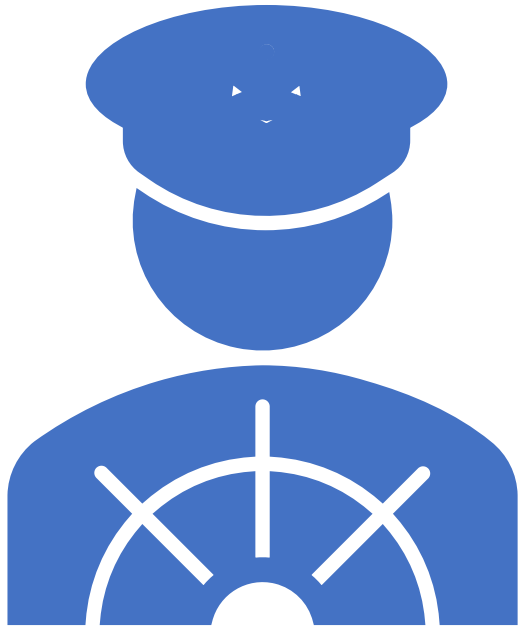
High acuity or ALS calls in 2025

There were a total of **356 calls** with initial CAD description =

COR or COR-D (unconscious/not breathing)

2,190 calls where the Basic Primary Action Taken = "Provide ALS"
There were **105 calls** that contained at least 1 procedure considered ALS.

Adjusting for community needs:



- Changes since last Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiation session:
 - CAPTAINS:
 - Newly promoted Captains are now required to hold an ALS Certification
 - 29 out of 35 Captains are ALS certified = 81 %. This allows for Redundancy and Supervision of Advanced Care.
 - Increased years of experience required for promotion to Captain from 5 years to 7 years.
 - ENGINEERS:
 - Removed ALS Certification requirement to promote to Engineer. This allows for attrition.
 - 18 out of 36 Engineers are ALS certified = 50%

Department Challenges

Fleet replacement: time intensive and expensive

Aging infrastructure: modern standards and technology

Advanced Life support personnel and EMO position

- Ordinance Re-introduction



Ordinance: Resubmit to Agenda

- What it is asking for:
 - Taking 3 vacant Emergency Medical Officer positions and converting to 3 Engineer positions.
 - Is a re-alignment based on operational and community need.
- What it's not:
 - A demotion for anyone. The positions are not occupied.
 - Not reducing the number of promoted positions.
 - Reducing service.

Applications: interest in positions

- 19 personnel eligible for EMO exam.
- Last internal EMO advertisement (closed Feb 2026)
 - 0 applications submitted by internal Fire personnel.
- 18 Engineers are currently ALS certified.
- 21 applications for EMO over last 2 years.
- 38 applications for Engineer over last 2 years.
- Dominoes: as one gets promoted another position opens.
- 64% of latest Captain promotions (2024-present) came from EMO positions, creating more MO openings.
- The department had 4 personnel complete paramedic school in 2024 and 2025. Projected 4 more a year in 2026 and 2027.

Questions

