

# **SWATARA FIRE-RESCUE**

## **Monthly Report**

### **February 2026**

**A comprehensive overview of emergency response, staffing, training, and community service in Swatara Township and Paxtang Borough.**



# Executive Summary

During February 2026, Swatara Fire-Rescue continued to provide reliable emergency services to Swatara Township, Paxtang Borough, and surrounding mutual aid partners while managing increasing service demand and maintaining a strong operational tempo.

Swatara Fire-Rescue responded to 118 incidents in February, representing an increase from 102 incidents during February 2025. Year-to-date incident volume stands at 268 calls for service, compared to 228 incidents during the same period in 2025, reflecting continued growth in service demand within our response area.

Of the 118 February incidents, the largest categories included medical emergencies, hazardous conditions, public service calls, and fire incidents, illustrating the diverse service demands placed on the department. Fire crews also managed 16 overlapping incidents, demonstrating the need for reliable staffing and operational coordination to handle simultaneous emergencies.

The majority of responses (84 incidents) occurred within Swatara Township, while additional responses supported neighboring municipalities through the regional mutual aid system. During the month, the department participated in 36 mutual aid incidents, providing assistance to surrounding communities while also receiving support when needed.

Staffing reliability remained strong at Station 91, which maintained 94.79% reliability for three-person staffing and 76.04% reliability for four-person staffing in February. However, Station 91-5 continues to experience significantly lower staffing reliability, highlighting ongoing challenges in maintaining consistent coverage at the Rutherford station. These conditions contribute to the apparatus responding with fewer than three personnel in some instances, reinforcing the importance of continued staffing improvements. Swatara Fire Rescue Monthly

Personnel staffing hours remained strong during the month, with 4,851 staffing hours recorded in February and 10,024 hours year-to-date, supported by 70 active personnel consisting of both volunteer and career members.

Training and professional development remain a priority. Members completed 287 hours of training year-to-date, including company training, recruit training, hazardous materials training, and certification programs designed to maintain operational readiness and professional standards.

The department's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program also continued to support emergency operations and training activities, conducting 16 operational flights and 7 training flights during February.

Community risk reduction remained an important focus, with personnel participating in three community outreach events, conducting smoke and carbon monoxide detector checks, and installing life-safety devices to help protect residents.

Overall, February demonstrated Swatara Fire-Rescue's continued ability to deliver effective emergency services while adapting to growing call volume, maintaining professional training standards, and strengthening community engagement.

*Michael A. Joberson*

**Fire Chief  
Swatara Township**





# Operations

## Incident Volume & Trends

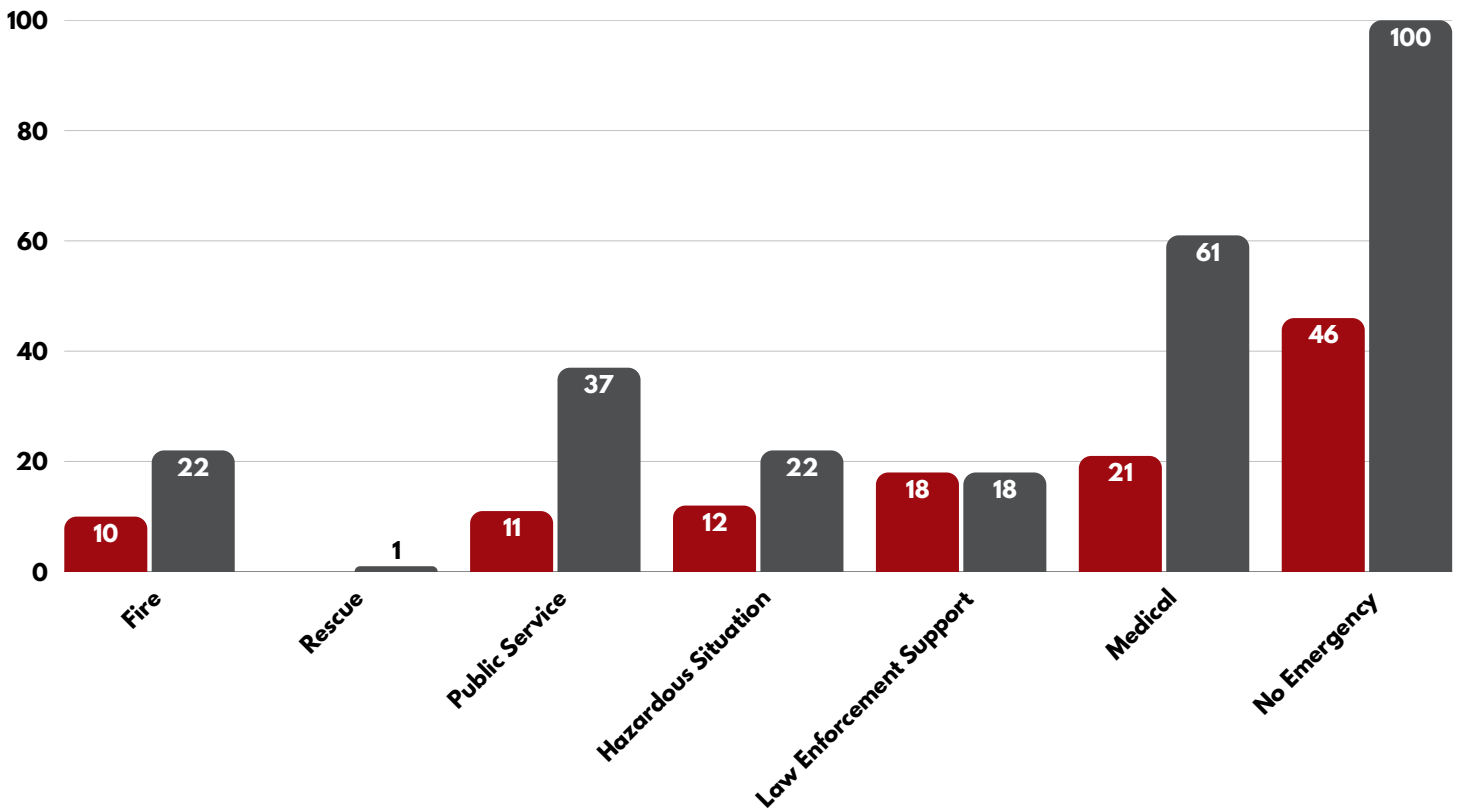
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### Previous Year to Date Comparison



● Feb 2026 ● 2026 Year to Date

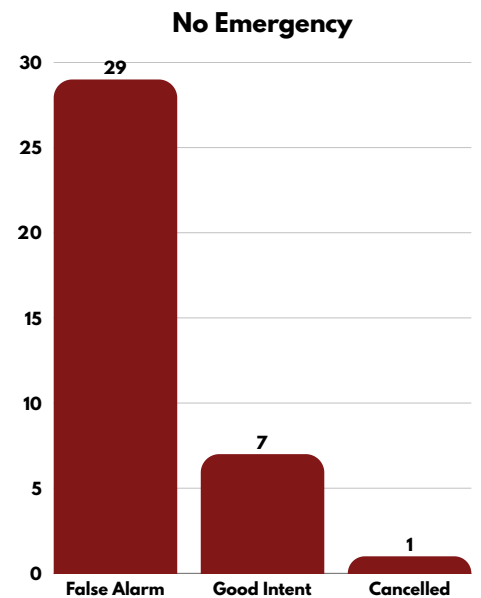
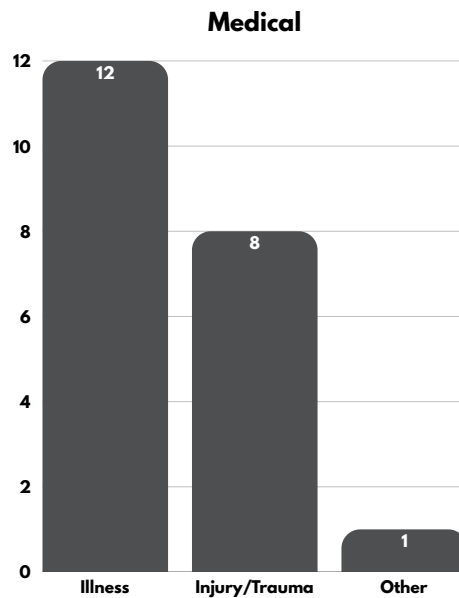
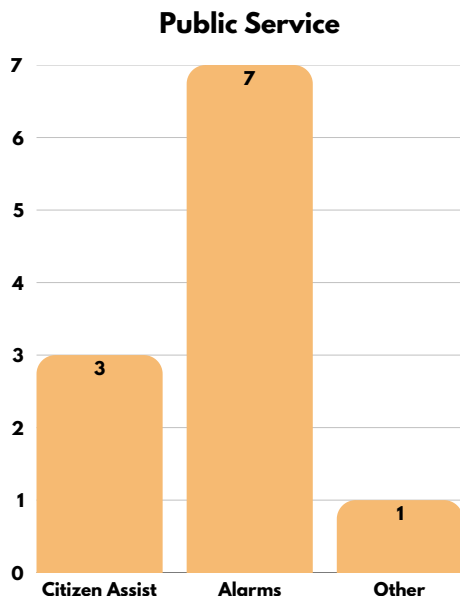
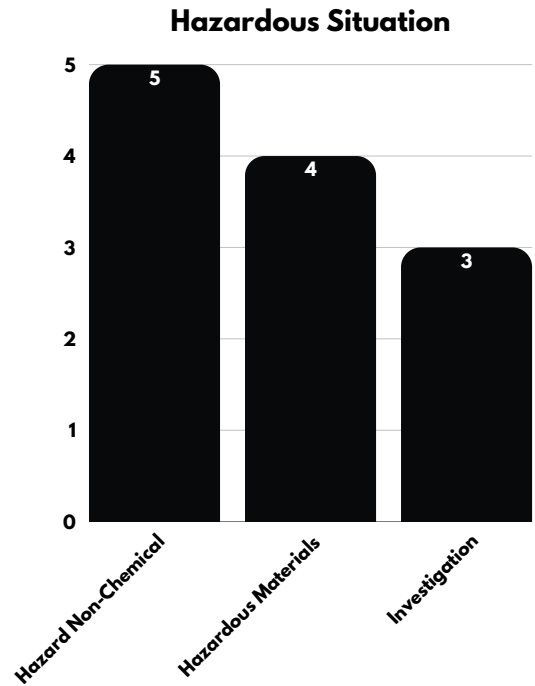
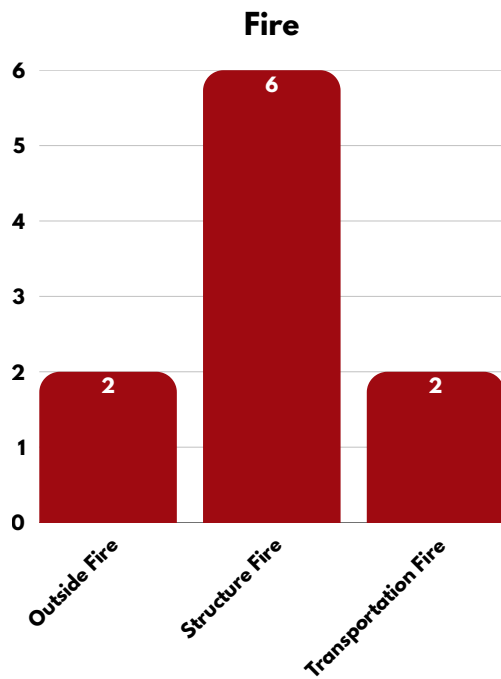




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## Incident Volume & Trends February 2026

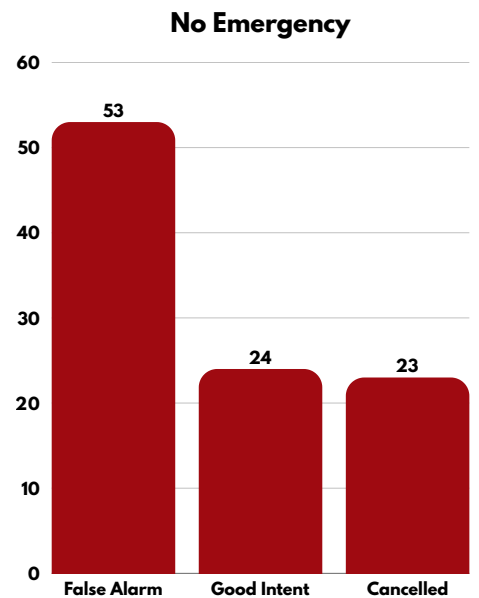
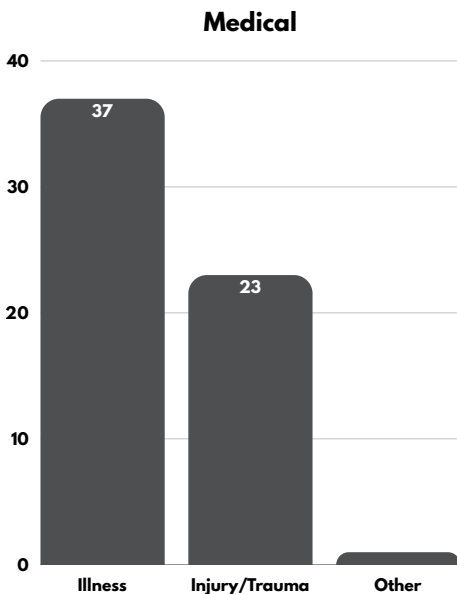
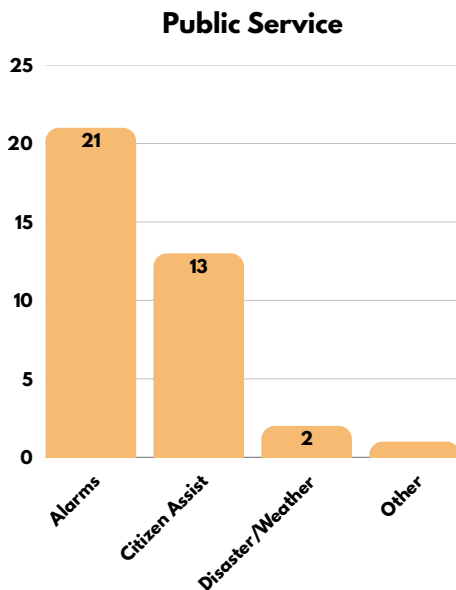
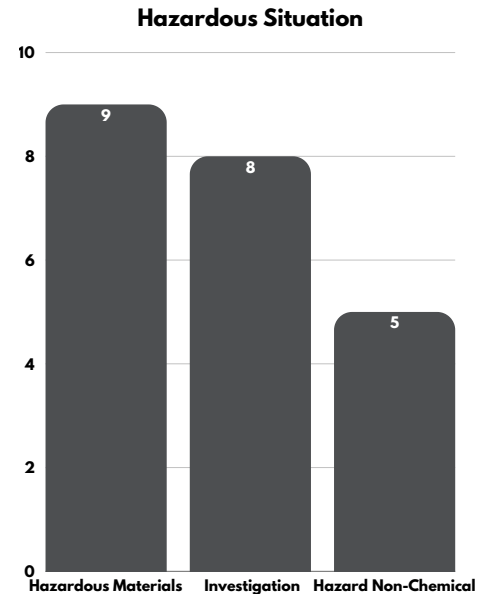
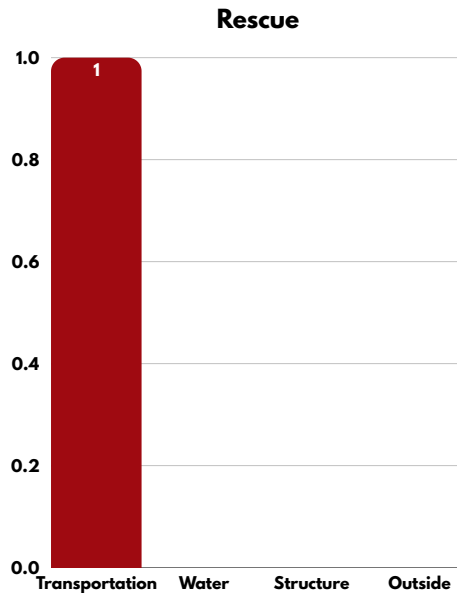
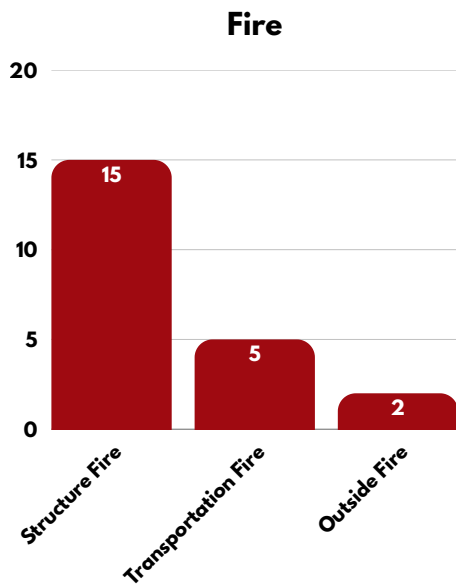
### Primary Incident Breakdown





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## Incident Volume & Trends 2026 Year to Date Incident Breakdown

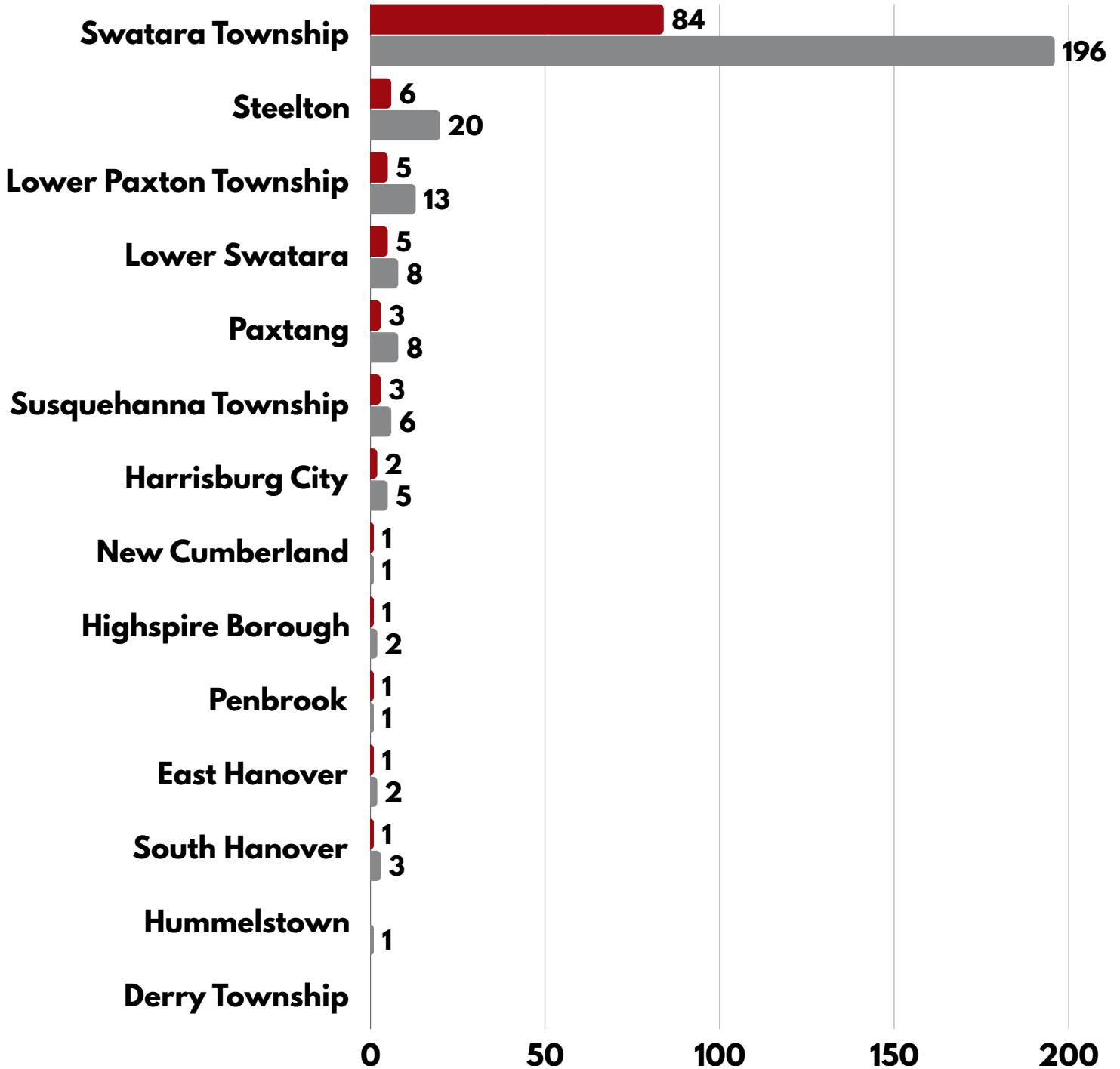




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## Emergency Response & Service Delivery

● Feb 2026 ● 2026 YTD





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## Emergency Response & Service Delivery

**16**

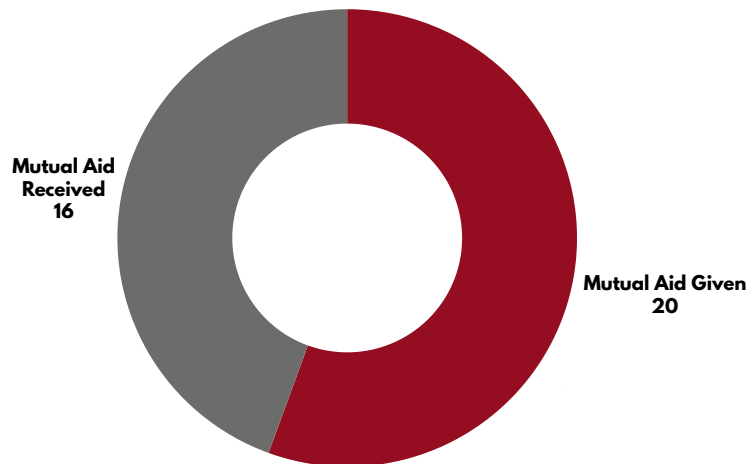
Overlapping Incidents

**36**

Mutual Aid Incidents

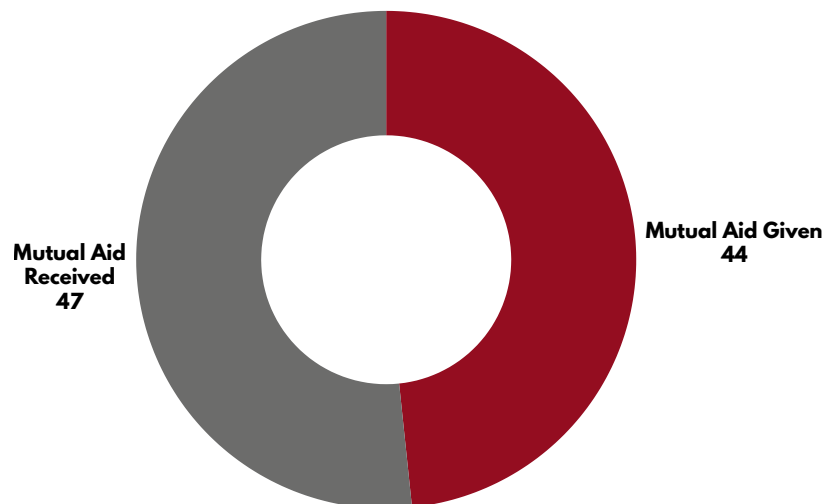
### February 2026 Mutual Aid Breakdown

- Mutual Aid Given
- Mutual Aid Received



### Year to Date 2026 Mutual Aid Breakdown

- Mutual Aid Given
- Mutual Aid Received





# Operations






## Response Distribution & Demand

### SWATARA FIRE-RESCUE

MONTHLY APPARATUS RESPONSE SUMMARY - 2026 YTD

 **268**  
TOTAL INCIDENTS

#### Frontline Apparatus

	Rescue 91	<b>132</b>
	Engine 91-5	<b>98</b>
	Rescue 91-5	<b>88</b>
	Tower 91	<b>61</b>
	Engine 91	<b>54</b>
	Traffic 91	<b>54</b>

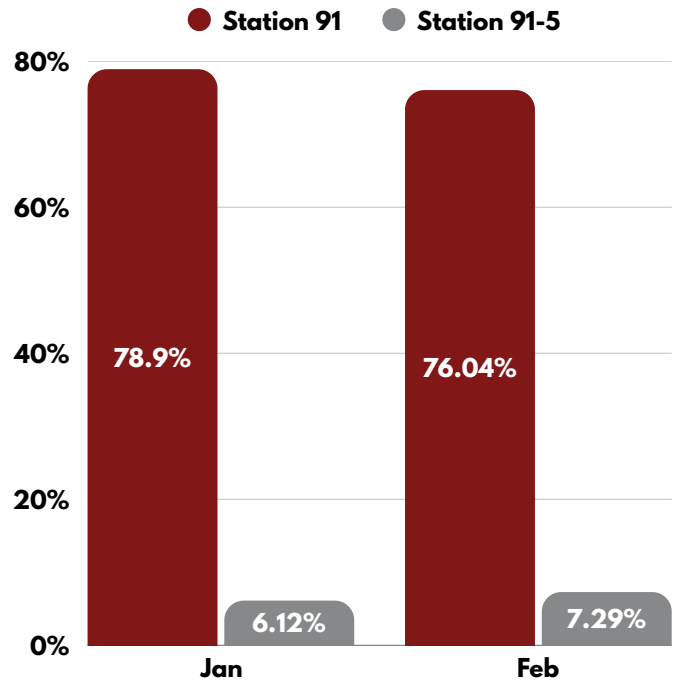
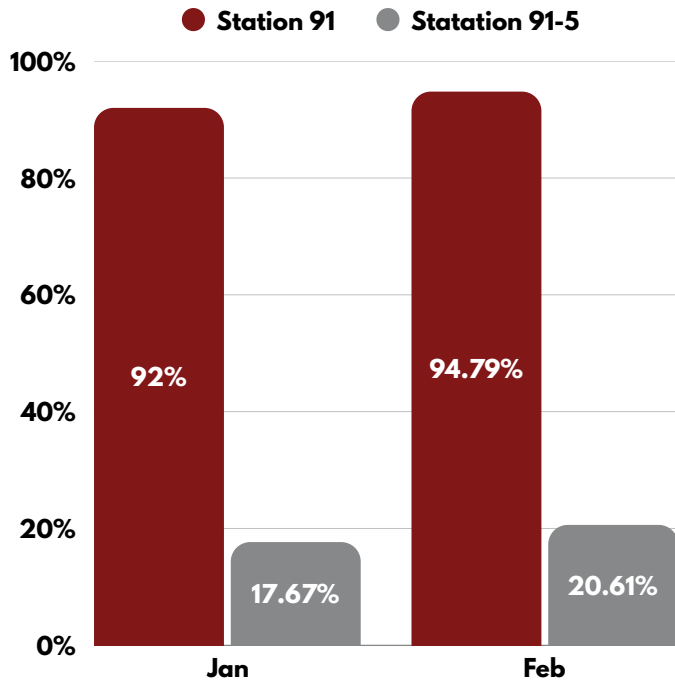


# Staffing

## Coverage Reliability

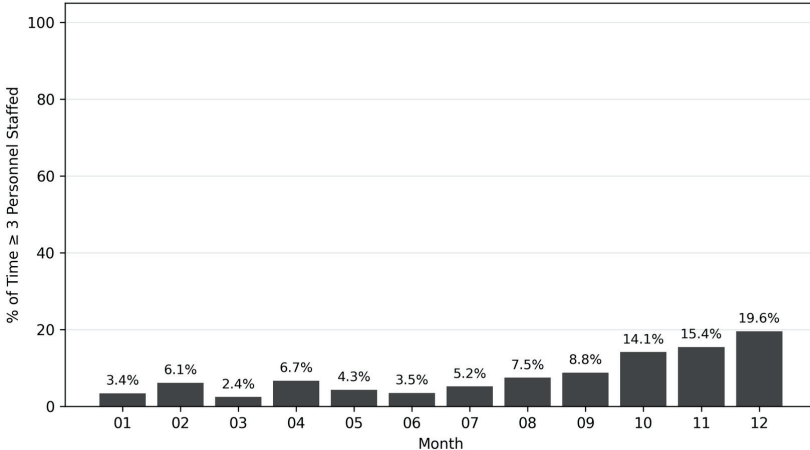
**Staffing Reliability 2026**  
3 Personnel

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4 Personnel

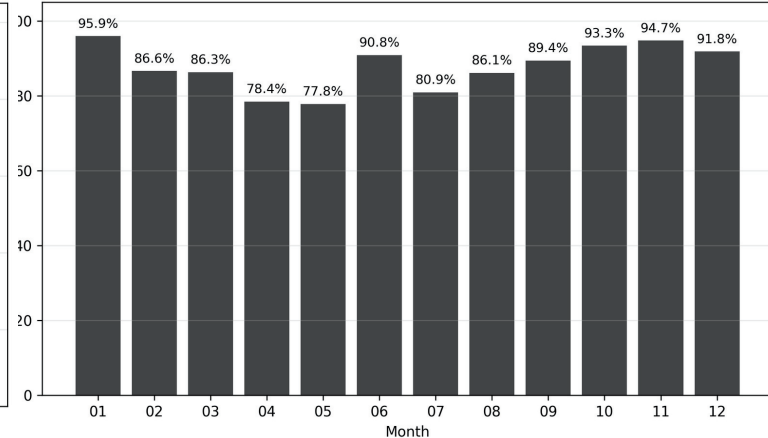


## 2025 Staffing Reliability

**Station 91-5 - Monthly Minimum Staffing Reliability**



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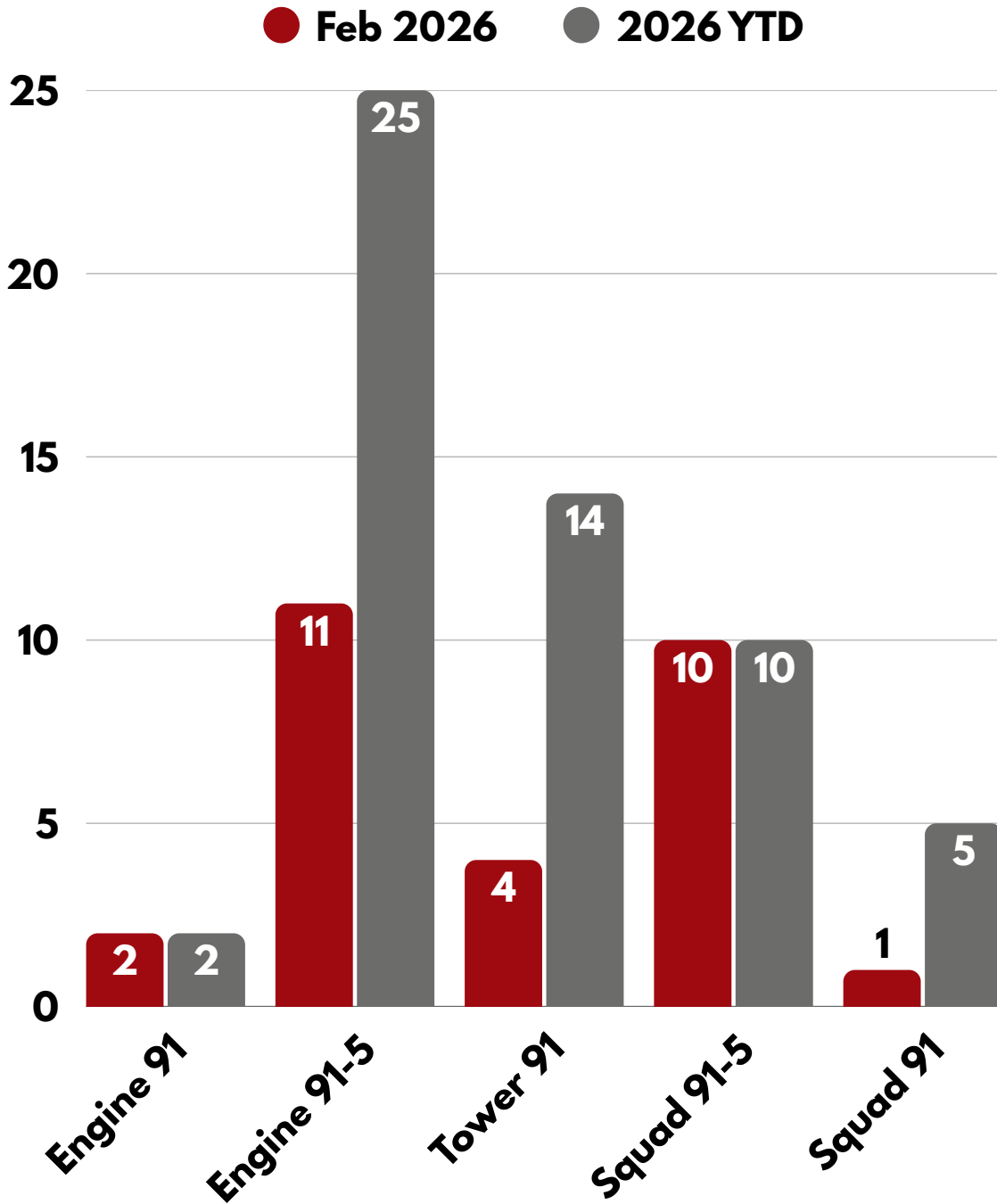
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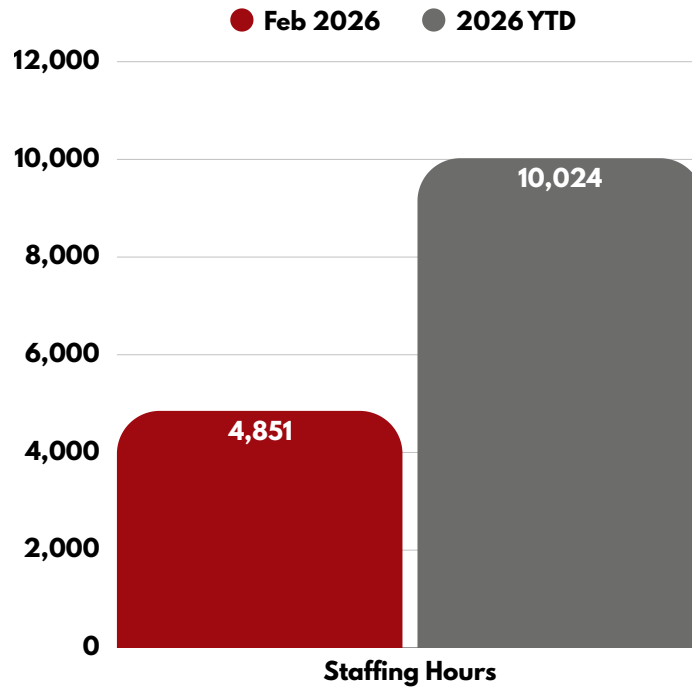
## Understaffed Responses

Apparatus Responses with less than 3 personnel

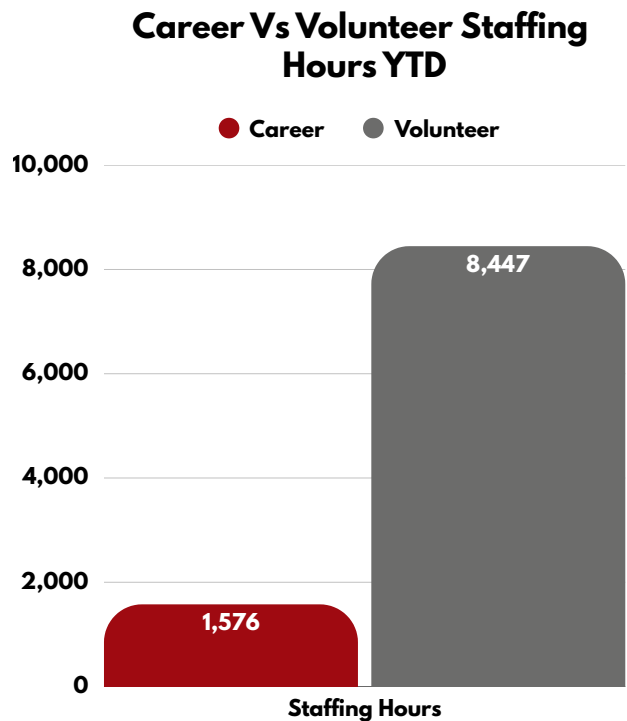




# Personnel Report



**Active Personnel**  
**70**

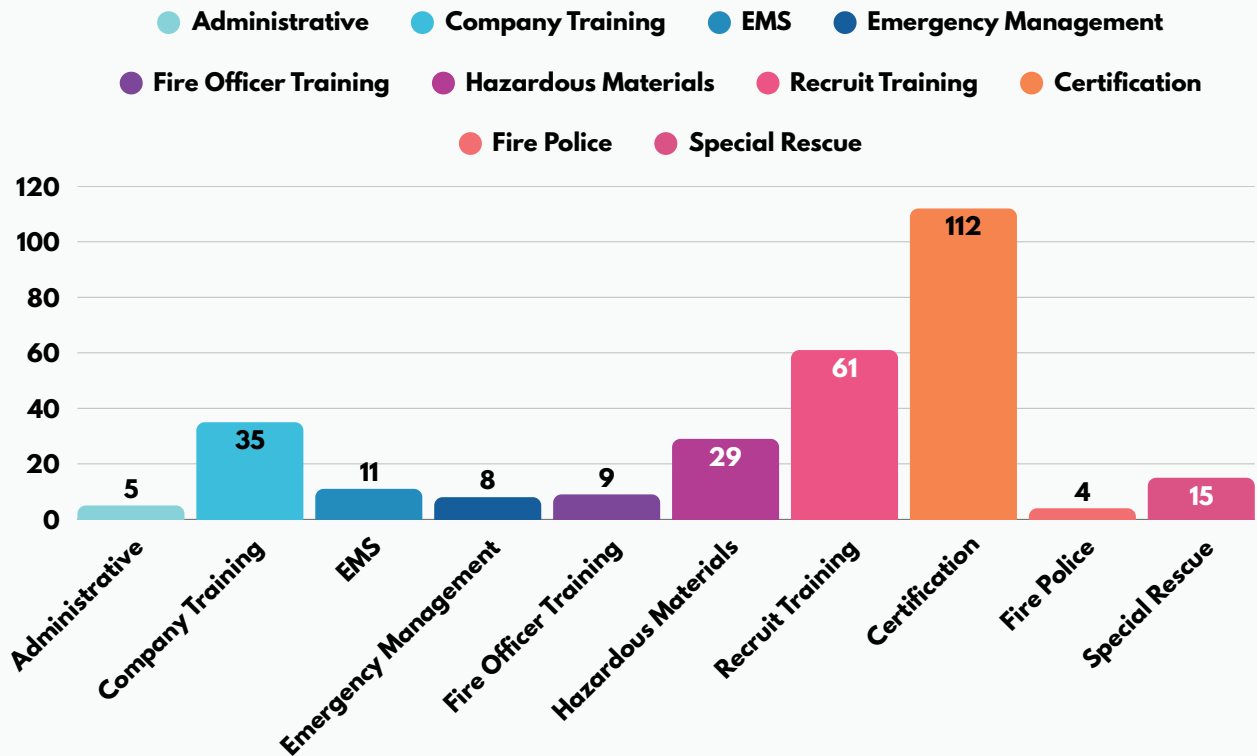




# Training & Professional Development

**287**  
Training Hours YTD

## Training Hours By Category Year to Date





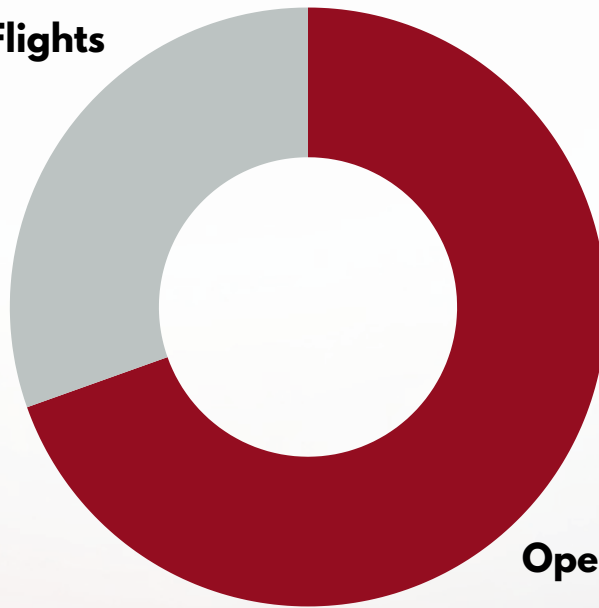


# Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program

Drone

## Number of Flights February 2026

Training Flights  
7



Operational Flights  
16

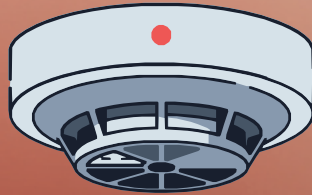




# Community Outreach

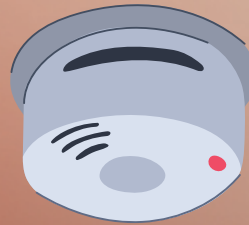
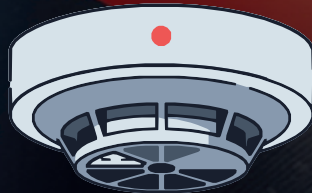
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Events

**7**  
Smoke  
detectors  
checked



**2**  
Smoke  
detectors  
given

**2**  
Smoke  
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installed



**1**  
CO  
detectors  
installed



**2**  
CO  
detectors  
checked

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- Top-of-the-line turnout gear provided
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Monoxide  
Detector Program**

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**Event  
Request  
Form**

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