

# Sonoita-Elgin Fire District

Fire Chief

Board Update October 2025



# 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

- The Implementation Team next meet in December due to scheduling issues
- Fall 2025 update on Goals and Objectives Progress (hand out)





# Administration/Budget

- Work on the remodel of the Admin section of station 1 began on October 1<sup>st</sup> with an estimated timeline of 6 weeks
- Based on counsel regarding our relative risk, we will be seeking authorization to complete phase one of three of securing the perimeter of station 1
- Work continues to fill the Board seat vacancy
- Pima County notified all agencies of a series of overpayments that occurred and the process by which they will recoup those over payments, which is scheduled to begin on November 1. We are working with JVG to verify our total amount, though it is expected to be minimal. The Pima County Fire Chiefs are also working on this matter, to try and have it rescinded entirely

# Santa Cruz County CWPP Update

- The Santa Cruz County Wildfire Protection Plan is continuing to be developed with an anticipated date of completion of December of this year, including ratification by the County Board of Supervisors
- There was a community forum on the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds



# PSPRS Local Board

- The Local Board meet in August and will meet again in 2026



# Operations

- New Recruits
  - We have one new recruit in the process
- Staffing
  - We are operating with one position vacant using a combination of reserves and overtime to cover the spot
    - This position will be posted for internal candidates in November



# Operations

- Apparatus
  - E823 is in Tucson for repairs, we are waiting on one additional set of parts
- District Growth/Development
  - Planned subdivisions
    - Papago Springs (removed commercial element)
    - AZ 82 (official plan comments requested)
  - Proposed dude ranches
    - Babacomari (no updates)
    - Double R Ranch (new and in County approval process)
  - Proposed Wineries
    - Brigand
  - Proposed Vet Clinic
    - 3129 AZ 83 in the initial plan review stage
- Neighboring Agency News/Developments
  - Town of Patagonia Update
- Firewise and Fuels Mitigation News and Updates (SCC CWPP and PC CWPP)

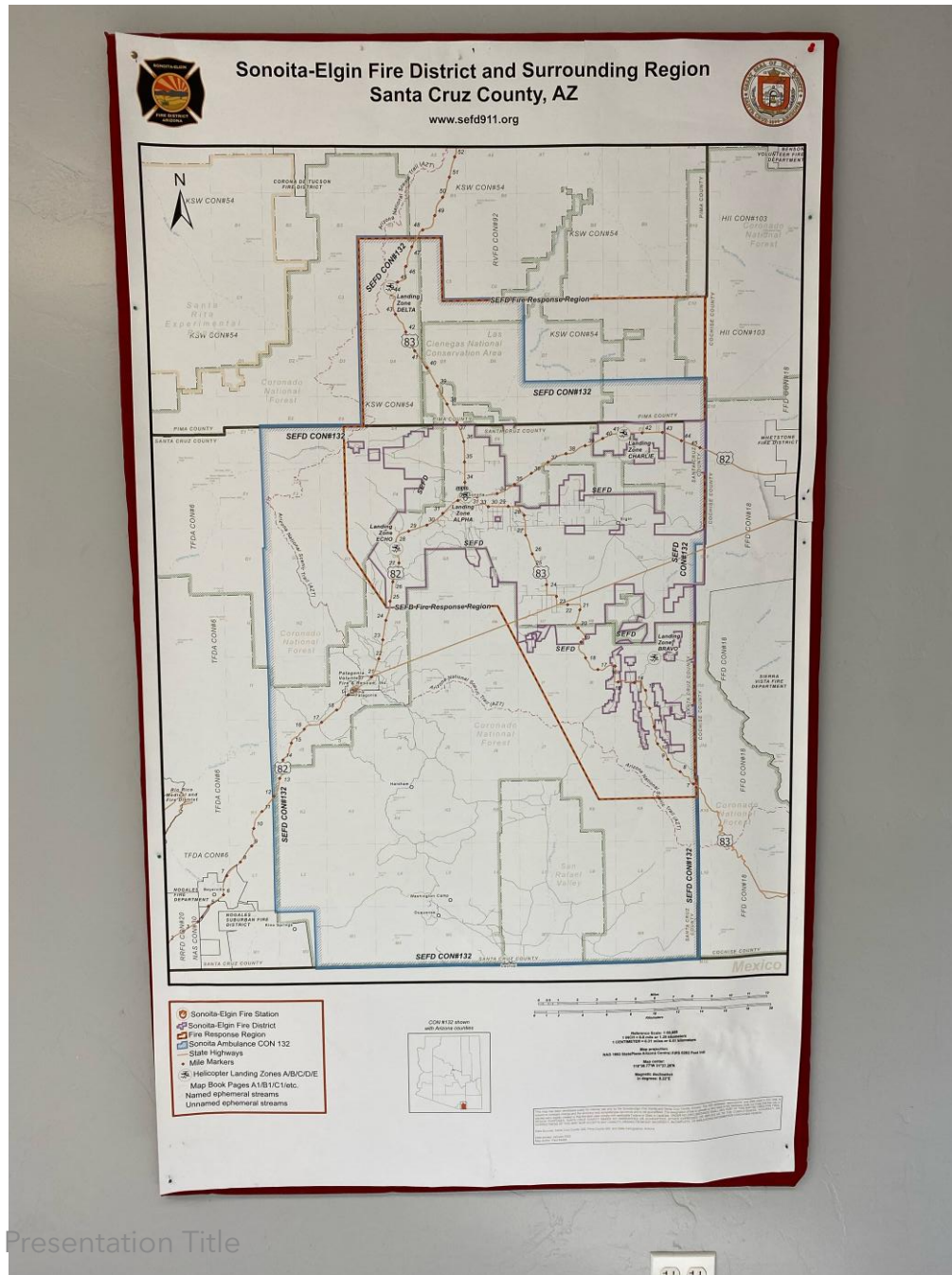


# SEFD Response Map

Purple- District (approx.  
95sq miles)

Orange- Fire Response  
Area (approx. 350sq miles)

Blue- CON (approx. 725sq  
miles)



## Incidents by Service Type

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Fire- 1

Rescue & EMS- 40

Service- 16

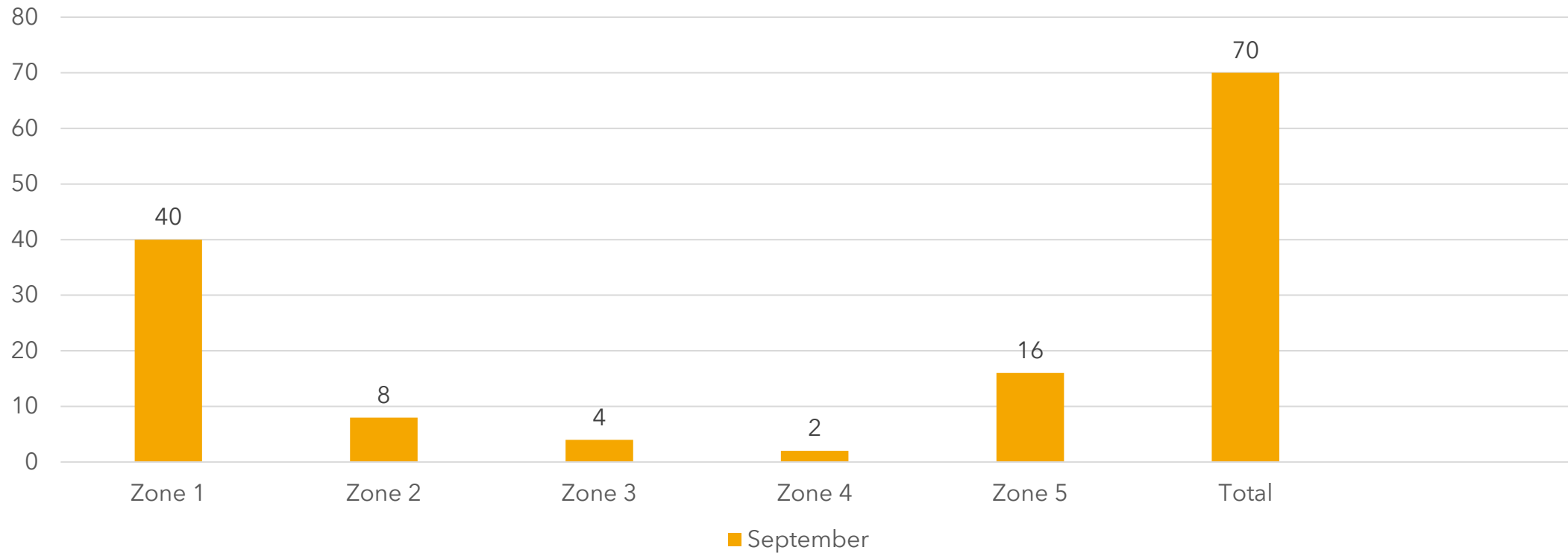
Good Intent- 12

Hazardous Condition- 1

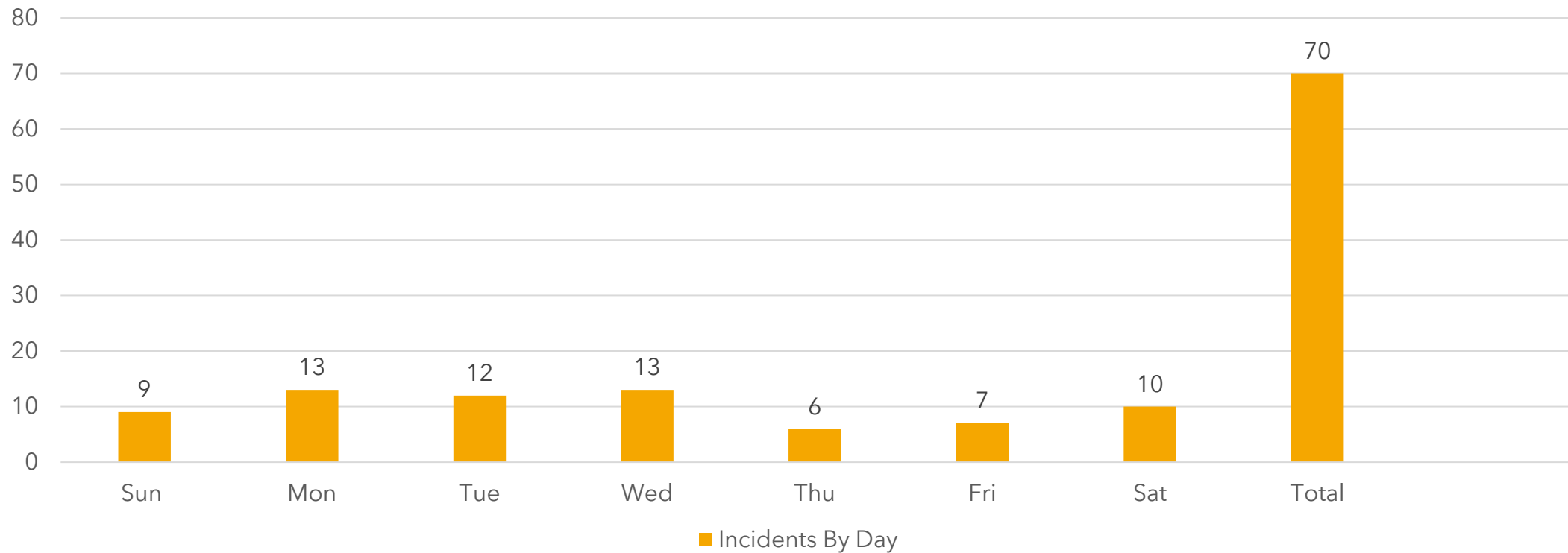
False Alarm & False Call- 0



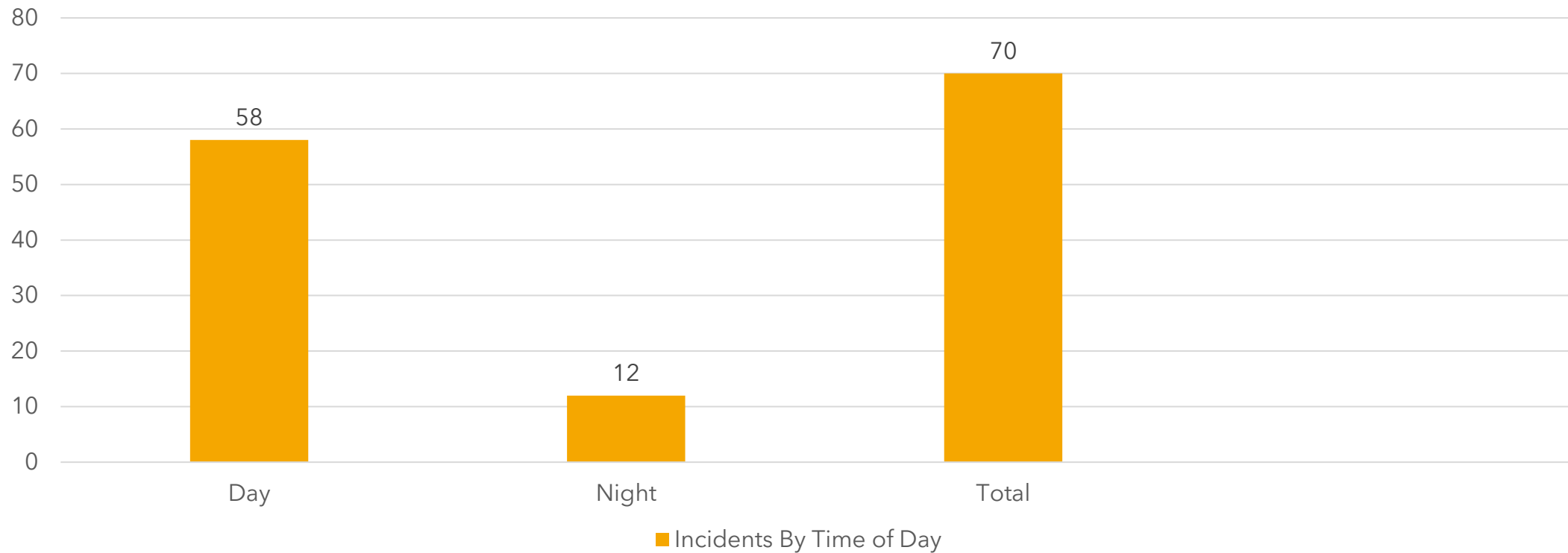
# Incident Count By Zone



# Incident Count By Day



# Incident Count By Time



# Incidents 2024 v 2025

2024	Incidents Total
January	59
February	<b>46</b>
March	62
April	51
May	60
June	52
July	71
August	60
September	63
October	<b>84</b>
November	67
December	67

2025	Incidents Total
January	47
February	49
March	62
April	66
May	66
June	62
July	66
August	50
September	70
October	
November	
December	

# Certificate of Necessity (CON)

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- We received an additional 12-month waiver on GPS requirement under HB2609



# Legislative Update

## House

- ~~HB2197- CON Repeal would deregulate parts of the CON statute (AFDA oppose)~~
- ~~HB2268- Fire Districts Homeowner Policies would redirect funding to insurance companies (AFDA oppose)~~
- ~~HB2384- Fire Insurance: wildfire risk modeling would establish requirements for fire insurance policies for populations less than 150k (AFDA neutral)~~
- ~~HB2457- Fire Districts formation, would provide an alternative method for district formation (AFDA oppose)~~
- ~~HB2942- Firefighter Bill of Rights, would codify conduct process statewide (AFDA TBD)~~

## Senate

- ~~SB1149- Appropriation fire incident management grants, allocation from general fund to DOA for grants (AFDA neutral)~~
- ~~SB1285- Appropriation wildfire response and readiness allocations money from general fund to DFFM for grants to cooperators (AFDA support)~~
- ~~SB1345- Ambulance: response times, rates defines primary CON responsibility and response (AFDA Oppose)~~

## Notes

Federal-

H.R. 2538 Care Act of 2025-  
payment for non-transport  
care

H.R. 4669 FEMA Reform Act

Budget Reconciliation-

Business Personal Property  
Tax being phased out

# Questions?

