

# Sonoita-Elgin Fire District

Fire Chief

Board Update January 2026



# 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

- The Implementation Team next meet in February due to scheduling issues
- Our Community Risk Reduction plan will be done in January
- The NFPA 1201 audit is complete and will be distributed as requested and shared with all members





# Administration/Budget

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- SCC Treasurer Update- Tolling agreement with state expires 02-2026. County until litigation with state has ended
- FY24-25 Audit is almost complete. Will have presentation for adoption at the February meeting
- Work on the FY26-27 budget will begin in February

# Santa Cruz County Updates

- The Santa Cruz County Wildfire Protection Plan draft has been released to stakeholders and interested parties for feedback. The final plan should be presented for adoption by the County in February
- Office of Emergency Management funding is at risk for the balance of this fiscal year and next. A reduction in service from this critical agency would be detrimental to our community



# Pima County Updates

- The Pima County Wildfire Protection Plan update should be available for comment by March



# PSPRS Local Board

- The Local Board met in November and will next meet in the spring of 2026.



# Operations

- New Recruits
  - We have one new recruit in the process
- Staffing
  - Firefighter interviews were conducted earlier this month and offers have gone out. New members will complete a two day orientation prior to starting shift. Expected start dates in February



# Operations

- Apparatus
  - E823 is back in service and is being retrofitted with LED lighting
  - M831 turbo replaced and in service
- 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)

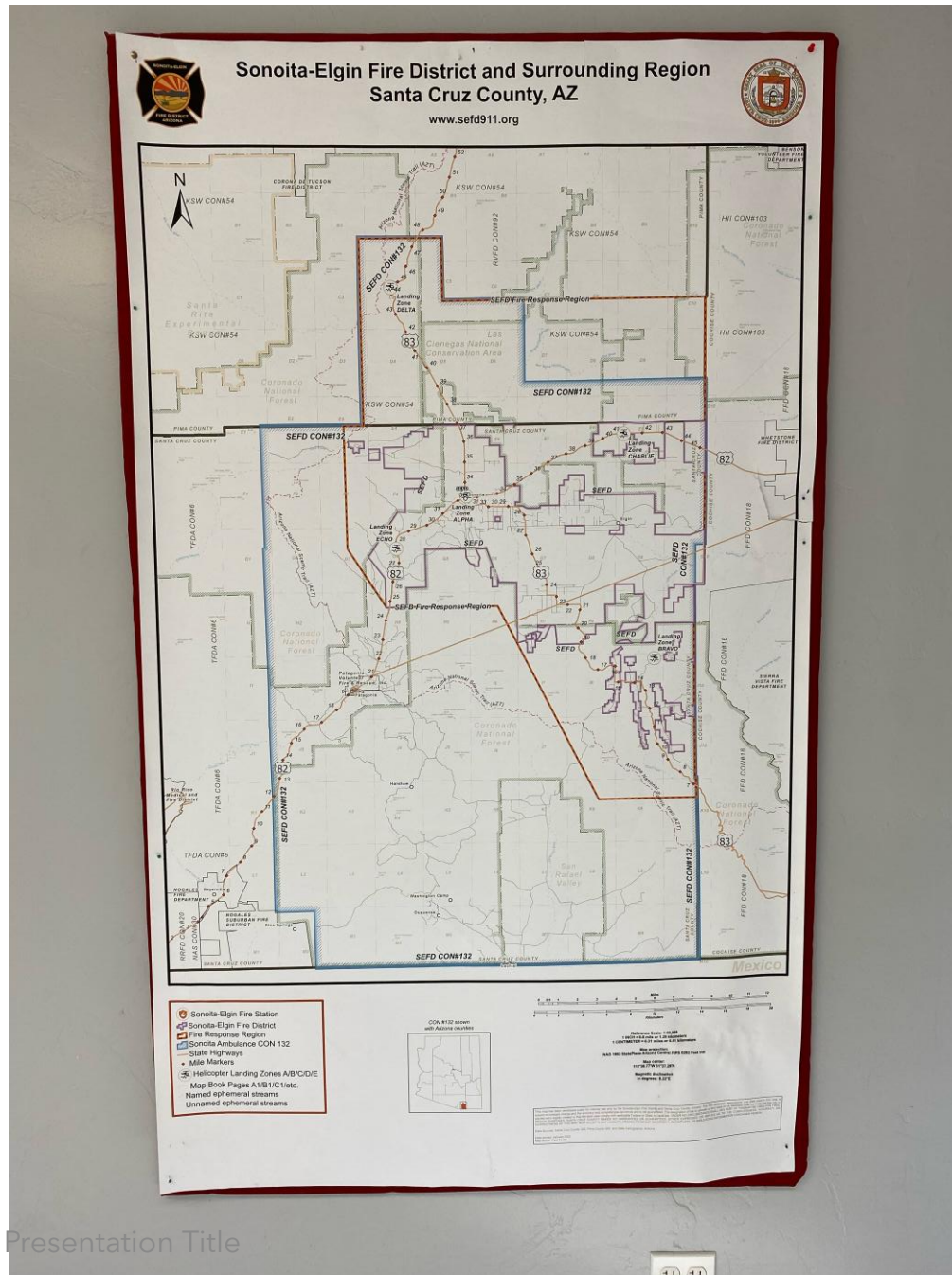


# SEFD Response Map

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- 23

Service- 10

Good Intent- 12

Hazardous Condition- 1

False Alarm & False Call- 1



## Incidents by Service Type 2025

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Fire- 31

Rescue & EMS- 425

Service- 136

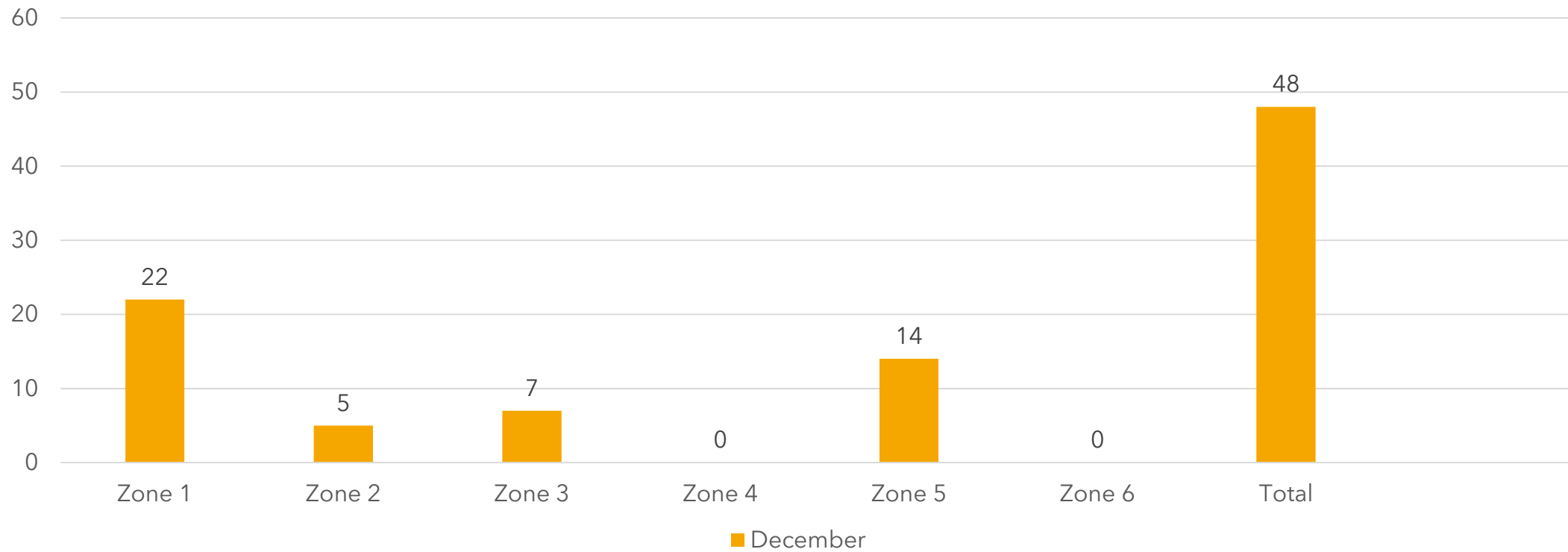
Good Intent- 110

Hazardous Condition- 3

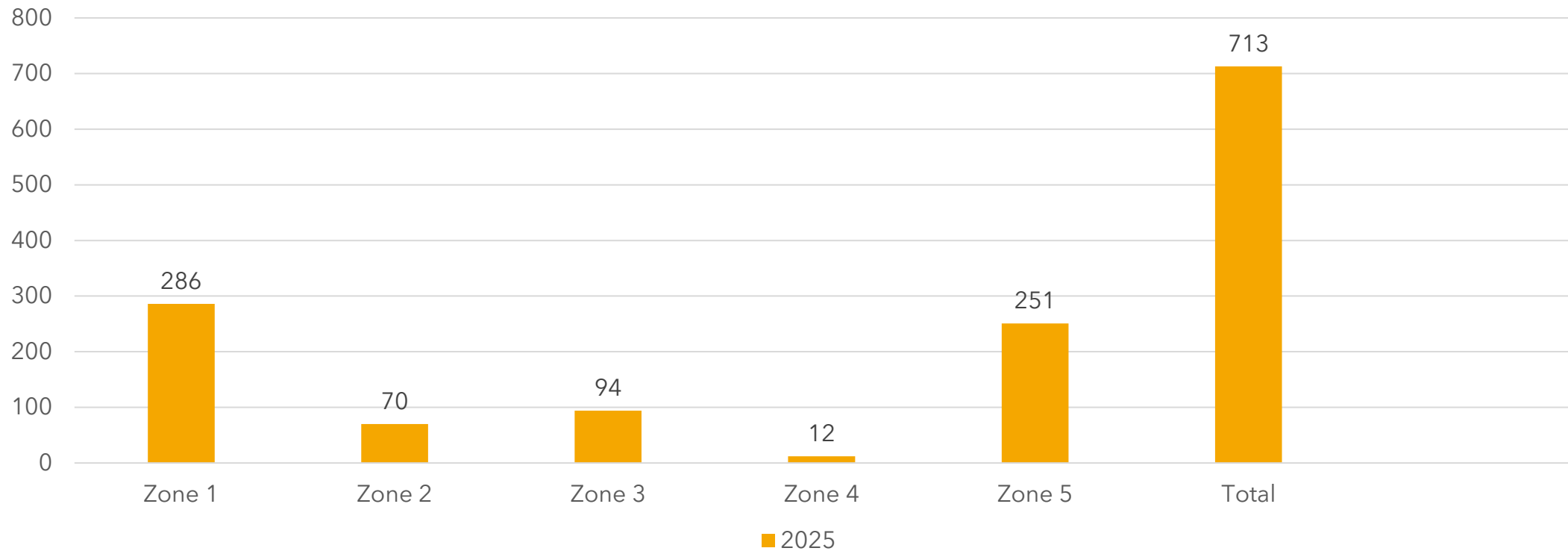
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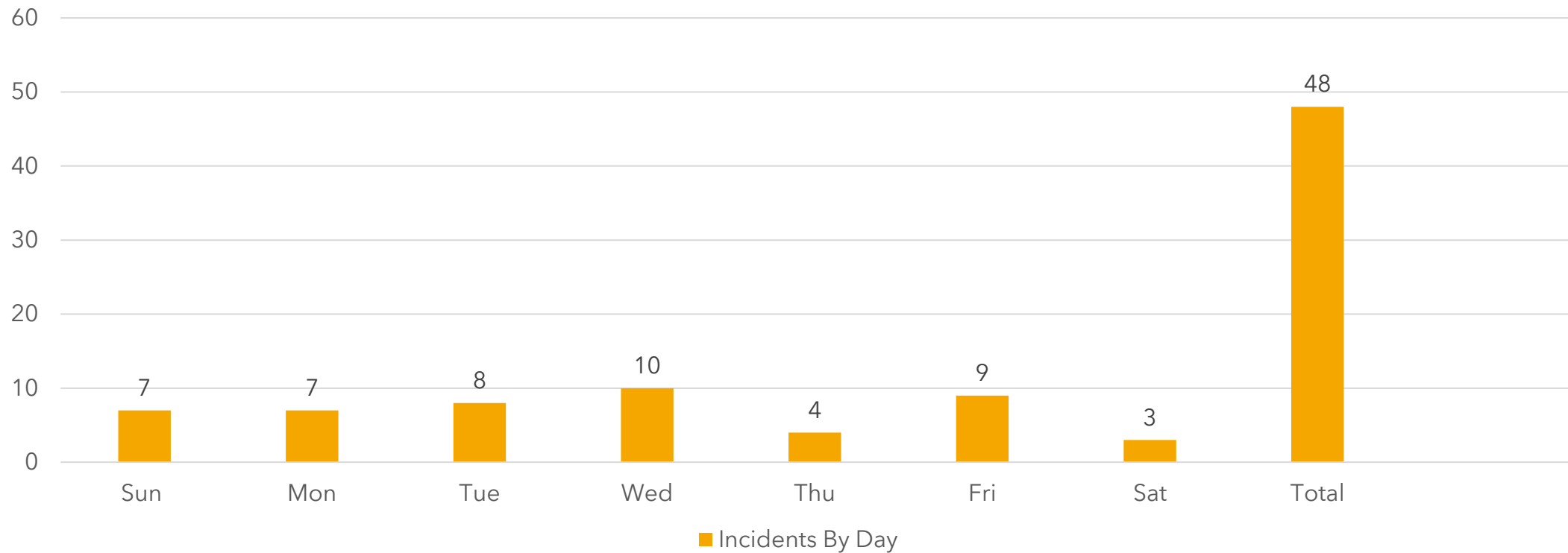
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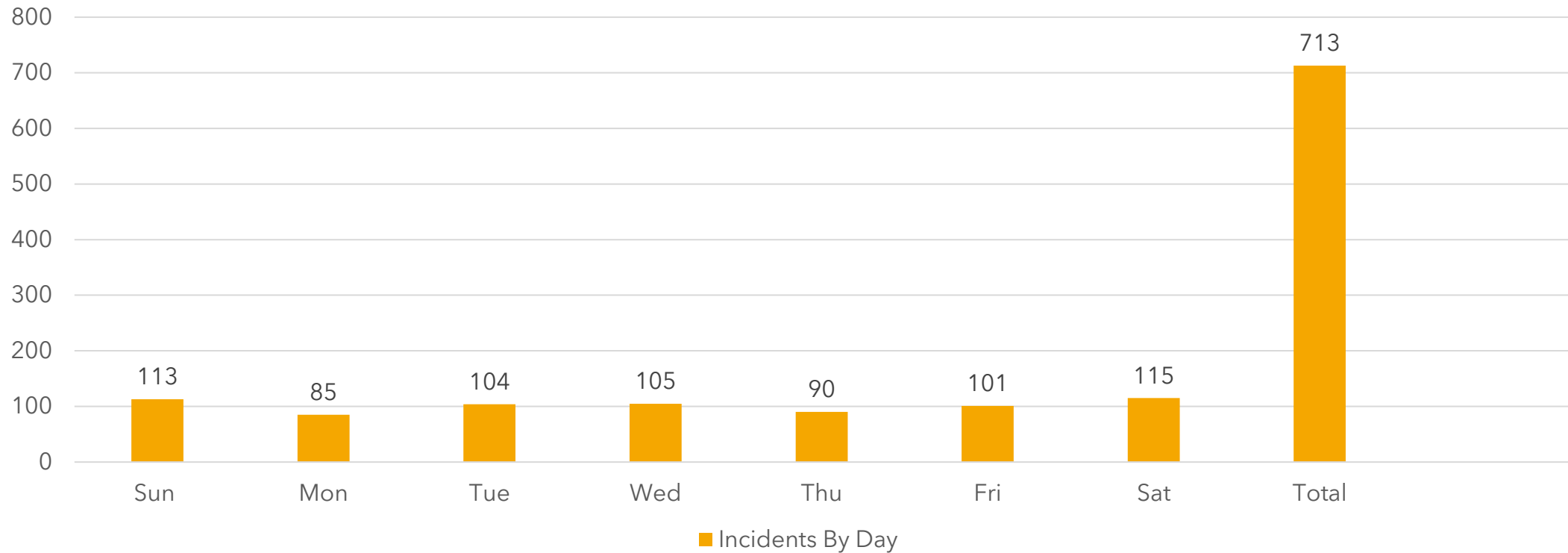
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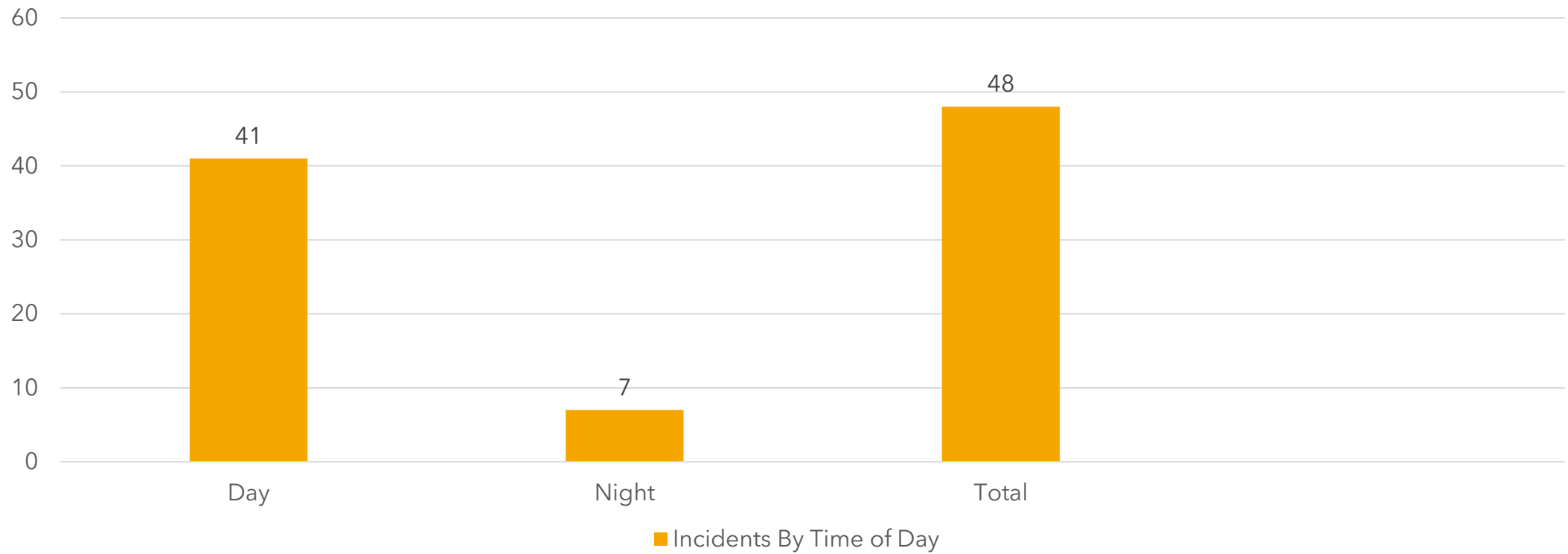
# Incident Count By Day



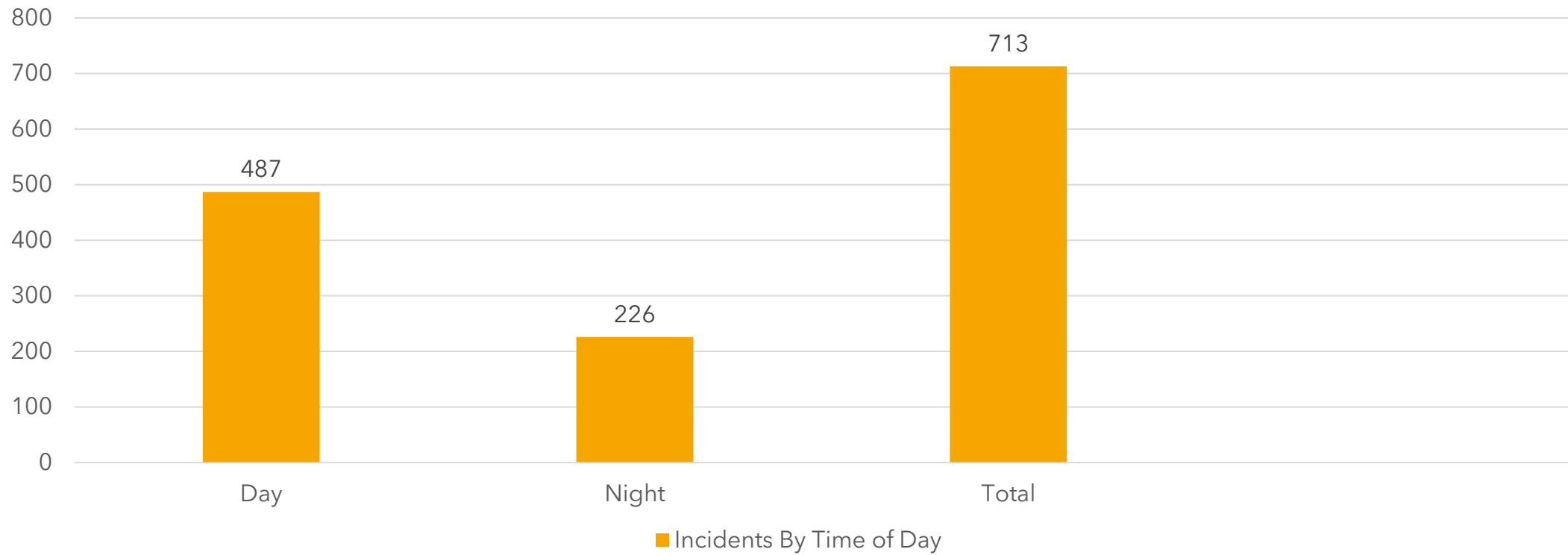
# Incident Count By Day 2025



# Incident Count By Time



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# 2025 Incident Volume Select Data Points

- Busiest Month- September 70 incidents
- Slowest Month- January 47 incidents
- Largest number of incidents in one day- 6 (four times)
- Fewest number of incidents in one day- 0 (52 times)
- Average number of incidents for 2025- 1.95
- Average number of incidents when there was at least one incident- 2.27
- Median number of incidents when there was at least one incident- 3.50
- Total number of days with more than one incident 212
- Busiest Day- Saturday (115 or 16% of all incidents)
- Slowest Day- Monday (85 or 12% of all incidents)
- Busiest Hour of the Day- tie 0800 and 1000
- Slowest Hour of the Day- 0300

# 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	<b>47</b>
February	49
March	62
April	66
May	66
June	62
July	66
August	50
September	<b>70</b>
October	68
November	59
December	48

# Certificate of Necessity (CON)

- 2025 year end reporting to comply with HB2609 has been completed and submitted to AZ DHZ. Due to ongoing issues with funding and access to equipment, we will be seeking an additional 12-month waiver for GPS monitoring



# Legislative Update

## House

- HB2182- EMTs Presumptive Diagnosis, allows for EMTs provide a presumptive (field) diagnosis for the purpose of the pt making an informed transport decision (AFDA support)
- HB2204- Presumptive PTSD Coverage for Public Safety Personnel, extends presumptive coverage to include PTSD (AFDA pending)

## Senate

- SB1130- Property Tax Exemption for Certain First Responder Survivors, amends ARS 42-11111 to expand property tax exemptions to include widows and widowers of first responders with LODD or LODD caused by injuries (AFDA support)

## Federal

- HR1- Reduces Medicaid spending by approx. 900 billion over six years. Potential to increase under or non-paid transports
- Federal Wildland Fire Agency Reform- Uncertainty over timeline and final composition of the new US Wildland Fire Service (currently excludes USFS)

# Questions?

