

Sonoita-Elgin Fire District

Fire Chief

Board Update July 2026



2024-2026 Strategic Plan

- Plan extended through 2027
- Going to pursue additional opportunities for the Elgin property development including request for designation of capital reserve funds to complete stage 1 before end of 2026. Request will be made at August meeting with preview today





Administration/Budget

- Fiscal year 2026-2027 budget is in effect
- We will be requesting that several items be declared as surplus and be made available for sale

Santa Cruz County Updates

- Emergency Services audit RFP as been released and we will be included in the review of submitted proposals



Pima County Updates

- Pima County will be providing prevention patrol funding to fire departments. Projected start date will be spring 2027, IGA will be ready for Board review in August



PSPRS Local Board

- The Local Board met in November and will next meet again by the end of summer 2026.



Operations

- Equipment
 - M832 needs a new inverter, which is being ordered
- EMS
 - All agencies will be required to obtain their own DEA numbers and be directly responsible for all aspects of controlled substances in response to a new federal and state law. We are working with our base hospital to comply
- Staffing
 - Captains testing will take place in October



Operations

- Apparatus
 - All units presently in operation
- District Growth/Development
 - Planned subdivisions
 - Papago Springs (removed commercial element)
 - AZ 82 (preliminary water requirements review completed)
 - Proposed dude ranches
 - Babocomari (no updates)
 - Double R Ranch (new and in County approval process)
 - Proposed Wineries
 - Brigand (moving forward, SEFD has approved plans)
 - Dollar General Remodel (SEFD has approved plans)
- Neighboring Agency News/Developments
 - Town of Patagonia Update
 - PVFR receiving a one-year contract for services to the town. We will continue to work with them and look for opportunities to enhance service to that community

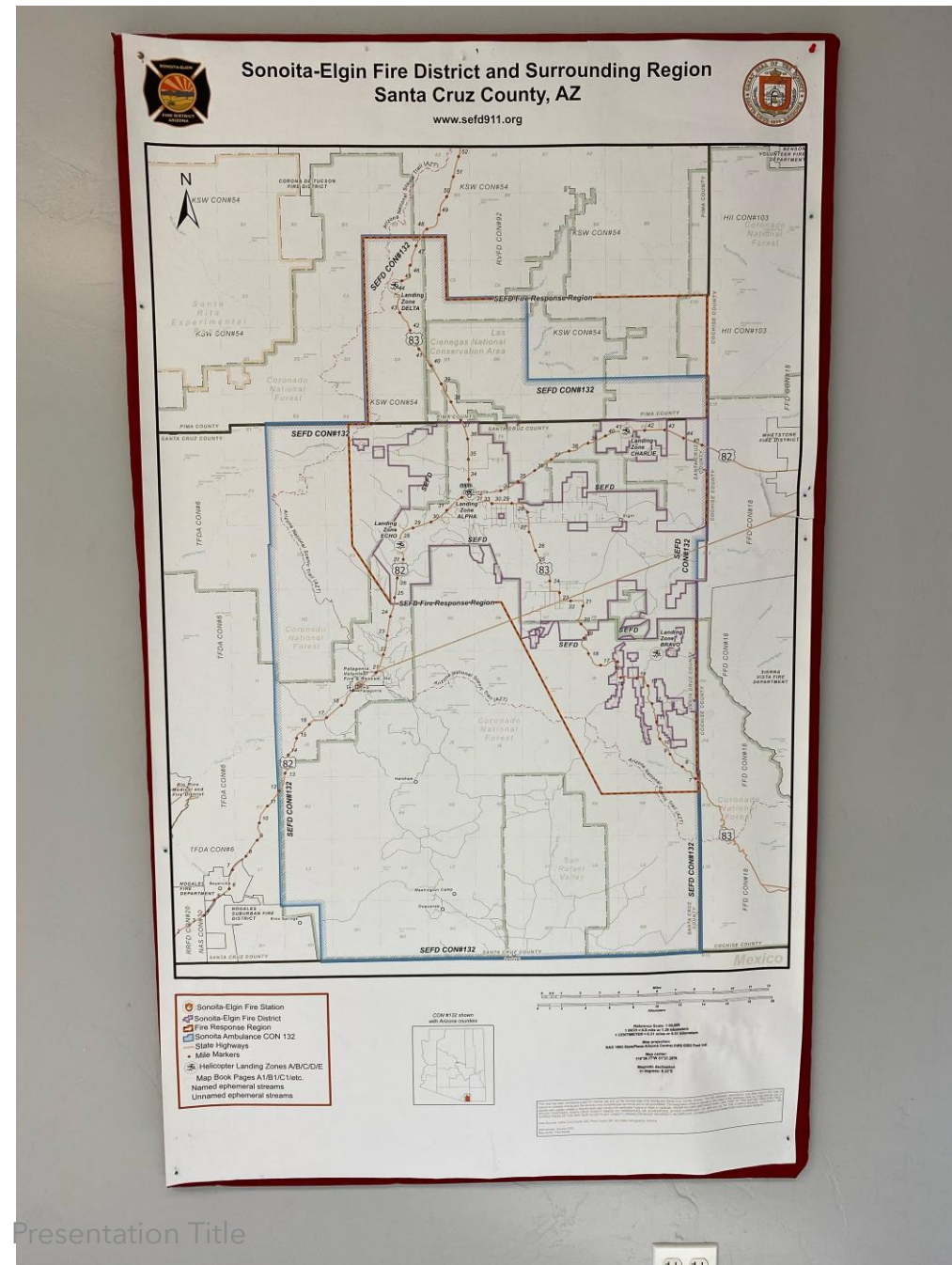


SEFD Response Map

Purple- District (approx.
95sq miles)

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

Blue- CON (approx. 725sq
miles)



Incidents by Service Type

Fire- 6

Medical- 45

Hazardous Condition- 0

Rescue- 0

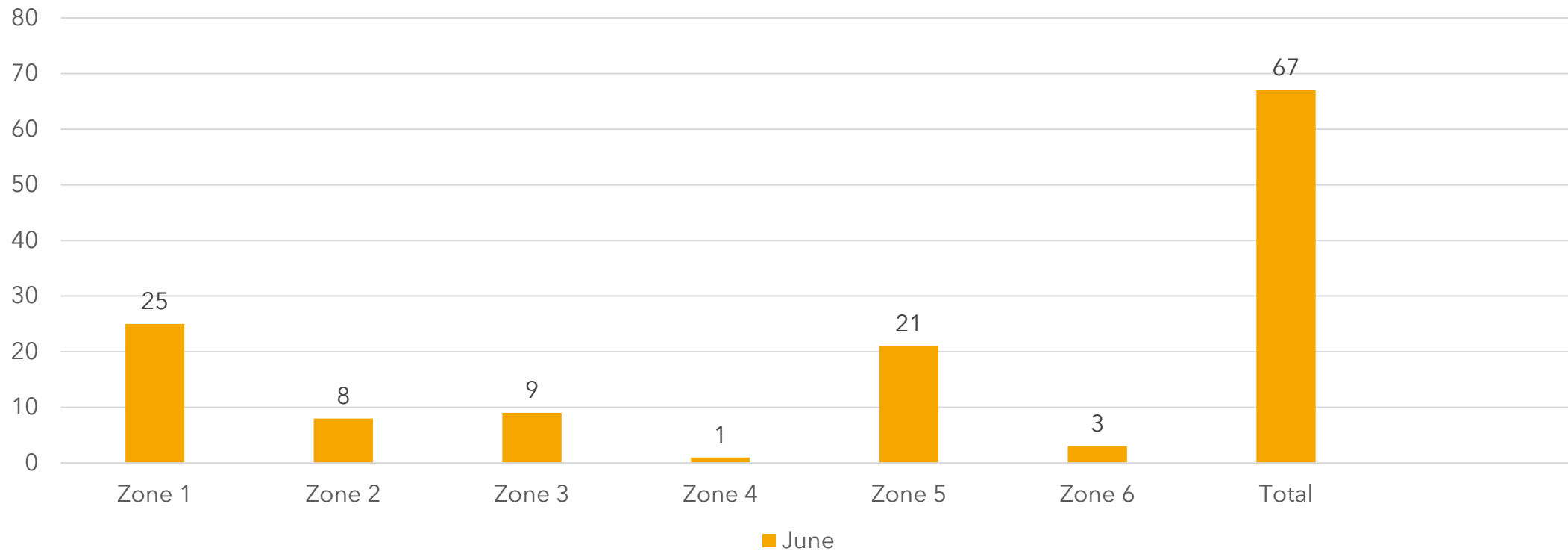
Public Service- 5

No Emergency- 11

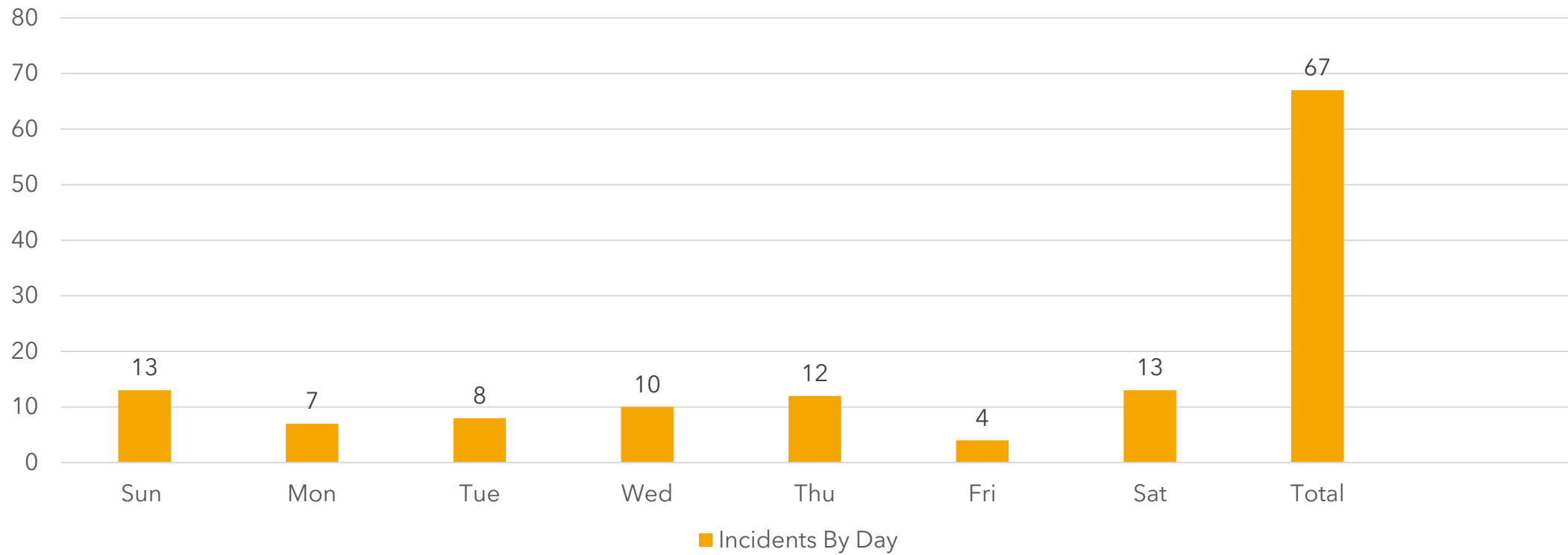
Assisting Law Enforcement- 0



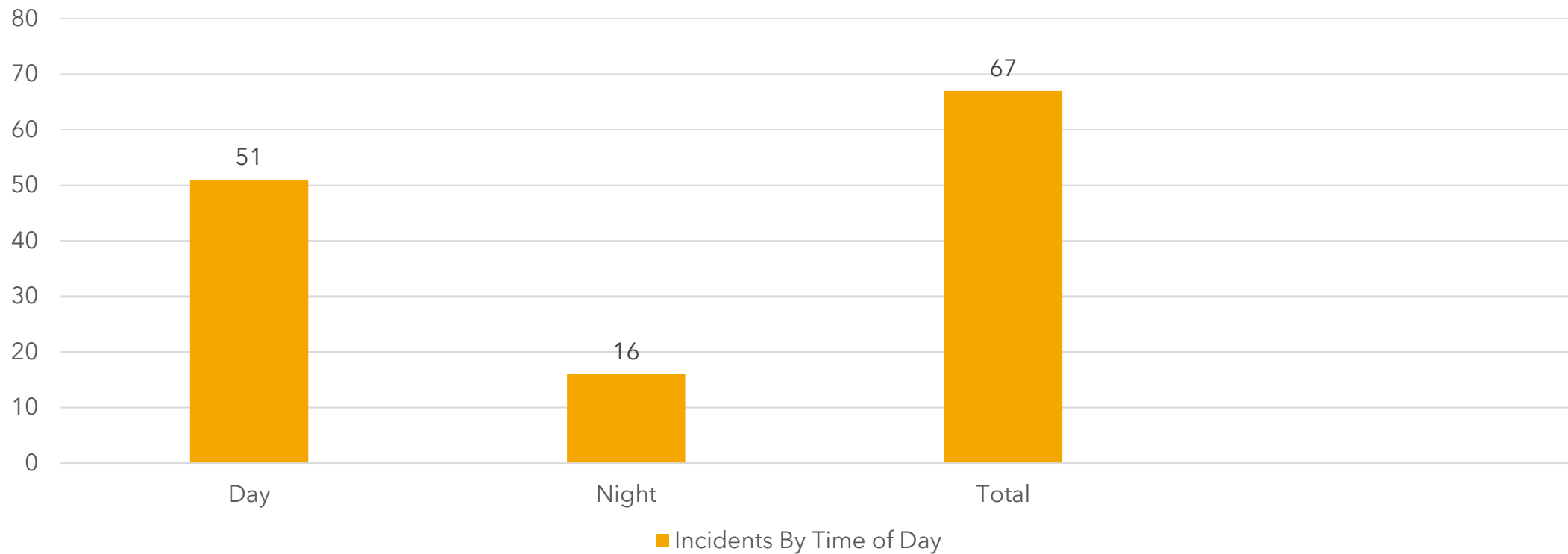
Incident Count By Zone



Incident Count By Day



Incident Count By Time



Incidents Year To Date Versus Previous Years

Month	2024	2025	2026
January	59	47	82
February	46	49	55
March	62	62	65
April	51	66	54
May	60	66	59
June	52	62	67
July	71	66	
August	60	50	
September	63	70	
October	84	68	
November	67	59	
December	67	48	

Certificate of Necessity (CON)

- Submitted a grant request via AZ DEMA to acquire computers and associated equipment towards compliance with HB2609



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)
- HB2183- Emergency Medicine Study Committee, establishes committee to evaluate capacity (AFDA support)
- HB2204- Presumptive PTSD Coverage for Public Safety Personnel, extends presumptive coverage to include PTSD (AFDA pending)
- HB2402- Ambulance Services CON, updates to rules & regulations (AFDA **support**)
- HB2437- EMS reciprocity compact, ensures cross-state reciprocity (AFDA support)
- HB2641- PFAS Prohibition, expands restrictions on PFAS (AFDA support)
- HB2917- Firefighter Cancer Registry, would establish in AZ (AFDA support)

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)
- SB1215- Firefighters; occupational disease; cancer- expands list of cancers covered under presumptive diagnosis (AFDA support)- **signed into law**
- SB1216- Traumatic Event Counseling, removes repeal provisions (AFDA support)- **signed into law**
- SB1235- EMS reciprocity; compact, allows for recognition of EMS certifications within member states (AFDA neutral/support)
- SB1504- PSPRS Service Requirement, provides for Tier 3 to fully retire at 25 years of service

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?

