

# Aurora Fire Department 2026 Budgeting Report





# Budget Overview

2026 Expenditures: \$65,996,122

2025 Expenditures: \$65,010,978

-Budget Increase of 1.5%

Total Decrements \$2,069,482

# 2026 Major Changes



- Elimination of 2 EMA specialists
- Reduction of 18 firefighters through attrition
- Elimination of 3 Battalion Chief positions by attrition
- Elimination of Training Officer position by attrition
- Elimination of Cadet program
- Anticipated “brown-outs” of a truck and engine
- Addition of 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and a senior medic for Station 13.





# FD Operations - Engine

- Engine Company ( 9 in COA, 10 on 1/1/26)
  - Strategically placed for fast initial response
  - 3 Firefighters on an engine (min. 1 paramedic)
  - Responsibilities include:
    - Initial fire attack (deploy hose lines to extinguish fire)
    - Water supply
    - Quick response to medical emergencies (In instances when ambulance for the territory is on a different call)
    - Respond to major medical call (code, shooting)
    - Response to extrications





# FD Operations - Truck

- Truck Company (4 in COA)
  - Strategically spaced throughout the city
  - 3 Firefighters on a truck
  - Responsibilities include:
    - Fire Calls
      - Forcible entry, Search and Rescue, Ventilation, Aerial Operations (ladders, elevated streams), Controlling Utilities, Overhaul
    - Rescue Calls (specialized vehicle)
      - Extricate victims trapped in their vehicles
      - Machinery entrapment
      - Support of technical rescue efforts (rope, trench, confined space, collapse)
      - Elevator rescue



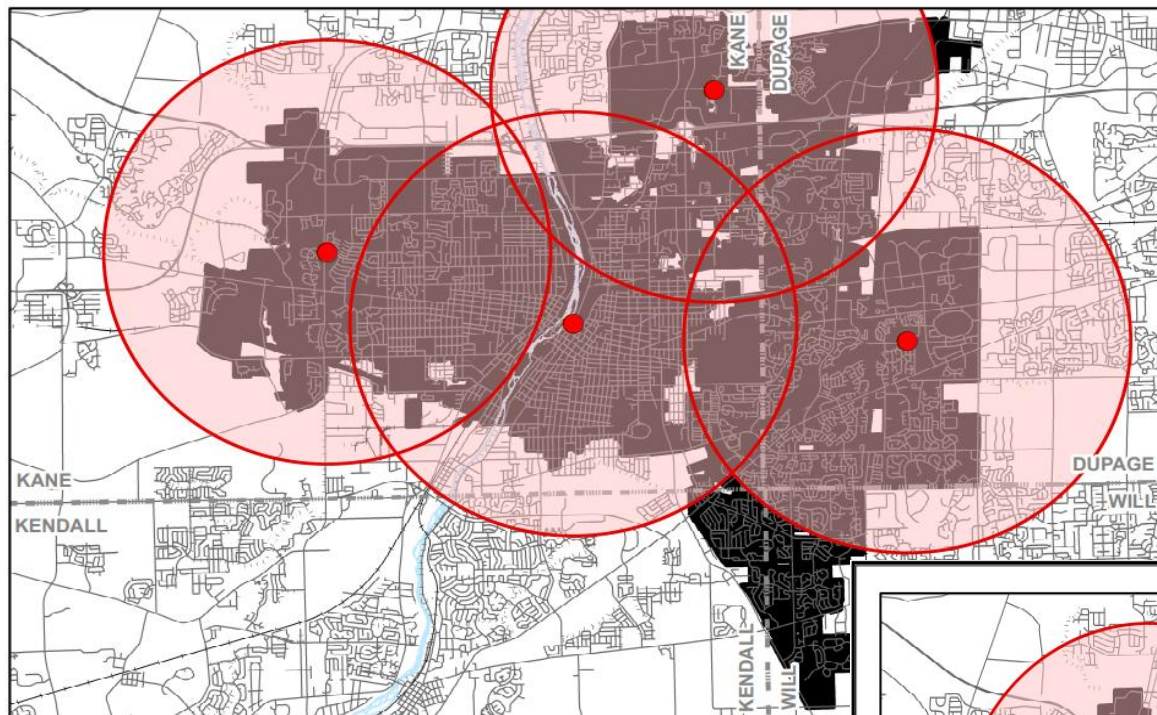
# FD Operations - BC



- Battalion Chief (3 in COA)
  - Operational leadership
    - Incident command at emergency scene
  - Supervision and personnel management
  - Administrative responsibilities



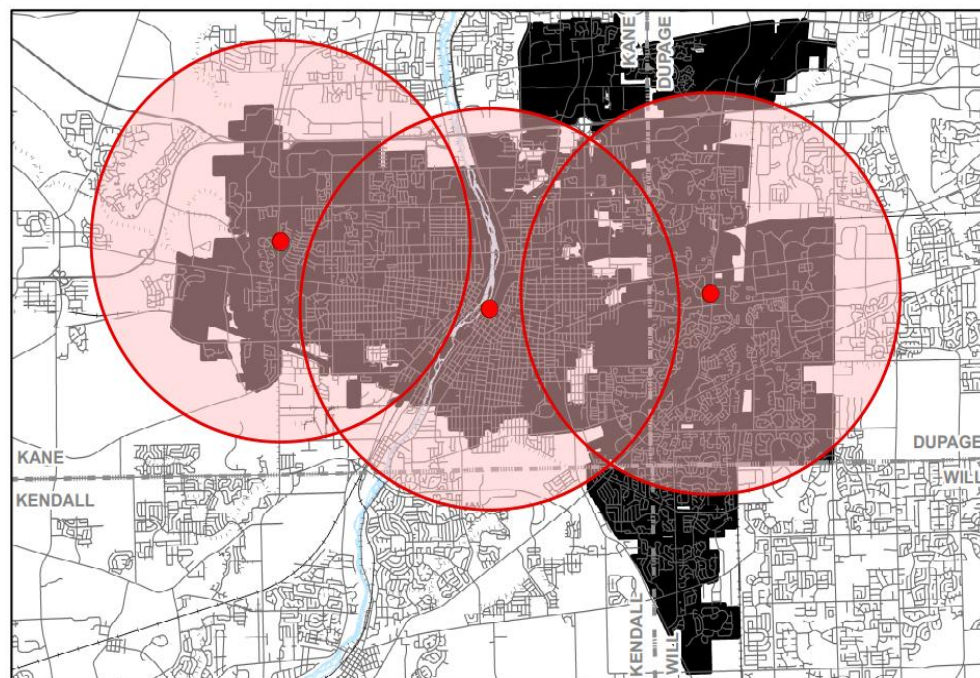




- Fire Stations
- 3 Mile Buffer
- County Lines
- Centerlines
- City of Aurora

4 Truck Company  
3 Mile Response

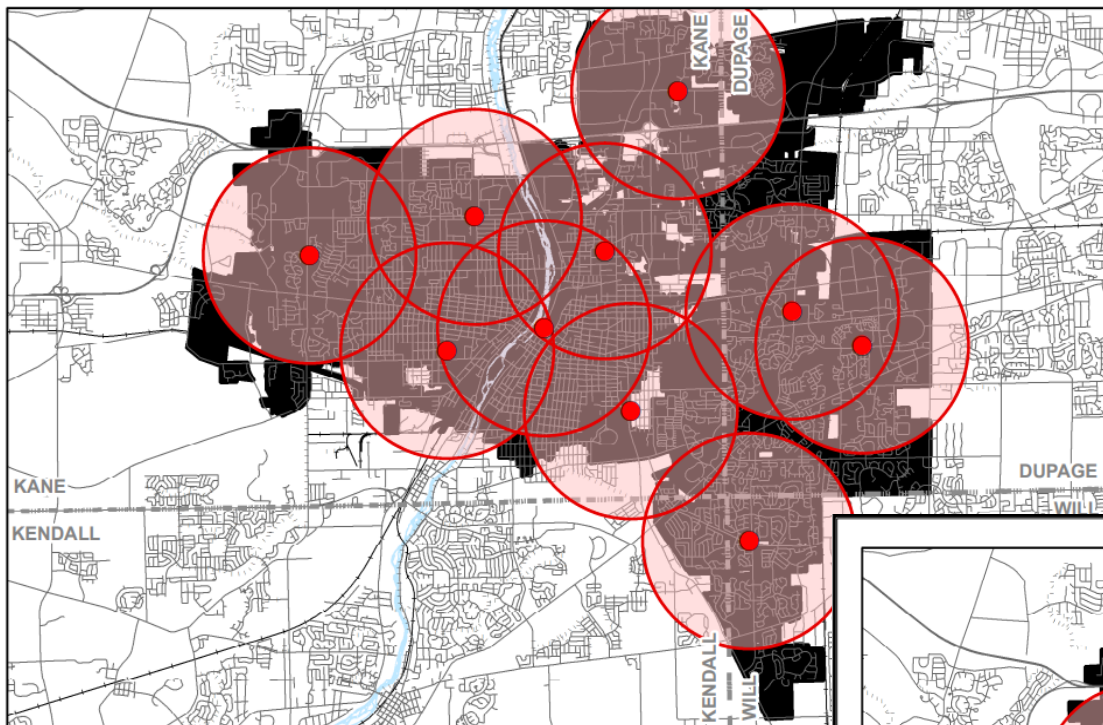
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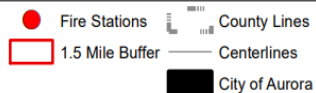
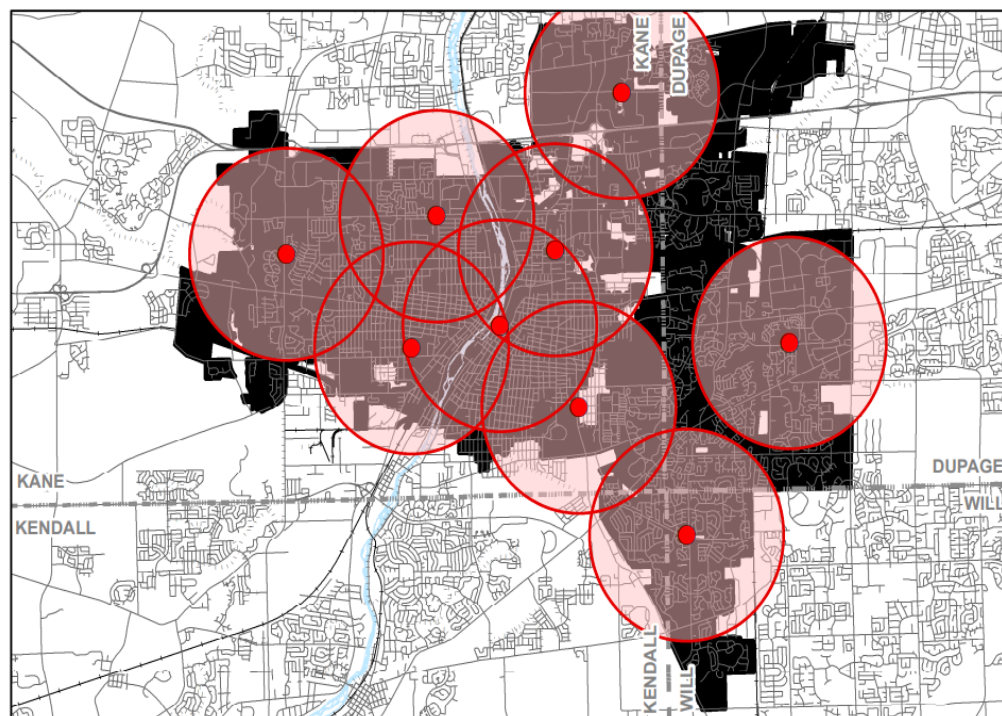
3 Truck Company  
3 Mile Response  
Truck Brownout Situation





10 Engine Company  
1.5 Mile Response

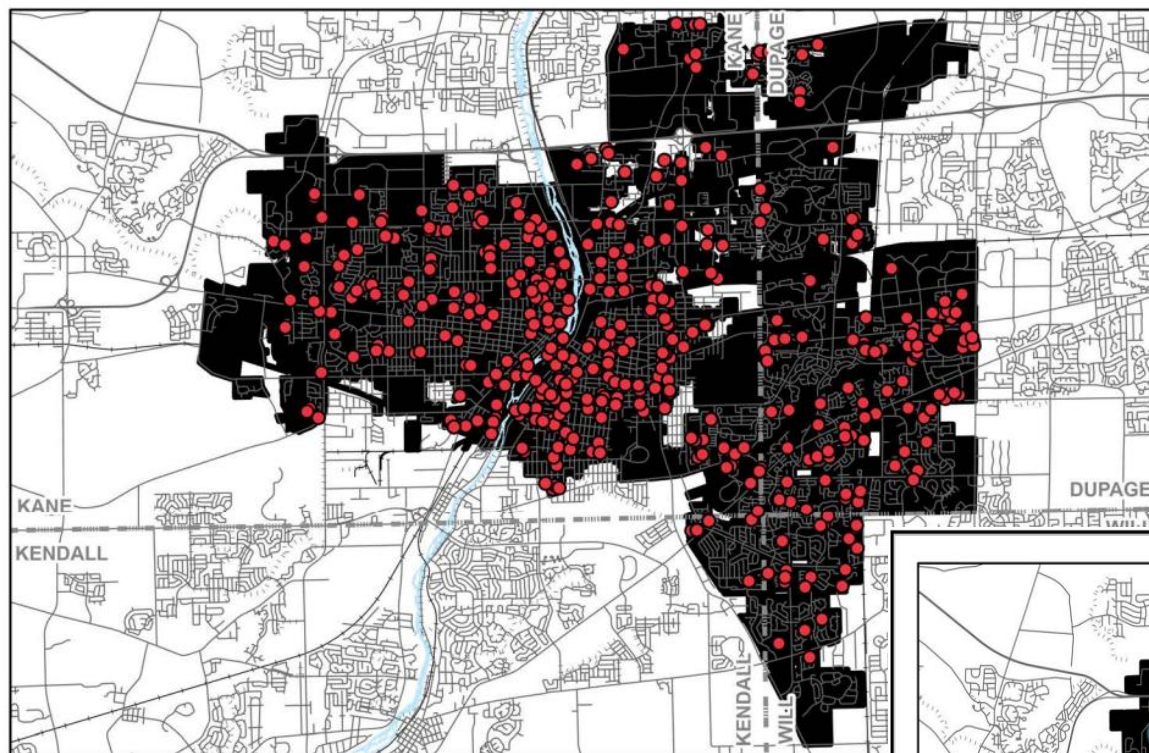
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9 Engine Company  
1.5 Mile Response  
Engine Brownout Situation

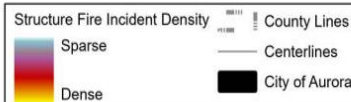
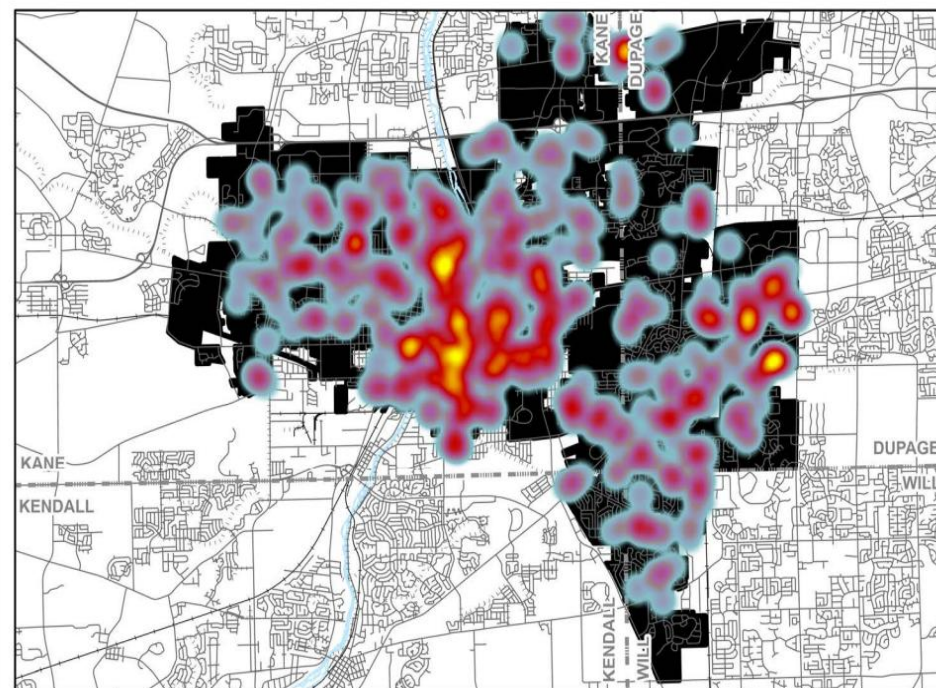






Structure Fire

## Structure Fire Responses '23-'25



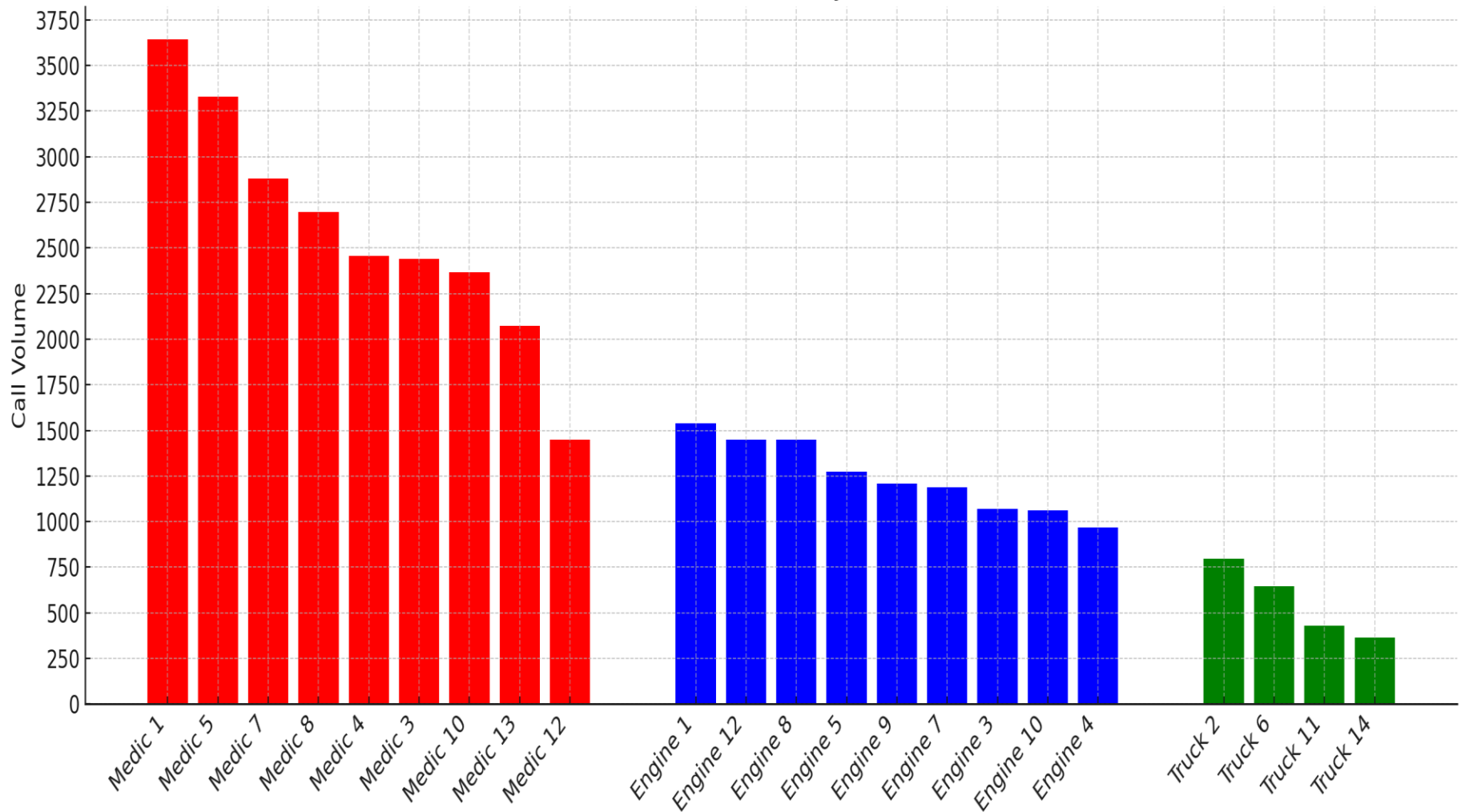
Structure Fire Incidents Heat Map



# Call Volume Per Unit



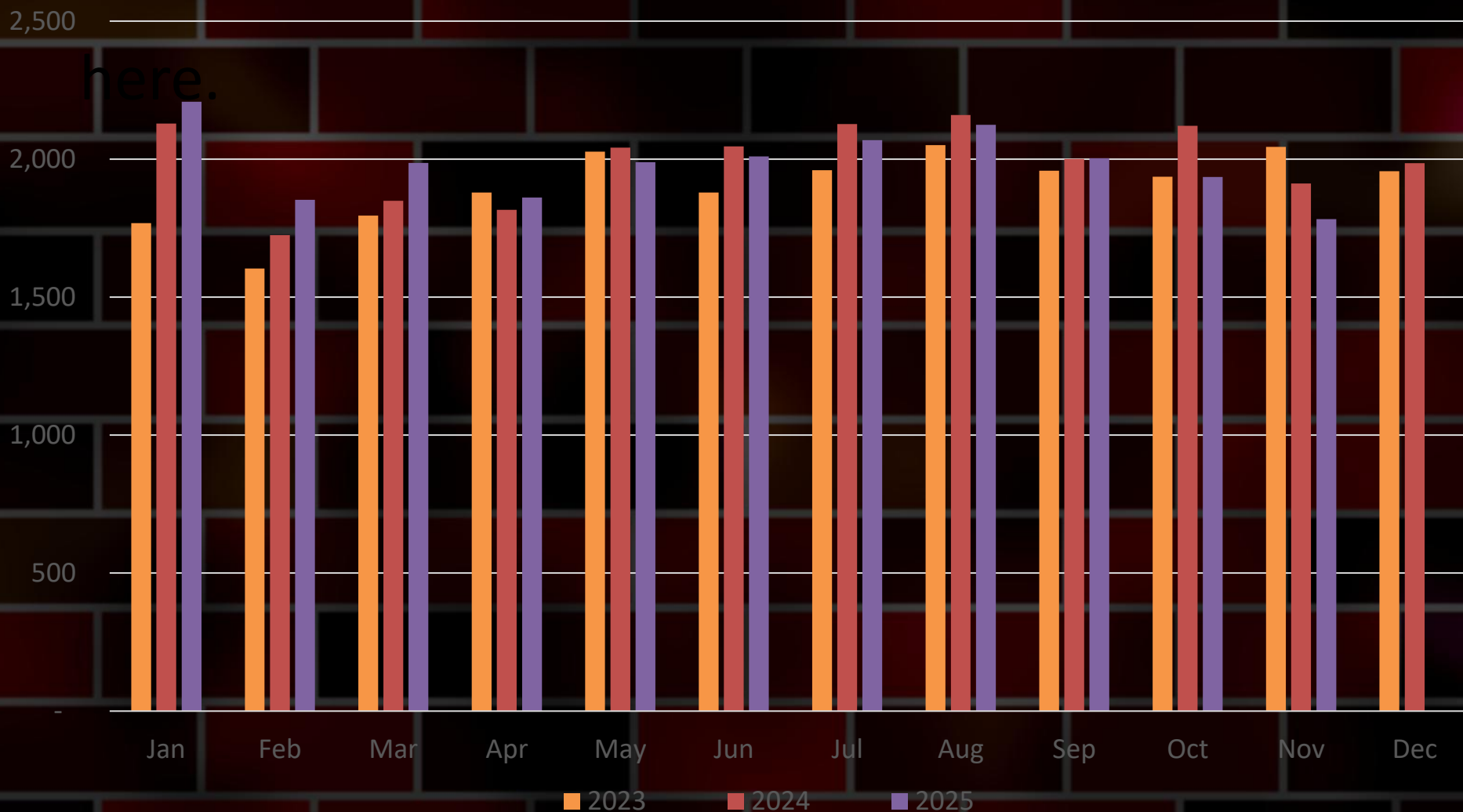
2024 Call Volume by Vehicle





# Total Call Volume '23-'25

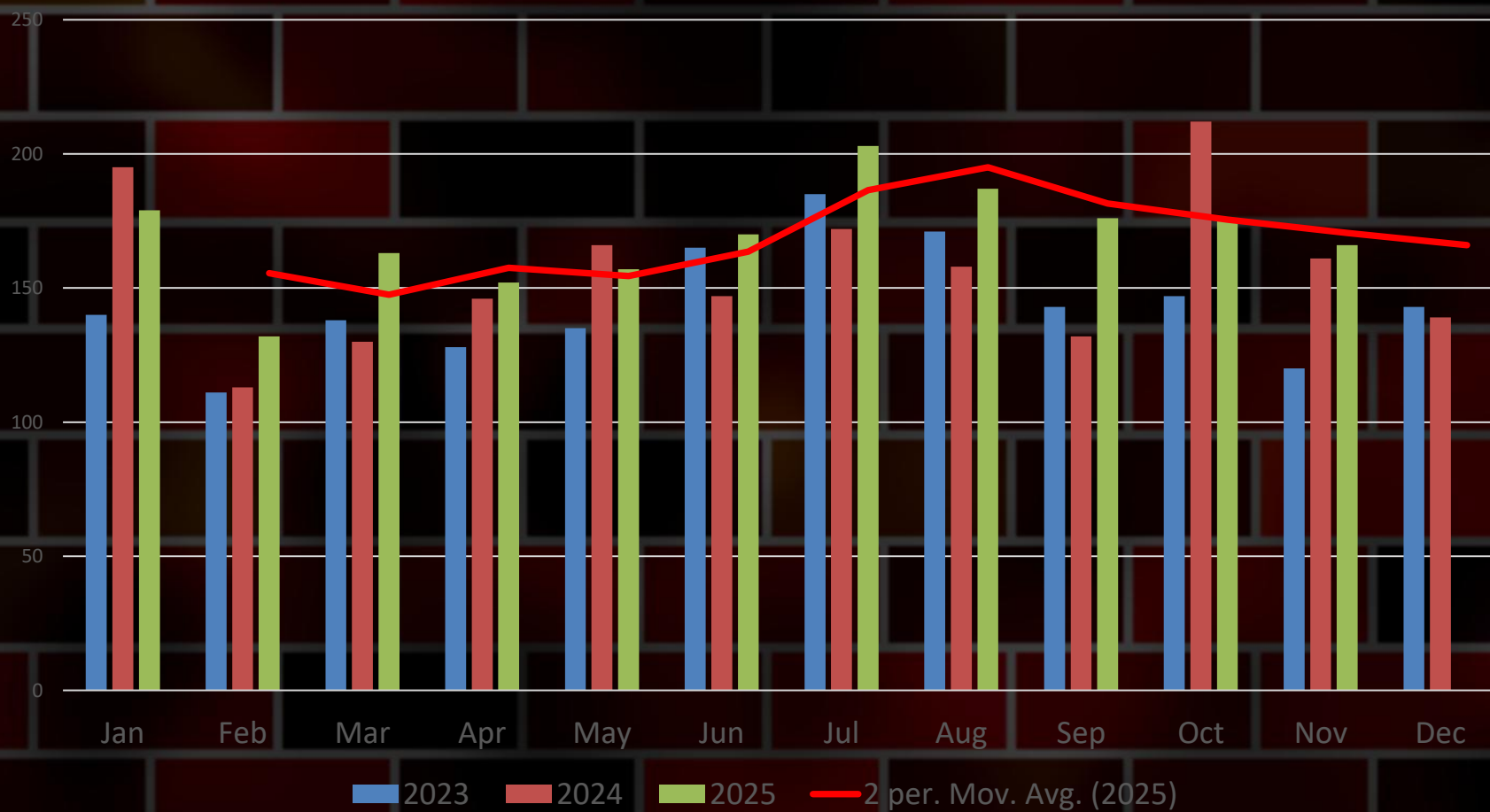
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# Truck Responses by Month



# Response Times



- Content on response times will be presented at City Council meeting.

# Response Times

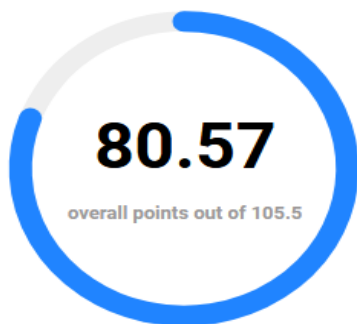






# ISO Scoring Measures

- Class 1 (90-100)
- Class 2 (80-89.99) – Aurora's current score 80.57
- Class 3 (70-79.99)



Overall PPC Value: 02/2X  
Effective Date: 5/1/2021

Community Risk Reduction Points (CRR)



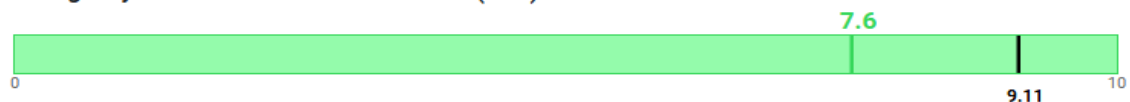
Water Points



Fire Department Points



Emergency Communication Center Points (ECC)



4.42	+	37.27	+	35.65	+	7.6	-	4.38	=	80.57
CRR		Water		Fire		ECC		Divergence		Total
Points		Points		Points		Points		ⓘ		Points

# ISO Scoring Measures



- Truck company standards (NFPA 1710/ISO FSRs)
  - 8 min. travel time to 90% of calls. Typically 2.5-3.0 miles depending on road density, layout, and weather
  - Trucks positioned in:
    - Downtowns
    - High-Rise districts
    - Industrial or warehouse corridors
    - Densely populated residential areas
- Engine company standards (NFPA 1710/ISO FSRs)
  - 4 min. travel time to 90% of calls. Typically, ~ 1.5 miles
  - If properties fall further than 1.5 miles from an engine company, that area begins to lose credit in scoring



# Insurance Rates and ISO Scores

- ISO (Insurance Services Office) produces the PPC (Public Protection Classification) or “ISO Score”
- ISO Rating is 1 (best) to 10 (no recognized protection)
- Surveys typically occur every 5 years, our last was in 2020, next evaluation should occur in 2026
- Staying at ISO 2 has positive impacts on insurance premiums, while falling to an ISO 3 could raise rates



# Fire Department Commitment



- In response to these challenges, we will:
  - Fill daily personnel requirements with OT temporarily
    - Brown-outs will be determined using the following metrics
      - Attrition rate
      - Overtime
      - Response times
      - Data driven analysis
  - Continue to prioritize essential training for operational readiness
  - Adjust deployment, if necessary, to maintain the best possible citywide coverage
  - Communicate impacts transparently to city leadership



Questions?