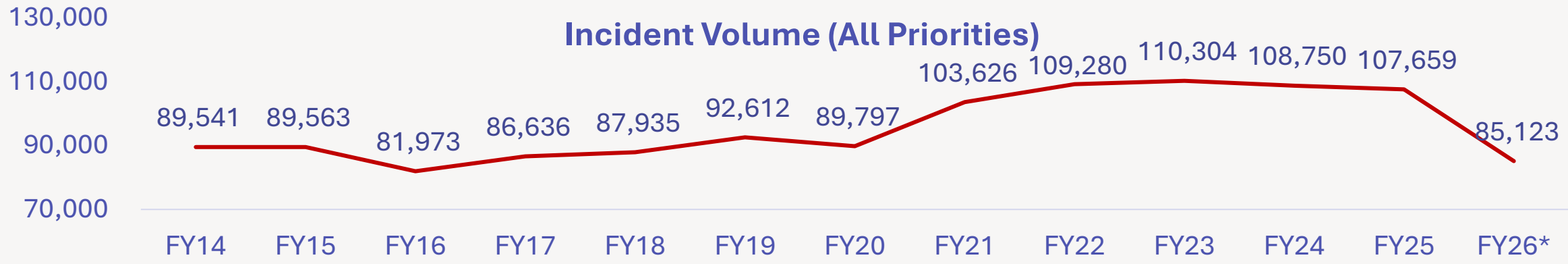
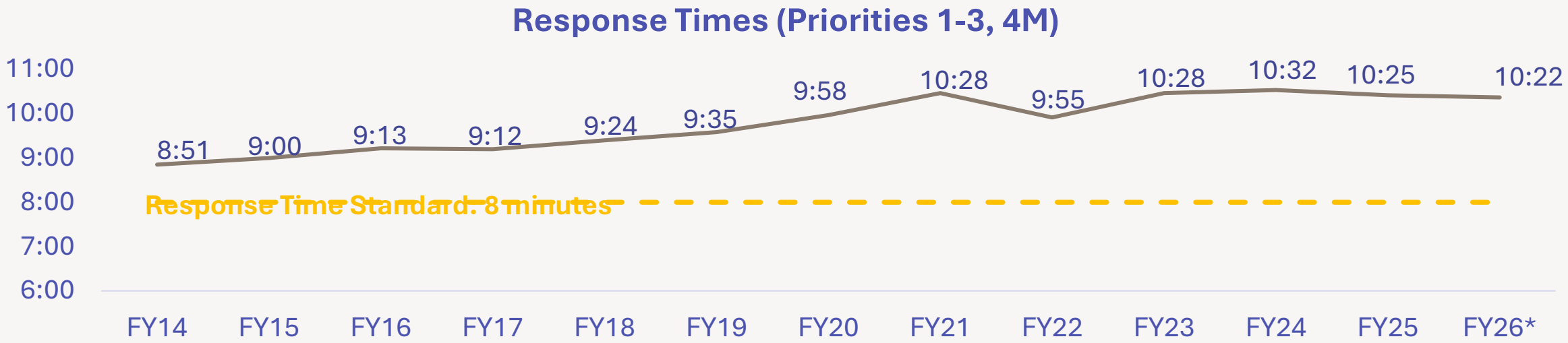
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Emergency Response Time Trends





*On Jul 8, 2025, the Chief Medical Officer evaluated medical dispatching in collaboration with ATCEMS and AFD, which had an effect on call dispatching/volume.

Facility Improvement Projects

Recent Projects:

Station 16

- Mold remediation and HVAC repair
- Maintenance started October 24
- Expected completion in December
- Engine 16 temporary at Station 30

Station 21

- Maintenance started July 11
- Engine 21 temporarily at Station 19



Fire Station 21

Automatic Aid

Dispatching the closest unit to a 911 call, regardless of department or jurisdiction. Auto Aid contributes to decreased response times for Austin and Travis County.

Recent Success:

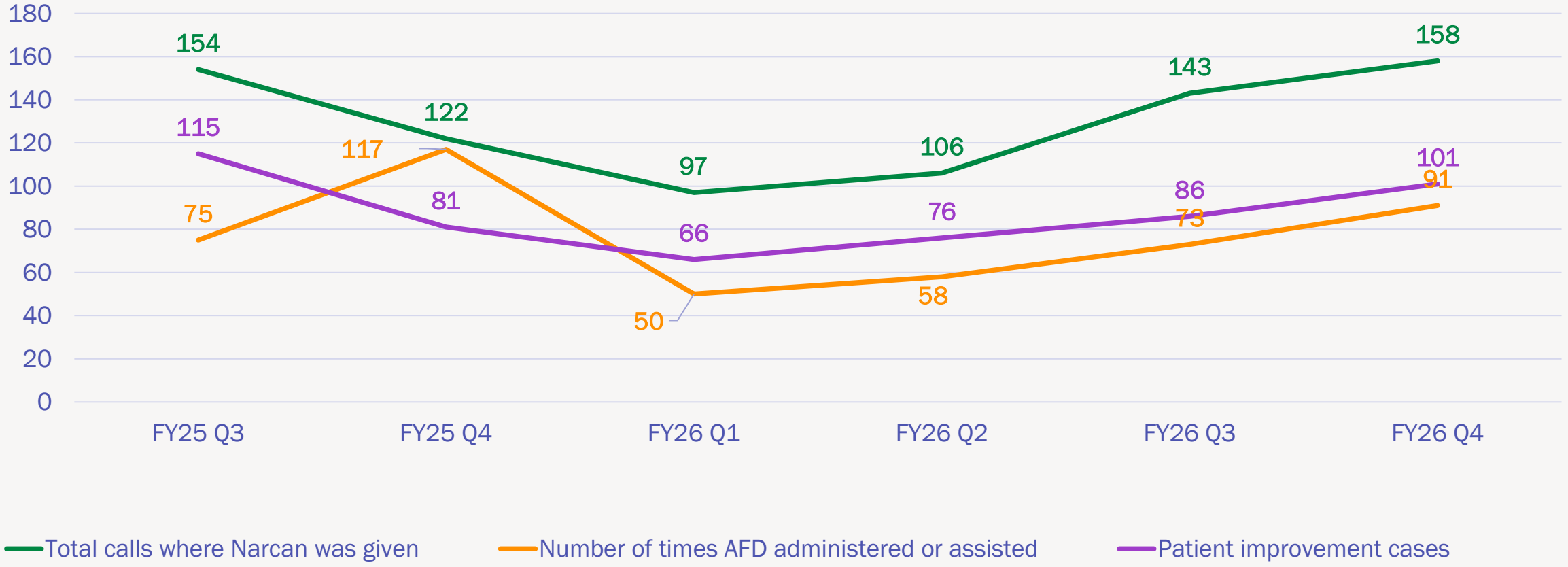
- On July 20th in the early morning, a fire occurred at 2000 Melissa Oaks Ln, in South Austin. AFD and Manchaca Fire/Rescue (ESD 5) responded together. AFD spoke with the homeowner outside, and went into the building to find their cat. Thanks to the combined efforts of the two departments, the fire was confined to the garage and the cat was rescued unharmed.



Manchaca Fire/Rescue personnel providing oxygen to cat.

Overdose Response

All AFD personnel are trained on Naloxone administration and each unit carries the medication. The increase in FY25 Q3 may be due to new reporting requirements for Narcan use starting Dec 2024.



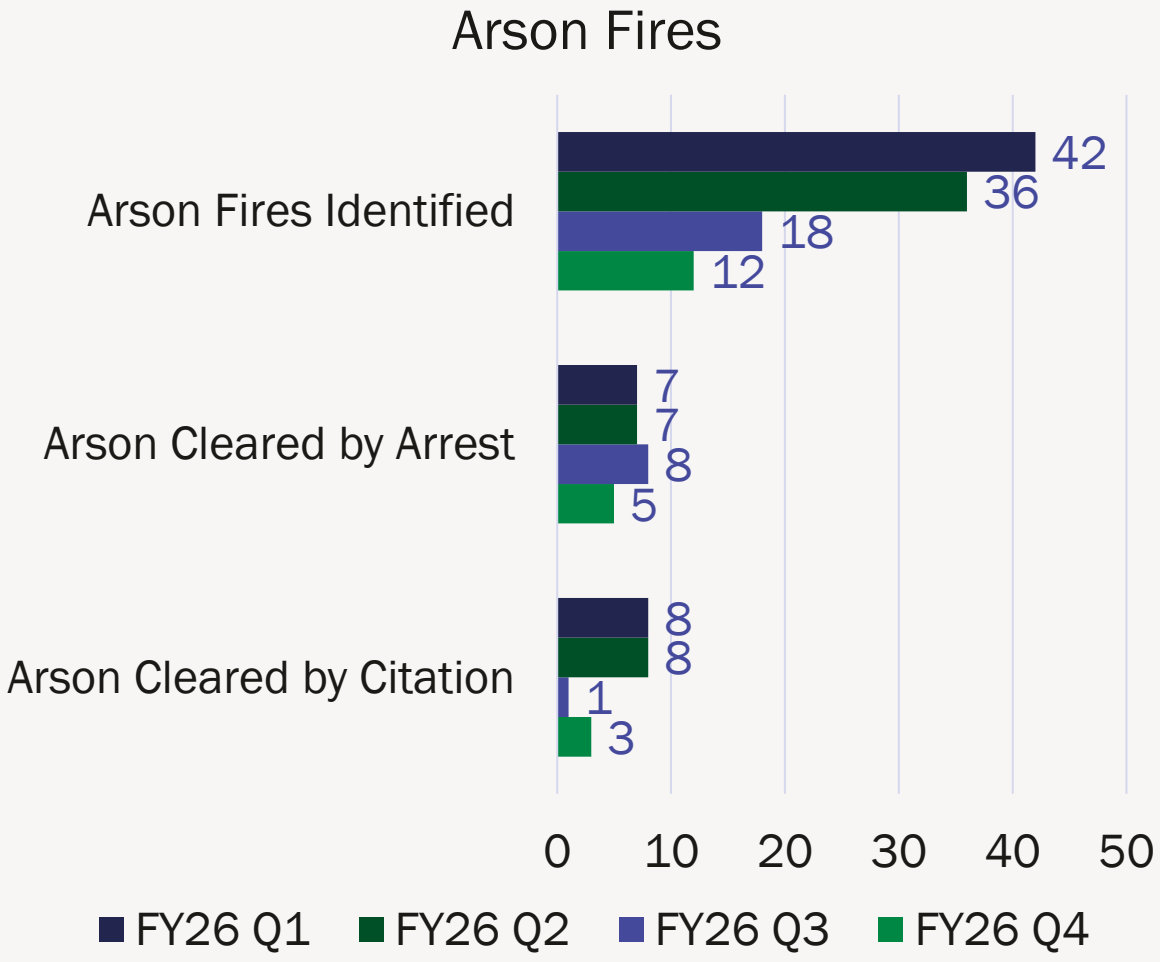
Investigations

Percent of Arson Fires Cleared:

- FY26 Q1: 38%
- FY26 Q2: 47%
- FY26 Q3: 50%
- FY26 Q4: 67%

National Clearance Rate: 22%

FY26 Q1: 42 total fires investigated
FY26 Q2: 34 total fires investigated
FY26 Q3: 18 total fires investigated
FY26 Q4: 12 total fires investigated



Wildfire Division

Fire Adapted Communities

- 3 new Firewise Communities this year, 28 in Austin.
- 427 SIZEs completed for FY 26.
- SIZEs conducted on 1/3 of all AFD Stations to date.

Training

- Wildland Fire Chainsaw Refresher
- (RT-212) conducted.

Outreach

- Aug 5: Wildfire Symposium with Mayor's office.
- Nov 7: First annual Ember Bash fair.
- Current ad campaign for wildfire and community event awareness.

Outreach (contd.)

- 60+ community events in FY 26.
- Supporting community protective action plan presentations with AEM.
- Situational Awareness Platform (SAP) presented at international ESRI GIS Conference in July.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

- Approved for adoption by City Council and Travis County. Commissioner's Court.
- Nov 6 Coalition Implementation Kickoff.
- Dec 7 Signing Ceremony.



Office of the Fire Marshal: Special Events

FY26 Q4:

- **17** tent permits, includes wedding tents
- **36** tradeshows
- **66** west campus fraternity and sorority events
- **81** Outdoor event permits
- **9** soccer games @ Q2
- **33** outdoor concerts
- **31** Permitted Events at Palmer Events Center
- **14** Shifts of PACE SAFER 6 Inspections
- **7** Shifts of Night Inspection



AFD members participating in Cap10K 2026

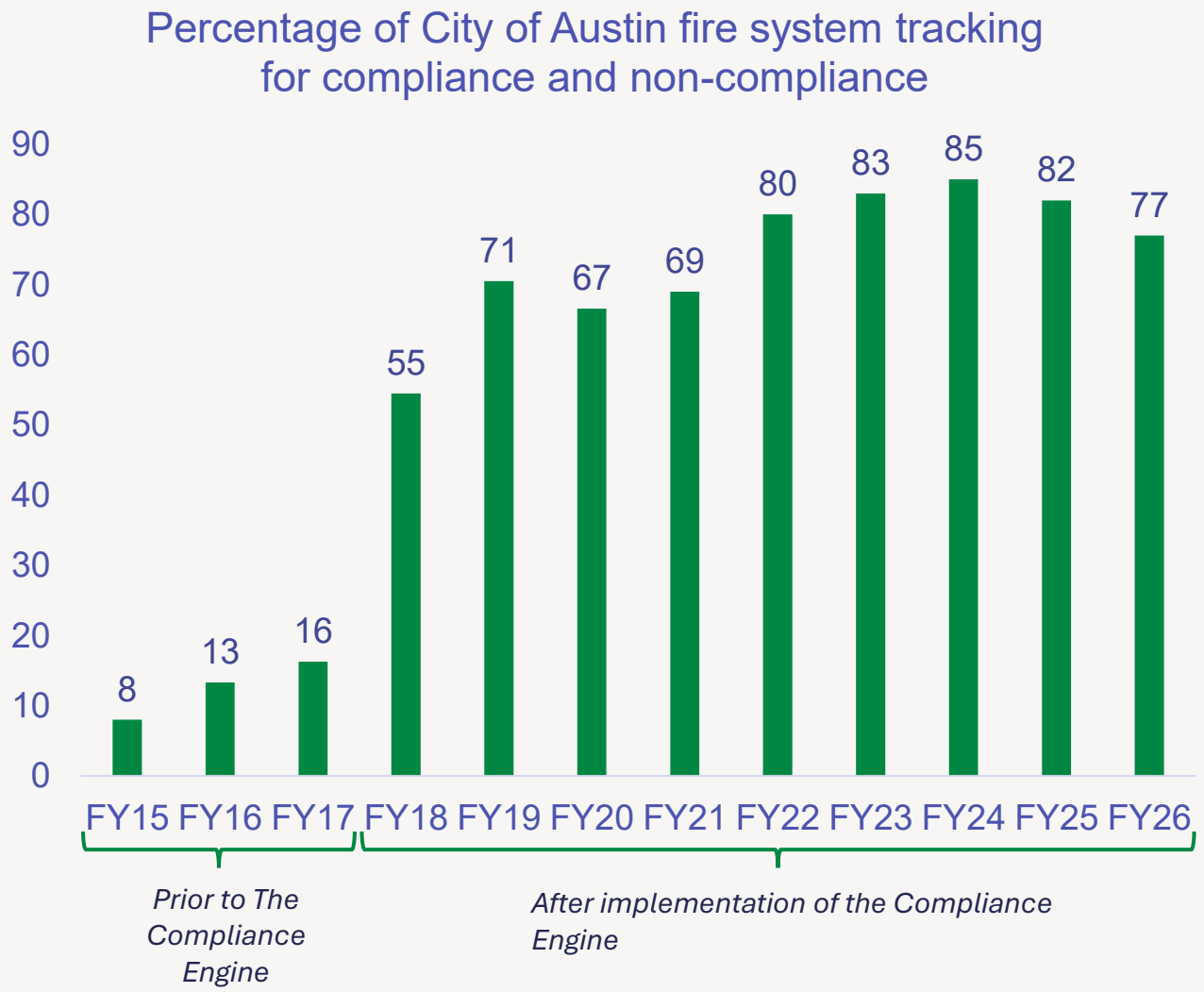
The Compliance Engine

The Compliance Engine (TCE) database tracks compliance and non-compliance for all fire protection systems in commercial properties across the City of Austin.

This allows the Austin Fire to track annual fire systems reports, deficiencies and repair reports and receive immediate notification of system impairments.

FY26 Q4: 77%

Current systems in Compliance Engine:
38,820



Community Outreach

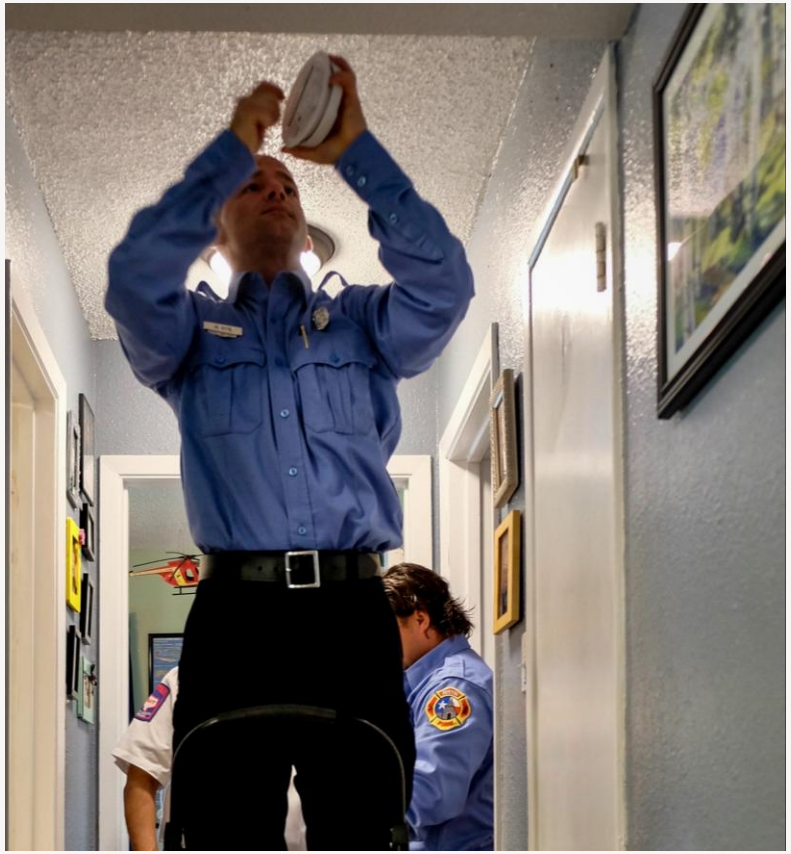
Austin Fire has a vision that residents be fire safe in their homes by providing free smoke alarms and fire safety educational training through Outreach Programs.

Free Smoke Alarms – For homeowners in AFD's Service Area.

- FY 26 Q1: 182
- FY 26 Q2: 363
- FY 26 Q3: 249
- FY 26 Q4: 195

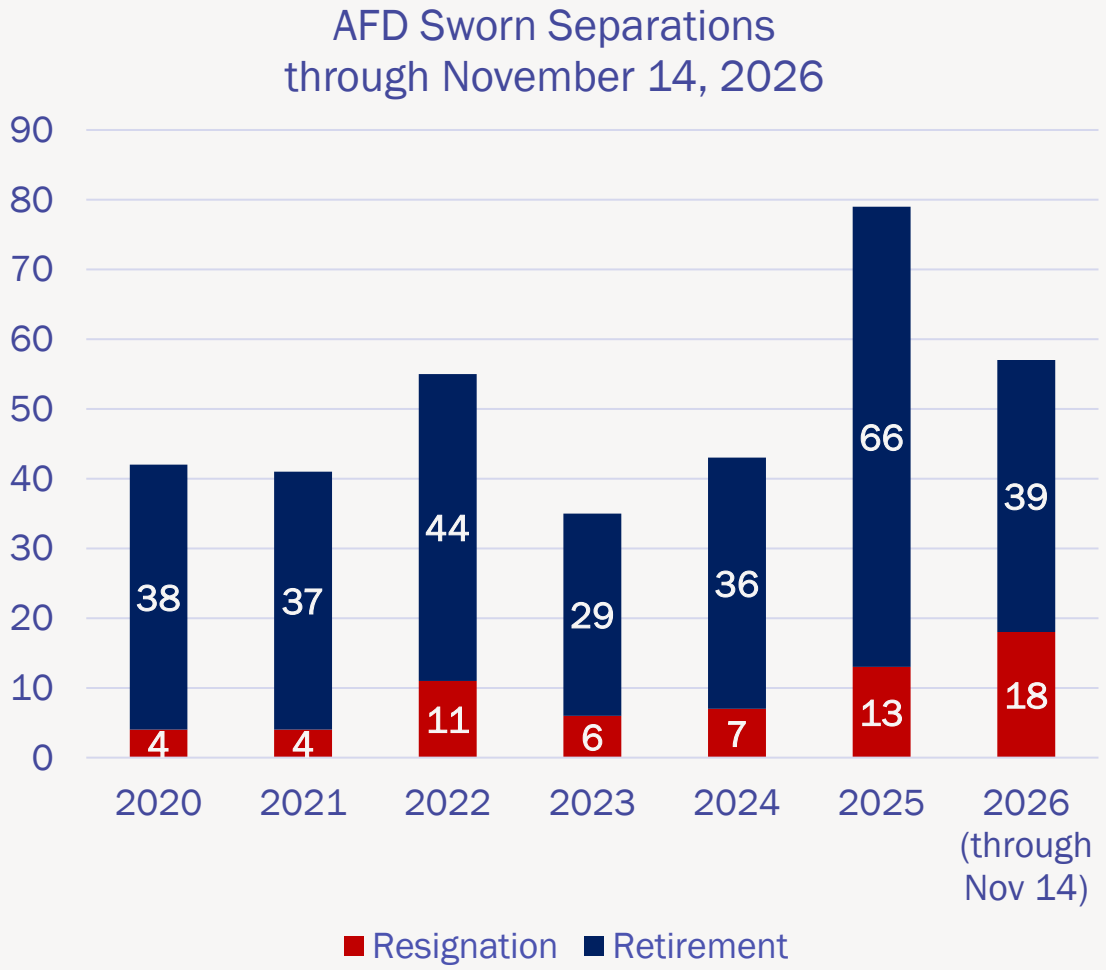
Fire Safety Training – Vital "hands-on" fire extinguisher training and home fire safety awareness demonstrations. Contact (512) 974-0290 or firepubed@austintexas.gov to learn more.

- FY 26 Q1: 360
- FY 26 Q2: 236
- FY 26 Q3: 285
- FY 26 Q4: 262



To request smoke alarms call the Free Smoke Alarm Hotline: 512-974-0299

Separations



Average Years of Service:

- Retirements: 27-30 Years
- Resignations: 2-5 Years

Current sworn vacancies: 79
Current civilian vacancies: 4



Recruiting

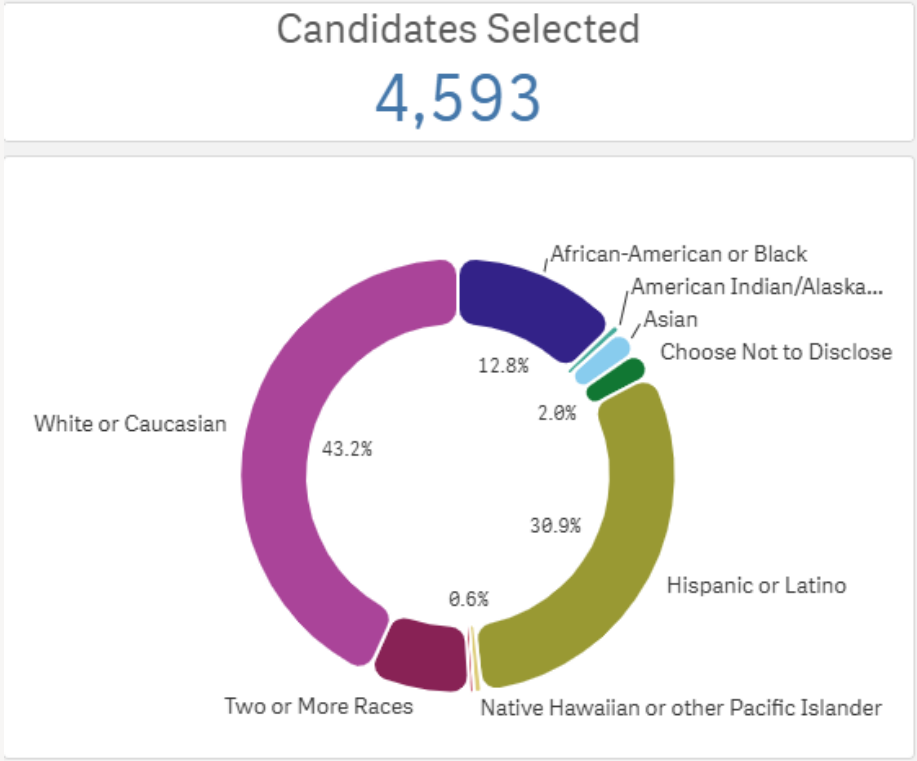
Q4 Updates

- **Lateral Recruiting:** Ran a promotional campaign targeting online fire specific-job boards, social media, and radio messaging, receiving exactly 100 applications

- **Traditional Recruiting:** 4,593 people have expressed interest in joining AFD through traditional recruiting

- **Pass The Torch:** Most recent class graduated 35 students on October 17th. Next class will start in Spring.

- **Explorers:** 15 students participated in October competition in San Antonio, placed 1st or 2nd in three of five categories. Next Explorers class will start in January.



Candidate Interest demographic breakdown

For more, visit **JoinAFD.com**.

Cadet Classes

Cadet Class 142:

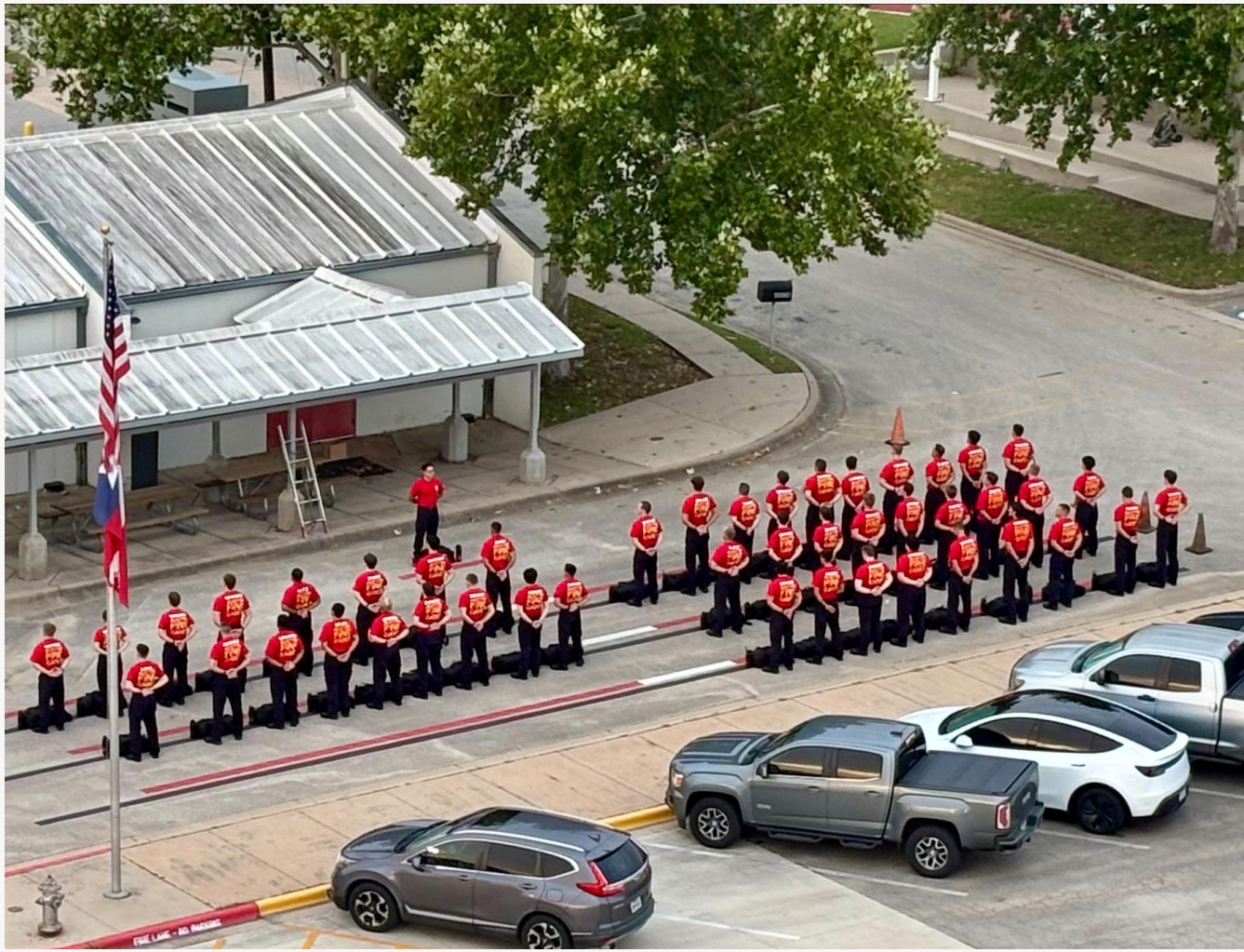
- 46 cadets started July 13, 2026
- 37 cadets expected to graduate January 22, 2027

Cadet Class 143:

- Pre-certified firefighter class: 14-week academy
- 26 cadets started on August 10, 2026
- 25 cadets expected to graduate November 13, 2026

Cadet Class 144:

- Aiming to fill with 50 cadets
- Scheduled to start December 14, 2026
- Expected to graduate June 25, 2026



AFD Cadet Class 142 at the start of their training.

Women in Fire Conference

- AFD hosted the International Women in Fire Conference on Sept 16 – 19, with over 600 attendees from all over the world.
- Several Austin Fire instructors were highlighted in forcible entry, Fireground Survival, Vertical Ventilation, vehicle extrication and ladders.
- Several attendees praised AFD instructors for their expertise and teaching ability, stating that it was some of the best training they'd ever received.
- AFD also recruited at the event.



If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Austin Fire, please visit JoinAFD.com.