



QUILCENE FIRE RESCUE

MONTHLY FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

For
May 2026

Our Mission

"Provide competent and professional fire, rescue, and medical services to the citizens and visitors of Quilcene and Coyle while ensuring the safety, education, and well-being of its members."

Our Vision

"Provide services to the Quilcene and Coyle communities in the form of fire, rescue and medical incident responses, and public safety, fire prevention and public affairs. These services will be provided in an environment of inclusion of all its members and the communities."

Our Core Values

The five QFR Core values in priority order are:

1. FIREFIGHTER SAFETY
2. FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION
3. EFFICIENT OPERATIONS
4. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR
5. CLEAR POLICY /CONCISE PROCEDURE

"We serve to save"

Governance and Administration:

- JeffCom – JeffCom and PenCom continue to research cloud-based CAD. Work continues with new APCO CBD programs. New rollout of potential plan for Jeff County DEM to go under JeffCom board – in the information gathering stage.
- CARES Program – Working with OCH to enhance our programs to get closer to our deliverables. They want 40 clients on average and we average 20. With enhanced plan we can get to 30 with no problems today and set the goal of 40 by end of 2026.
- Grant Updates – FIIRE Program grant is due by June 30. Our focus is on air purification at stations 21 & 22. We are working on outfitting the new brush rig with funding from the 1168 Operations grant; June 25 rollout.
- DOH Workforce Grant – On-going with a focus on recruit and retention. Also, they are aware of the potential for a regional ALS in Jefferson County. Another grant on the horizon is the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). Washington State was awarded \$181 million out of this \$50 billion federal initiative with a focus on funding to rural counties and agencies to modernize EMS and transport services to reduce delays in trauma and medical patients.
- FEMA AFG grant – SAFER out with a June 22 deadline but big changes to the program (50/50 match) making it difficult to apply.
- On-going stakeholders meetings with timber sales and trust lands

External Relationships.

- CADET program with Brinnon Fire at Quilcene School is moving forward. The program is supported by school administration and other schools in the county are also interested. Information in the report from Coordinator
- On-going dialog with the Quilcene Emergency Volunteers Association on 2026 Events and plans for new missions.

Fire Prevention

- Community Risk Reduction is starting back up with the funding from DNR. Working on a plan with the team and HOA that are interested in home assessments. Assessment program is attached to the Deputy Chiefs Report
- We are back to having Monday night drills and they are going well; Discovery Bay is joining us as well.

Upcoming Events

- June 22 Monday and every Monday after that until August at 1000 “Coffee with the Chief” for the public to talk with the Chief and Team
- June 25 4-6pm Open Forum with all entities and agencies running on the Aug ballot. Here at Station 21.

Apparatus Readiness:

- Crews will remain in the GMC Aid Unit for the month of June to relieve mileage issues on the Ram Unit.
- B21 is currently at Clallam County being outfitted with updated lighting, siren, and other items for the upcoming brush fire season. Once it is completed it will be headed to the Sign Shop for QFR stickering.
 - **UPDATE:** B21 remains at Callam for outfitting. We should be getting B21 back soon (no date yet) They were having problems with their Ford software and we are still waiting to hear back. When we get it back it will still be sent to the sign shop for signage.
- A new intake valve has been put in service for E21. All crews have been familiarized with the new valve and are happy with its performance. Paperwork has been submitted to surplus the old valve.
- The CARES vehicle has been experiencing some issues with low air pressure in the tires. Particularly in 2 of them. I have had Robert Evans on site to assess the tires and mitigate the leaks. The tires that have been selected are a 65,000 mile tire. A highway tire with better all season and all terrain abilities. These tires were selected due to some of the less than desirable driveways that the CARES team must access in inclement weather.
 - **UPDATE:** The new tires have arrived ahead of schedule and Evans Tire Co. has installed them and new tire pressure sensors without issue.
- The CARES vehicle has lost several of their magnetic identification signs for the side of the vehicle. So after talking with the CARES team we have decided to get permanent graphics. We are still waiting on a quote from the Sign Shop to move forward with.

Station 21 Building Maintenance

- I have informed our current vendors that, although we have been in contact recently regarding repairs, we are conducting a reserve study to better determine what repairs are needed. Note reserve study was completed on schedule and we were told we should have results back in a month though it may take longer because they have a large client list that they are working thru.
- The new motherboard has been installed into the heater in the Annex. All systems are now operating as they should, apart from the blower motor. I am attempting to discover why that is.
 - **UPDATE:** We are still trouble shooting the problem. We believe it may be the capacitor; working on getting the equipment to conform.

Report Date: 06/08/2026			
Apparatus ID	Year & Make	Station Assignment	Mileage
BLS unit			
A21	2018 Dodge Ram 3500	21 Quilcene	82151.6
A21A	2016 GMC K3500	21 Quilcene	69227.0
Brush truck			
B21	2016 Ford	21 Quilcene	78077.5
B21A	2008 Ford	21 Quilcene	N/A
B22	2024 Ford	22 Coyle	1550.5
Chief officer car			
C201	2020 Ford	Chief	69017.0
C202	2005 Chevrolet	Deputy Chief	114967.0
Engine			
E21	2005 Freightliner	21 Quilcene	46208.5
E22	1996 Ford	22 Coyle	30939.1
Tanker or tender			
T21	2018 Freightliner	21 Quilcene	8633.6
Support apparatus, other			
CARES21	2019 Ford Edge	21 Quilcene	59943.5
U21	2005 Chevrolet	21 Quilcene	200982.0
U22	2008 Ford	22 Coyle	123307.1



Significant Events and Service Delivery:

- B-Shift responded to 19 calls in May.

Training and Competency:

- Tyson and I taught a Vehicle Extrication class in Dist 4.

Physical Resources and Quality of Life Old News:

- I have been attending the Monthly Jeffcom User Meetings to voice any questions, comments, issues, or concerns QFR has when it comes to working with our Jeffcom partners and topics regarding response and dispatch.
- We have an issue with our Kenwood Radios being not fully compatible with Jeffcom's repeaters. Kenwood has rolled out a fix, and we should be implementing that into our radios after EJFR and Jeffcom Tests the update.
- I will continue to assist with the South County medic Program from the Unions side.

Physical Resources and Quality of Life New Business:

- SCBA Fit testing will be 6/8 and 6/9.
- I will be working with Billy to set up new security cameras around the admin building and station. Put on the back burner for more important tasks.
- ESO has finally rolled out admin configurations for our NERIS Fire Reporting. I have configured it to make sure we are capturing important data. It's been working great and we are now capturing that data more accurately.
- I have been using Google's NotebookLM and other AI software to create free AI videos and flyers for department safety, updates and levy facts to the public. It's been working great and has become an important tool for our social media messaging.
- Our WEMIS ESO configuration is doing great. We are waiting for the Q2 data to be released to see where our score has improved. Our Q1 data score quality was 85.0% we expect to see it in the mid-to-high 90% range in Q2.
- I have joined the EMS council as the representative from Quilcene Fire Rescue and as a representative for the Union.

Staffing (next 30 days):

- I have no vacation planned for June.

Significant Events and Service Delivery:

- C-Shift personnel responded to roughly 20 incidents during the month of March 2026.
- Hydrant water usage for Quilcene & Coyle totaled approximately 5,000 gallons used:
 - Incidents: 500 Gallons used for incidents.
 - Training: 3,000 gallons used for drills and pump operations review
 - Maintenance: 1500 gallons used for cleaning equipment and pump checks.
- WRN program community outreach and education open house scheduled for late June.
- Continue to monitor weather outlooks and fuels data for summer and coordinate with County Fire Marshal, Olympic DNR, and local fire agencies for response planning.
- Multiple community support and public education events scheduled for June.

Training and Competency:

- Completed draft of two-year district training schedule (NFPA/WAC/WSRB aligned.)
- Advanced build-out of volunteer onboarding system: SOP/SOG drafts, onboarding checklist, support personnel task book, workflow flowchart, and training matrix.
- Developed HazMat Awareness & ERG lesson outlines and slide structure.
- Coordinated annual SCBA fit testing with FF/EMT Torres; communicated requirements for structural personnel and academy-bound members.
- Managed N95 fit-testing delays due to supply backorders; rescheduled for late June/early July and prepared updated PPE care/use/maintenance guidance.
- Provided ongoing EMS documentation coaching to improve SOAP narrative quality and compliance.
- Develop standardized follow-up/after-action report template for incident review and officer use.
- Develop ride-along program materials: candidate handout, officer checklist, and SOG/SOP language.
- Drafted evaluation comments and coaching notes to support member development and performance reviews.
- Drill Planning & Training Delivery.
- Began assembling materials for scenario-based structural, wildland, and EMS rotations.
- Conducted research on training platforms (Fire Engineering Training, First Due partnership, B-Shifter/Blue Card).
- Reviewed fire dynamics simulation tools (FDS/SMV) for future training integration.
- Explored SharePoint/M365 for long-term document control, training library organization, and onboarding workflow automation.
- Support Brinnon/Quilcene Cadet training outlines and delivery for vehicle extrication drills.
- Multiple vehicles waiting to be donated for future training and possible County MCI extrication drill in the Fall.

Physical Resources and Quality of Life:

- Received iPad and Apple Pencil for use on WRN Home Visits.
- Initiated Galls and MES vendor review for PPE and Uniform items.

Staffing (next 60 days):

- Vacation scheduled for June 2026.

Expected Building Maintenance

- John Hansen is working on replacing the broken sliding window on the side of Station 22.

Apparatus

- E22 in service, B22 in service, U22 in service.
- Brush 22 got new tires installed for off-road and winter conditions.

Coyle Team Availability

- Captain Thane Grooms FGS, Billy Brush FGS, Steve Sund FGS/EMT, Tim Mickelson FGS, John Hansen FGS

New Volunteer Onboarding

- Three new applicants have had medical and background checks completed. They have each taken part in a ride-along day with duty crew. Near the end of June, they will have completed initial requirements to receive dispatch apps, logins and pagers. They will act as hands-on observers during calls with Coyle volunteers and duty crews over the coming months as they continue training.

Training

- Wildland 101 review – May 11th
- Foam operations for Engine 22 – May 13th
- KnoxBox Training – May 20th
- Wildland Aviation (Capt. Grooms) – May 27th
- EMS Skills Triage Drill – June 6th
- Continuing skills development with videos and drills

Incidents

- 5/14/26 20:02 Harrington Dr, Residential Fire Alarm – E22 arrived with nothing found, assisted E21 to reset alarm system with remote homeowner.
- 5/19/26 19:02 Coyle Rd, ALS Difficulty Breathing – U22 Assisted assesment and loading with Aid/Medic
- 5/29/26 14:57 Camp Discovery Rd, Traffic Accident – E22 & U22 went enroute, stood down by A21
- 5/29/26 15:32 Leland Valley Rd, Brush Fire – B22 went enroute, stood down by B21
- 5/29/26 22:03 Coyle Rd, BLS Laceration – Coyle volunteers stood down
- 5/31/26 17:29 Maple St, ALS Overdose – U22 gave incoming units updates and assisted with patient
- 6/3/26 20:01 Camp Discovery Rd, BLS Dizziness – Coyle volunteers stood down

Miscellaneous

- 4 fire hydrants on Hazel Point Rd have been cleared back to give the hydrants 30 inches of clearance and block retaining walls have been installed. PUD said they would be clearing the rest at a later date and all would be repainted.



Monthly Activity

- Quilcene Fire CARES continues to be available to meet the needs of QFR, Brinnon and Discovery Bay fire districts as well as referrals through Olympic Connect.
- As of June 8, we have 12 clients enrolled in Olympic Connect. Following up on 911 calls and referrals from the Duty Crew continues to be our primary source of clients.
- Kimberly, Chief McKern, and Sec’y Rewitzer met with Lauryn Garrett of Olympic Connect to discuss how QFR CARES could better meet case expectation for the current OCH contract. CARES is steadily increasing our caseload metrics, which supports OCH in justifying their continued support for CARES. OCH is the only regional community care hub in Washington that has chosen to partner with CARES programs. QFR CARES doesn’t exactly fit into the funding model, being that we are a small district that generates most of our clients from 911 calls. OCH continues to see the benefit of partnering with Mobile Integrated Health programs and continues to work with QFR CARES to support common goals.

DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORTSec’y Bob Rewitzer

Payroll & Finance

- **Processed May payroll** on schedule despite navigating complex PFML configuration requirements.
- **Reconciled all accounts** successfully for the month of May.
- **Transitioned propane vendors** from Kitsap to CHS, cutting fuel costs by \$0.55/gallon and eliminating delivery fees and fuel surcharges. This shift saved \$340 in May alone. CHS also repaired a generator tank vent at no additional cost.
- **Initiated Microsoft 365/Teams migration** led by Administrative Assistant Brush. Consolidating our split Google/Microsoft setup into a single platform will slash our annual Pacific Office Equipment (POE) IT costs by over 50%, saving the District more than \$3,000 annually.

Ambulance Billing

- Staff made significant progress on required tracking and auditing. Administrative Assistant Brush collaborated with Systems Design to pull additional reporting and establish a robust new tracking process.

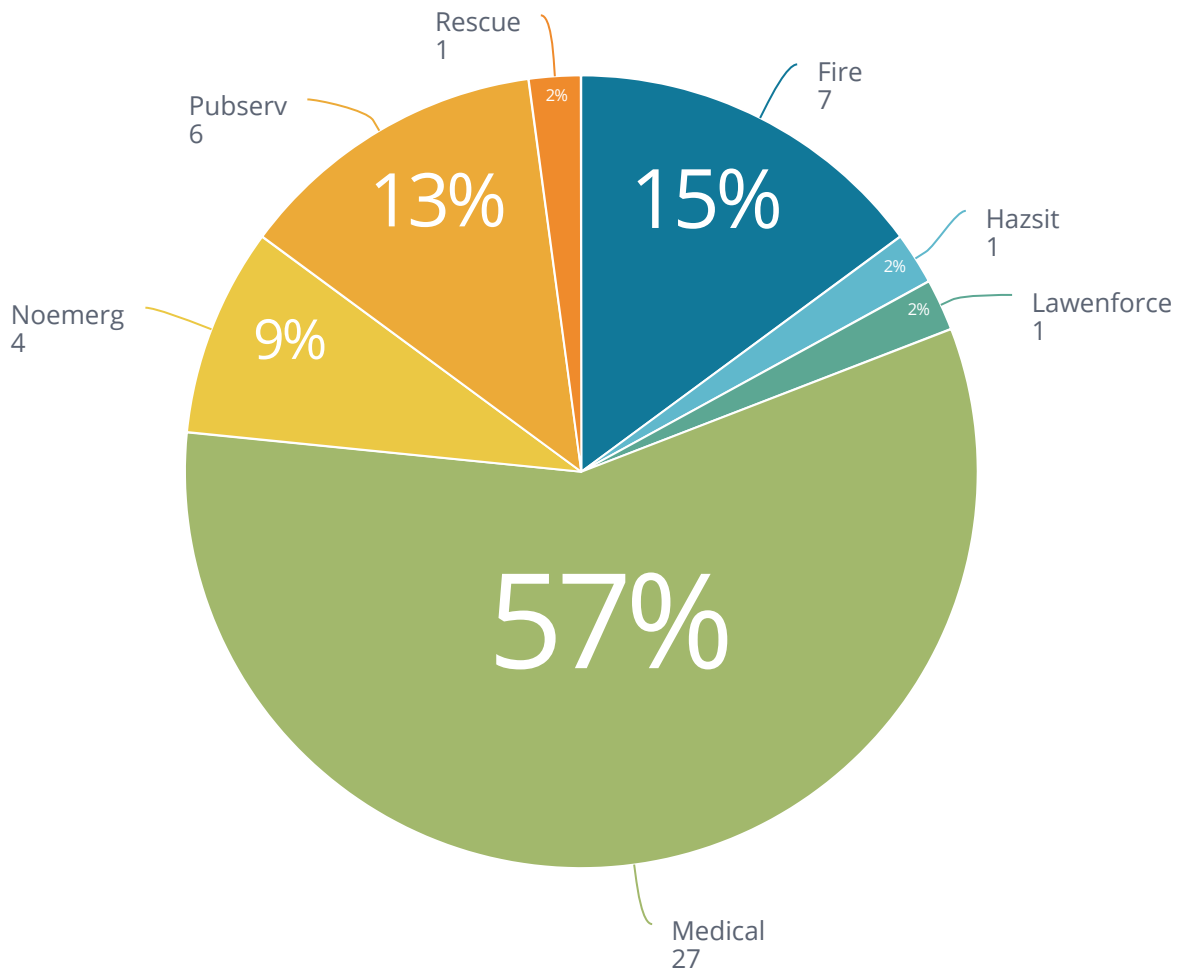
Training

- Attended a Payroll Corrections webinar by Springbrook Express on June 9.

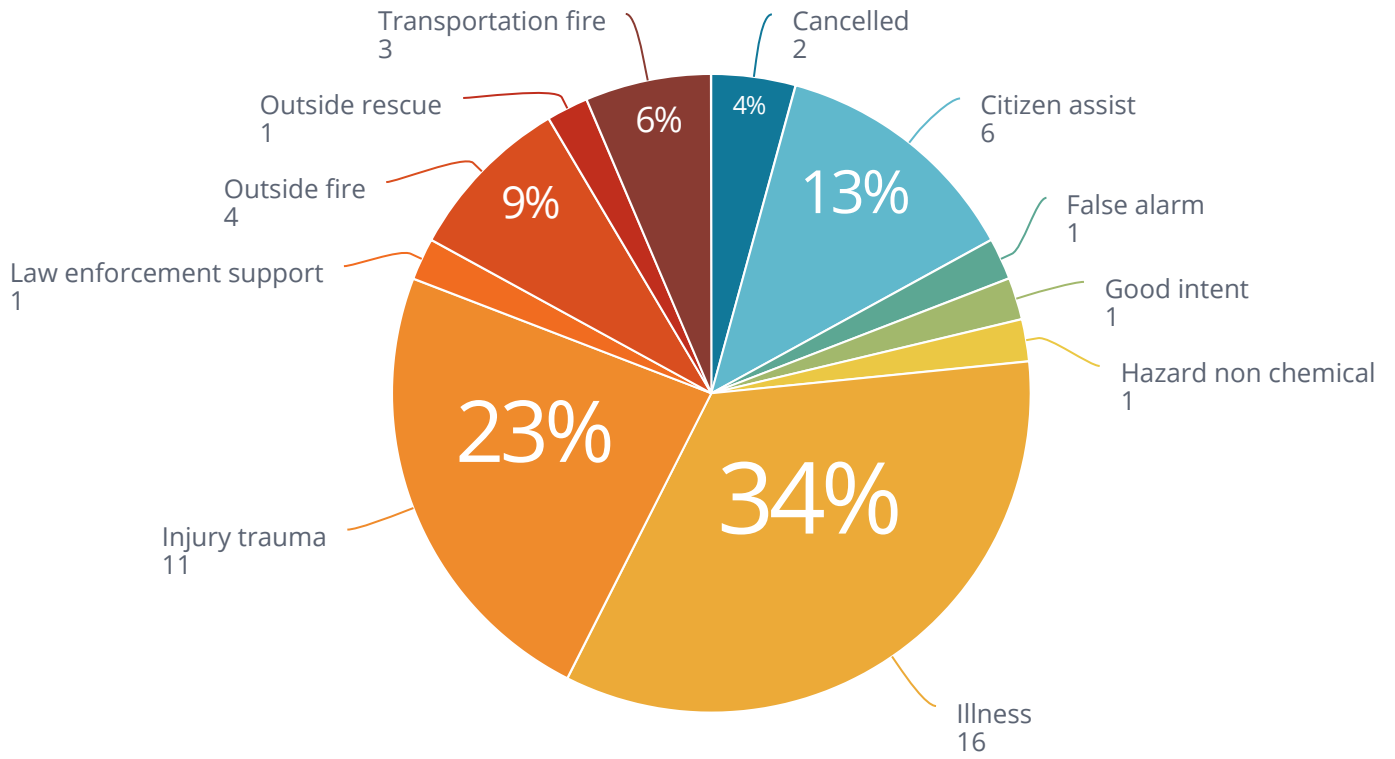
QFR Response Stats - May 2026

Total Incidents	Medical Incidents	Fire Incidents	Other Incidents	Mutual Aid
Count of Incidents 47	Count of EMS Calls 27	Count of Fire Calls 7	Count of Other Calls 13	Aid Given 13
Count of Exposures 2	Percent of EMS Calls 57.45%	Percent of Fire Calls 14.89%	Percent of Other C... 27.66%	Aid Received 18

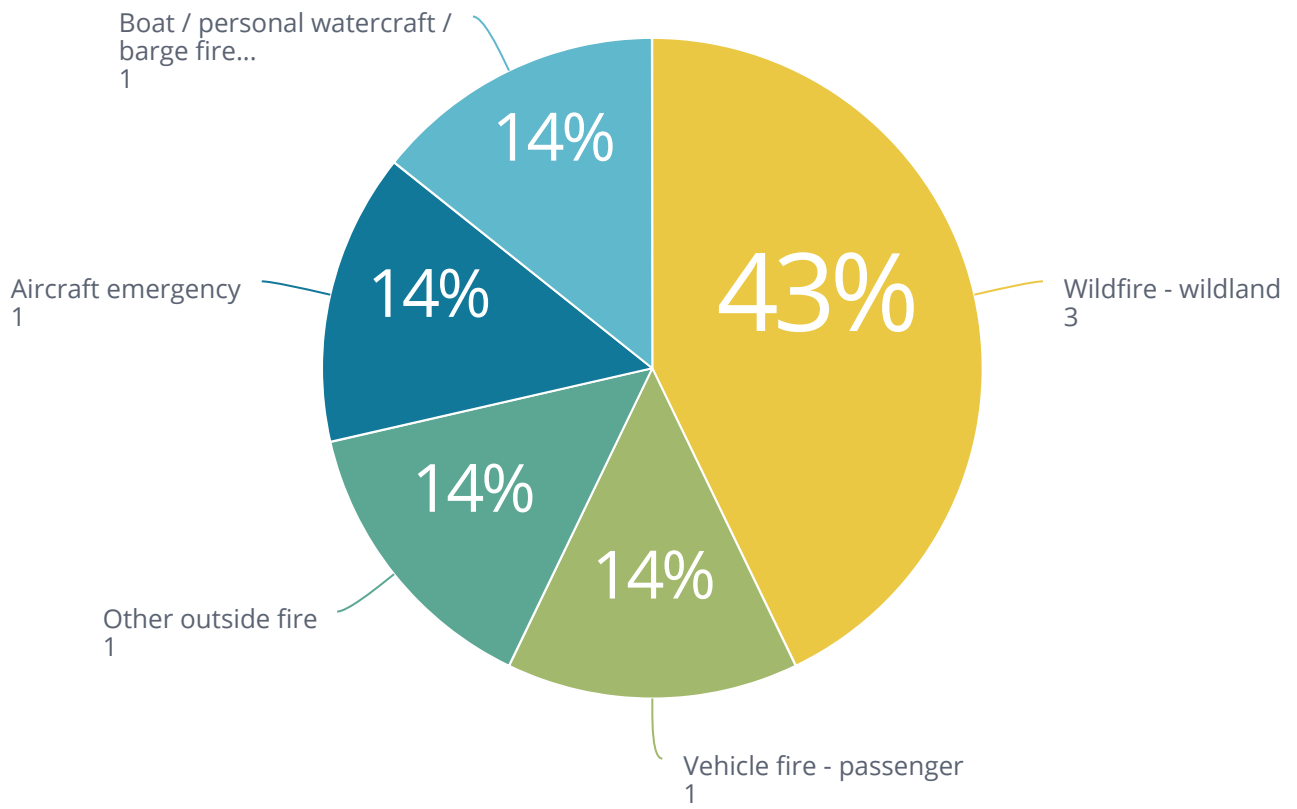
Incidents by Type



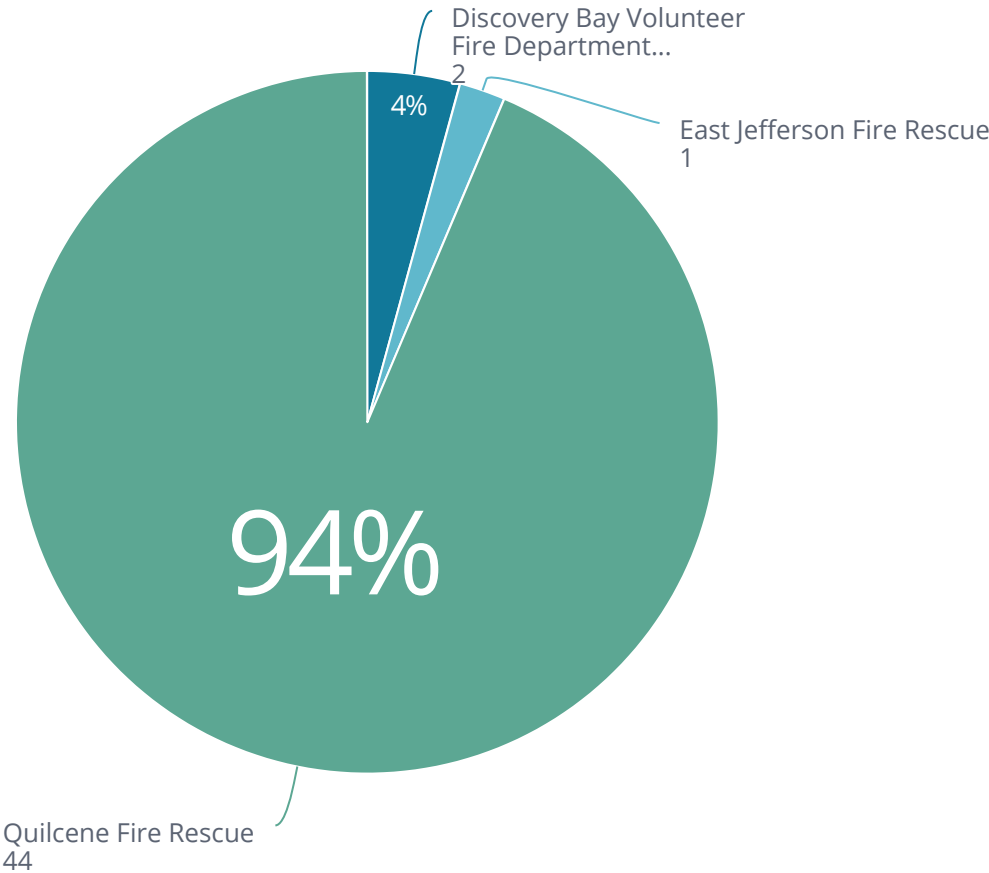
Incidents by Sub Category



Fire Incidents



Incidents by District



QFR Response Stats - Year to Date

Total Incidents

Count of Incidents
249

Count of Exposures **5**

Medical Incidents

Count of EMS Calls
176

Percent of EMS Calls **70.68%**

Fire Incidents

Count of Fire Calls
13

Percent of Fire Calls **5.22%**

Other Incidents

Count of Other Calls
60

Percent of Other C... **24.10%**

Mutual Aid

Aid Given
63

Aid Received **89**

Incidents by Type

