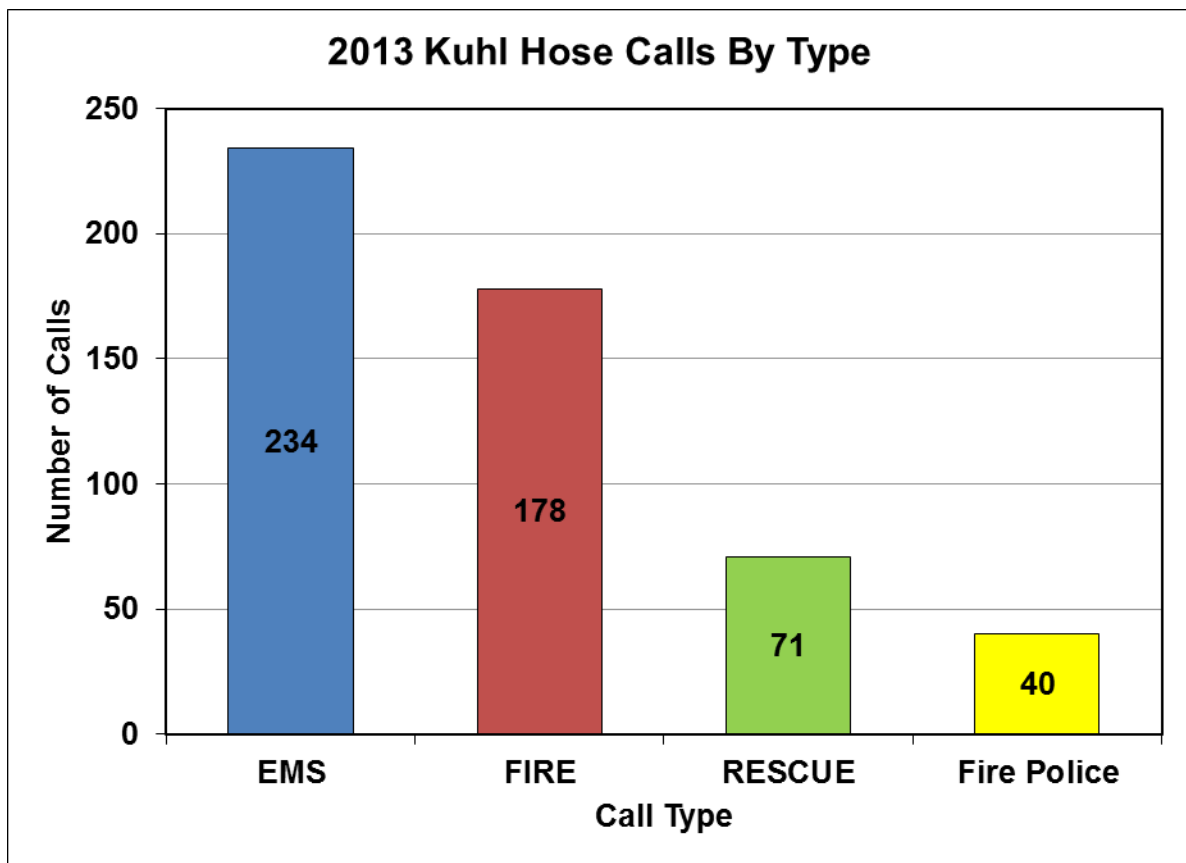




## Kuhl Hose 2013 Annual Report

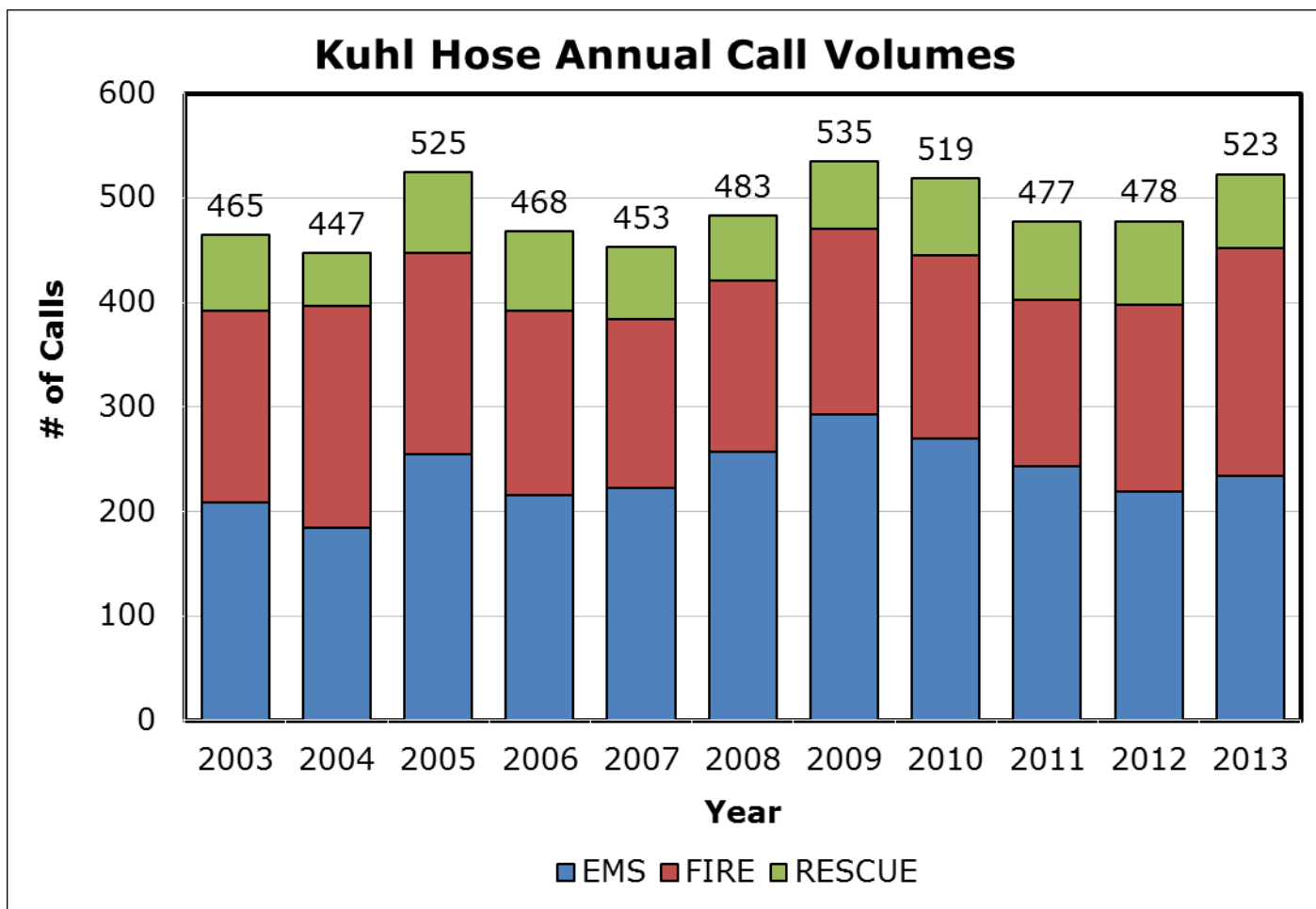


**Total Calls – 523**

1948, Post War America, Greene Township a small rural farm community, was struggling to become a better place. In an effort to progress forward, a group known as the "East Greene Community Organization" consisting of husbands and wives, who had been meeting for several years decided to start a Fire Company. Prior to the Kuhl Hose Company if there was a fire or other emergency in Greene Township, companies from Belle Valley, Wattsburg, Stancliff (Waterford,) or North East were summoned to help. By the time those Fire Companies arrived there was not much to save due to their distance and no prompt way for them to be notified.

A group of 11 men at a meeting October 31, 1948, signed the paperwork for a charter and sent it along with \$35 of their own money to Harrisburg. The dedication of the men from the first meeting continues today in the organization that they built, Kuhl Hose Company.

Kuhl Hose is celebrating 65 years of service to the community in 2014 with a dedicated group of citizens who give back to their community day and night providing fire, rescue and ambulance services. Our roster boasts a nicely aggregated list of men and women from many walks of life and experience including: Farmers, business men and women, fulltime health care providers, teachers, truck drivers and local home owners including young citizens. Each member commits many hours of service that include training, fundraising and business management while answering over 500 emergency calls in 2013 alone. Their dedication to community is often only recognized by their families, and their fellow firefighters, who truly realize what today volunteer firefighters commit to do.



\*FIRE totals includes Fire Police calls

**From the Fire Chief  
Don Erbin Jr. 680**

On behalf of the members of the Kuhl Hose Company, it is with a great sense of pride and accomplishment that we present to you the 2013 Year End Report.

The year 2013 again proved to be a busy year for emergency responses. A total of 523 runs were made. Although this is not a record year it is a larger number of responses than in the previous few years.

State required certification and re-certifications for our firefighters and Emergency Medical Service personnel requires many hours of continuing education. We strive to provide excellent training programs that fulfill minimum state requirements. To maintain excellence, our personnel need continued exposure to additional education, through various schools and seminars, in EMS and fire.

With equipment, education and training we are able to continue to hold the Voluntary Rescue Recognition Programs Basic level certification as well are currently at 56% and continue to work toward our 100% goal participation in the State program for fire department professional certification recognition.

The accomplishments of the Kuhl Hose Company in 2013 were only possible through the ongoing dedication of each member and their commitment to our community. It is to each of them that I extend my appreciation. I am very proud of our members and their accomplishments and I am excited to see our organization continue to improve and grow in 2014 as we begin celebrating our 65th Anniversary.

**From the Safety Officer  
Carl D. Martin - 68-S1**

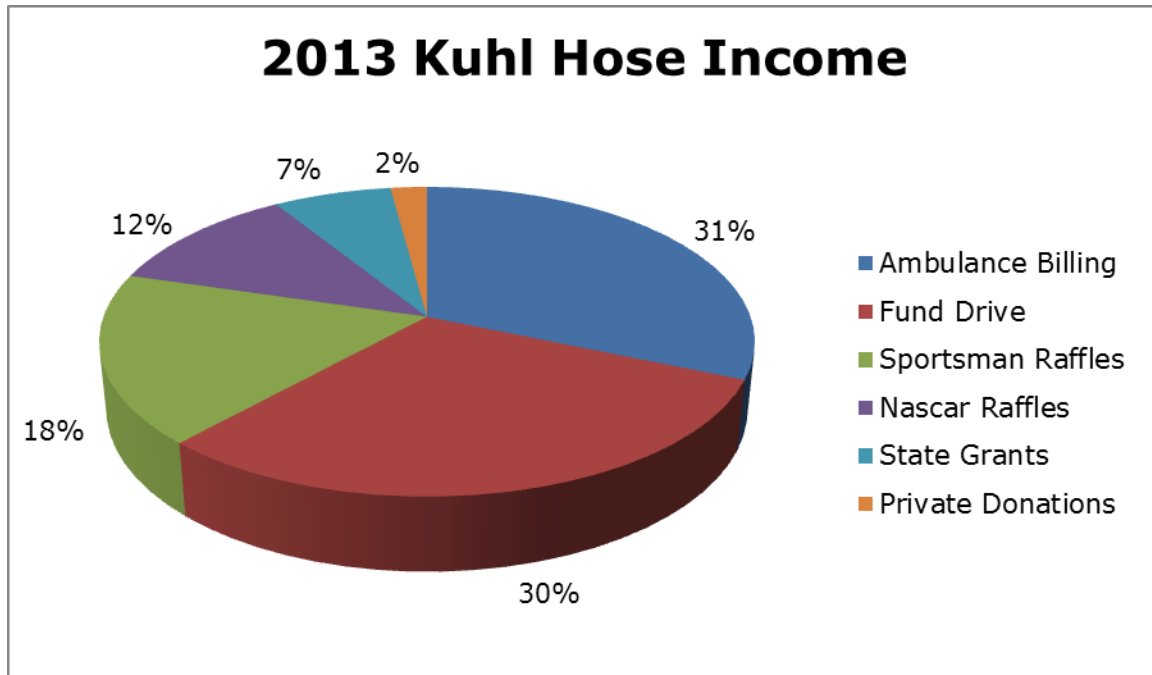
This year we developed and implemented a safety committee. It was formed to allow broader examination of incidents and concerns. The committee meets once a month, reviews any incidents and safety concerns, makes recommendations to the Fire Chief and President who addresses the issues or gives direction to the committee. The committee also conducted building inspections, maintain a log of all safety concerns and incidents allowing us tracking and easier follow up. The committee concerned over one injury on the fire ground secured and installed safety guards on the fol-da-tanks.

Total number of incidents reviewed: 8

Events: 5 Fire 1 EMS 1 Drill 1 Fund Raiser	Injuries: 5 Strains 1 Laceration 1 Burn 1 Medical	Events: 5 Fire 1 EMS 1 Drill 1 Fund Raiser	Causes: 1 Rescue Attempt 1 Improper Lighting 3 Improper lifting/body mechanics 1 Faulty equipment/guards 1 Medical 1 Weather
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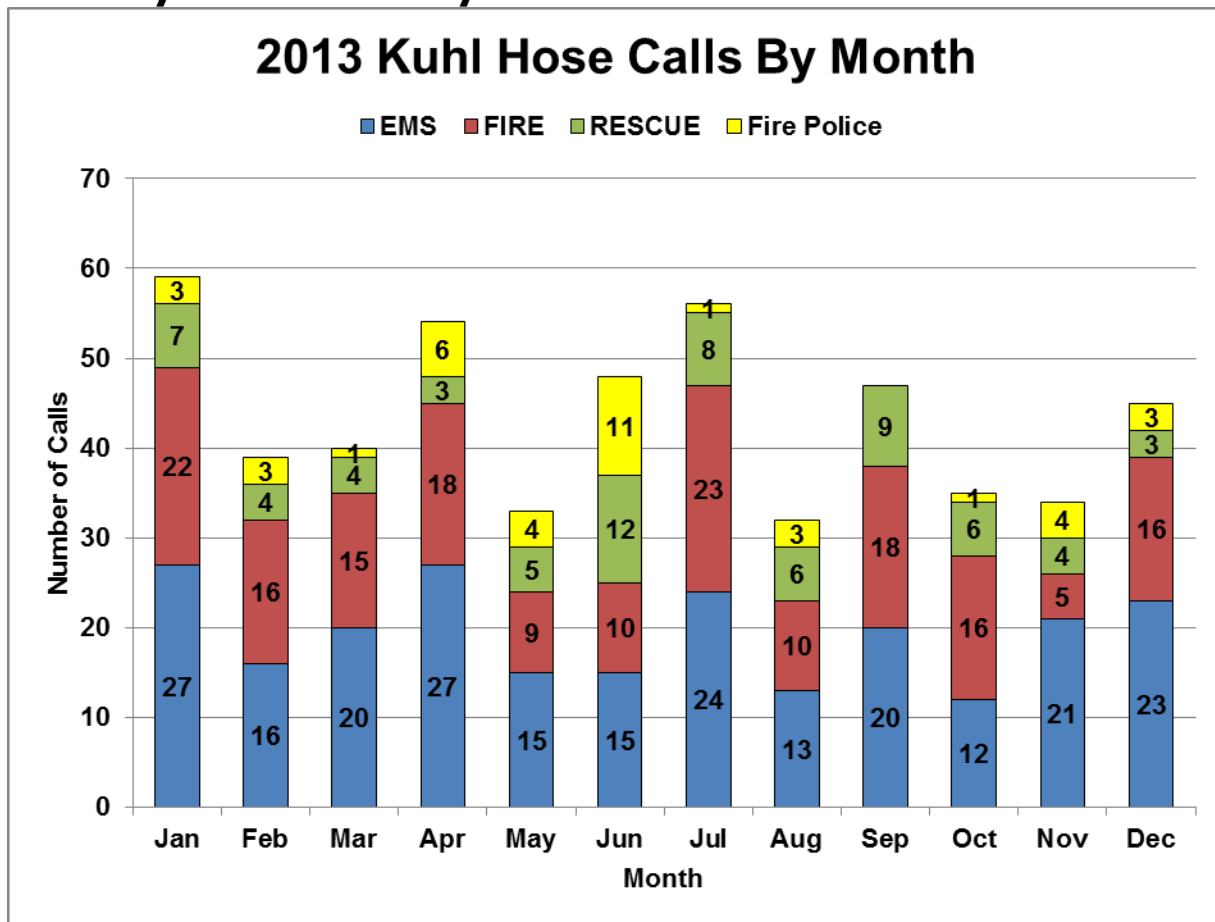
**From the President  
Chuck Will**

It takes much more than a list of volunteers to operate a modern fire and ambulance service. It takes a lot of money. Kuhl Hose is mostly self-funded and totally self-managed. We have strictly monitored business practices and spend our money wisely for the needs of our community while providing the safest equipment and training available for our members. Annually, Kuhl Hose raises over a quarter-of-a -million dollars with volunteer workers. All the money is used to provide equipment, training and facilities for Greene Township and our neighboring communities.



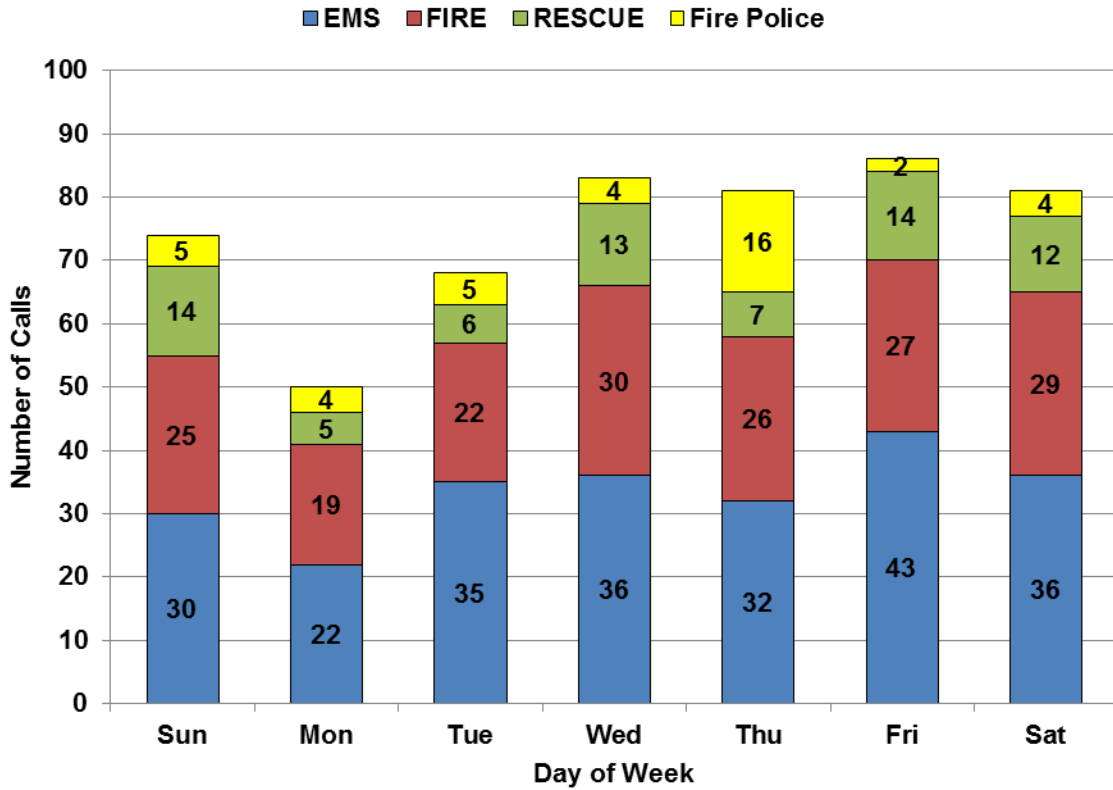
In 2013, Kuhl Hose began budgeting to acquire a piece of land to build a new fire station. This fire station would replace the two smaller fire stations on Kuhl and Barton Roads. These fire stations are nearly 60 years old and are too small for modern fire apparatus. As well a new station will provide many new options for the department and community. This proposed fire station will be planned and built to protect Greene Township for the next 75 or more years. It is expected to take 5 to 10 years before a new fire station will be built allowing time to raise the needed funds. Kuhl Hose will continue to maintain the existing fire station at Rt 8 and Rescue Lane. This station will remain and continue to be our main building.

# Monthly Call Summary

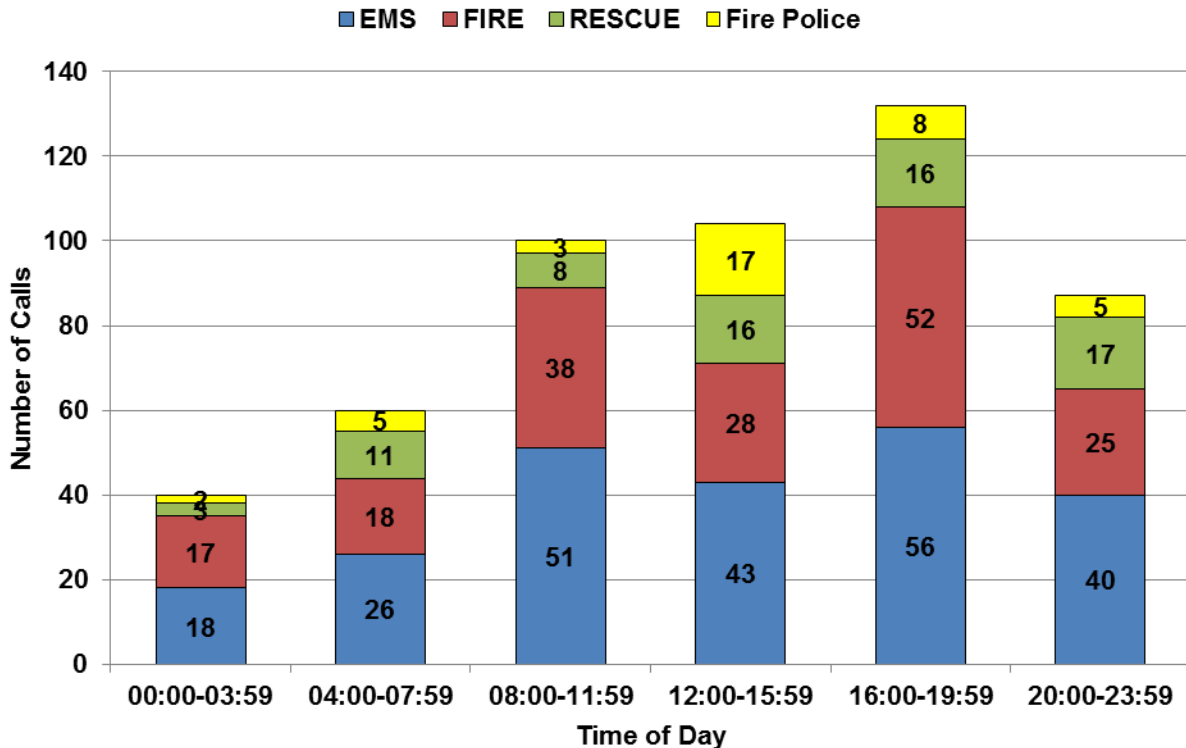


Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
EMS	27	16	20	27	15	15	24	13	20	12	21	24	234
Structure Fire	7	9	8	7	2	7	10	4	5	9	2	4	74
MVA	6	4	3	3	4	12	7	7	9	6	4	2	67
AFA	10	3	4	3	4	2	9		11	6	3	9	64
Traffic Control	3	3	2	6	4	11	1	3		1	4	2	40
Standby	1	1		1			1	2					6
Investigation	1			1			1	1	2				6
Vehicle Fire			1	1	1		1	2					6
Wildland Fire				3	1		1						5
Chimney Fire	2		2										4
Tree Down				1						1		1	3
CO Alarm		2		1									3
Specialized Rescue	1						1					1	3
Pump Detail	1	1											2
Wires Down						1						1	2
Water Rescue					1								1
Fire Police												1	1
Fuel Spill												1	1
Citizen Assist					1								1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>523</b>

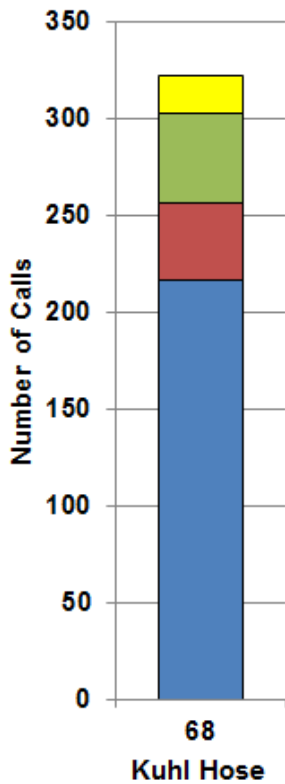
## 2013 Kuhl Hose Calls By Day



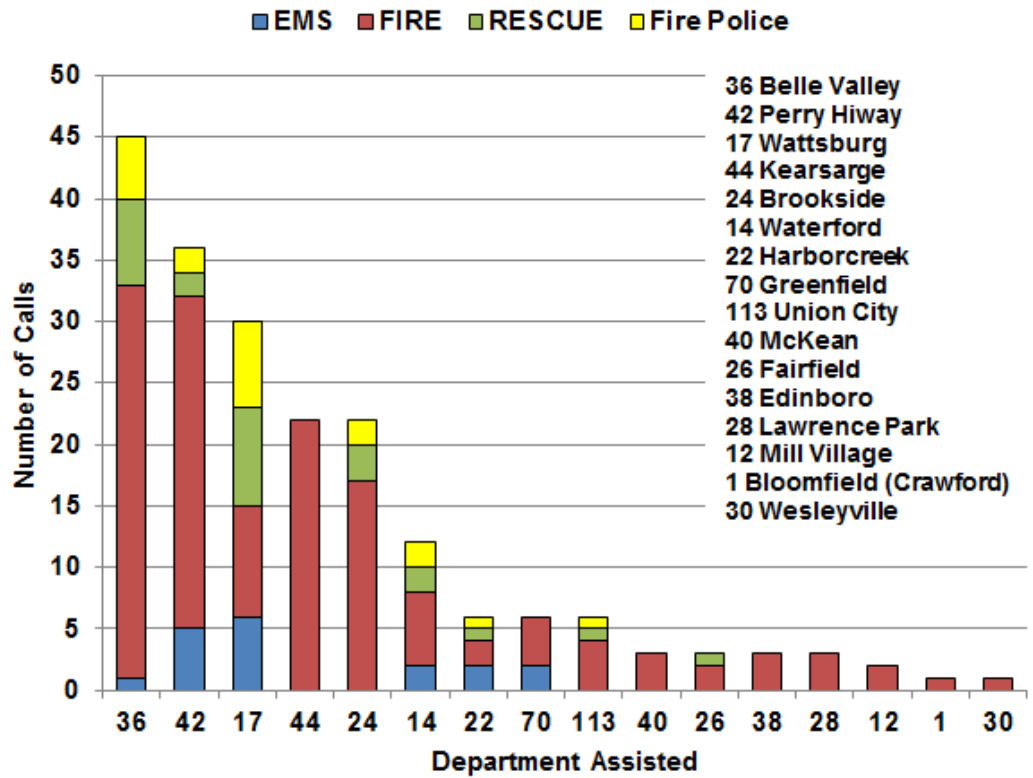
## 2013 Kuhl Hose Calls By Time of Day



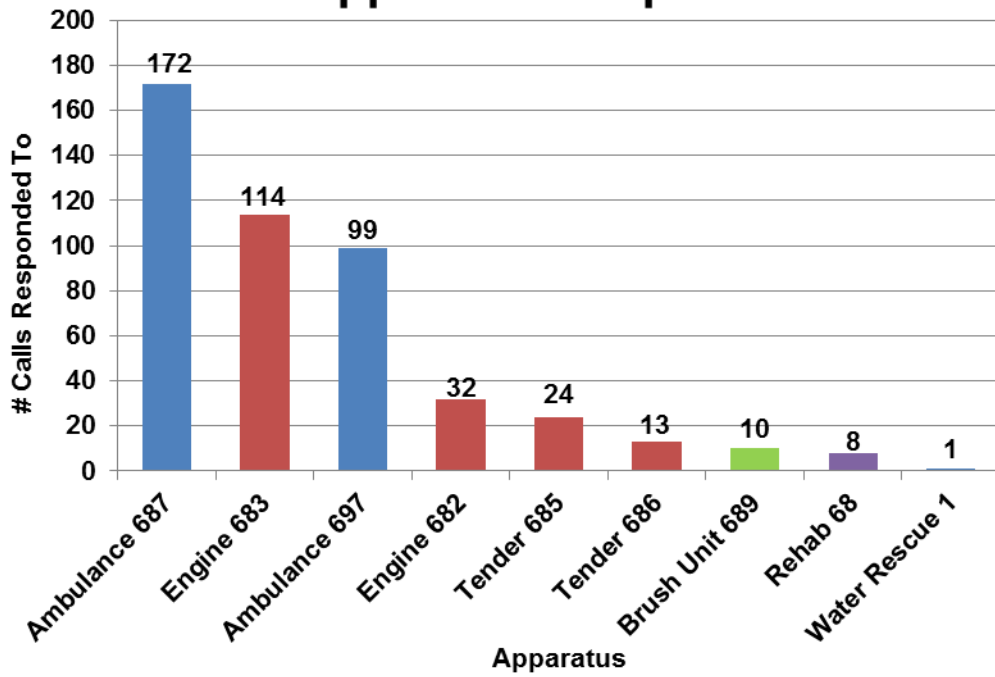
## 2013 KHC Calls



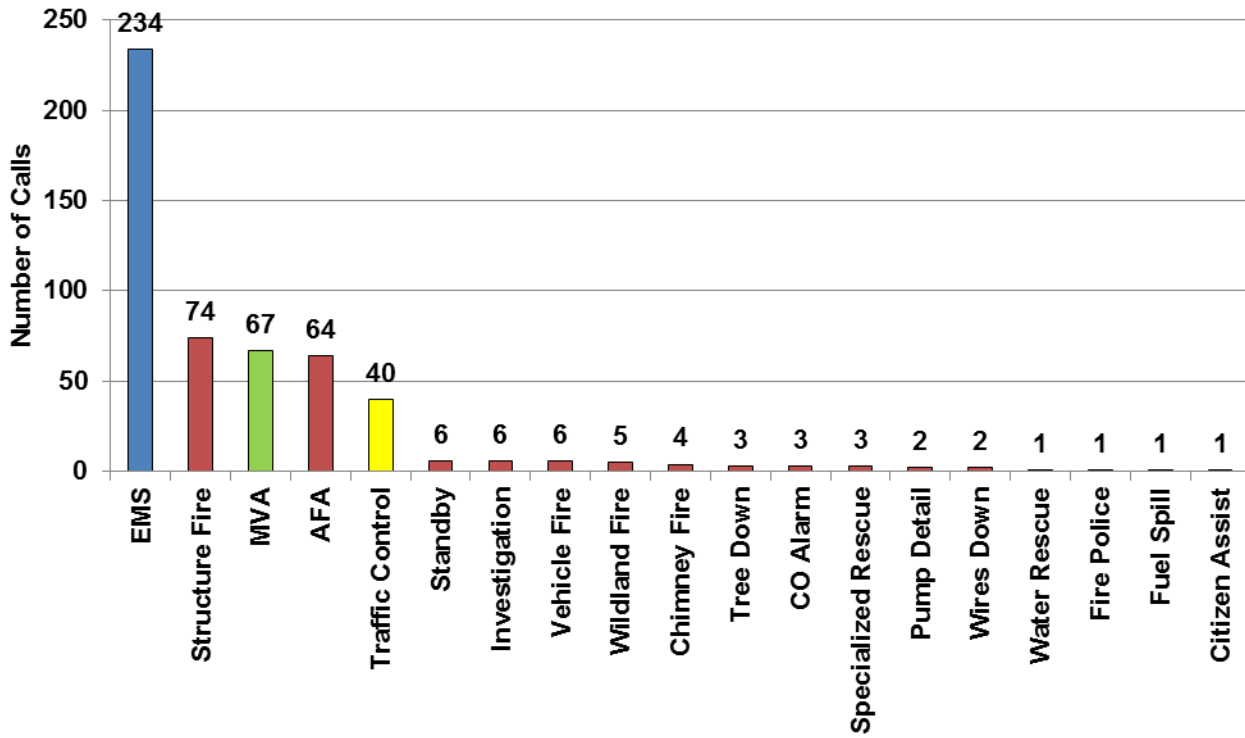
## 2013 Kuhl Hose Mutual Aid Calls By Department



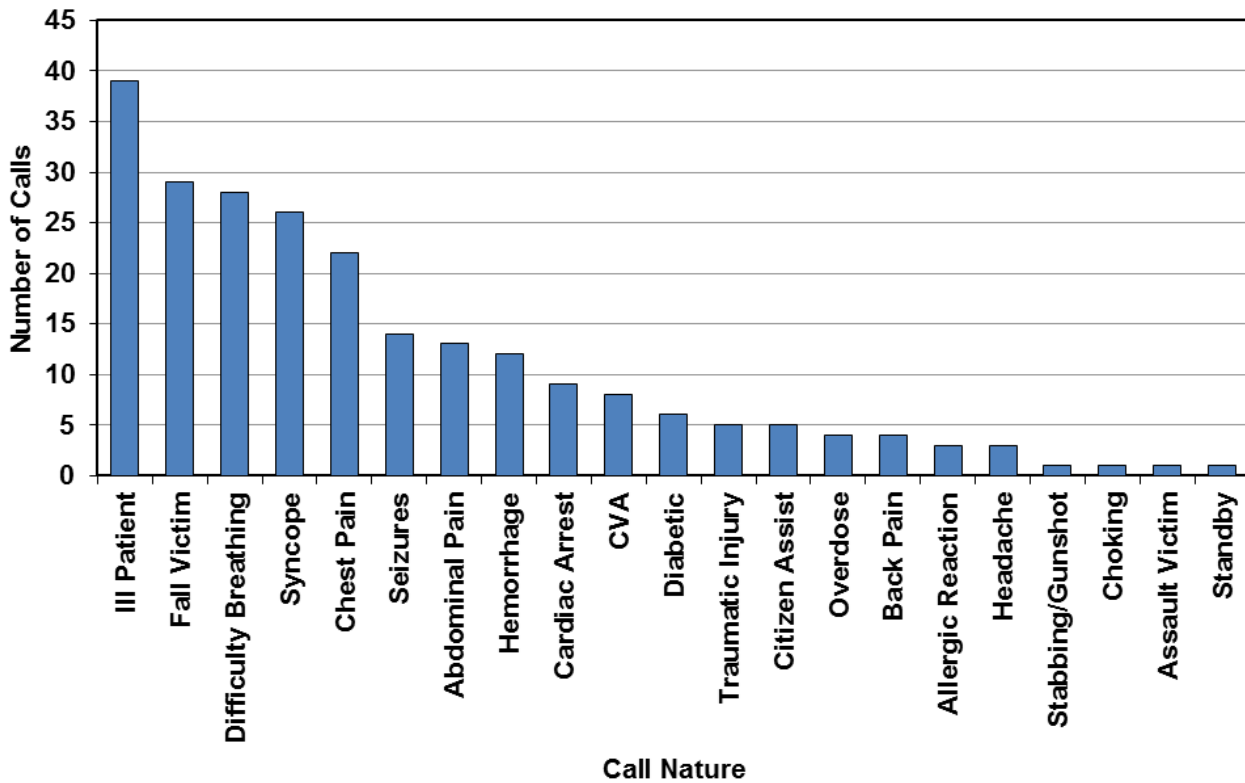
## 2013 Apparatus Responses



## 2013 Kuhl Hose Calls By Nature

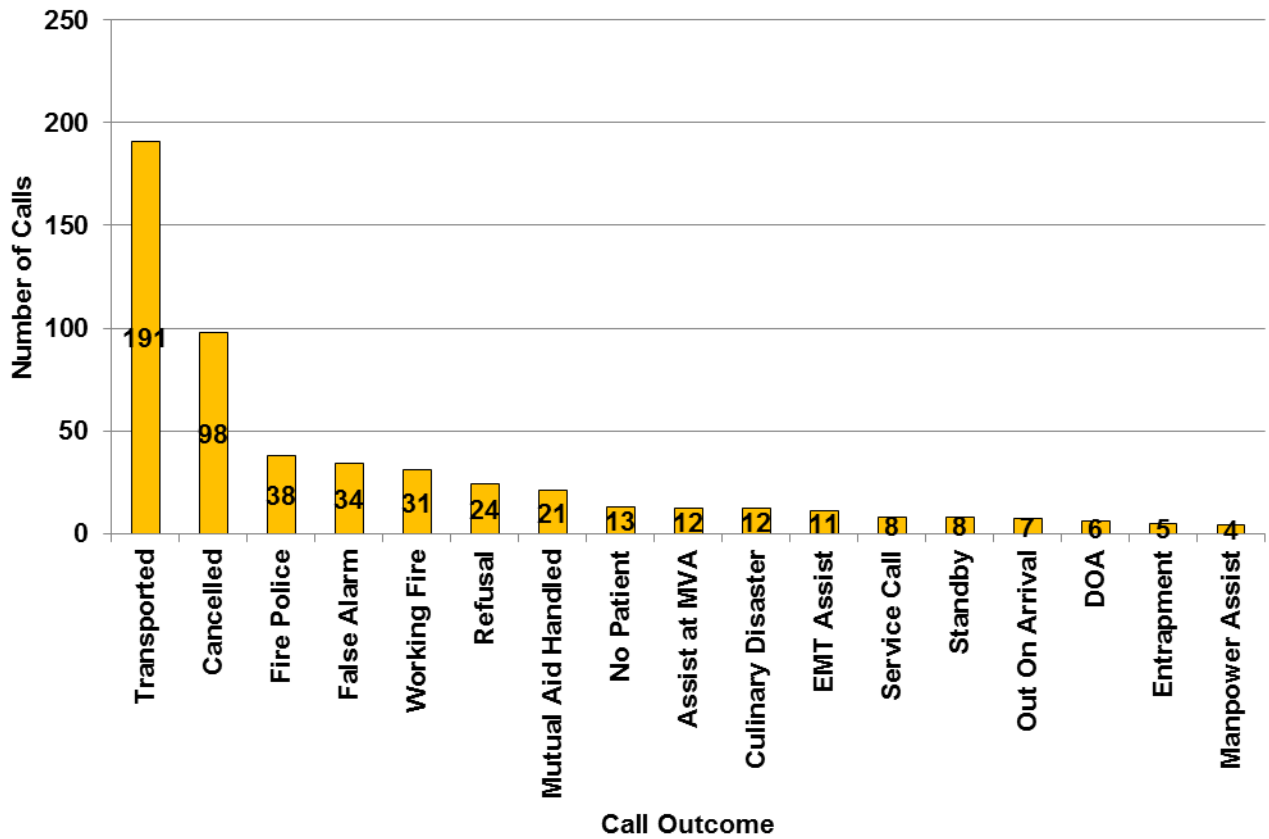


## 2013 Kuhl Hose EMS Calls By Nature

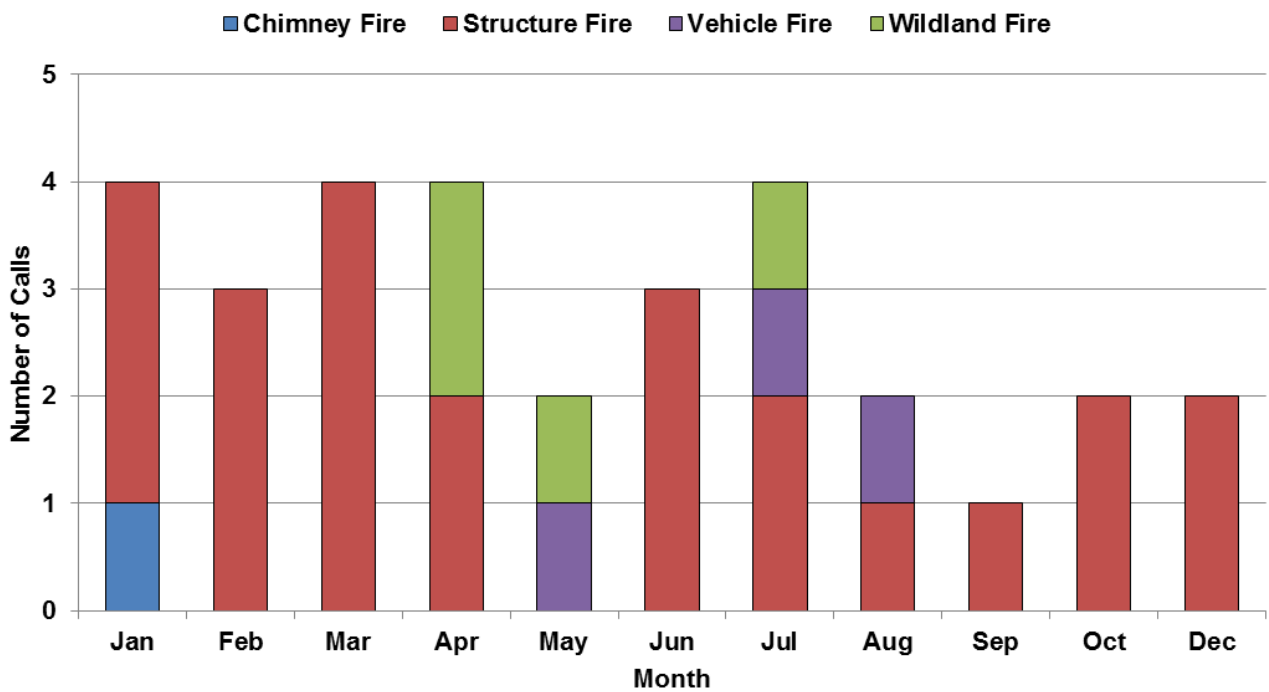




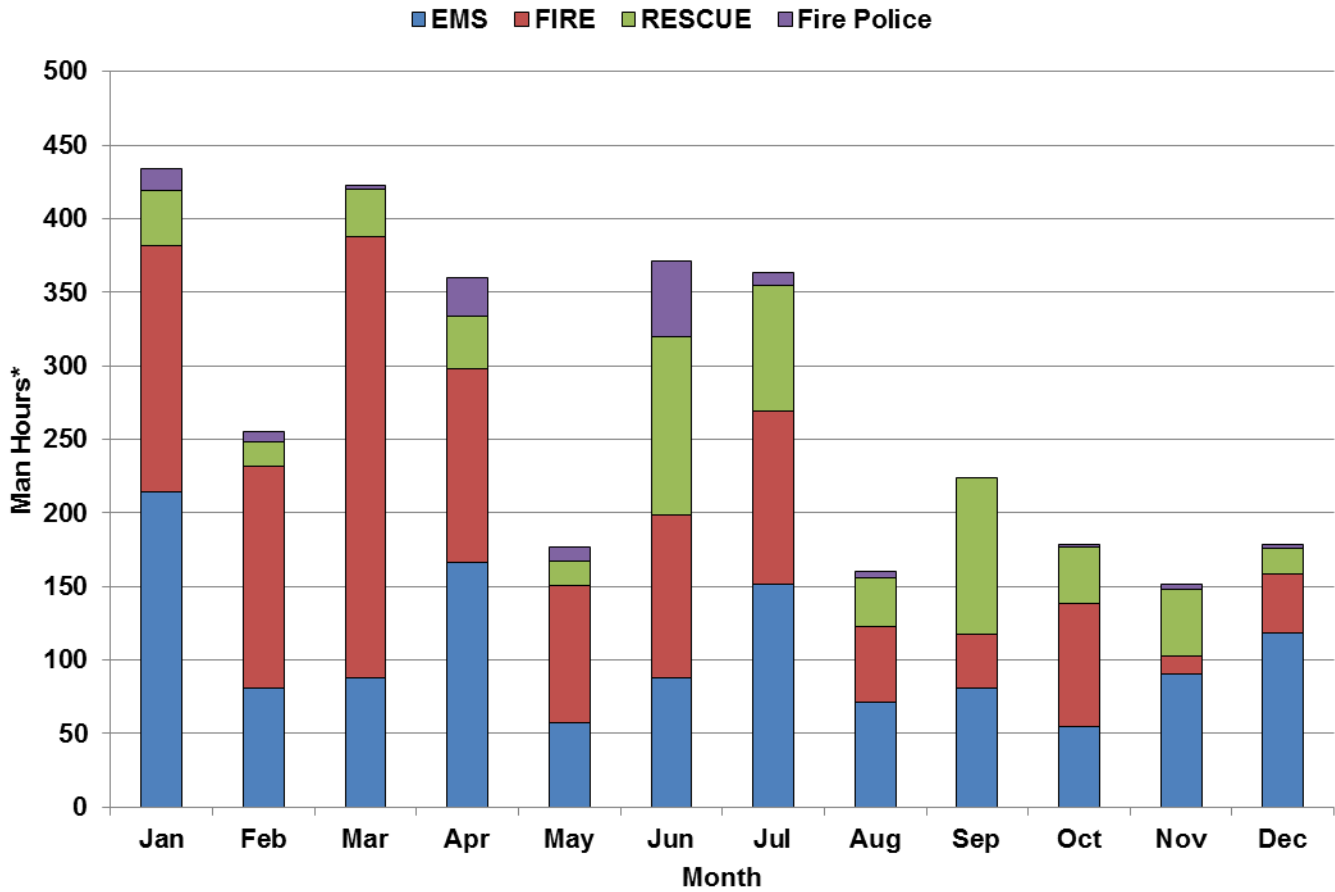
## 2013 Kuhl Hose Call Outcomes



## 2013 Kuhl Hose Working Fires



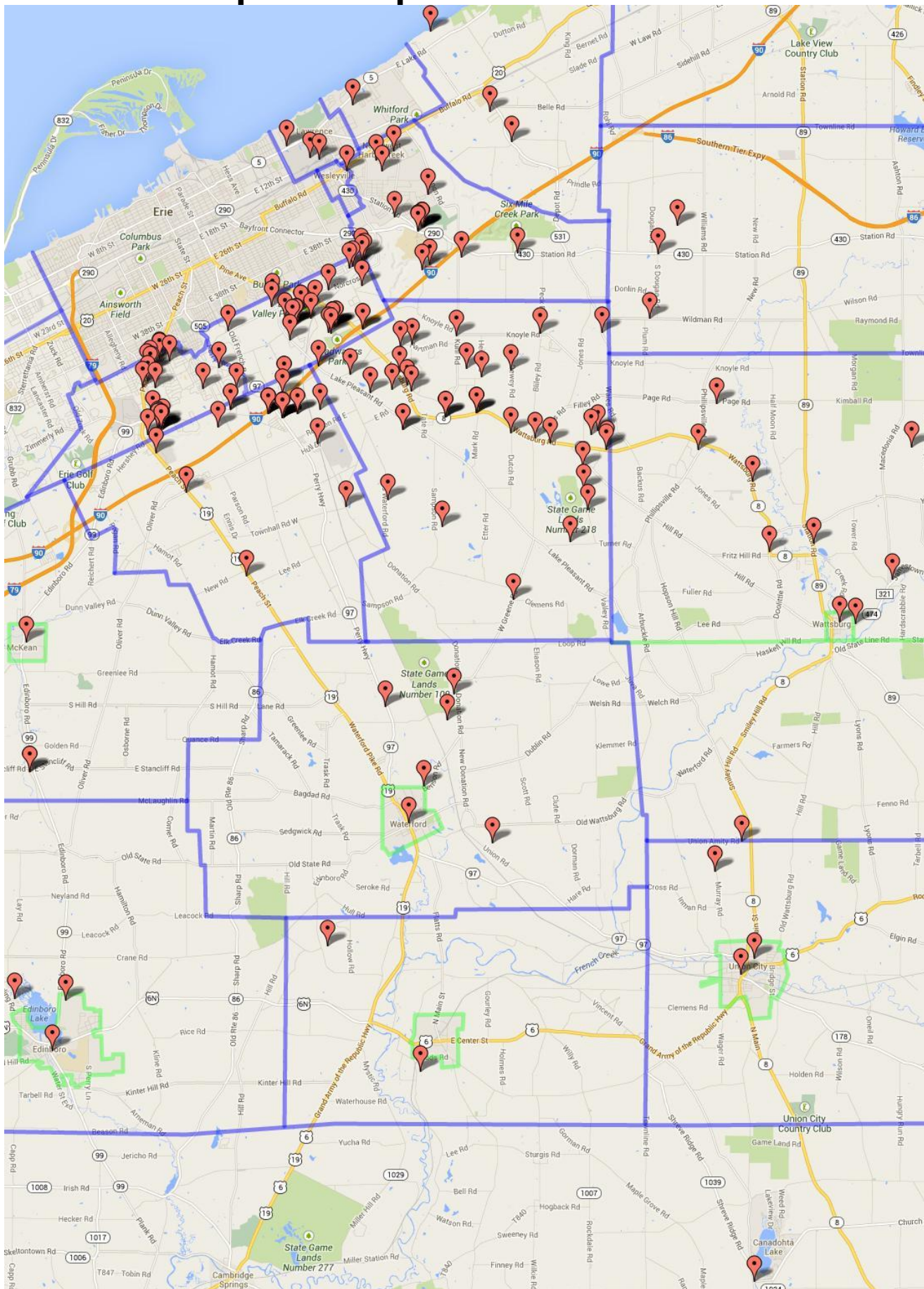
## 2013 "Man Hours"



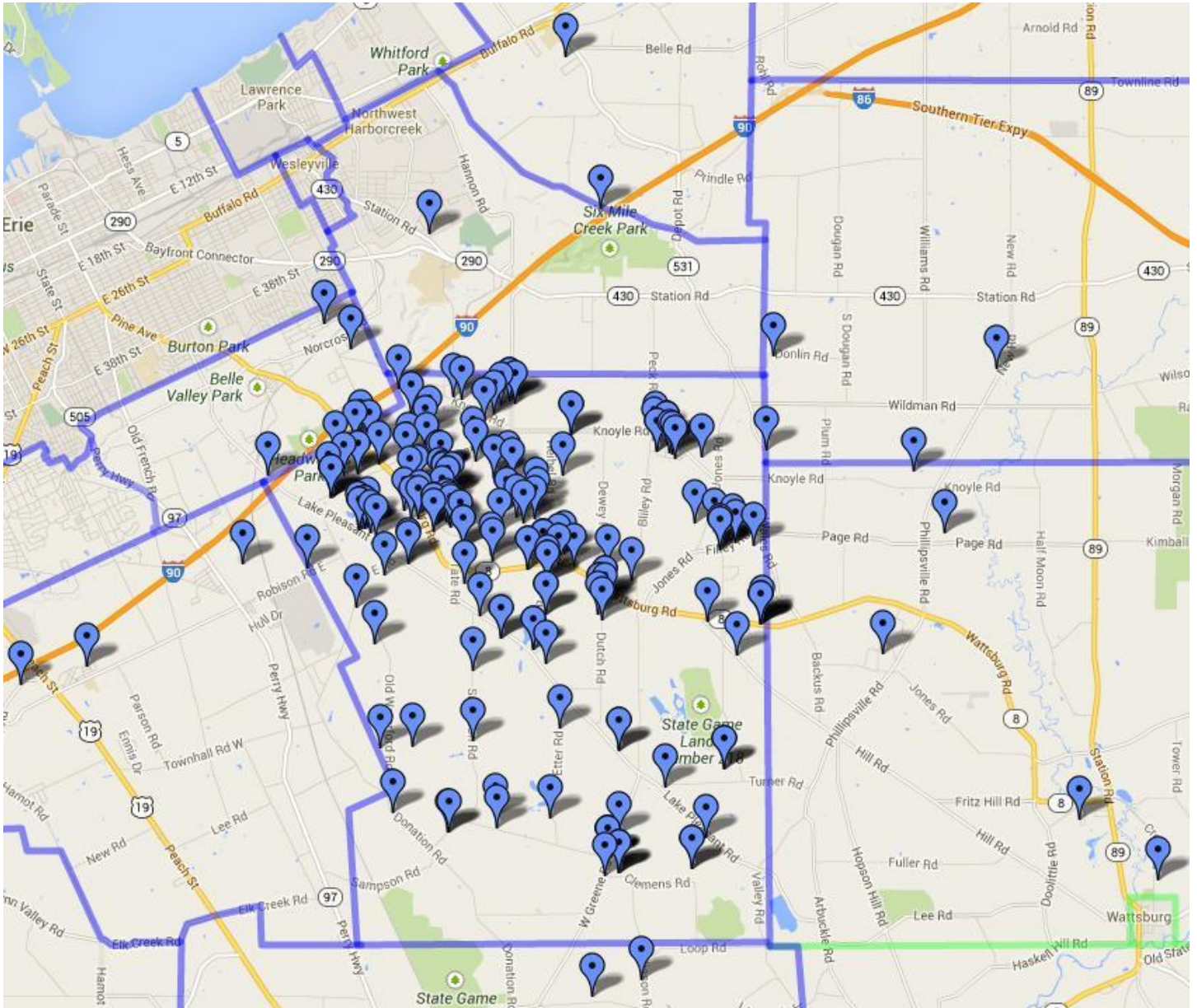
\*defined as: [total members responding to call] x [total duration of call]

Month	EMS	FIRE	RESCUE	Fire Police	Grand Total
Jan	214	168	37	15	434
Feb	81	151	17	7	255
Mar	88	299	32	3	423
Apr	166	132	36	26	360
May	58	94	16	10	177
Jun	88	111	121	52	372
Jul	152	117	86	8	363
Aug	71	51	34	4	160
Sep	81	37	106	0	224
Oct	55	84	38	2	179
Nov	91	12	46	3	151
Dec	118	40	18	2	178
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>3277</b>

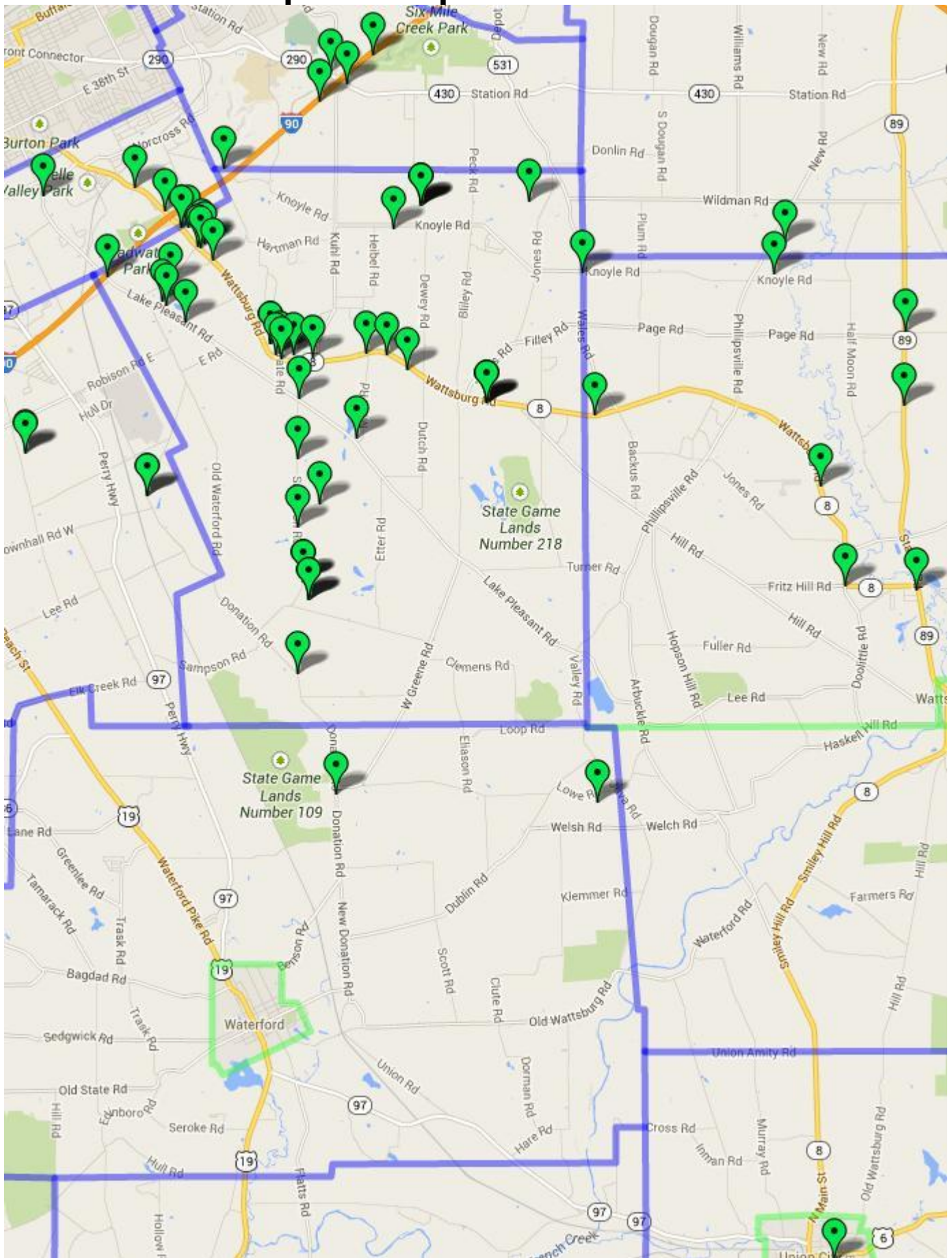
# 2013 Fire Response Map



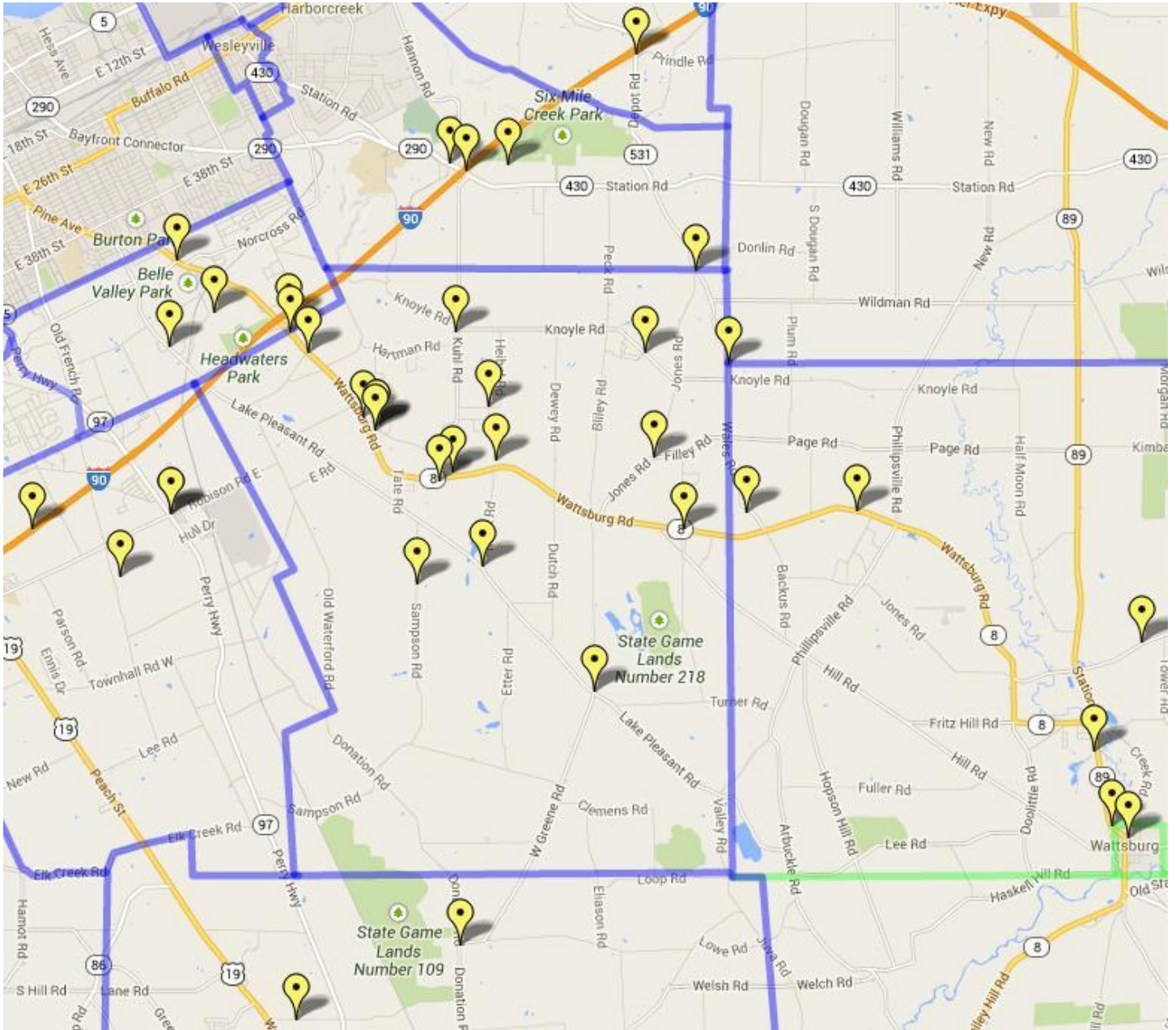
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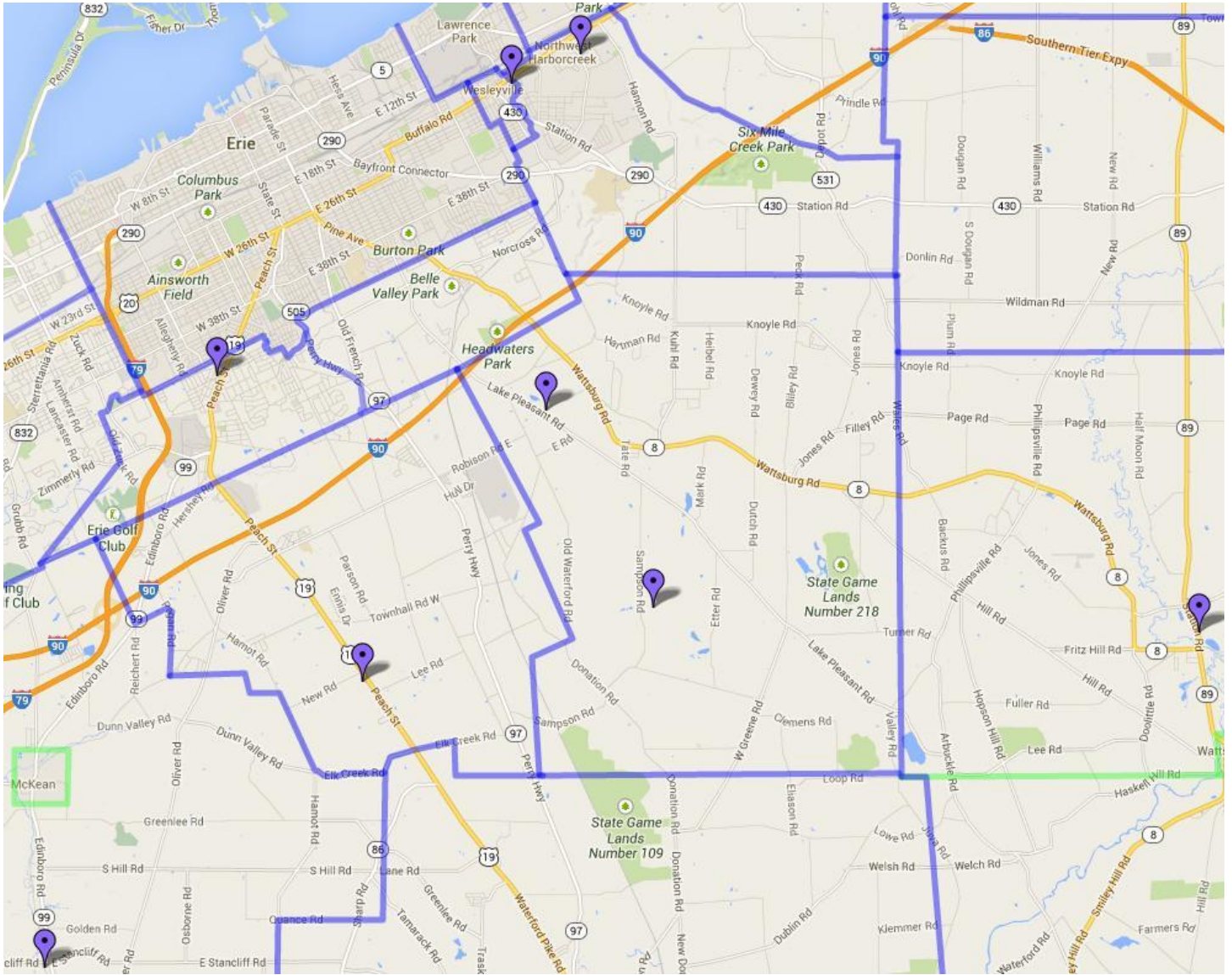
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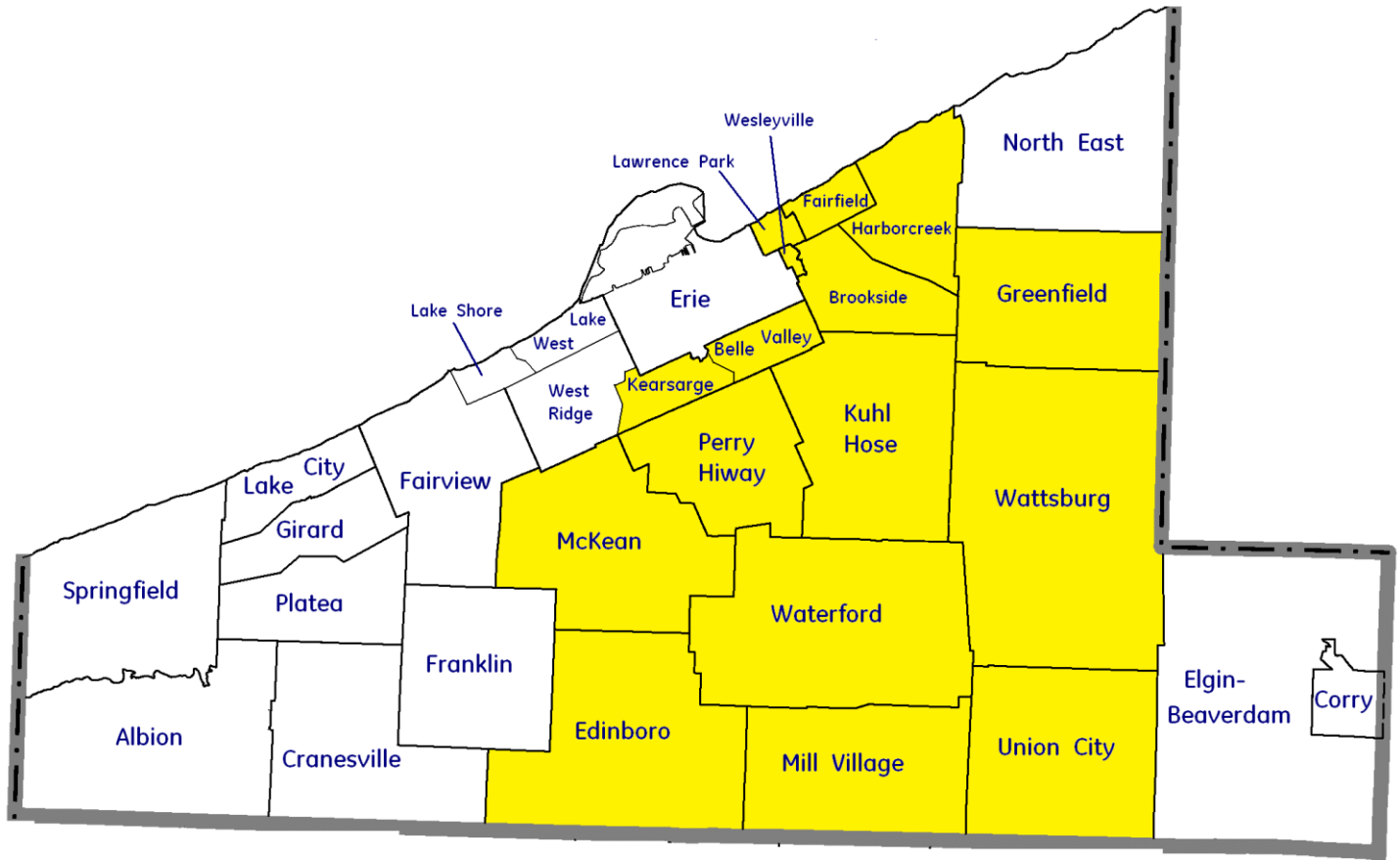
# 2013 Fire Police Response Map



# 2013 Rehab 68 Team Response Map



# 2013 Response Areas



**In 2013 Kuhl Hose responded to calls in each of the fire department areas above. This represents 450 square miles or 57% of the total land area of Erie County.**



# 2013 Responses Highlights

January 20 – RIT Assist Kearsarge



January 25 – Snowmobile MVA Sampson Rd



January 26 – RIT Assist Kearsarge



January 26 – RIT Assist Union City



February 4 – RIT Assist Wesleyville



February 17 – Structure Fire Sampson Rd



**March 11 – Waterford Structure Fire Rte. 97**



**March 13 – Perry Hiway Fatal Trailer Fire**



**March 20 – Wattsburg Barn Fire**



**April 2 – MVA w/ Door Pop Rte. 8**



**April 20 – RIT Assist Lawrence Park GE Bldg 18**



**April 22 – Wattsburg Shed/Brush Fire**



**April 27 – Brush Fire Bennett Rd**



**April 27 – Brush/Rubbish Fire Dewey Rd**



**May 4 – Brush Fire Bliley Rd**



**May 30 – Assist Union City Tornado Damage**



**June 2 – Extrication at Eriez Speedway**



**June 6 – RIT Assist Perry Hiway Peach St.**



**June 22 – Hillborn Rd Kitchen Fire w/ Inj.**



**June 22 – MVA w/ Ejection Sampson Rd**



**July 11 – I-90 Semi MVA w/ Entrapment**



**July 17 – McKean Structure Fire Old Rte. 99**



**August 9 – MVA Wattsburg Rd**



**September 10 – Fatal MVA Rte. 8**



**September 11 – I-90 Rollover/Fuel Spill**



**October 4 – RIT Assist Union City**



**October 27 – RIT & Engine Assist Brookside**



**November 27 – Rollover MVA Rte. 8/Kuhl Rd**



**December 11 – Structure Fire Wks Valley Rd**



**December 31 – Waterford Structure Fire**

