



City of Cortland  
Fire Department  
2013

# MISSION STATEMENT

## Common Council

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CORTLAND: The heart of Central New York, is dedicated to providing efficient services that ensure a safe community, promotes pride in neighborhoods, and foster sustainable growth

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## Cortland Fire Department

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The mission of the City of Cortland Fire Department is to provide quality, professional firefighting resources, technical rescue capabilities, emergency medical care, public fire education services and a variety of other specialized services to the community.

Diligently working towards advancements resulting in improved quality of life for our citizens while maximizing cost effectiveness.

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# Accountability

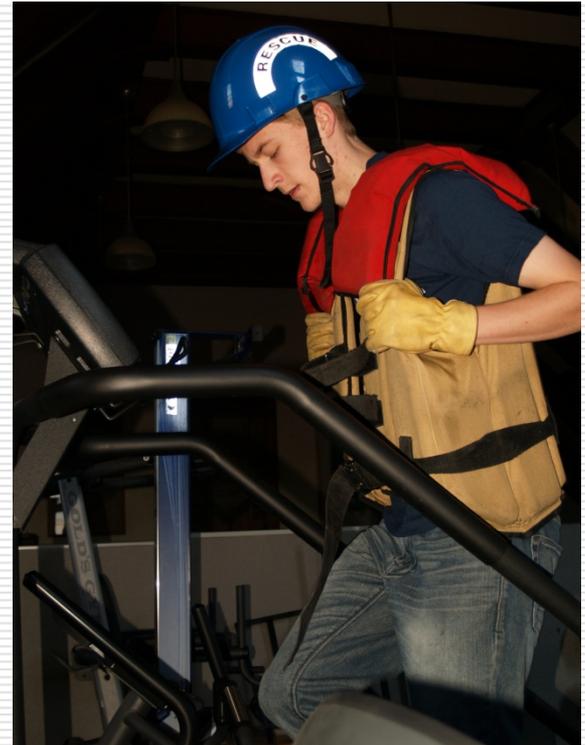
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- Setting standards of conduct of employees through leadership models and examples.
  - Instituting Disciplinary policy to appropriately adjust deficiencies and mold behavior patterns to elicit effective service to both the department and the community.
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# Resident Satisfaction

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- ❑ Continue to modify staffing and response plans to effectively deliver emergency response in a timely but efficient manner while maintaining core responsibilities.
- ❑ Utilization of Federal SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant funding to encourage/reward volunteer responses to calls through retention and recruitment support. i.e. gas cards for high call responders.
- ❑ Incorporation of new concepts in staffing through more effective use of present volunteer staff augmented with the Bunker program for initial response capabilities.



# Resident Satisfaction

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- These concepts work towards placing as many firefighters on the initial scene of emergencies when the need for manpower is most critical.
  - These staffing models allow for increased critical staffing of apparatus on the initial alarm while having negligible impact on the overall budget.
  - With these abilities we are able to more effectively meet our three fire service priorities
    - 1. Life Safety**
    - 2. Incident Stabilization**
    - 3. Property Conservation**
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## **Underwriters Laboratories**

**In November 2009, Underwriters Laboratories conducted a side by side comparison of two simulated living room fires. The purpose was to gain knowledge on the difference between modern and legacy furnishings. The rooms measured 12 ft by 12 ft with an 8ft ceiling and had an 8 ft wide by 7 ft tall opening on the front wall. Both rooms contained similar amounts of like furnishings.**

**Both rooms were ignited by placing a lit stick candle on the right side of the sofa. The fires were allowed to grow until flashover.**

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# Communication

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- Through open dialogue and clear explanation confer with members of the Common Council, Mayor and Board of Fire Commissioners to consider concerns regarding operations, deployment and services. Promoting open expressions of new ideas and modifications to current procedures to better deliver services to the citizens of Cortland.
  - Through staff meetings we will continue to seek input, share and develop ideas from key staff personnel for meeting the future needs of the community and department.
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# Compassion

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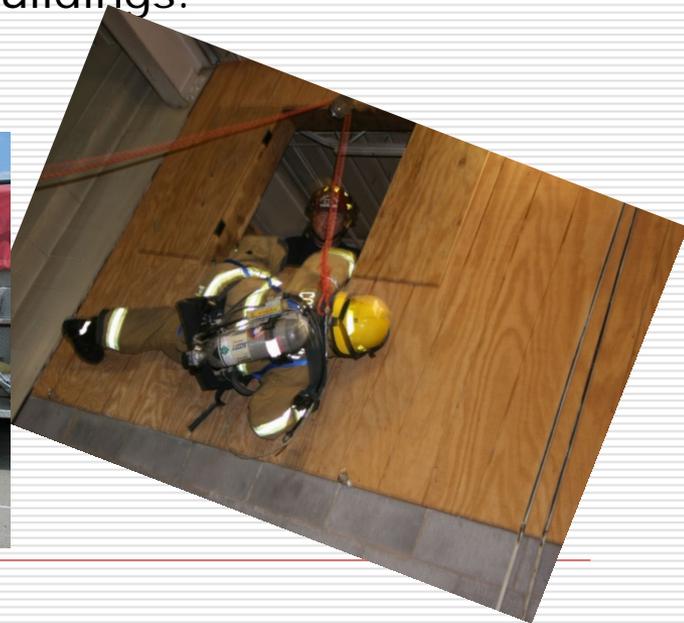


- Staff will continue to provide community education and listen to the concerns of the public regarding the concepts of response plans of the department.
  - Take consideration from resident concerns and incorporate into advancing key concepts of community protection while maximizing cost effectiveness of fire protection.
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# Professionalism

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- ❑ The fire service is a highly regulated industry. We will continue to emphasize well trained firefighters for their own safety as well as providing aggressive tactical measures to mitigate emergencies.
- ❑ This training comes with a slight impact on budgetary considerations. The benefit to the community is experienced in minimizing structural damage from fire, allowing for an increased likelihood of rebuilding the fire damaged buildings.



# Vision

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- Continue to work with the Director of Administration and Finance and the Common Council to financially prepare for the future replacement of apparatus while minimizing the need for bonding of these items.
  - Continue to seek grants to provide equipment and services to the community that enhance education and prevention measures to reduce fire loss within the community.
  - Continue to find funding sources to assist in making vital upgrades to departmental facilities as the age and condition as well as the associated costs of upkeep of the outdated ineffective facilities hamper efficiency and safety of the necessary operations.
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# Cortland Fire Department Strategic Planning and The City of Cortland's Goals and Objectives

# Goal: Promote Livable Neighborhoods

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- Assist Codes Division with ensuring the visual appearance of neighborhoods is prioritized through patrol and observation by all staff.
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# Goal: Efficient Government

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- ❑ Continue to control costs as practical management of budget.
  - ❑ Continue to interface payroll and scheduling with advancement in fire department management software.
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## Goal: Communication and Coordination

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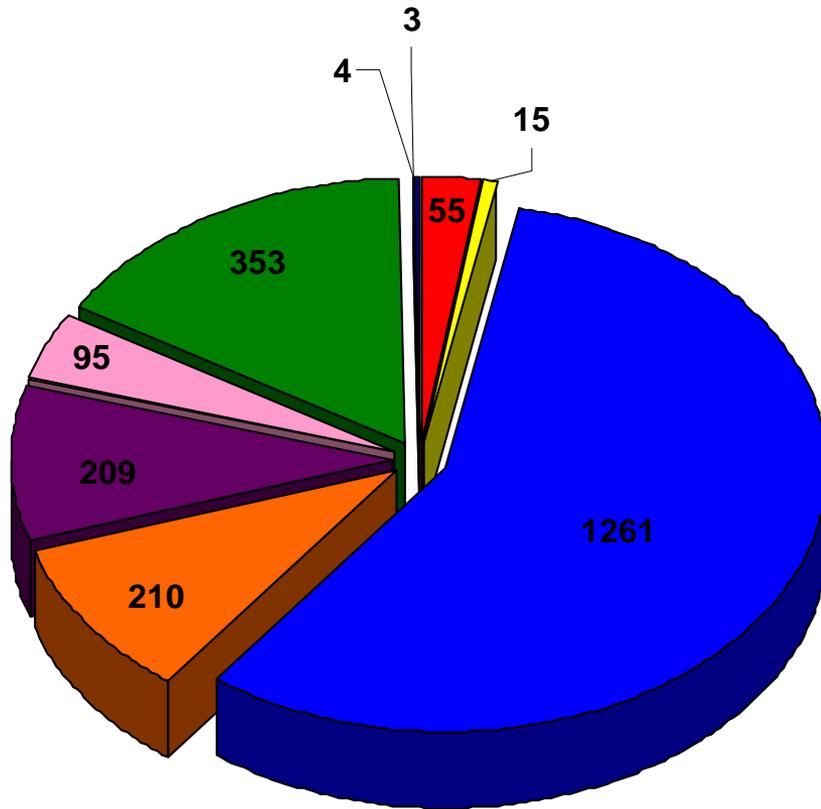
- ❑ Continue fire prevention education discussions with community groups, organizations and citizens.
  - ❑ Continued participation in various emergency services boards and committees on the City, County and State level.
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# Fire Department Statistics

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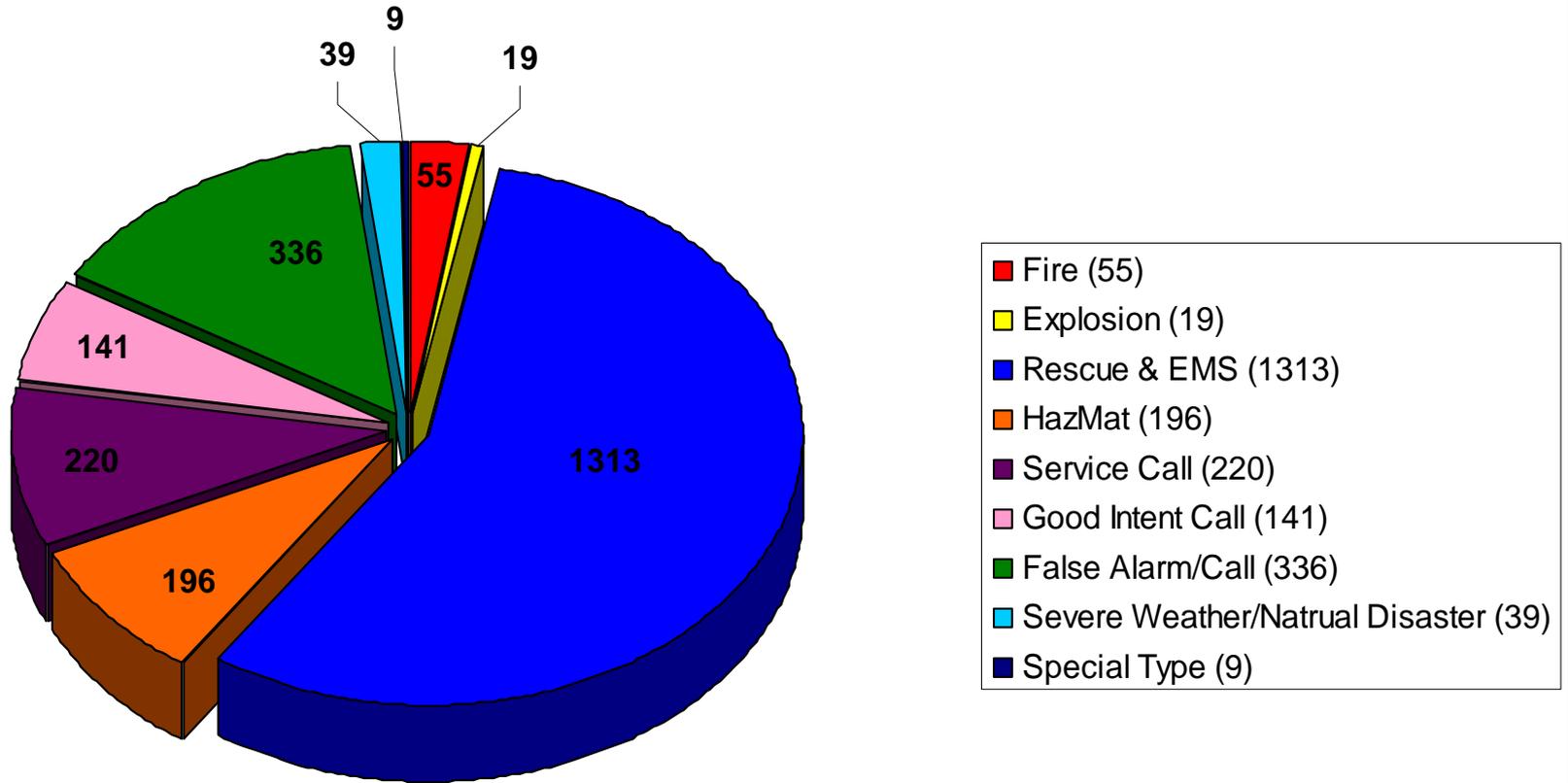
## 2010 Incidents



- Fire (55)
- Explosion (15)
- Rescue & EMS (1261)
- HazMat (210)
- Service Call (209)
- Good Intent Call (95)
- False Alarm/Call (353)
- Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (3)
- Special Type (4)

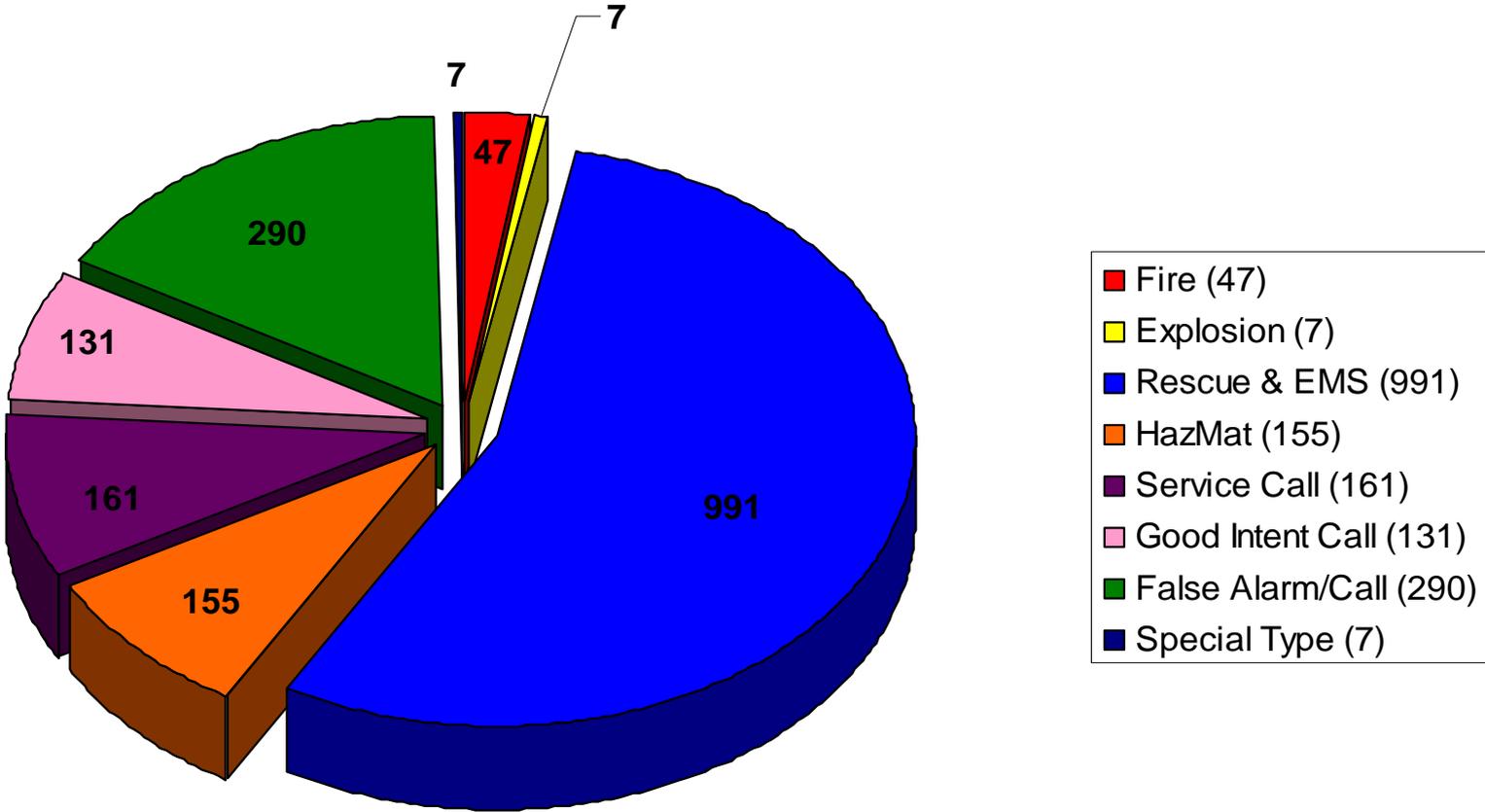
**Total: 2,205**

## 2011 Incidents



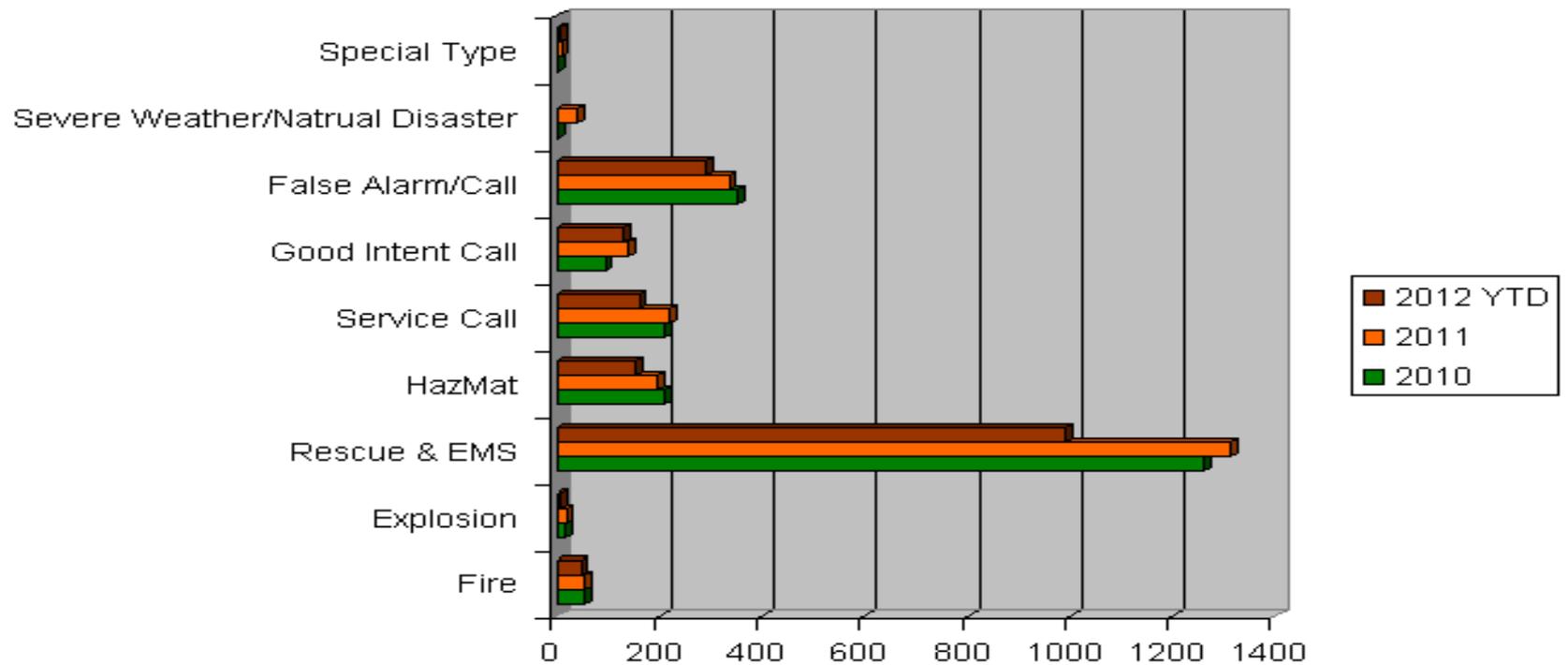
**Total: 2,328**

# 2012 YTD Incidents

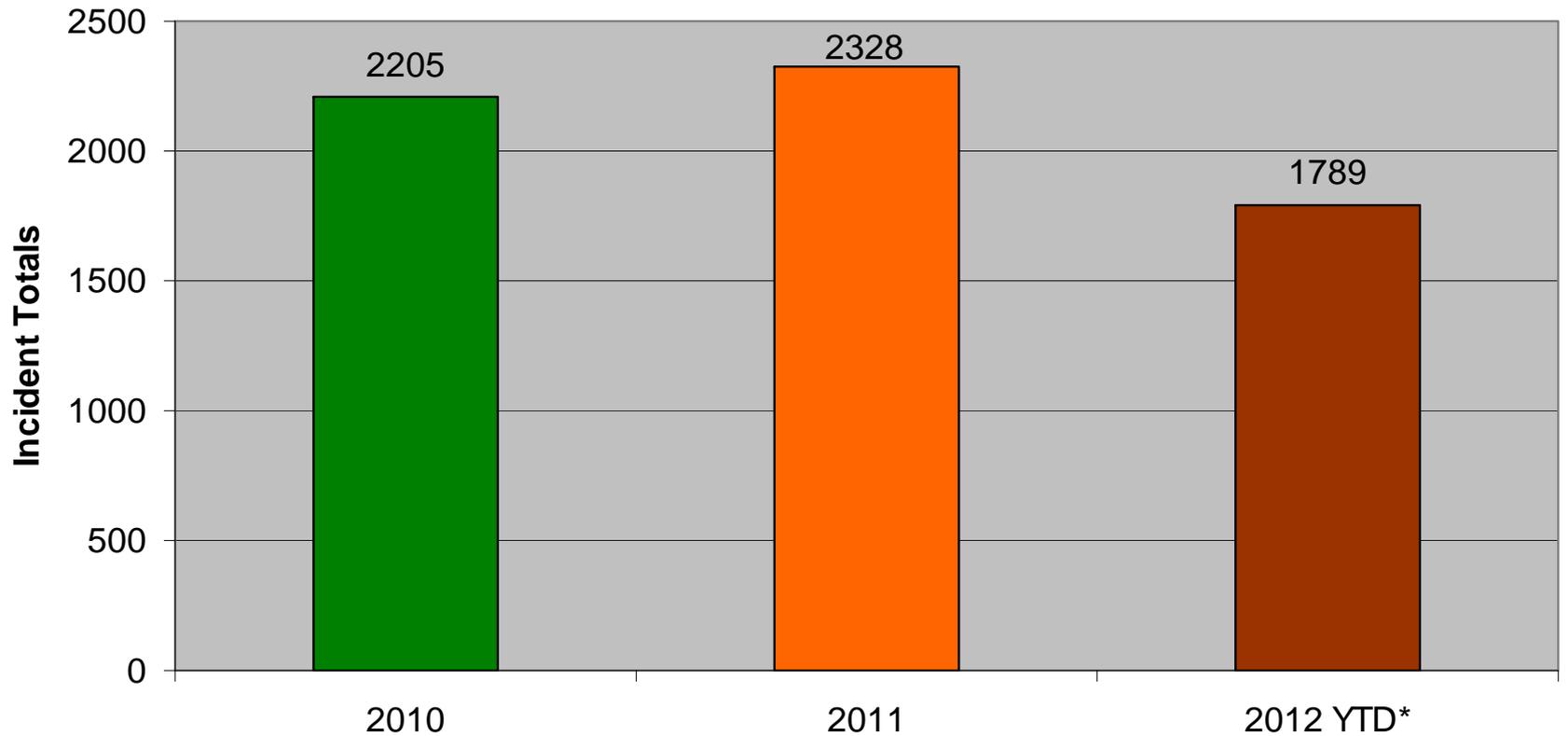


**YTD Total: 1,789**

### Incident Type Comparison 2010-2012 YTD



## Incident Totals Comparison



\* 2012 is projected to have an increase in incidents in the neighborhood of 2400

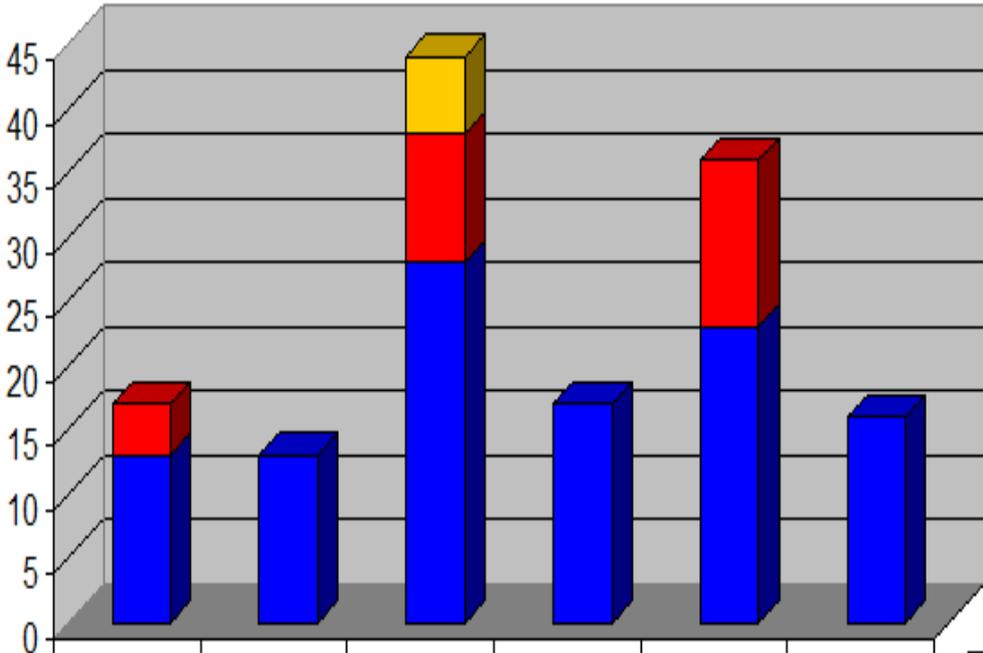
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# Inter-municipal Cooperation

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- Homer Fire Inspections
  - Purchasing
    - Fire Management Software
    - Equipment and Gear
  - Equipment maintenance and testing
    - Ground Ladders
    - Aerial Testing
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# Mutual Aid Costs



Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received
<b>\$1,444.14</b>		<b>\$2,238.79</b>		<b>\$1,513.20</b>	
\$603.08		\$472.87		\$233.79	
2010		2011		2012 YTD	

- Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee
- Cancelled Enroute
- Mutual Aid

# Ten Year Budget Comparison

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2002: \$1,983,821

2008: \$2,503,843

2003: \$2,078,706

2009: \$2,571,442

2004: \$2,111,311

2010: \$2,608,229

2005: \$2,071,197

2011: \$2,605,007

2006: \$2,080,747

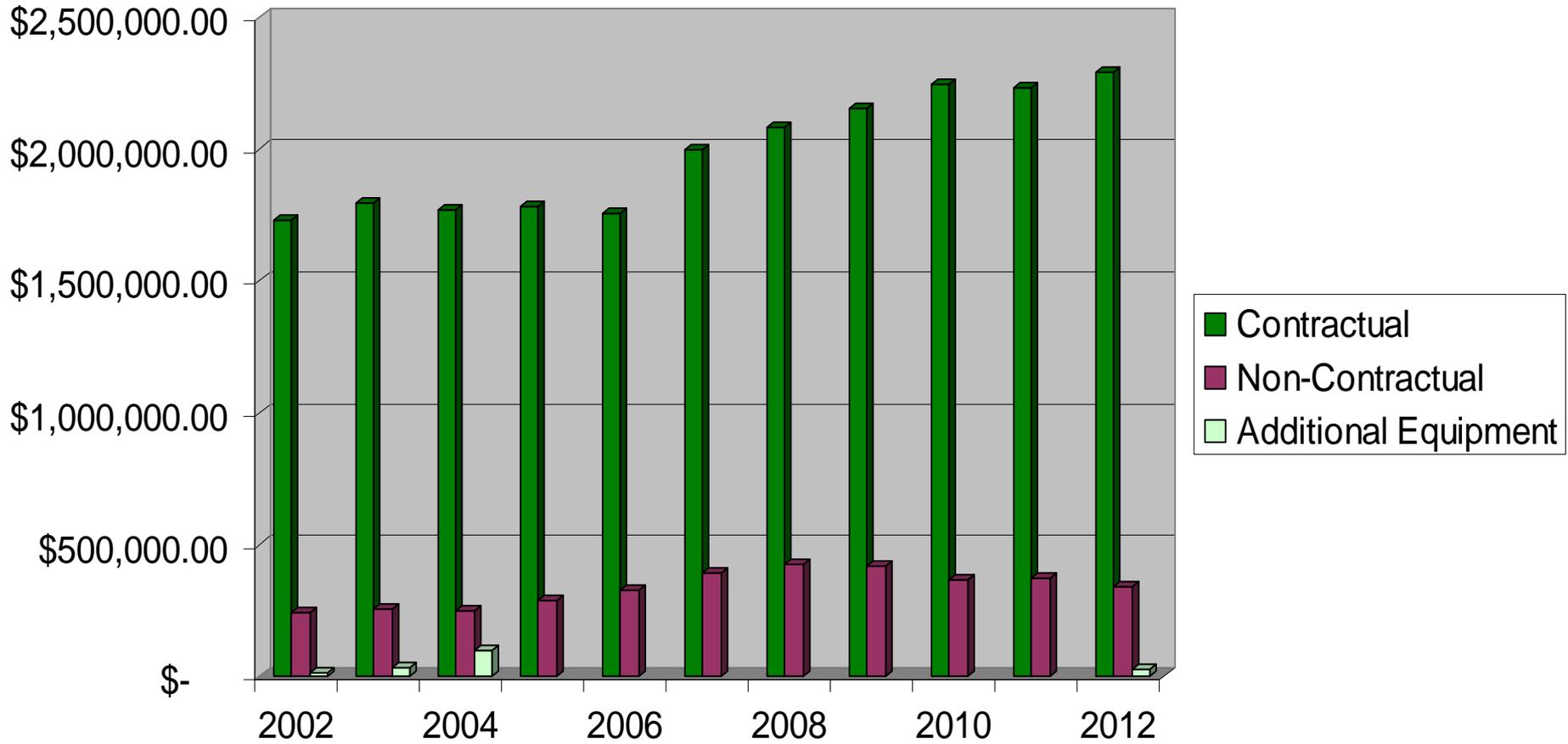
2012: \$2,661,093

2007: \$2,385,876

\*Excluding health insurance and retirement; which traditionally was not included in departmental budgets.

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# Ten Year Budget Comparison



# Our Constant Goal

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Continue to provide service to the community and residents by promoting the safety of all our members by providing them with the best training, equipment and apparatus while continuing to meet nationally recognized standards for emergency response. Ultimately meeting the desires and expectations of the citizens of this community to the best of our ability.

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# Keep Up to Date With Your Fire Department

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