

San José Fire Department

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Fire Department Annual Operations Report

Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

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San José Fire Department Mission



- Committed to serving the community by protecting life, property, and the environment through prevention and response.
- Full-service, all-hazard metropolitan fire department that serves San José and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County.
- 13th largest city in the United States and serve over 969,000 residents over 200 square miles.



San Jose Fire Department FY 2023-2024 Annual Call Volume

San Jose Fire Department - Annual Calls for Service



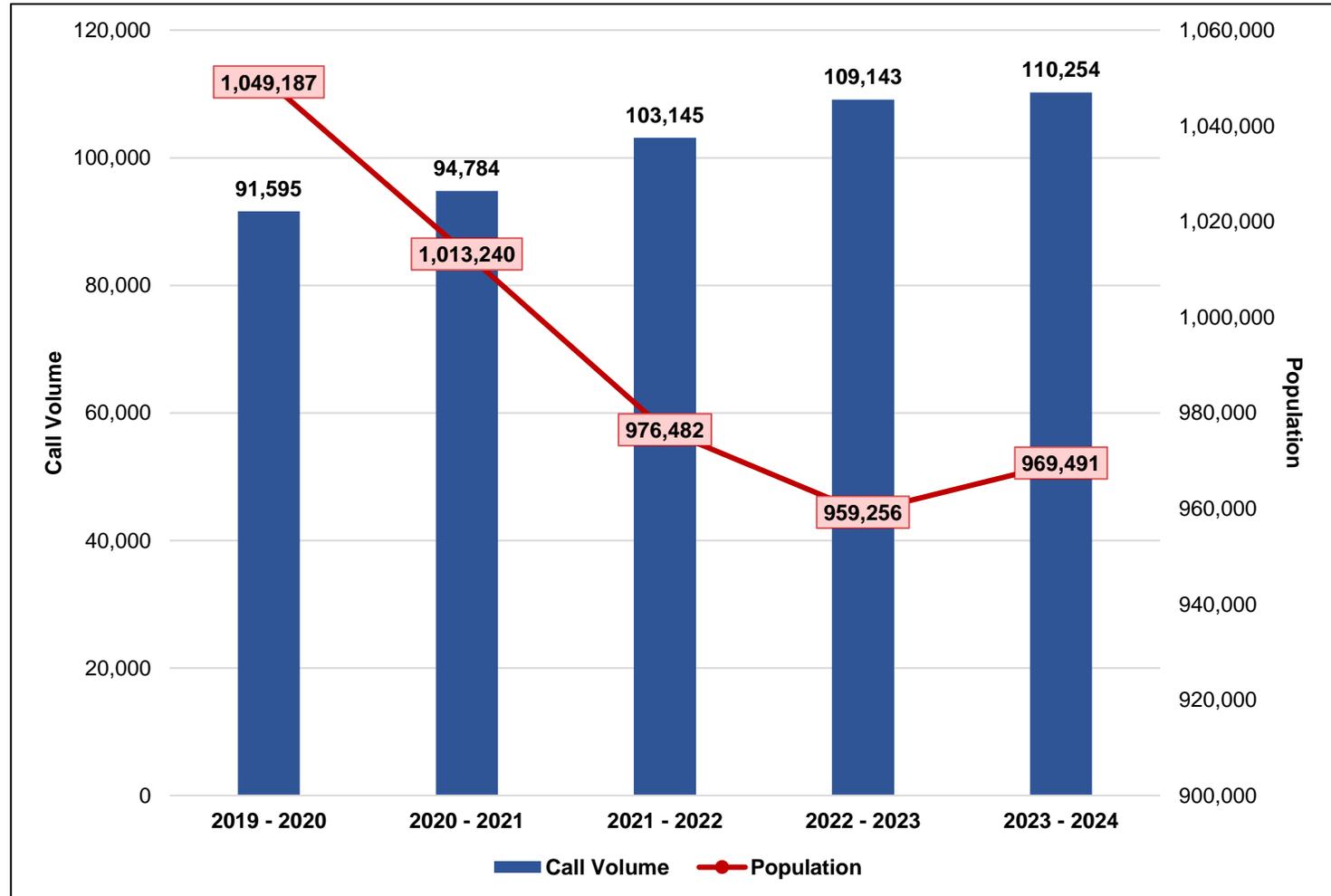
- Over 110,000 calls for service in FY 2023-2024.
- The protection area includes residential, commercial, industrial, wildland-urban interface areas, and the San Francisco Bayfront
- High-traffic areas such as the San José Mineta International Airport, the SAP Center, PayPal Park, San José State University, three super-regional malls, seven major hospitals, and 108 high-rise structures



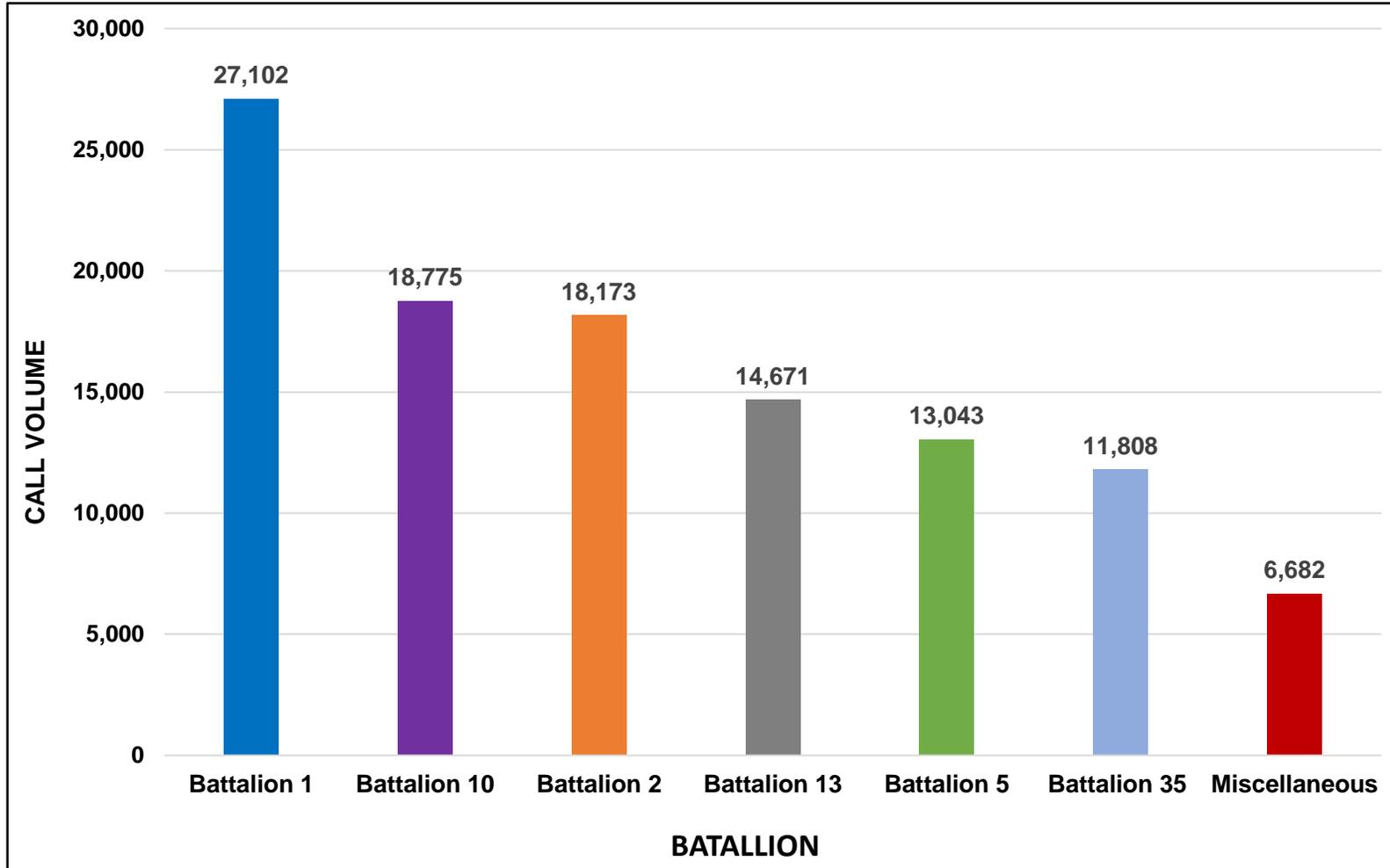
Call Volume and Population



- City population decreased over 8% in the last 5 years
- 20% increase in demand for emergency response in the last 5 years

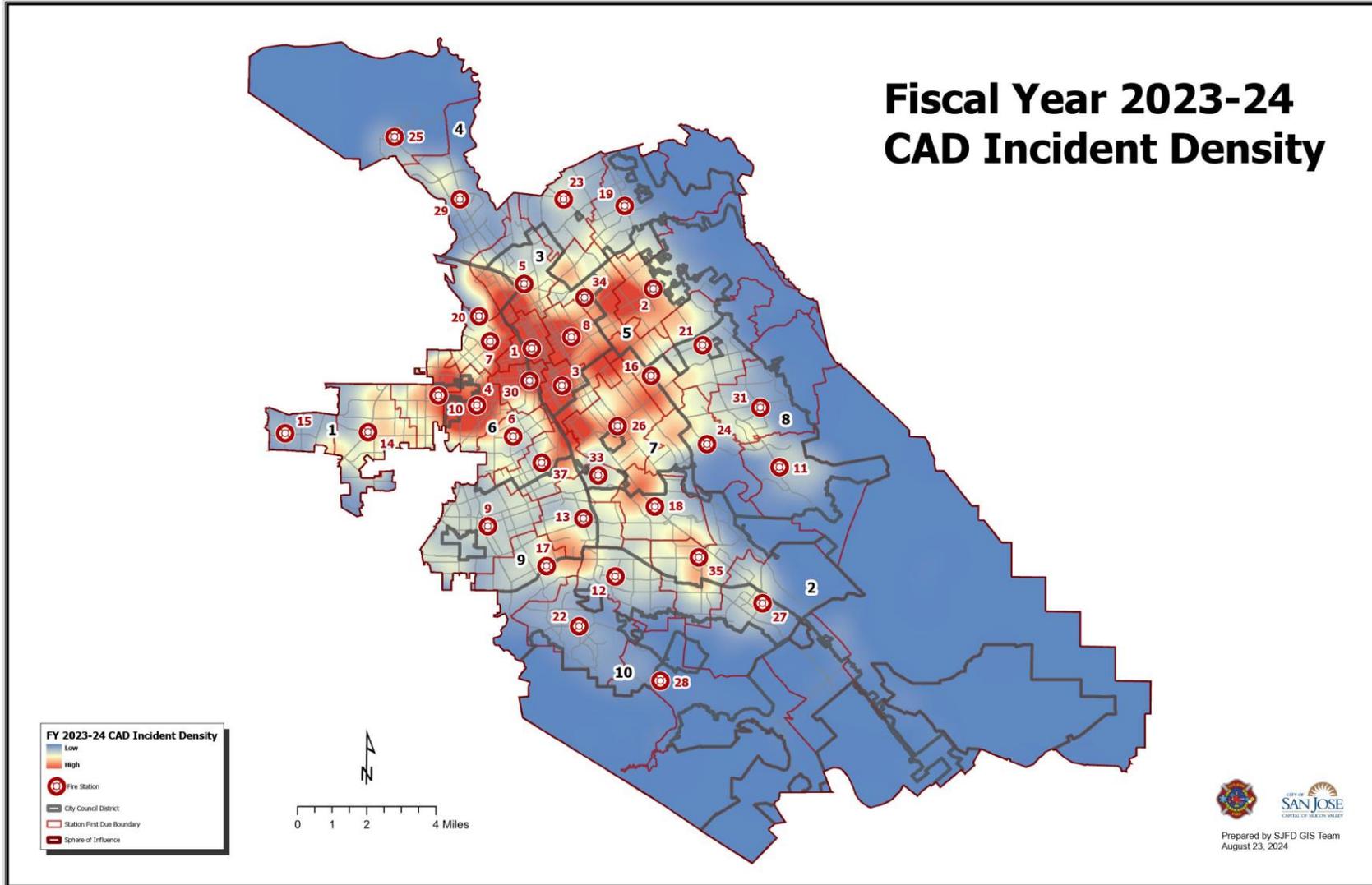


Call Volume by Battalion and Fire Station Response Area



- Call volume is highest in the core of the City.
- Highest response volume is found in Battalion 1 with 27,102 calls for service.

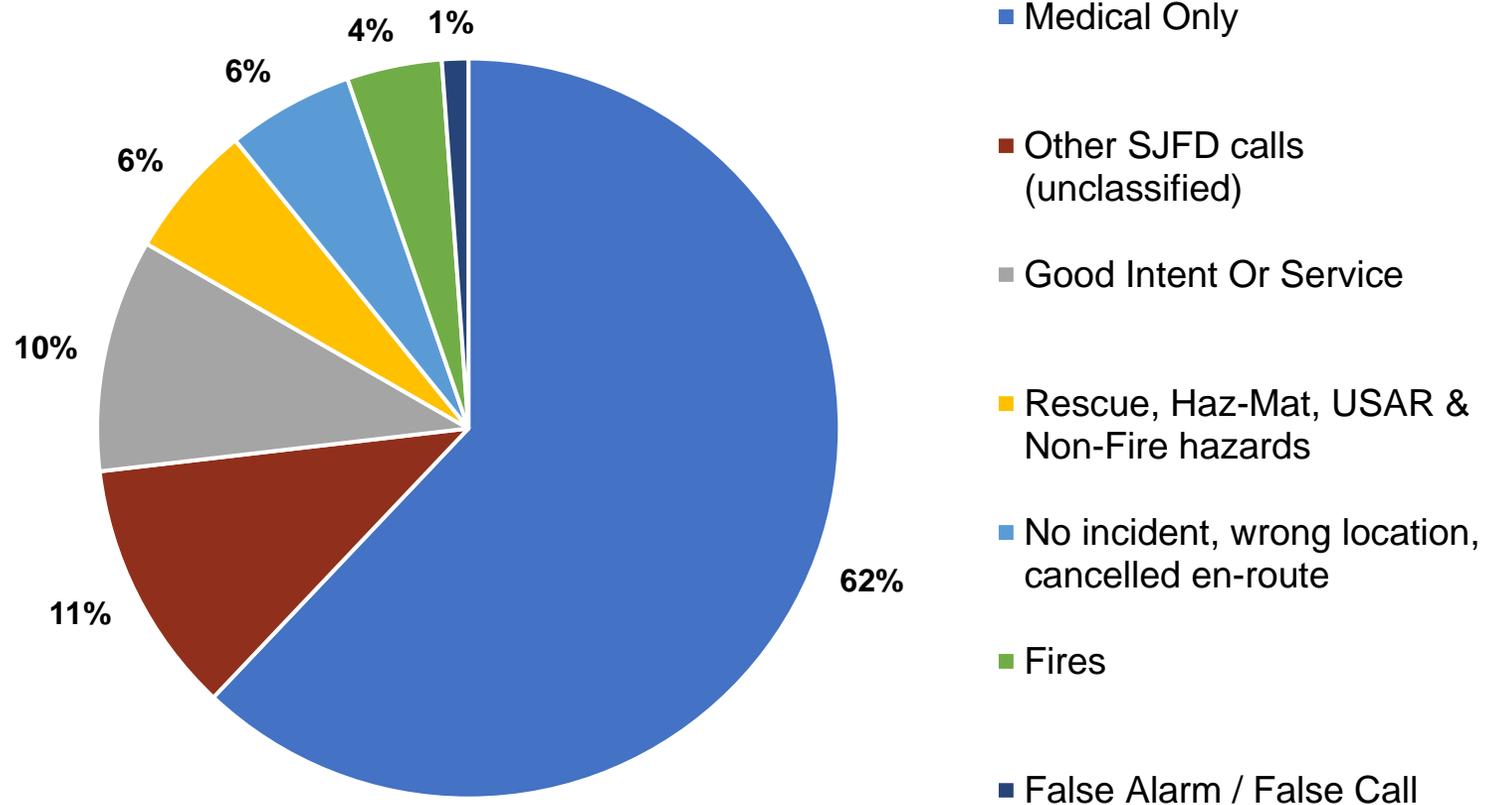
Call Volume Heat Map



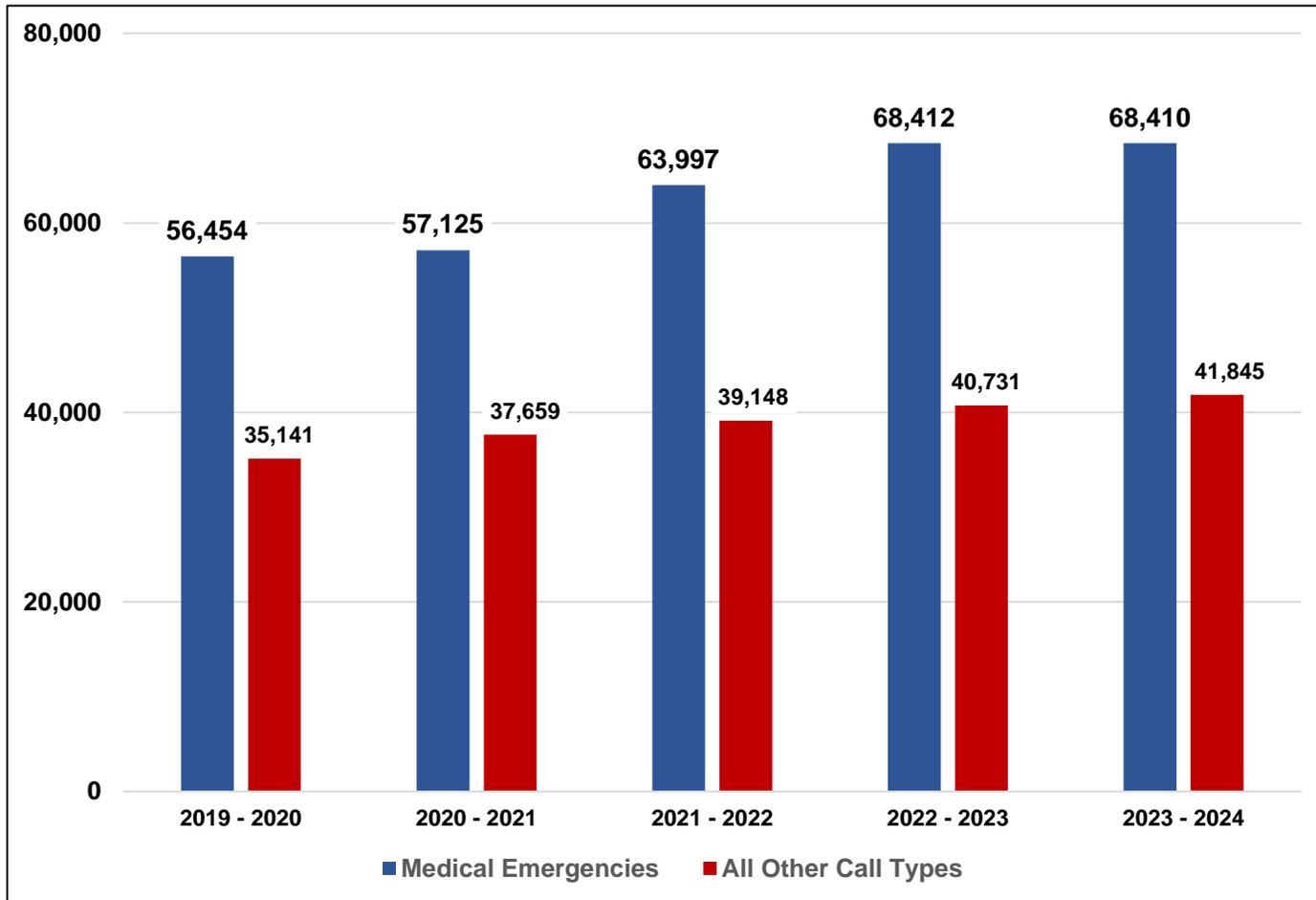
Call Type Distribution



- Total Incidents in FY 2023-2024: 110,254.
- The Department has closely monitored emergency medical call volume since December 2020.
- No discernable change in call type distribution year-over-year.



EMS Call Volume Compared to All Other Call Types



- EMS Call volume has increased 21% since FY 2019-2020.
- FY 2023-2024 EMS call volume did not change from previous fiscal year.
- Total responses for all other call types increased by more than 22.7%, rising from 34,100 calls in FY 2018-2019 to 41,845 calls in FY 2023-2024 over the 5-year period.

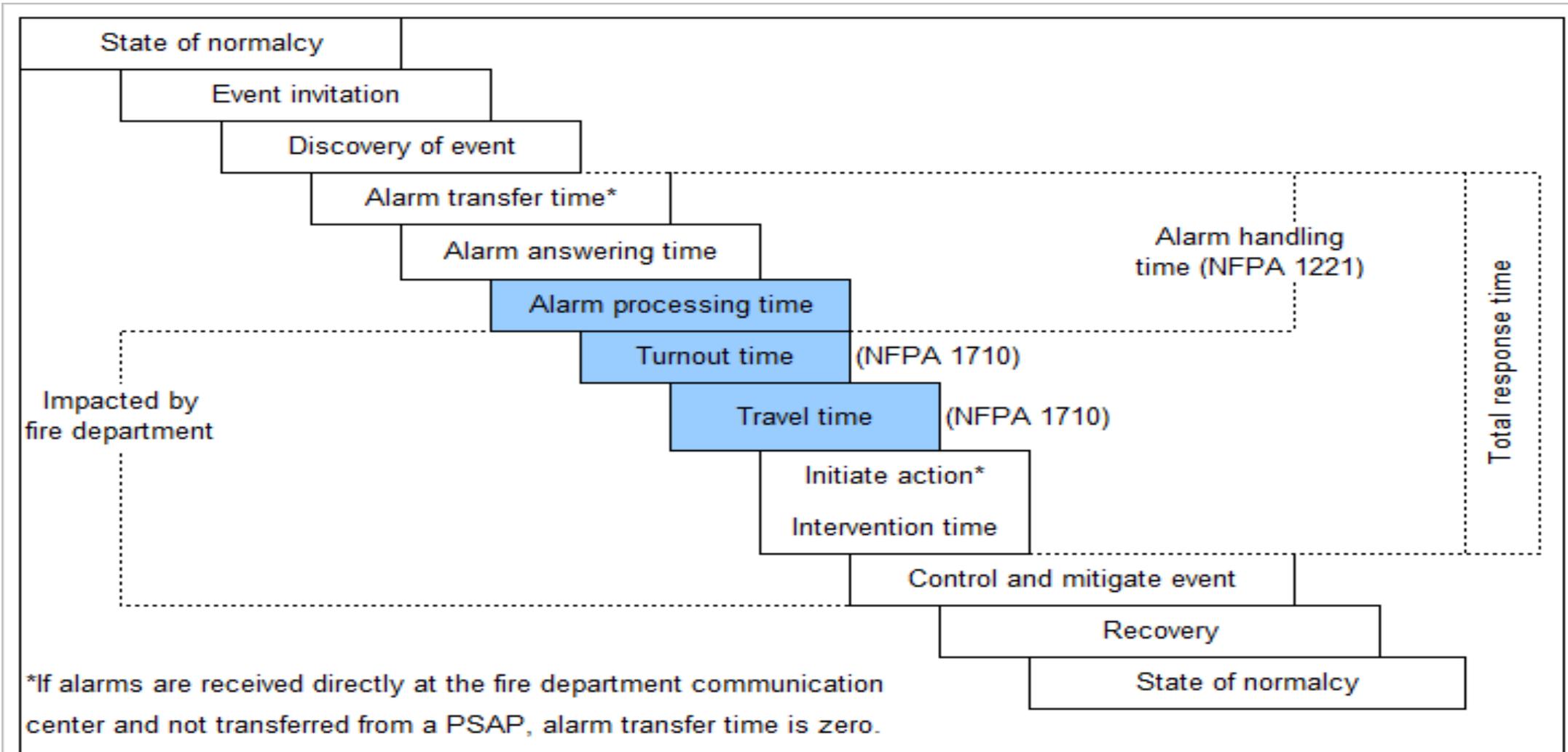
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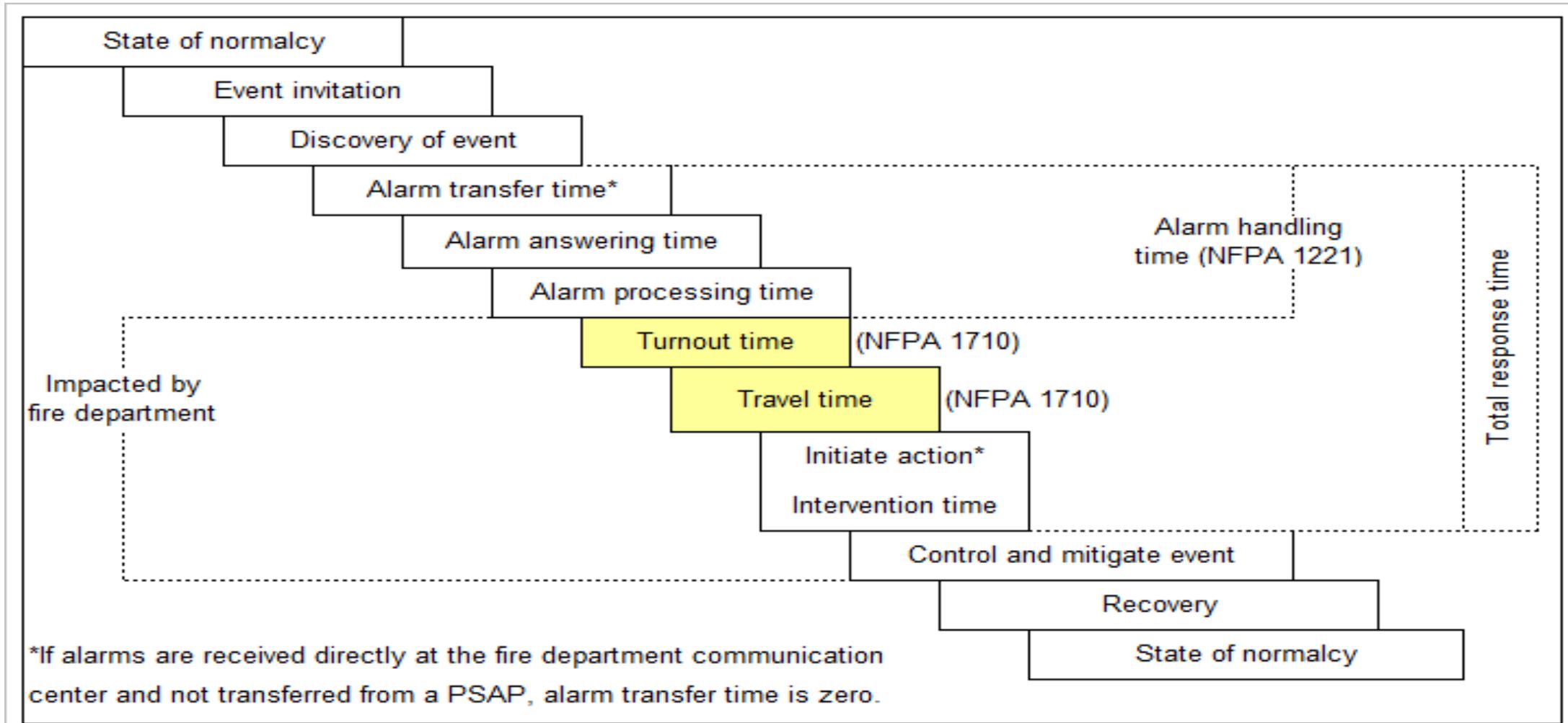


San Jose Fire Department FY 2023-2024 Annual Emergency Response Time Performance Report

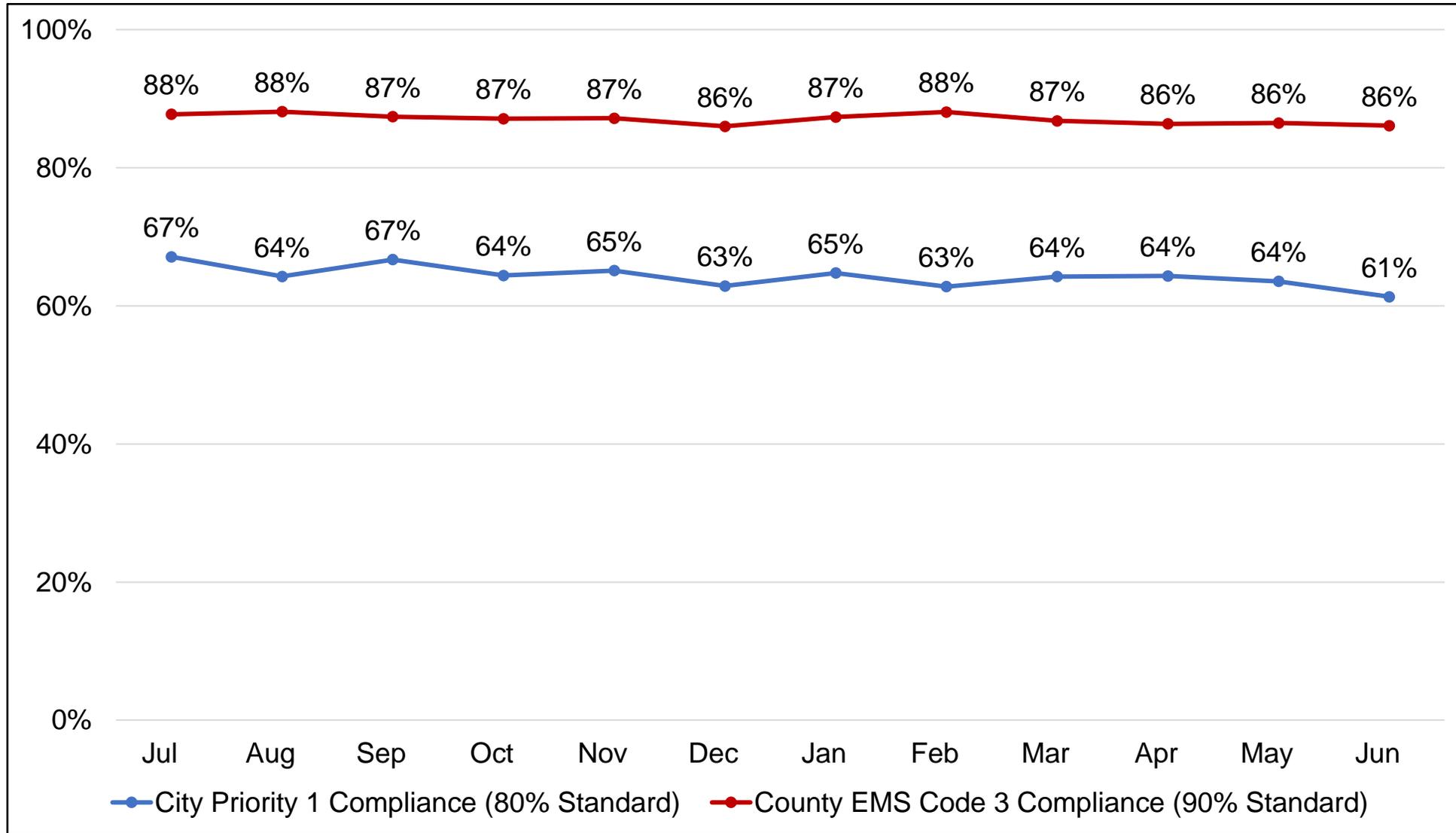
Measuring Response Time (City)



Measuring Response Time (County)

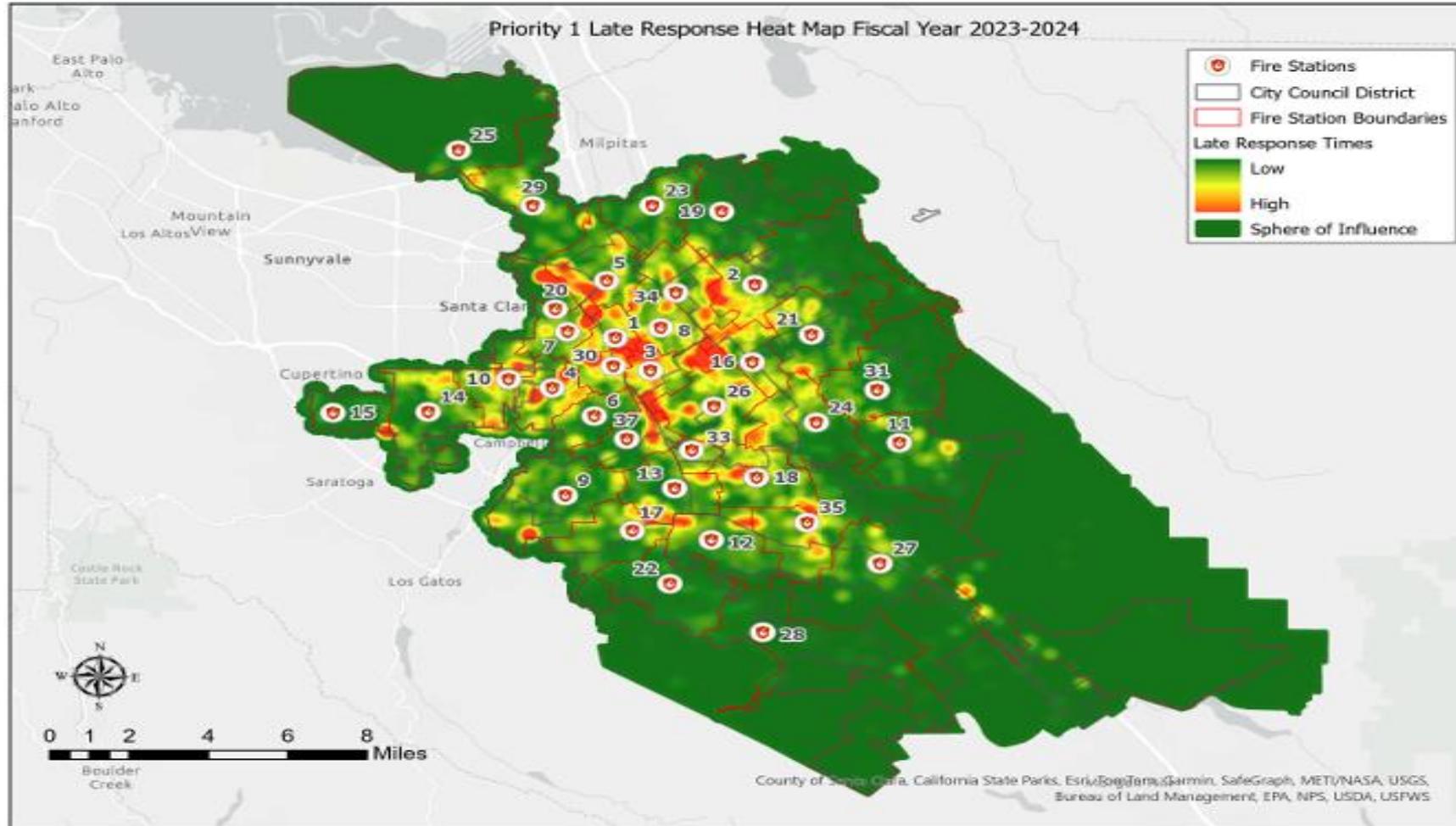


Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Response Time Performance



Late Response Heat Map Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Travel Time Performance - Greater than 4 minutes



Key Strategies



| Projects | Segment | Status |
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| Resourcing | | |
| Deployment Refinements (real-time move-ups & backfill for training) | Travel Time | In Process, Ongoing |
| Fire Communications Staffing | Alarm (Call) Processing Time | Ongoing |
| Border Drops | Travel Time | Following CAD to CAD Dispatch Links |
| Technology | | |
| CAD to CAD Dispatch Link(s) | Alarm (Call) Processing Time, Travel Time | Pending agency readiness |
| Closest Unit Dispatch | Travel Time | In Process, Ongoing |
| Navigation Technology | Travel Time, Resourcing | Ongoing |
| Analytics | | |
| Business Intelligence | Alarm (Call) Processing Time, Turnout Time, Travel Time | In Process, Ongoing |

Questions?

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