

PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP TEAM



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to break down silos, resolve interdepartmental challenges, learn collectively from incidents, and proactively align daily operations and long-term priorities. Through shared leadership, clear communication, and accountability, we aim to improve internal culture, operational effectiveness, and the public's confidence in public safety.



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to operate as one unified public safety leadership team, working across departments to improve coordination, strengthen trust, and enhance service to the community.



UPCOMING 90 DAY GOALS

- Develop and implement the following policies:
 - Emergency Button Activation
 - MAYDAY (firefighter down)
 - Shots Fired
- Conduct Radio Operations Training
- JCC and CPD continue to work with Engineering Department regarding mapping
- Continue to work with Matt Lindberg on website updates
- Hold open houses





INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

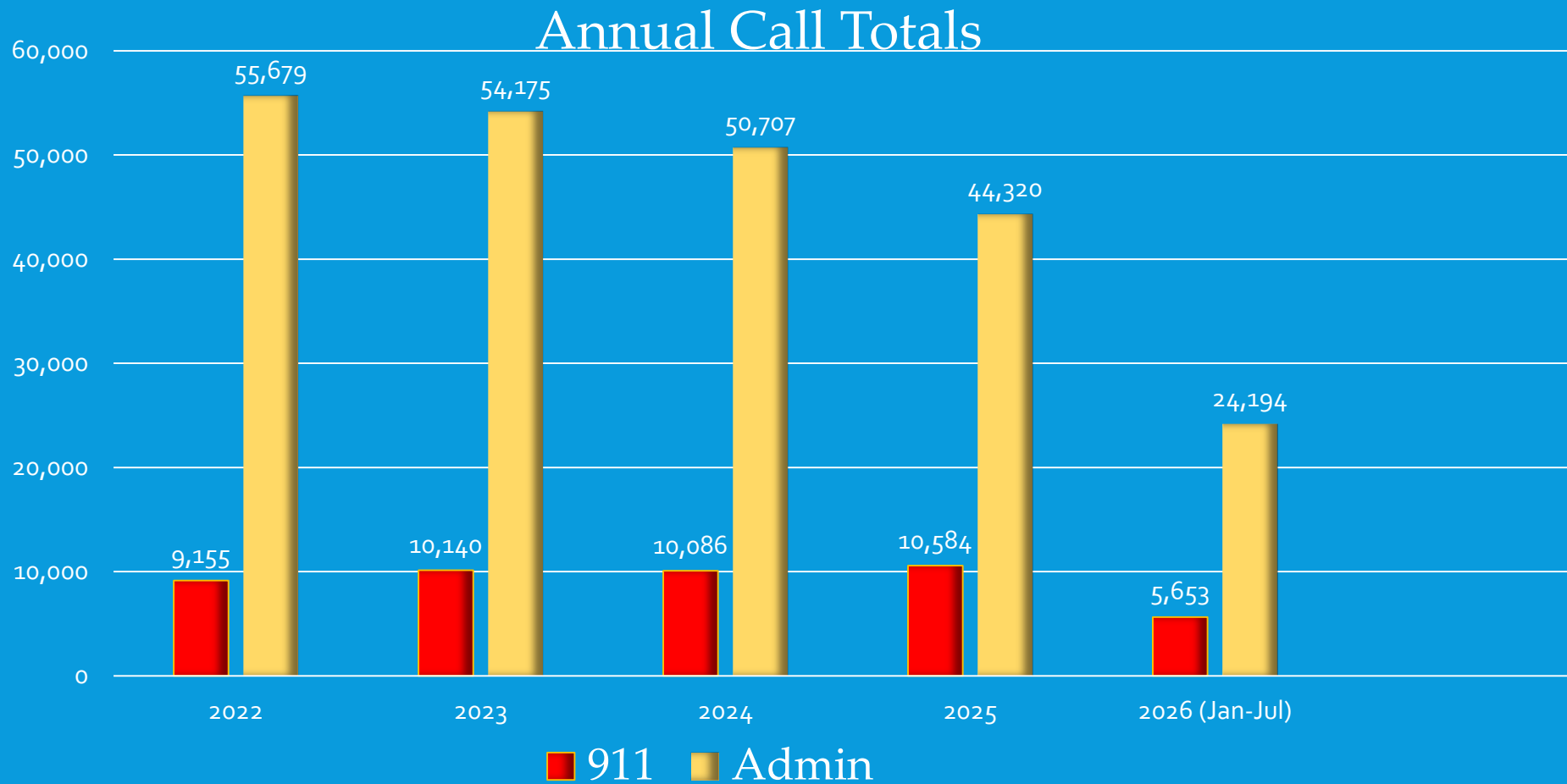
Joint Communications Center

JCC

- Continuing implementation of updated pre-employment testing with remote proctoring, eliminating the need for in-person testing and improving recruitment efficiency.
- Began long-term planning for the replacement of the Joint Communications Center's radio consoles, which are expected to become obsolete by 2030.
- Working with East Central Nebraska 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to initiate planning for the future replacement of Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) for 911 call-taking.
- Initiated discussions with CentralSquare Technologies to evaluate migrating the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) to a cloud-based platform, improving system resiliency and supporting future technology needs.
- Participated in National Night Out.



DATA AND TRENDS





INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Columbus Police Department

CPD

- National Night Out was a great success, except of course for the hot dog eating contest.
- Coffee with a Cop has been well received by all of the locations that we have visited.
- We have sent our policy book to a company to assist us in a rewrite of them.
- Our canine officer is out and working and has already been involved in a several incidents.
- We have three openings, and several great candidates for our open positions.
- Working on strengthening our mentorship program.





INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Columbus Fire Department

CFD

- Placed the new ambulance into service at the Charlie Louis fire station.
- Captain Kluever is working on the implementation of staffing software for the department to better track our daily staffing, vacation, sick leave, and overtime.
- Captain Eric Kluever earned designation as a Fire Officer (FO) through the Center for Professional Credentialing.
- Chief Gray graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program.
- Captain Dunn implemented the MedVault narcotics storage system.
- Planning an open house for the fall of 2026.



DATA AND TRENDS

1,276

TOTAL RUNS YTD

141

FIRE RUNS YTD

1,041

EMS RUNS YTD

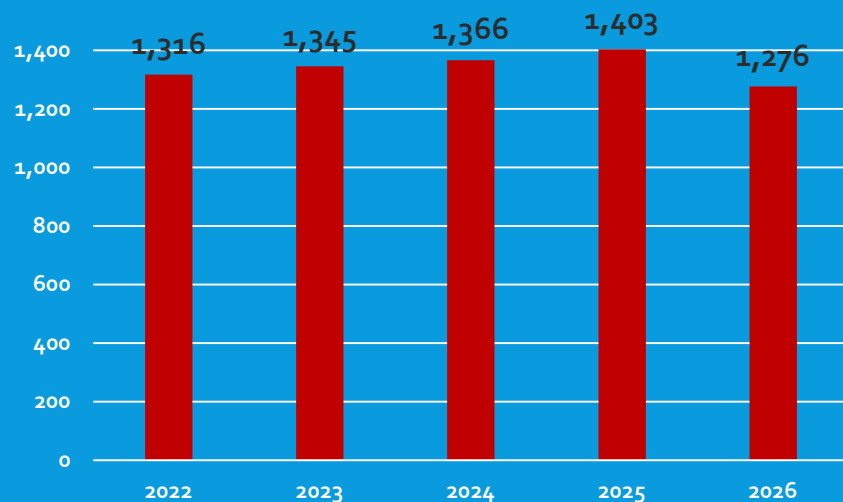
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OTHER / HAZMAT YTD

182.3

AVG RUNS / MONTH

Calls for Service — YTD Pace (Jan–June)



LATEST FULL YEAR · 2025

2,385

Total calls for service

2026 YTD · JAN–JULY

1,276

vs 2025: -9.1%

EMS SHARE OF CALLS

82.8%

of total call volume (4-yr avg)



QUESTIONS

