

# CITY OF COLUMBUS

## 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.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Held our first monthly Joint Public Safety Leadership Collaboration meeting.
  - The group consisted of the supervisory teams from each department.
- CFD provided Incident Command Systems and fireground operations training with JCC personnel, which was also attended by CPD Command Staff.
- Initiated conversations between CPD and CFD on forming joint teams for water/ice rescue, drone operations, and tactical medicine.
- Jointly addressed radio communications expectations across all three departments.



# 2026 ACTION ITEMS

- Develop and implement the following policies:
  - Emergency Button Activation
  - MAYDAY (firefighter down)
  - Shots Fired
- Conduct Radio Operations Training
- CPD and JCC to implement reporting and mapping changes
- Train all employees on media relations



# 2026 ACTION ITEMS

- Hold annual open house at CFD and CPD
  - All events will be jointly attended by all three departments
- Add a “tour request” link to department websites
- Hold Incident Command Systems/National Incident Management Systems (ICS/NIMS) training annually for all departments.
- Continue monthly Joint Public Safety Collaboration meetings.





# INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Joint Communications Center

# JCC

- Implemented a new Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) program to strengthen oversight, consistency, and performance outcomes.
- In the process of launching updated pre-employment testing with remote proctoring capability, eliminating the previous requirement for in-person testing and improving recruitment efficiency.
- Conducting review of departmental policies and procedures, with updates in progress to ensure alignment with current best practices.
- Initiating planning for future replacement of radio consoles, as current systems are expected to become obsolete by 2030.





# INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Columbus Police Department

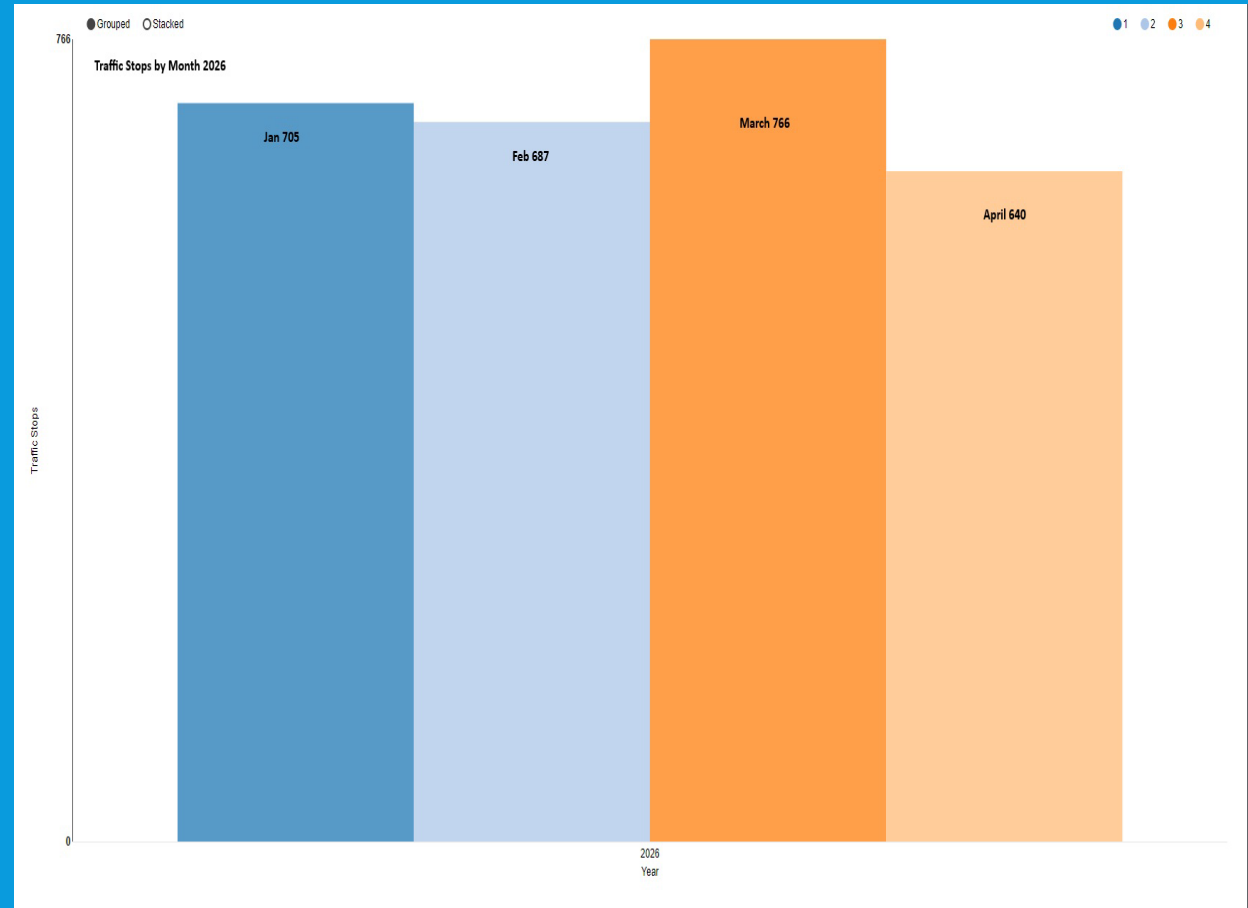
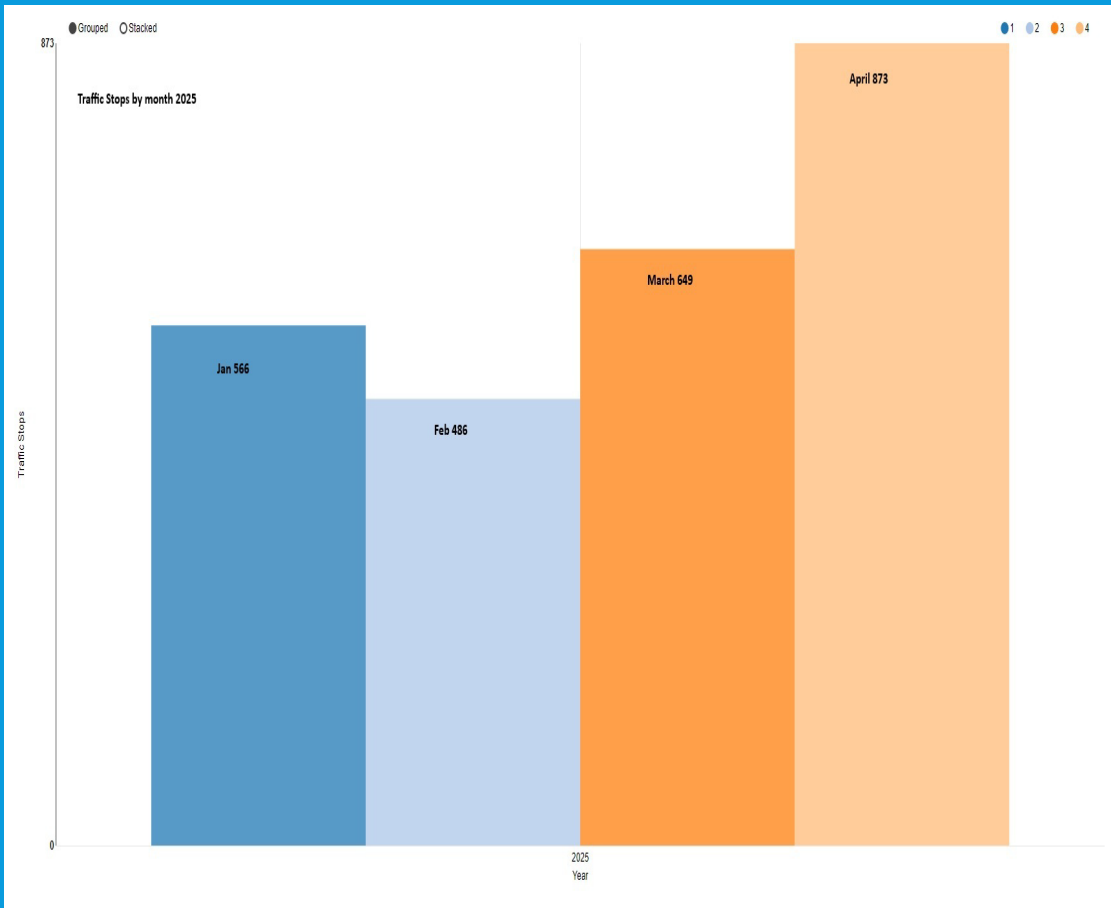
# CPD

- Established three committees
  - Uniform Committee
    - Our uniform committee has nearly completed their work
  - Policy Review Committee
    - Our policy review committee continues to work on a complete review of our policies
  - Strategic Planning Committee
    - This committee met for the first time and are developing a SWOT analysis
- Canine officer is currently in training in Grand Island
- Computer upgrades in patrol cars are ongoing.



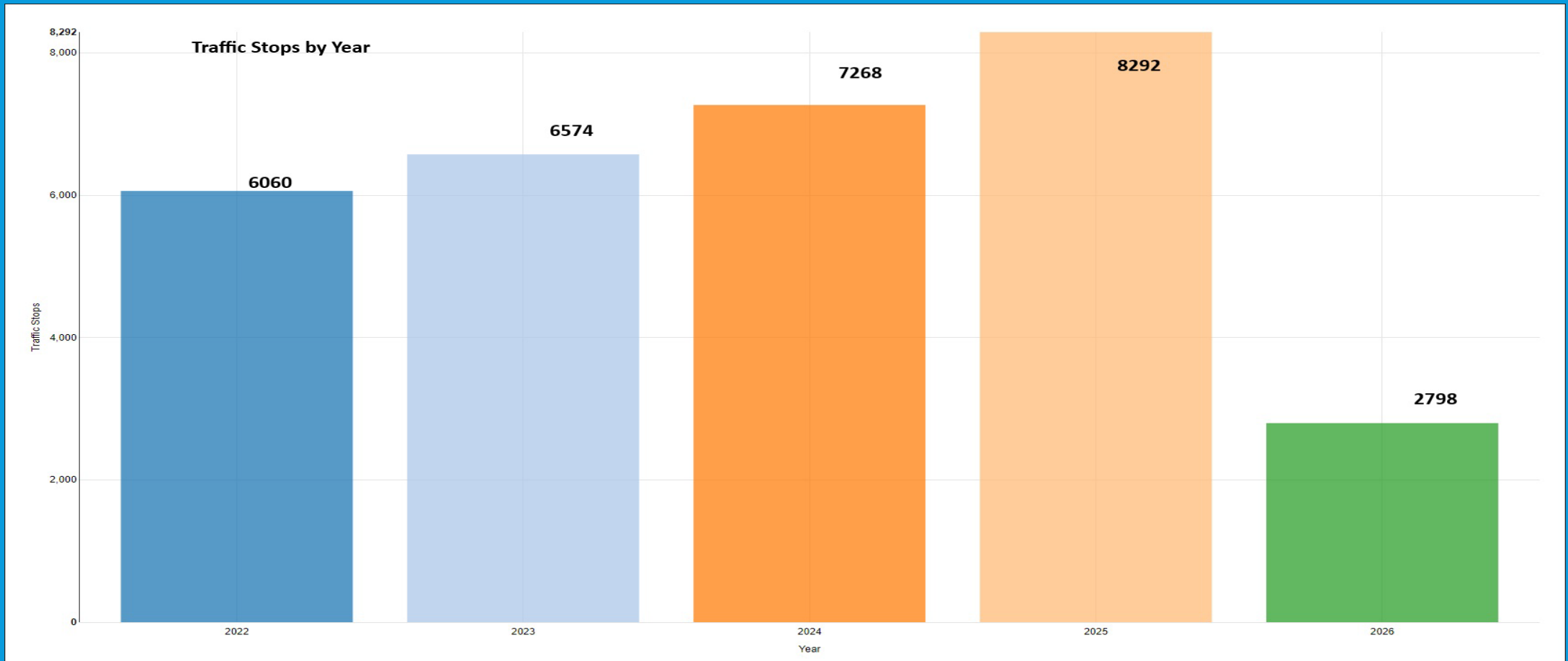
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- Trends—Traffic Stops by month



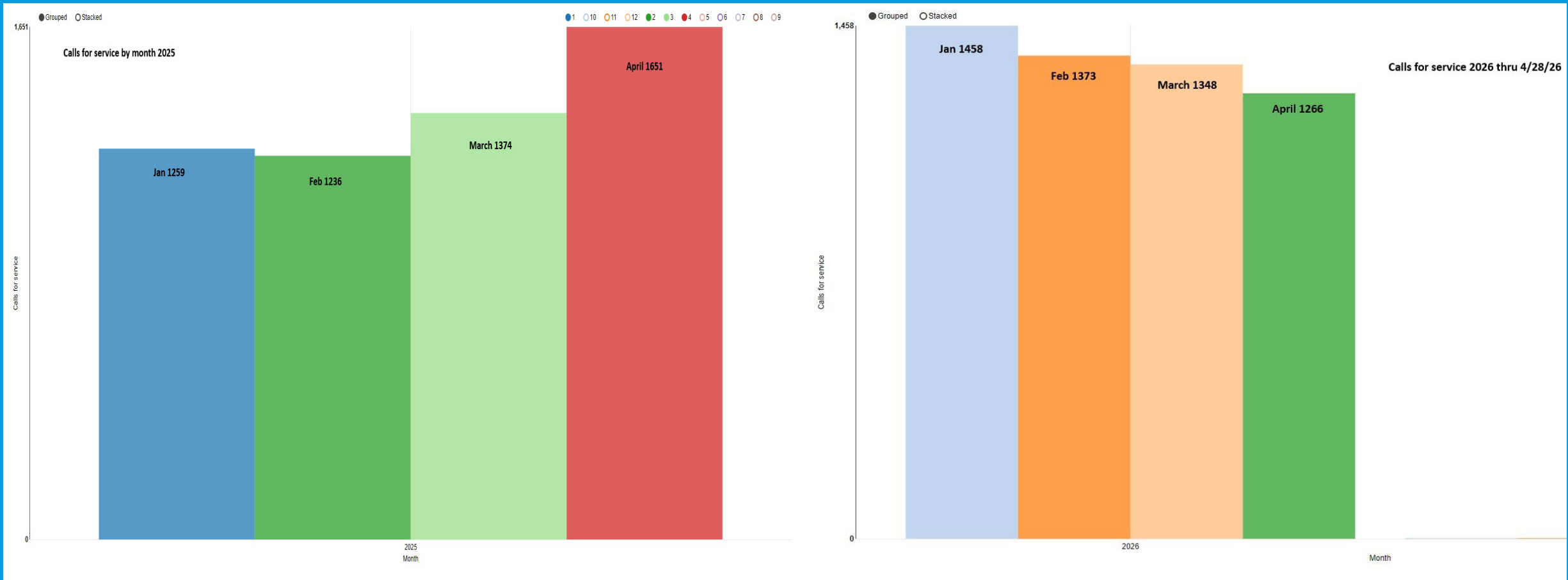
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- Trends—Traffic Stops by Year



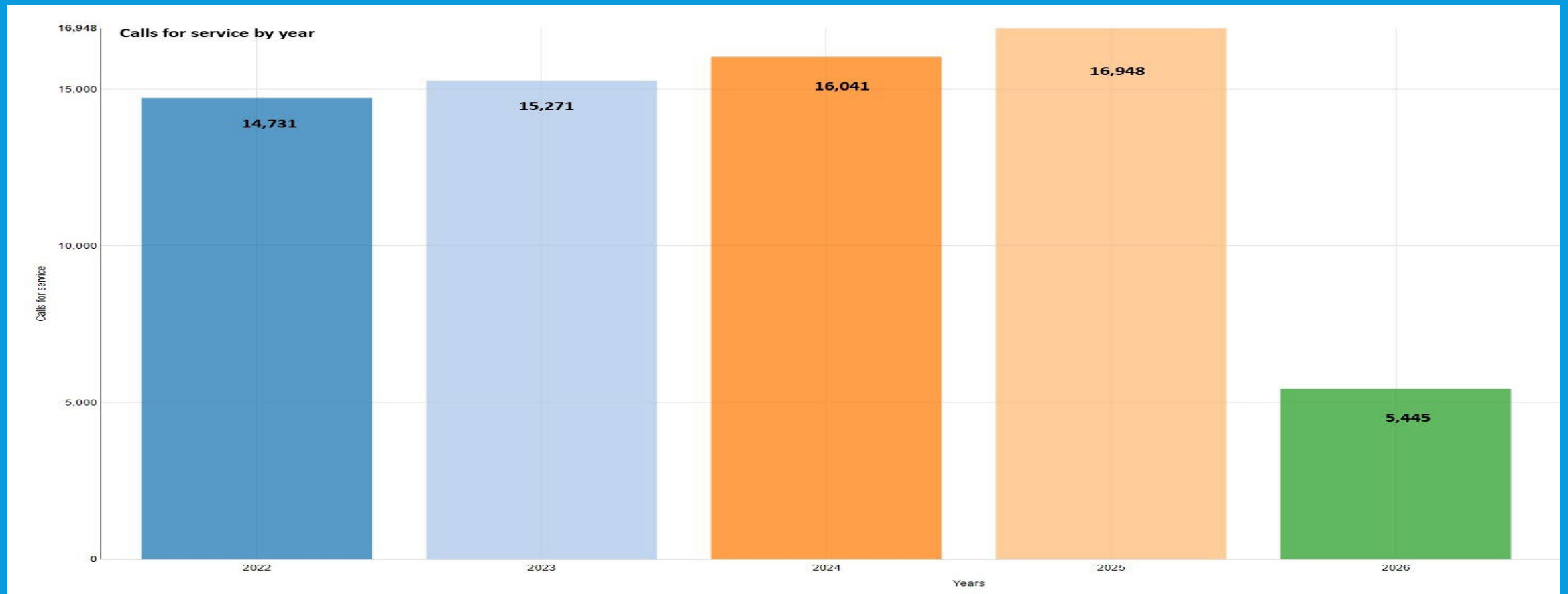
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- Trends—Calls for Service by Month



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- Trends Call for Service by Year





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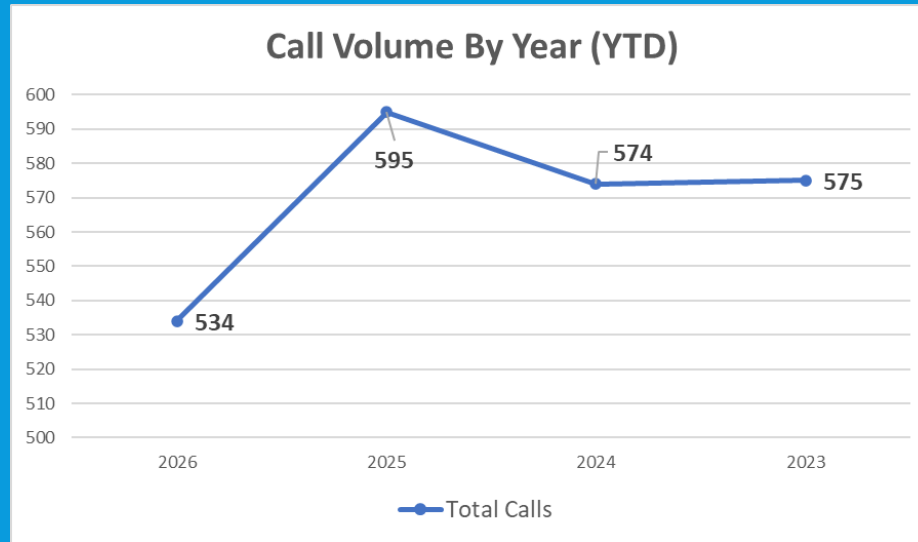
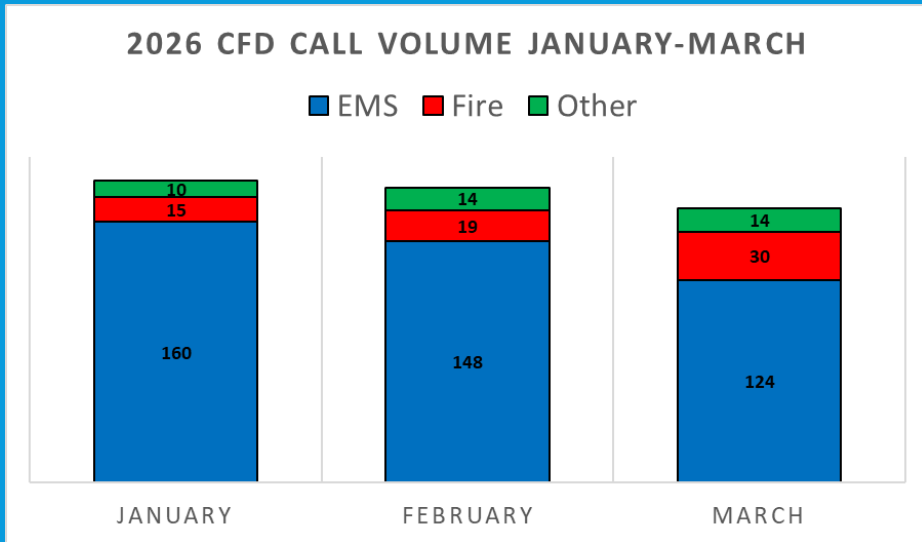
Columbus Fire Department

# CFD

- Completed final inspection on the new ambulance that was ordered in 2023. Expecting delivery in mid-May.
- The department is working through issues with the new national reporting system and state DHHS requirements.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Rathje has started a Hands-Only CPR program for the high schools. He has taught at Lakeview already and is in the process of scheduling with CHS and SCOTUS.
- Chief Gray and Mayor Bulkley attended a VIP event hosted by Nebraska Task Force-1 and saw first-hand the abilities of the team, and what our personnel are learning through the experience.



# DATA AND TRENDS



**534 Total Calls for Service**  
 432-EMS  
 64-Fire  
 38-Other

**Incidents by Property**  
 38.2% Single Family  
 20.2% Nursing Facilities  
 8.9% Multi-Family

## Medical

49.8% Illness  
 22.8% Injury  
 2.4% Other

## Fire

3.8% Outside Fire  
 1.4% Structure Fire  
 0.7% Transportation Fire

## Non-Emergency

5.4% False Alarm  
 1.7% Cancelled  
 1.7% Good Intent

## Public Service

4.7% Citizen Assists  
 1.0% Non-Medical Alarms



# LOOKING AHEAD

- We will:
  - Strengthen interdepartmental coordination and trust
  - Improve response consistency and operational readiness
  - Enhance transparency and engagement with the community
  - Maintain a unified approach to public safety leadership



# QUESTIONS

