



Mayor & Council Work Session

February 20, 2024 at 3:00 P.M

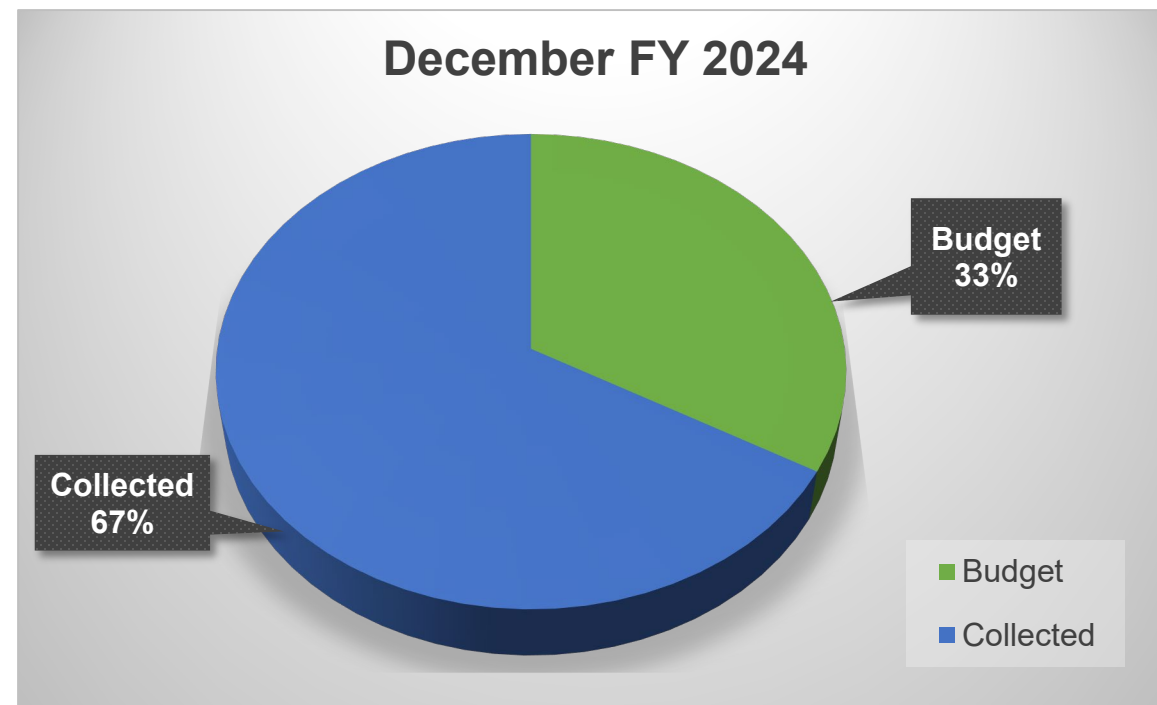
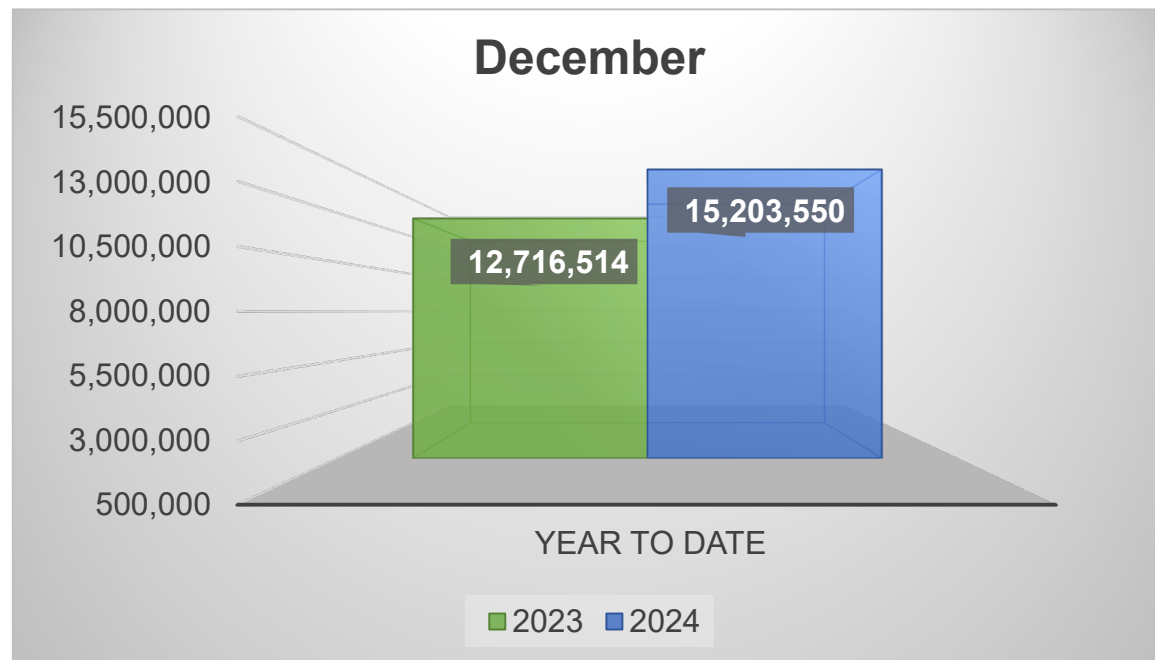


1. Quarterly Financial Report
2. Public Safety Reports
 - Fire Department
 - Police Department
3. Utility Billing and Bill Pay
4. Presentation of the FY 2023 Audit Report
5. Personal Mobility Ordinance Presentation
6. Proximity Waivers for Central Business District
7. Tree Grants
8. Presentation by the Youth Council

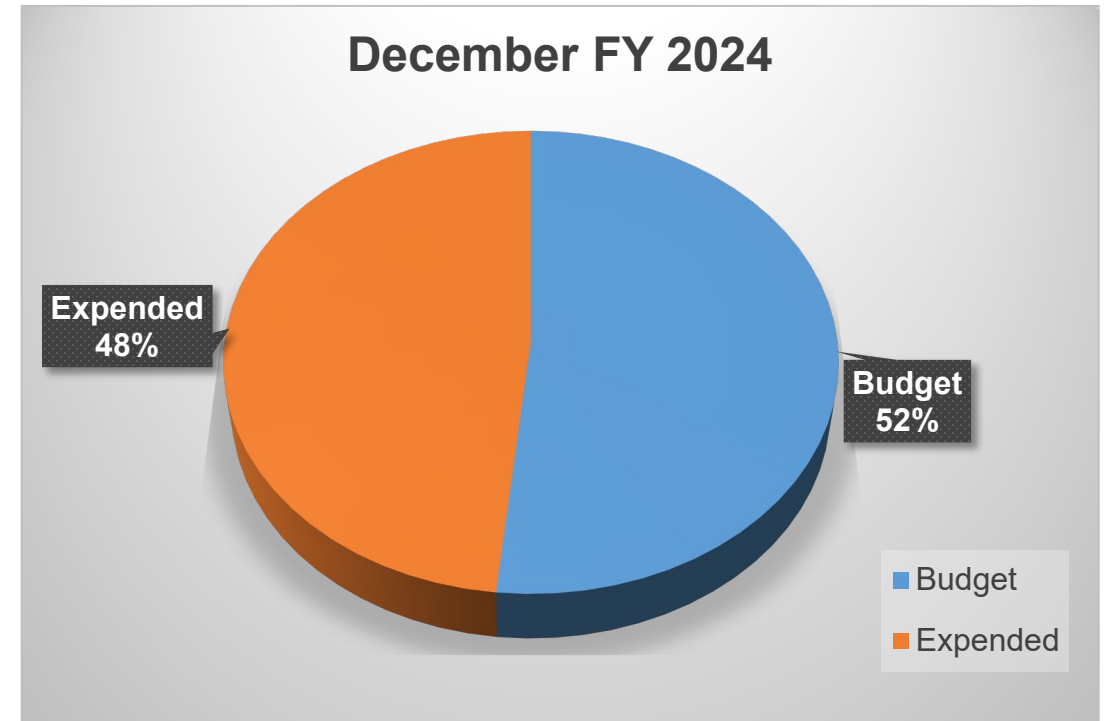
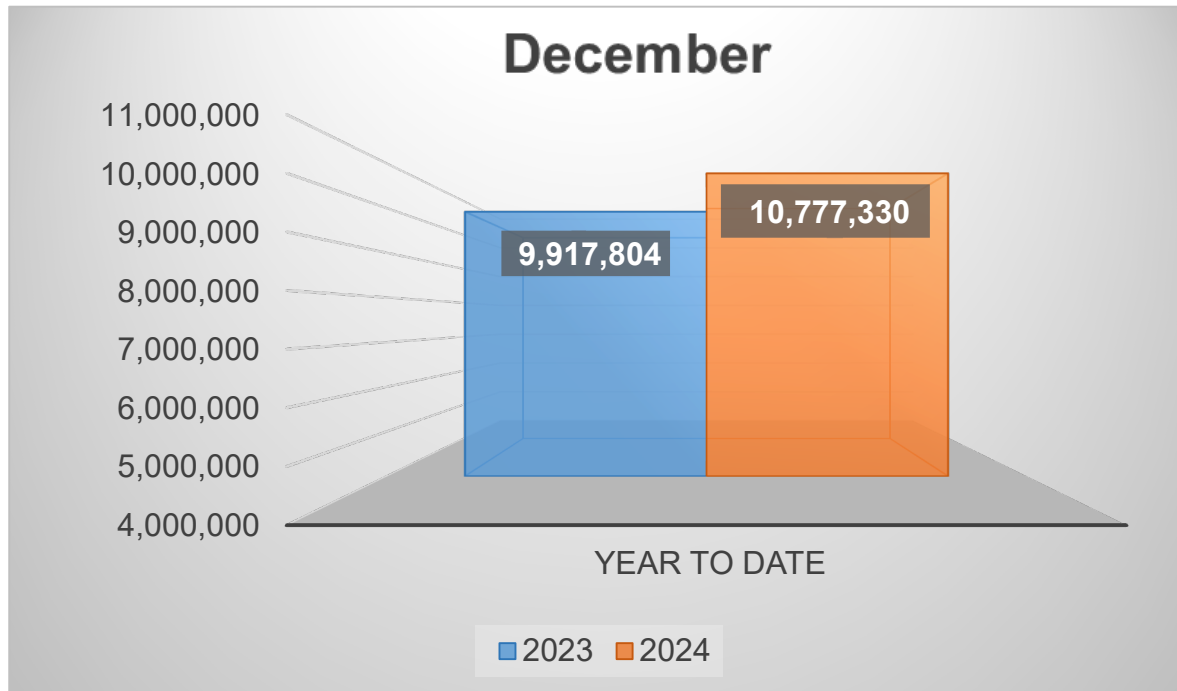
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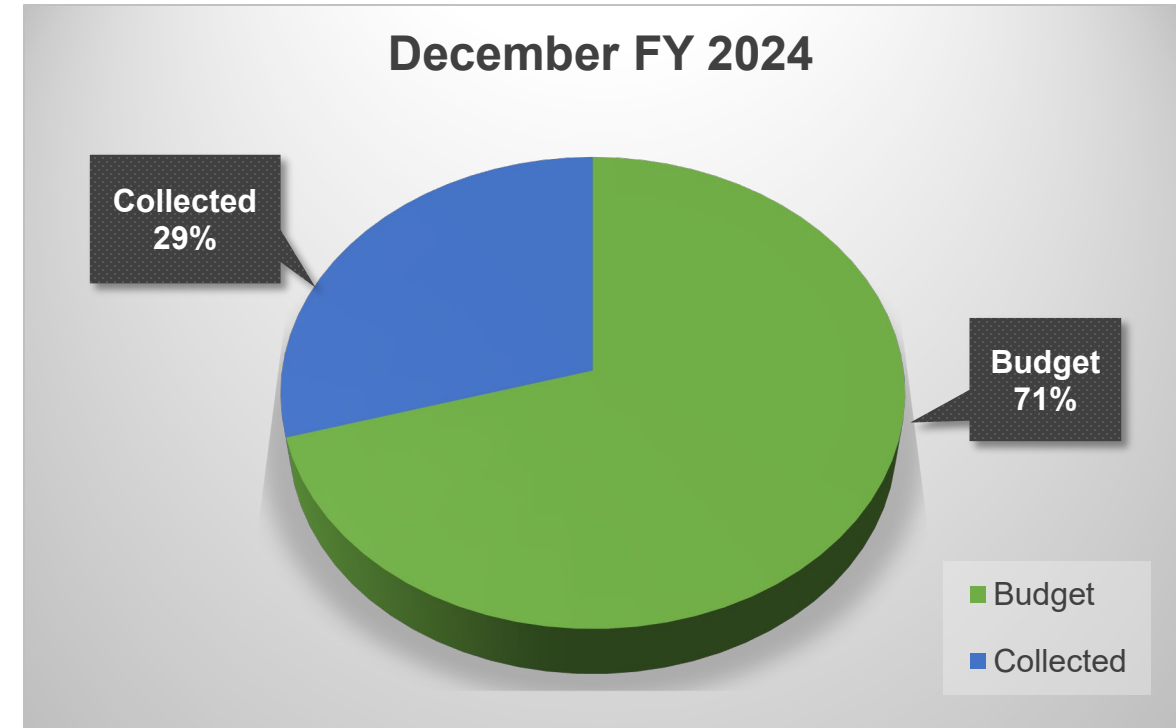
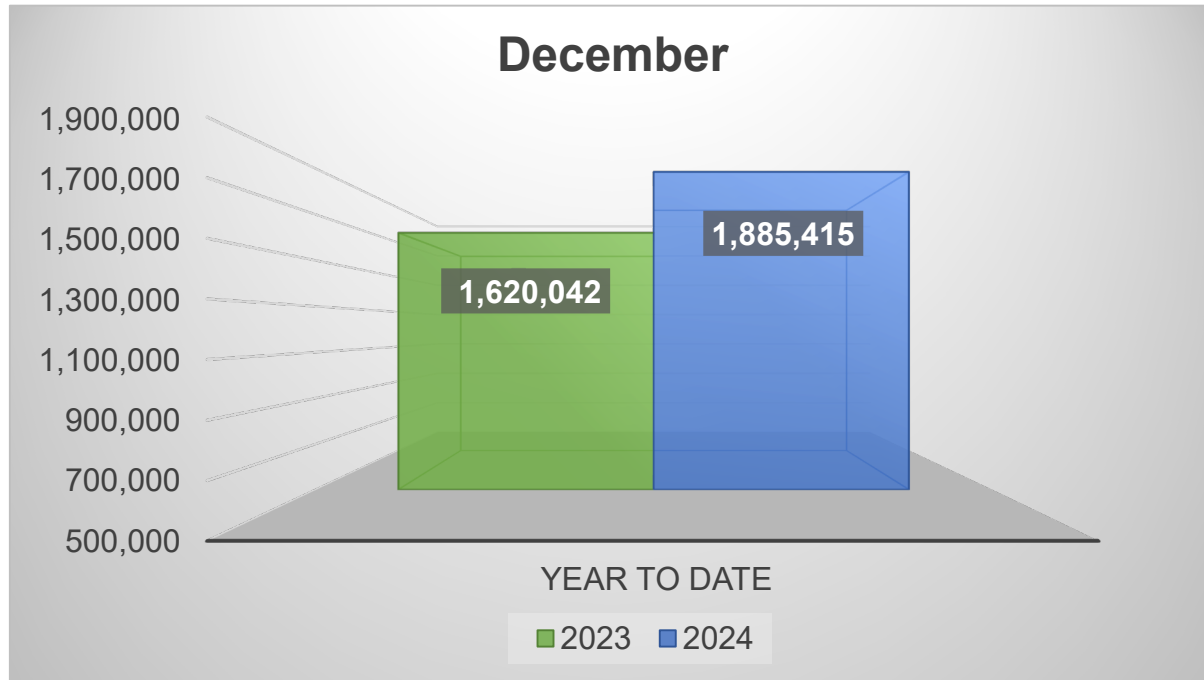
General Fund - Revenues



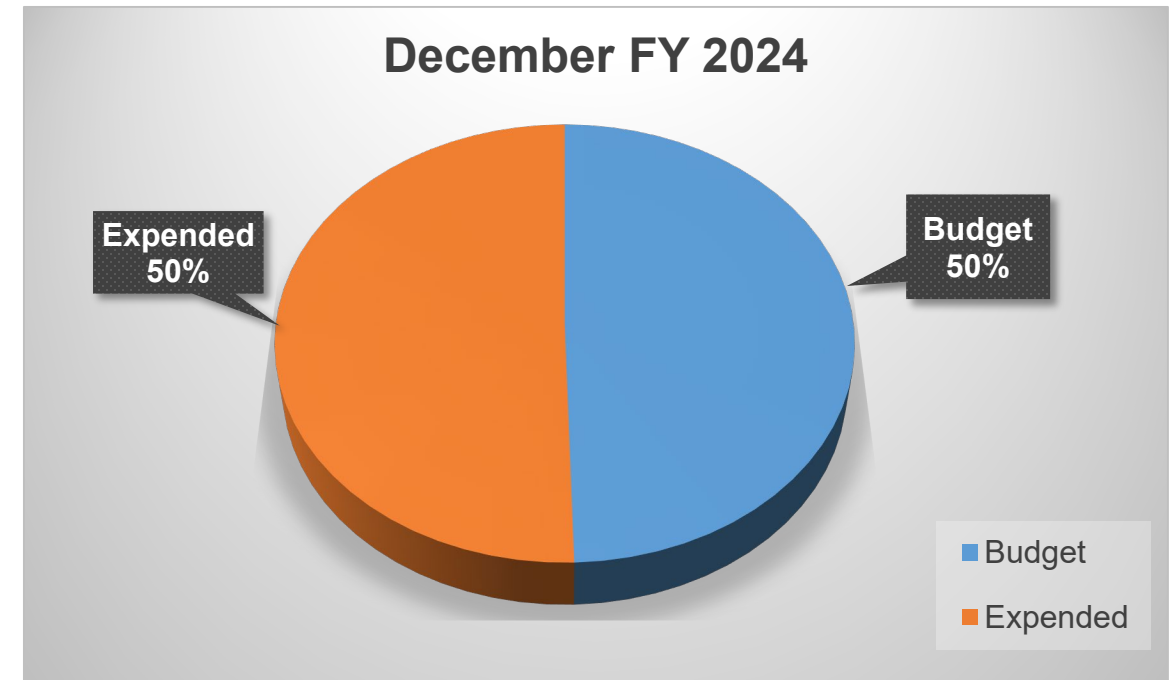
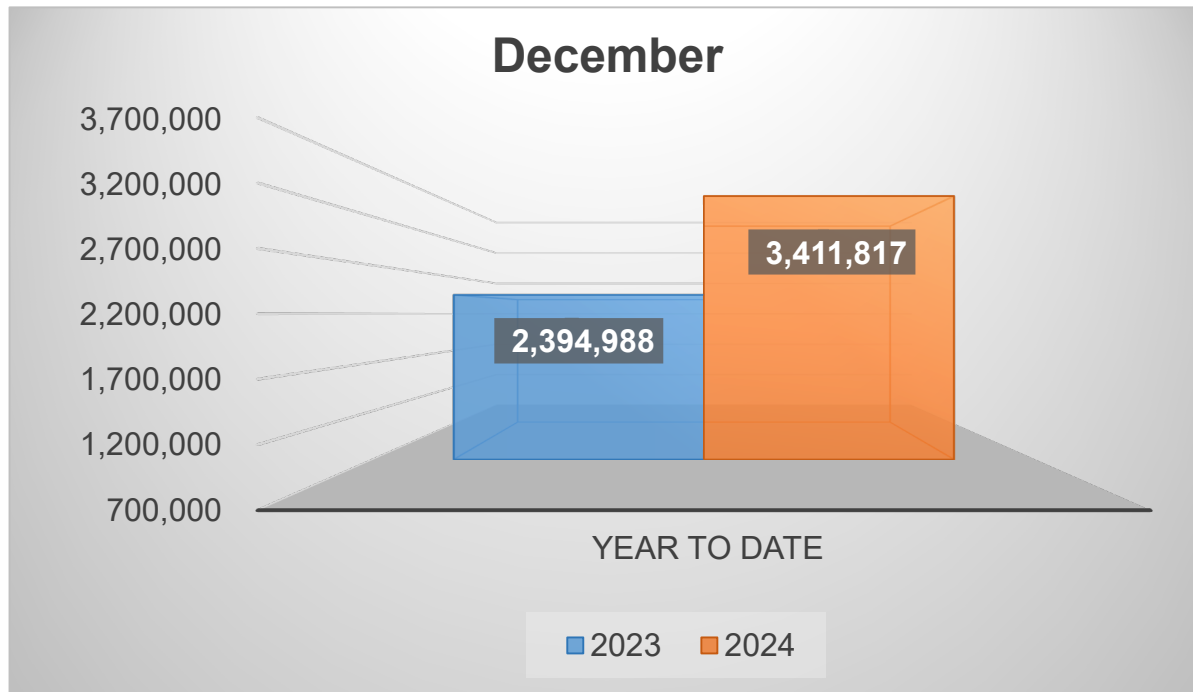
General Fund - Expenditures



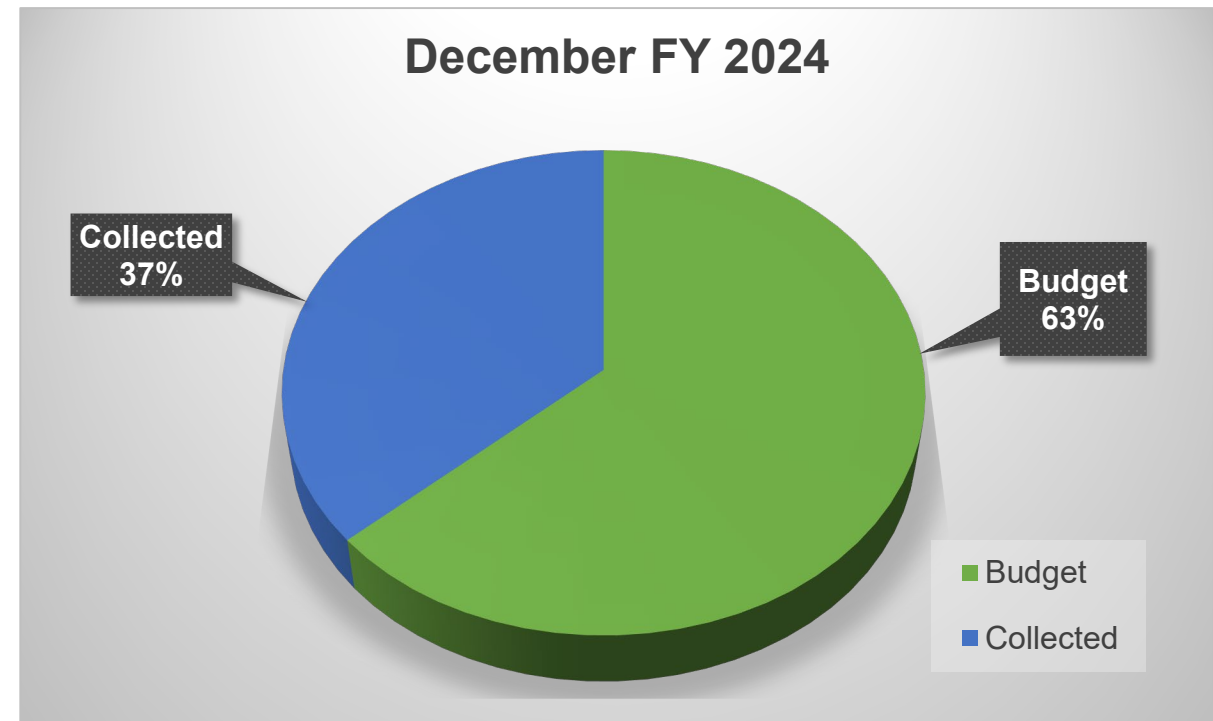
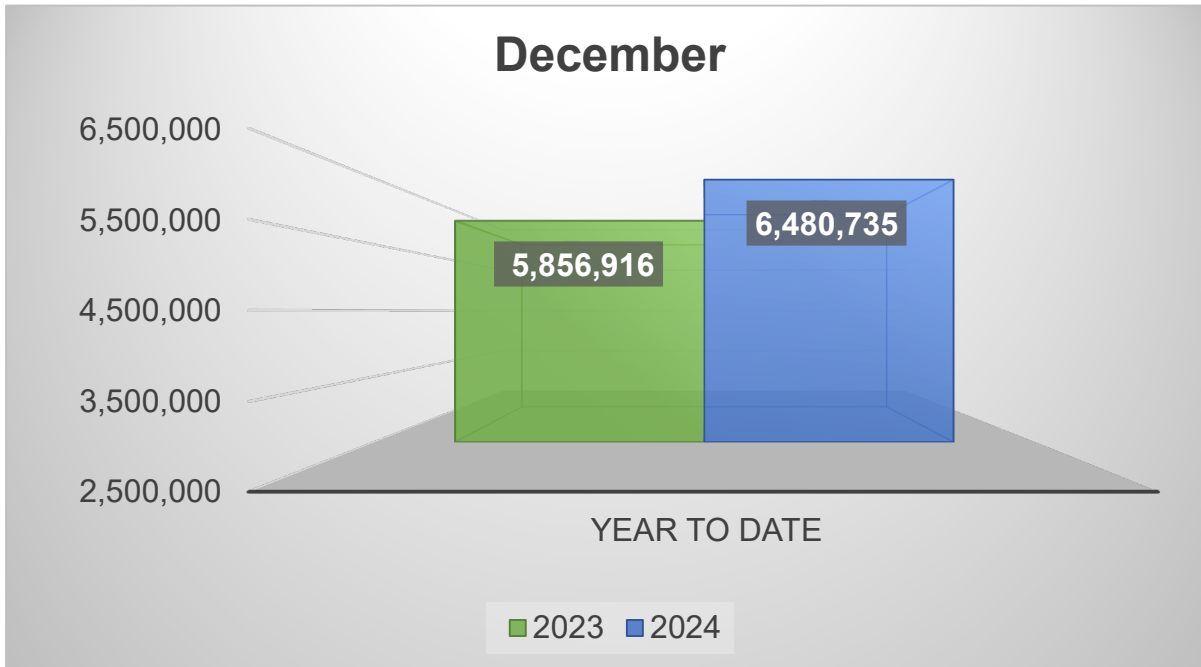
Statesboro Fire Service Fund - Revenues



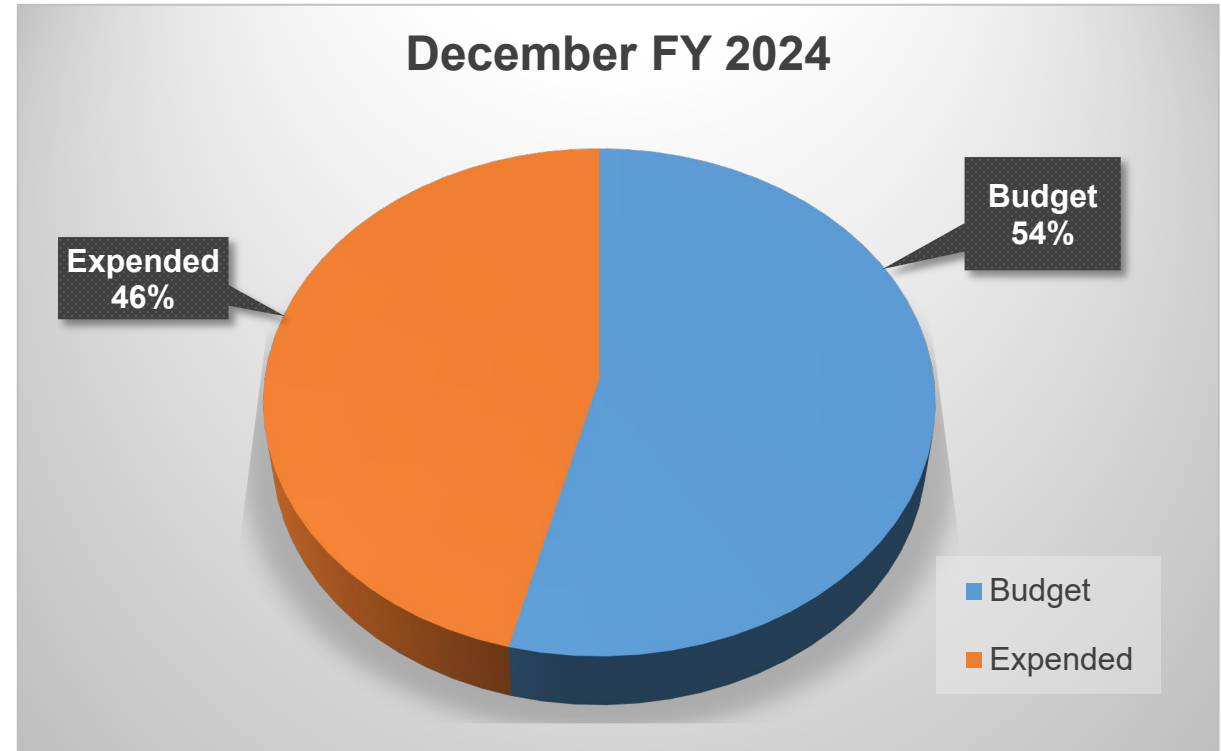
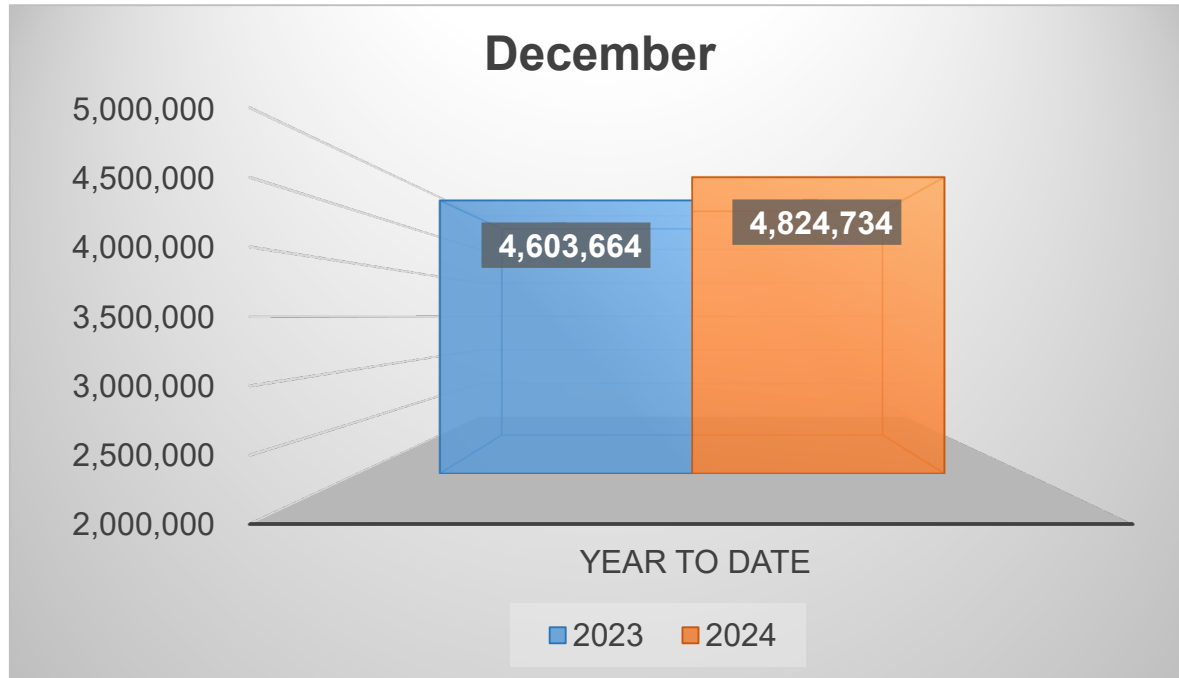
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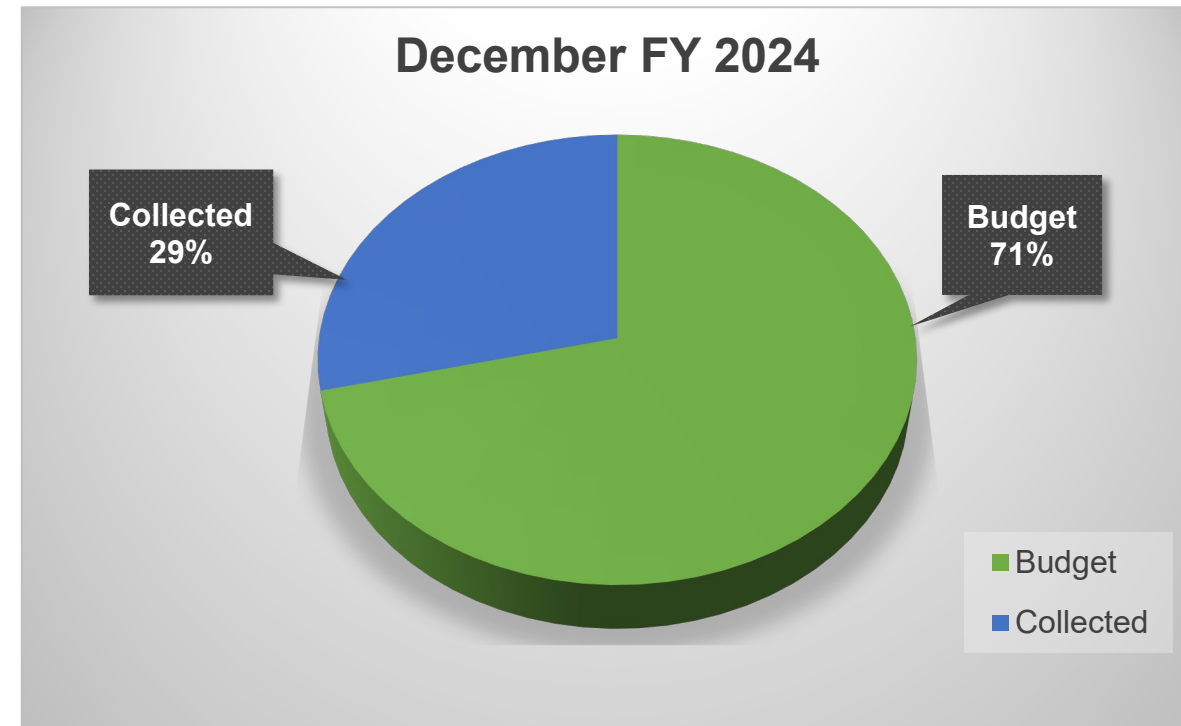
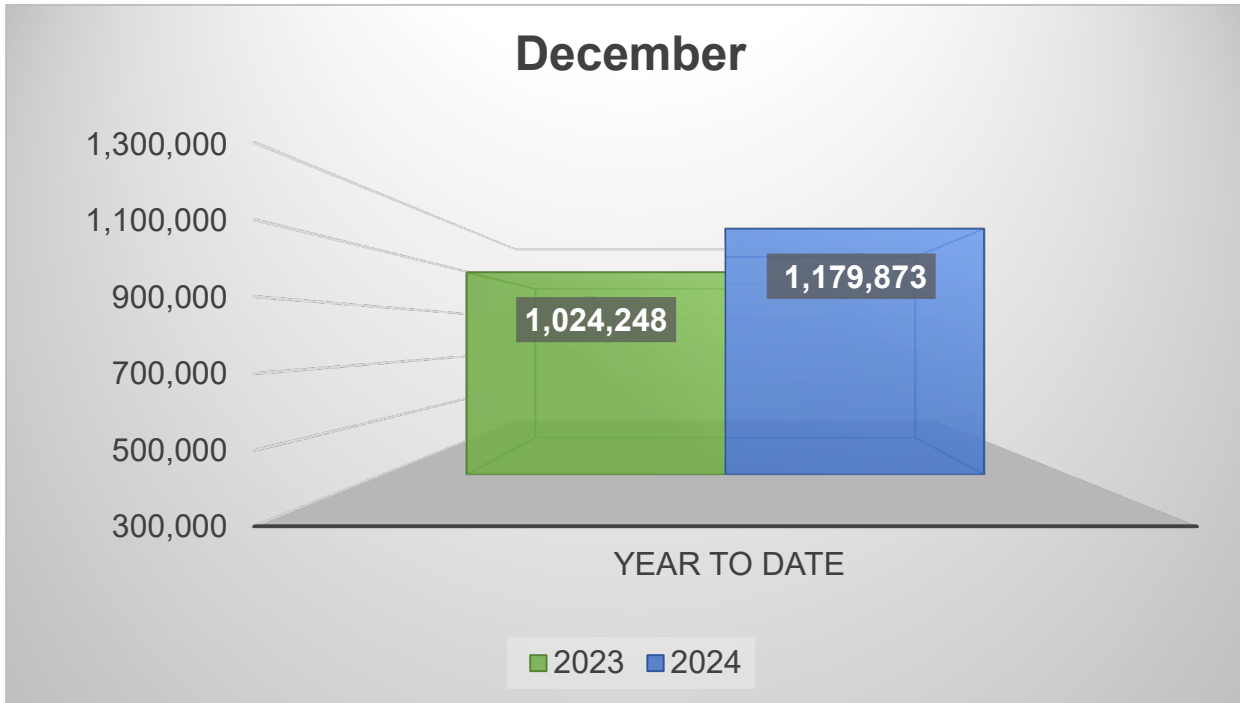
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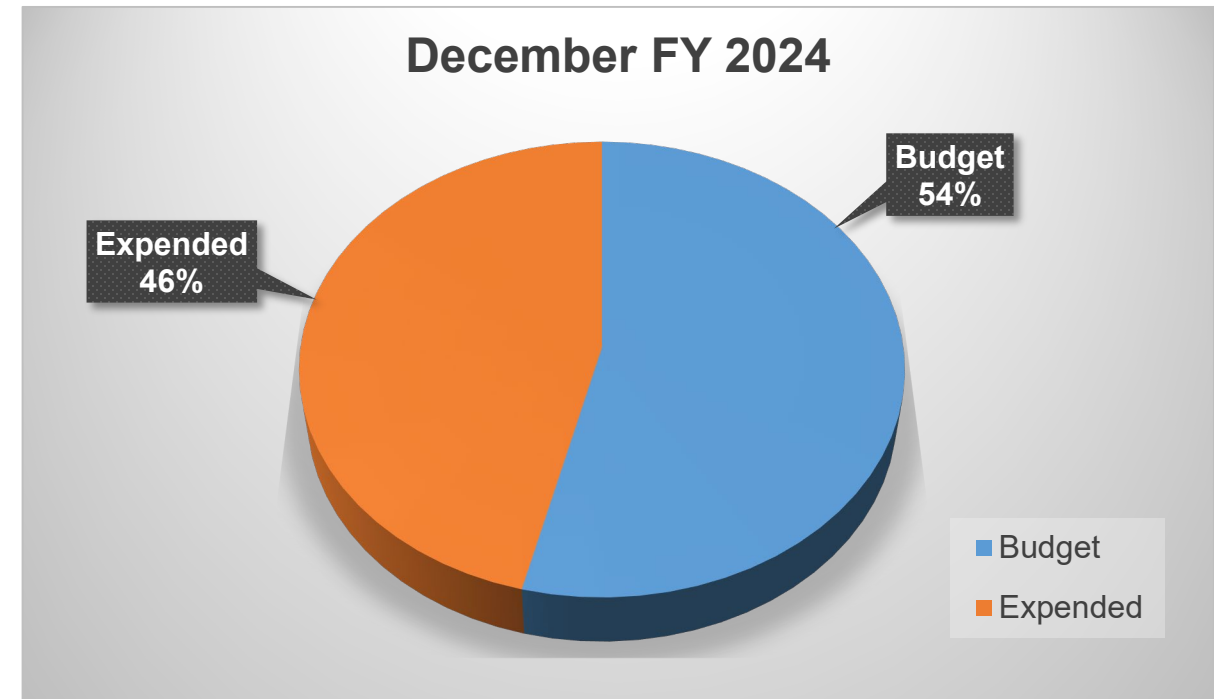
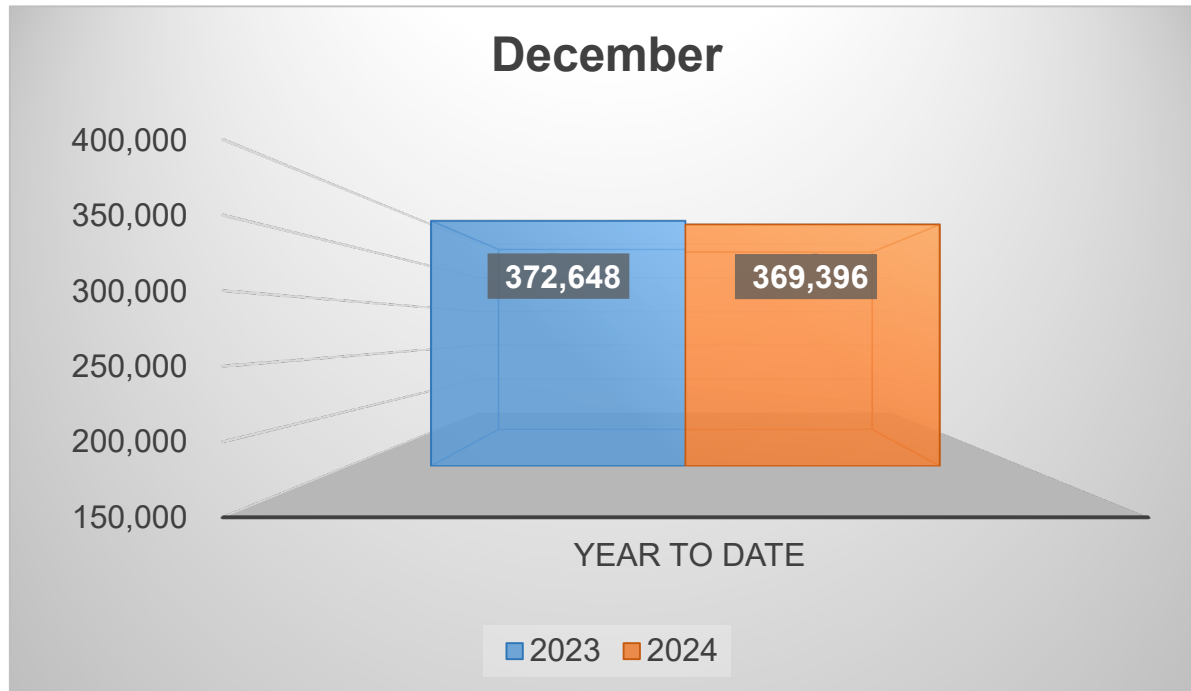
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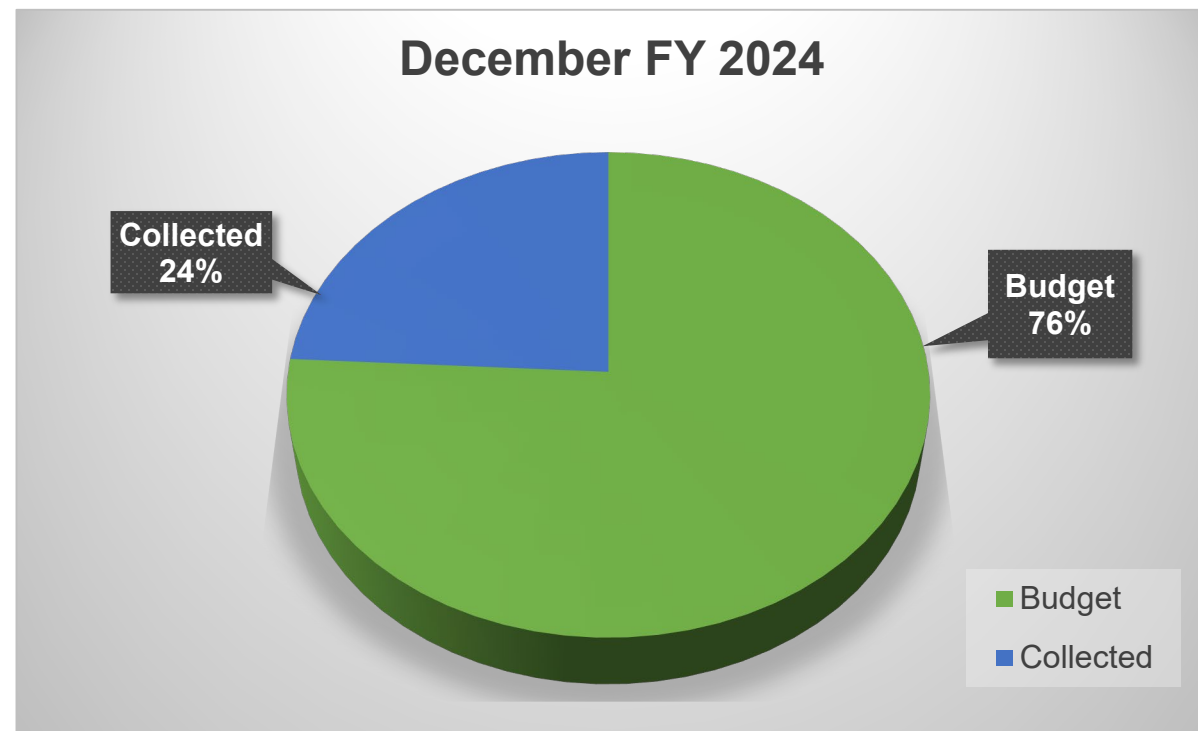
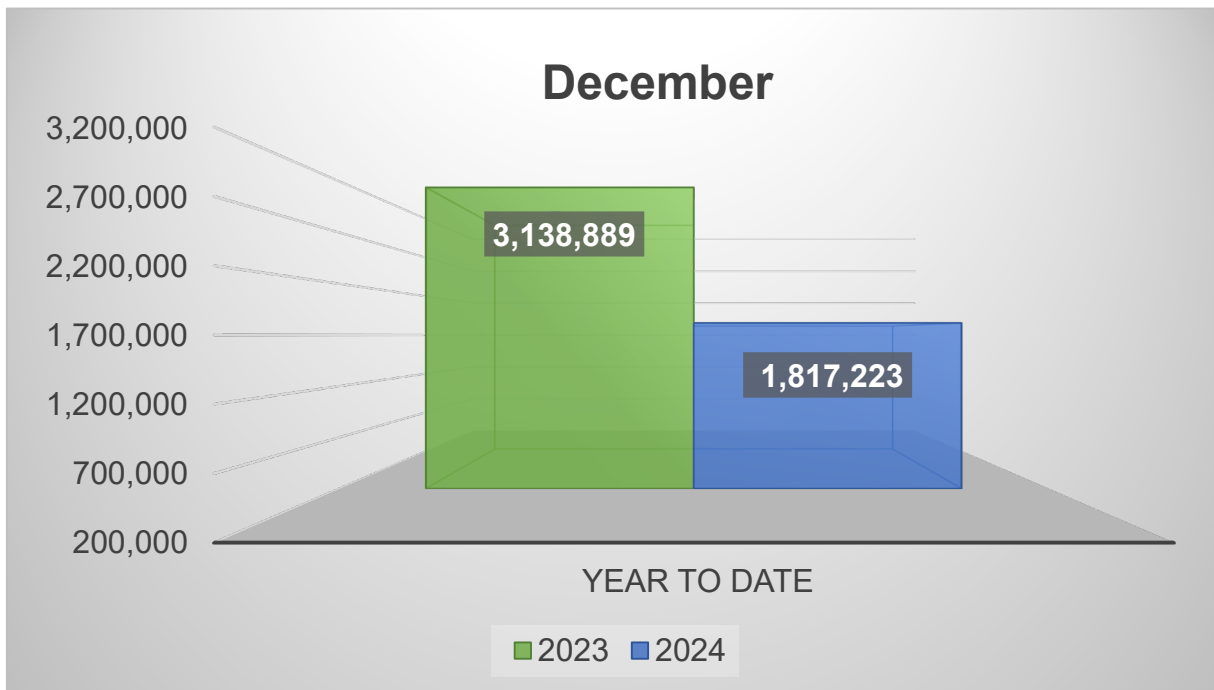
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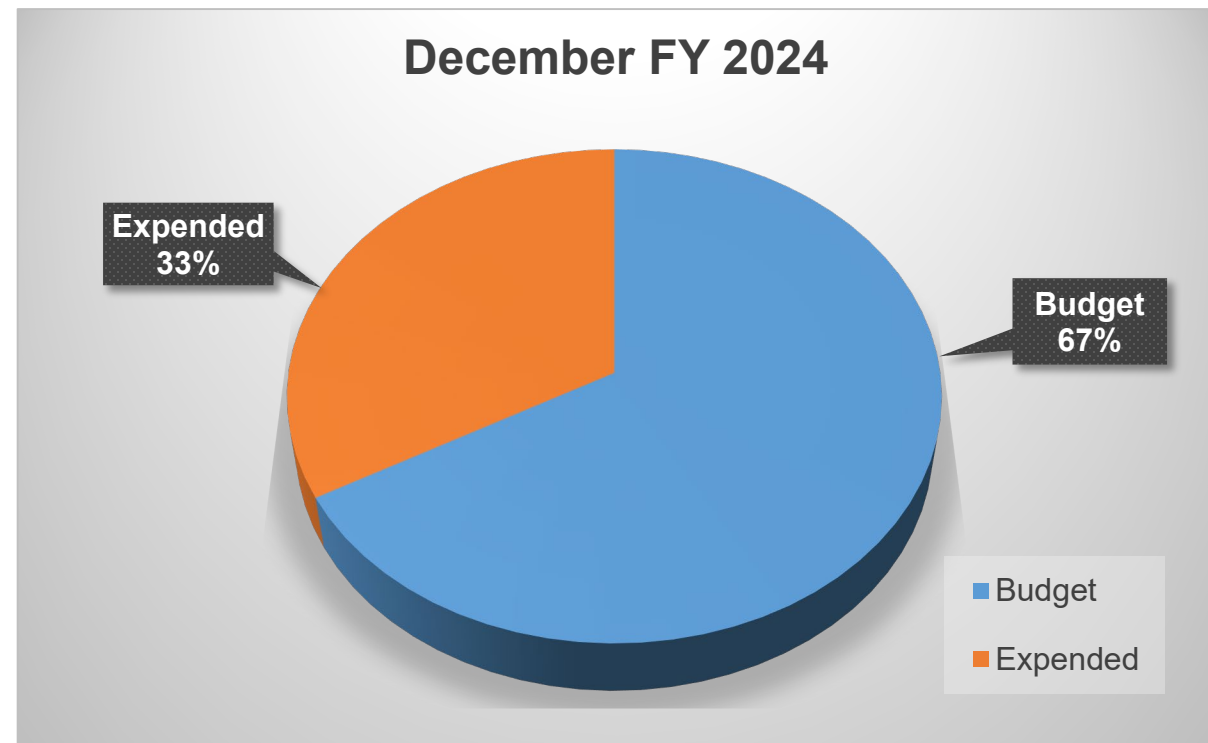
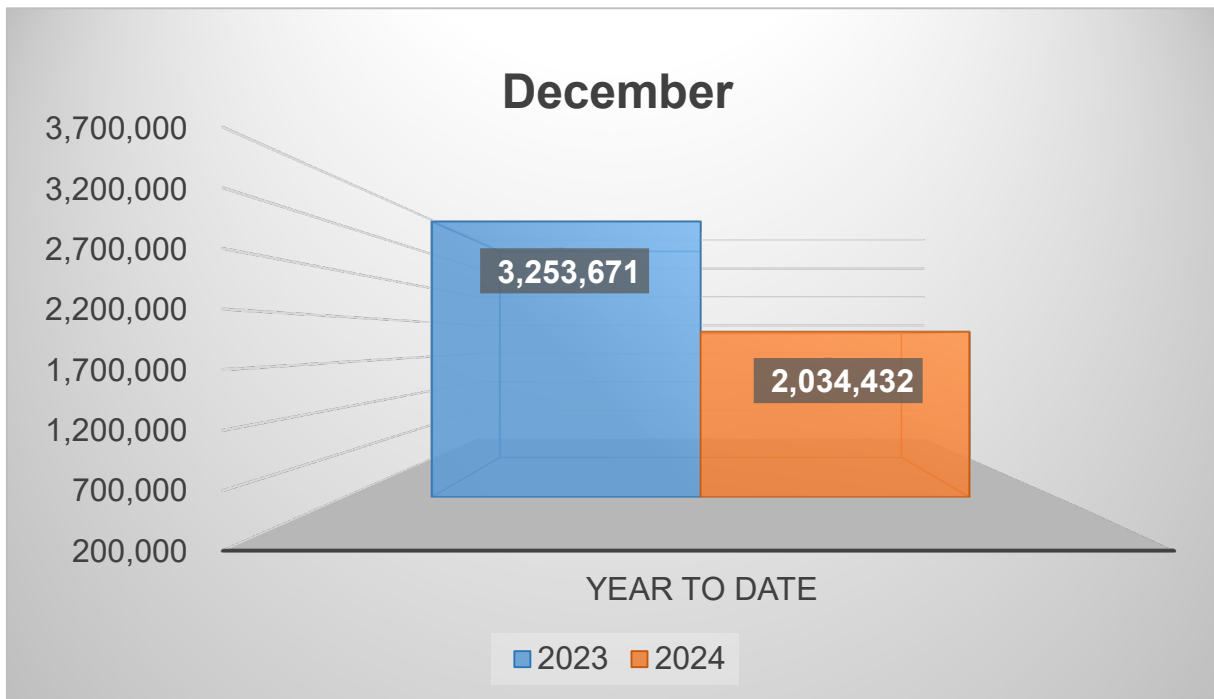
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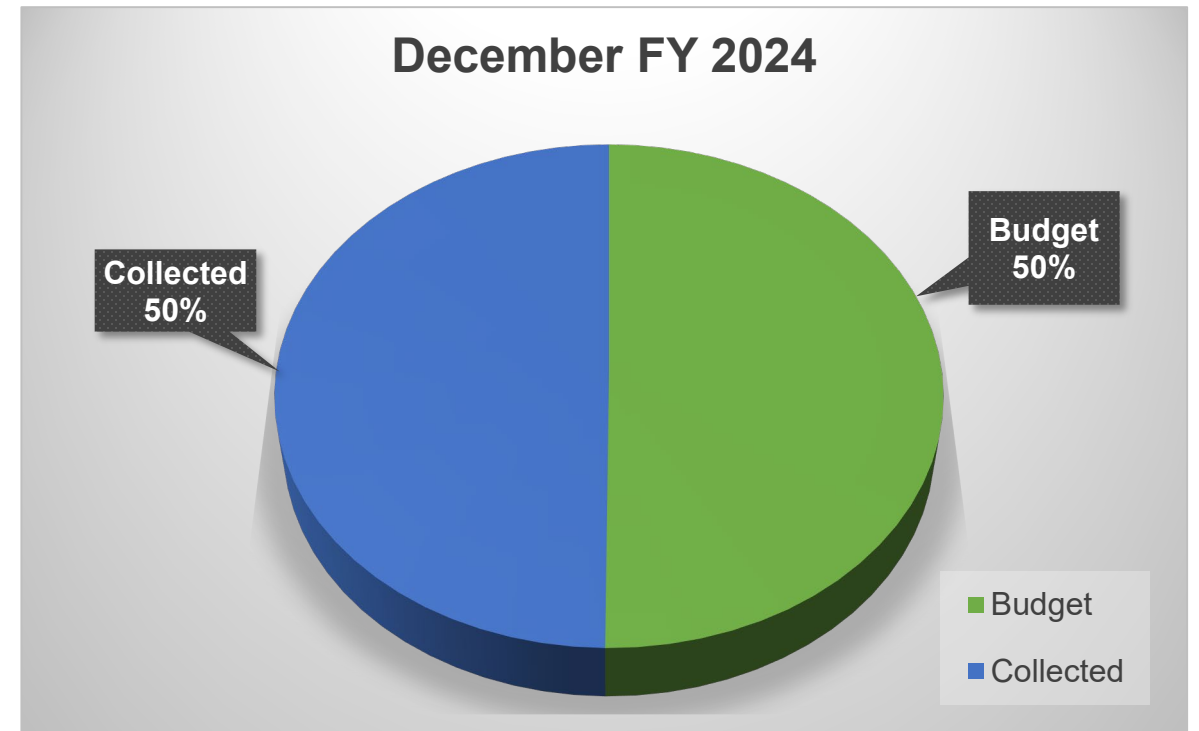
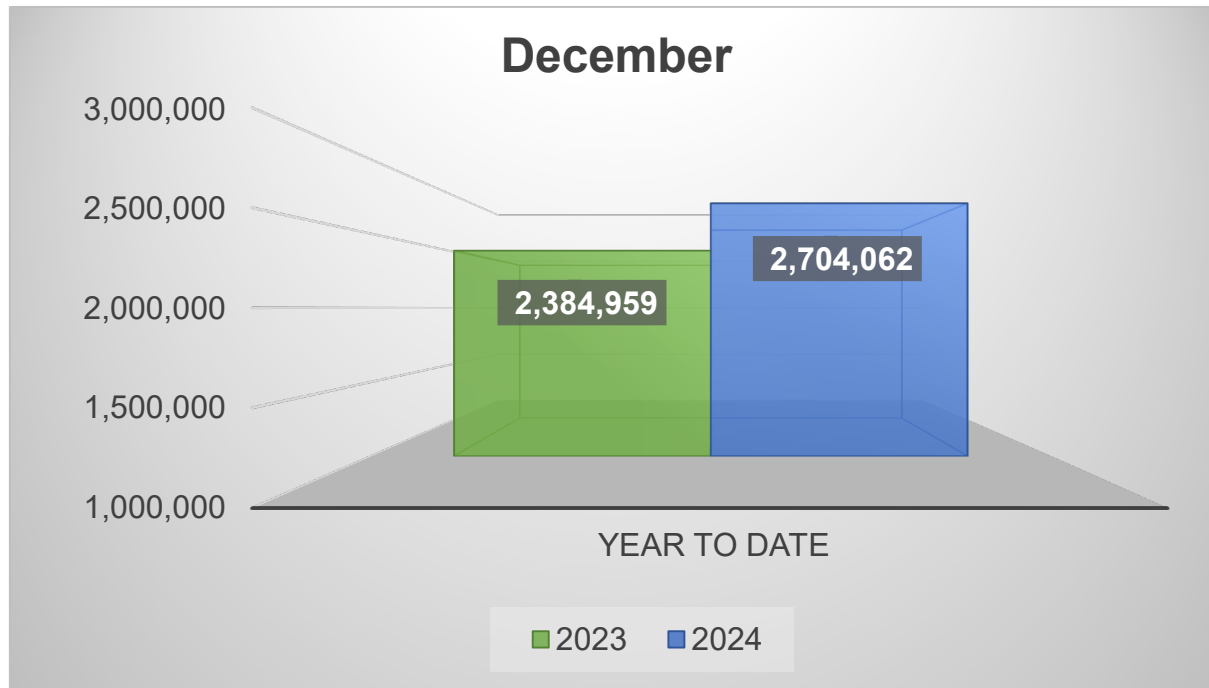
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Natural Gas Fund – Expenditures

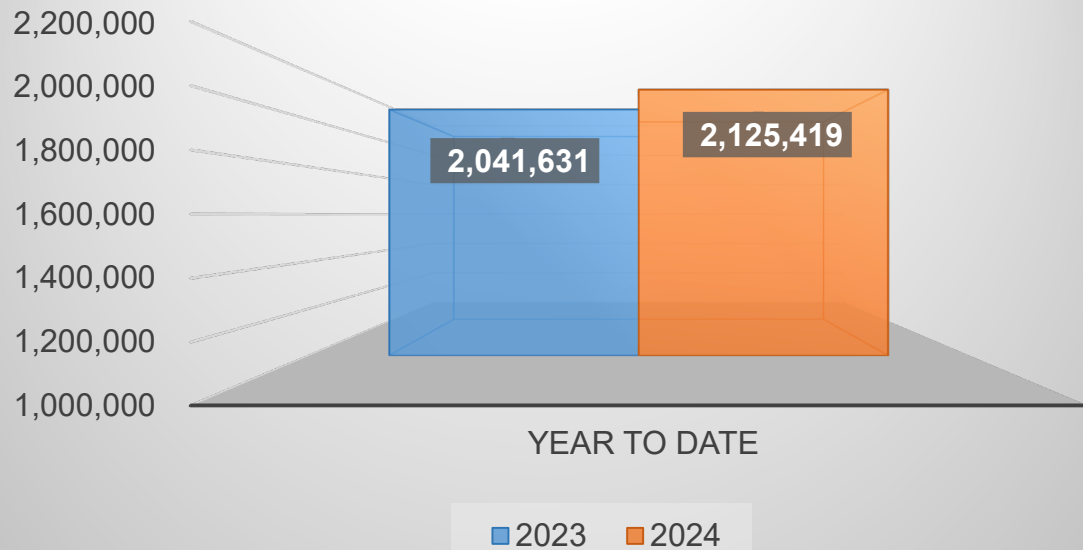


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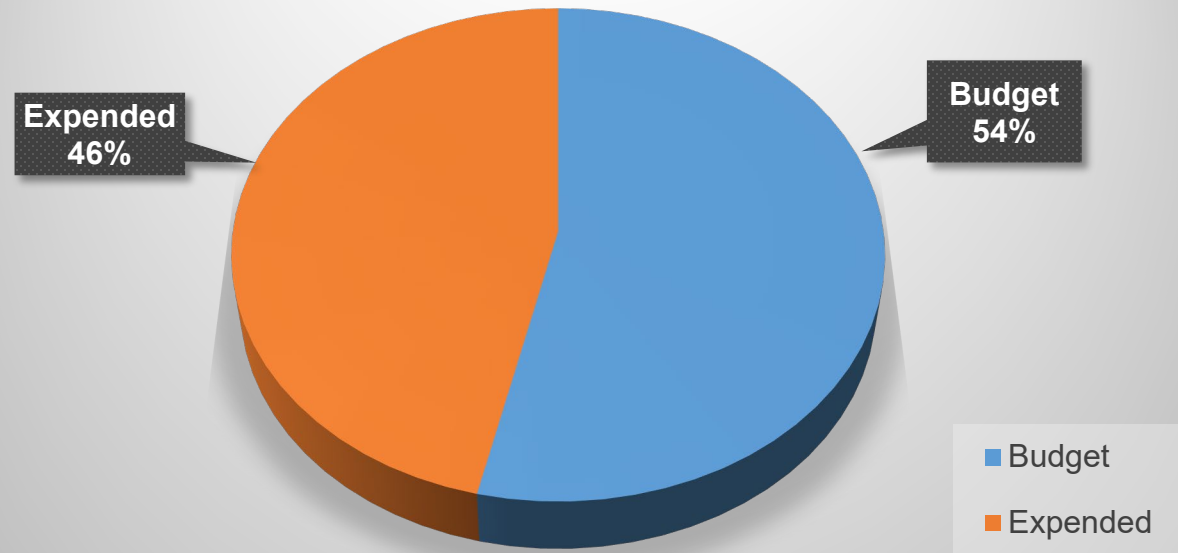


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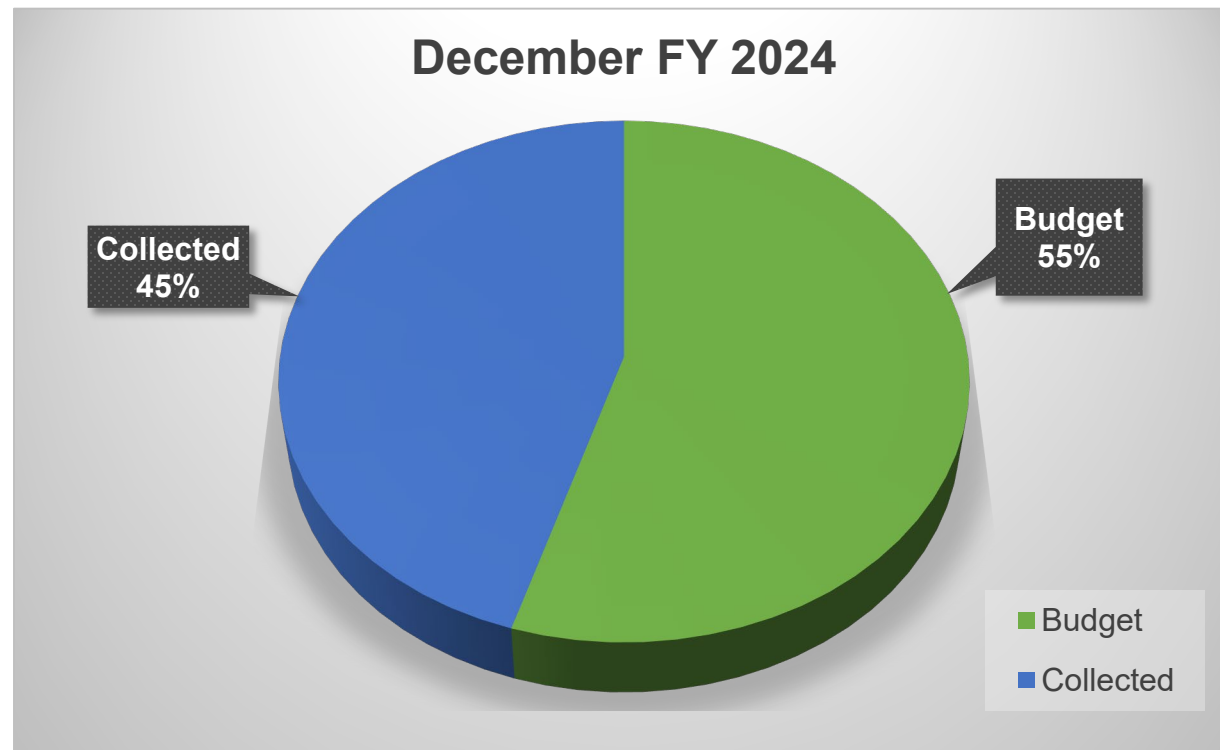
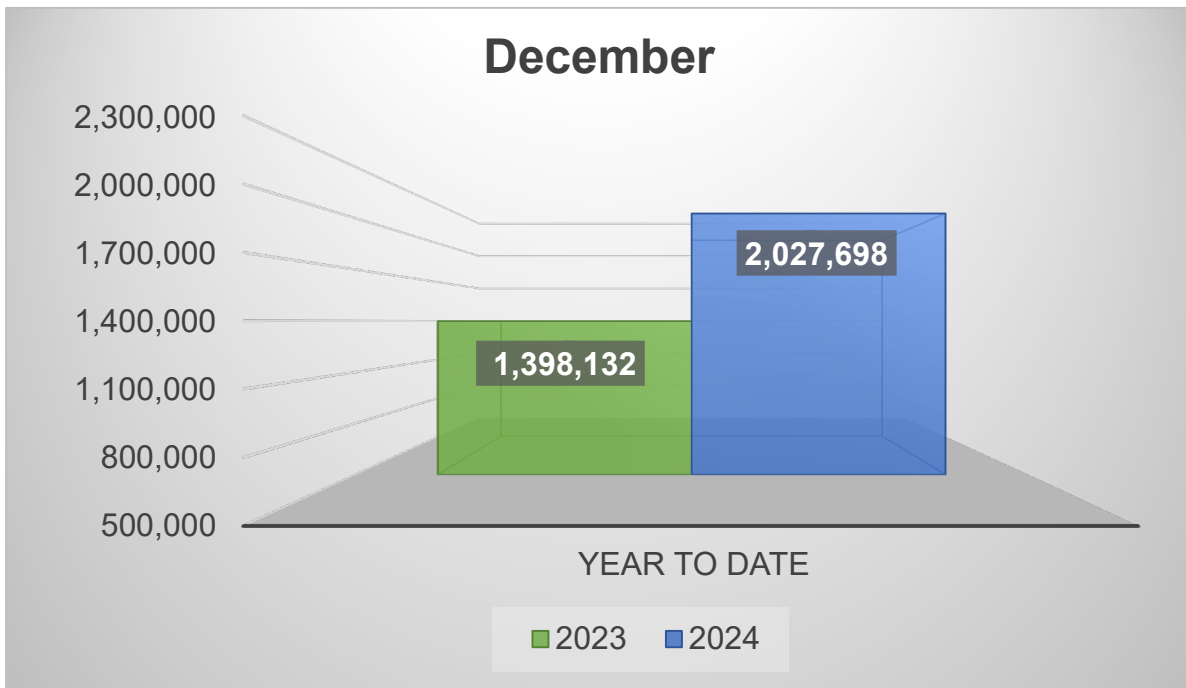
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December FY 2024

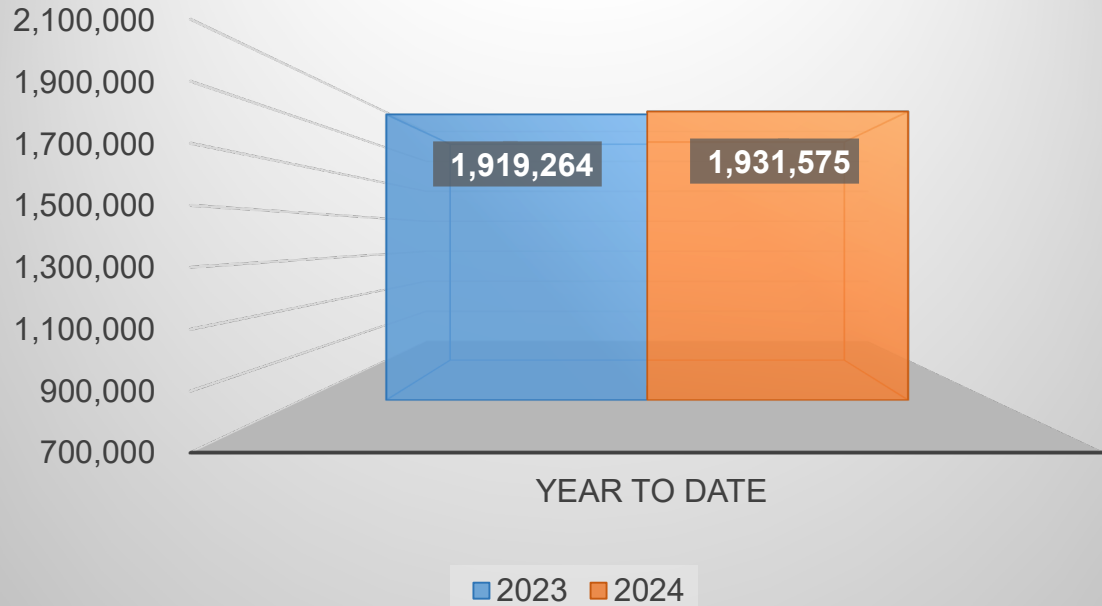


Solid Waste Disposal Fund – Revenues

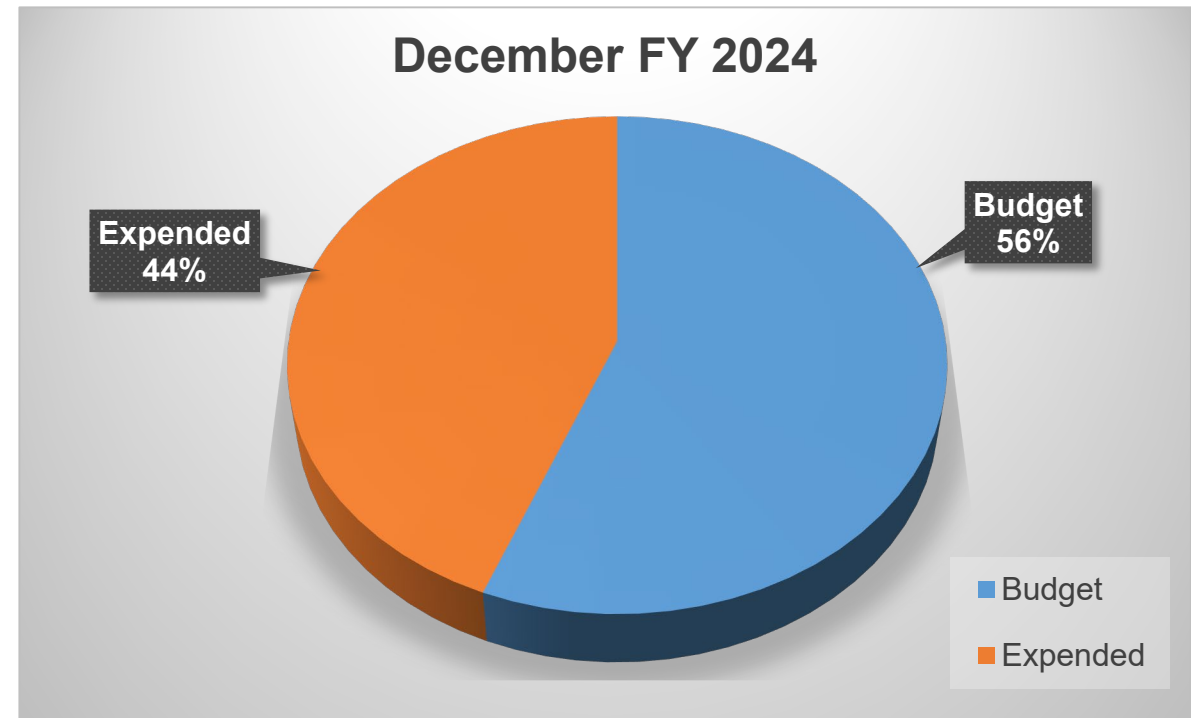


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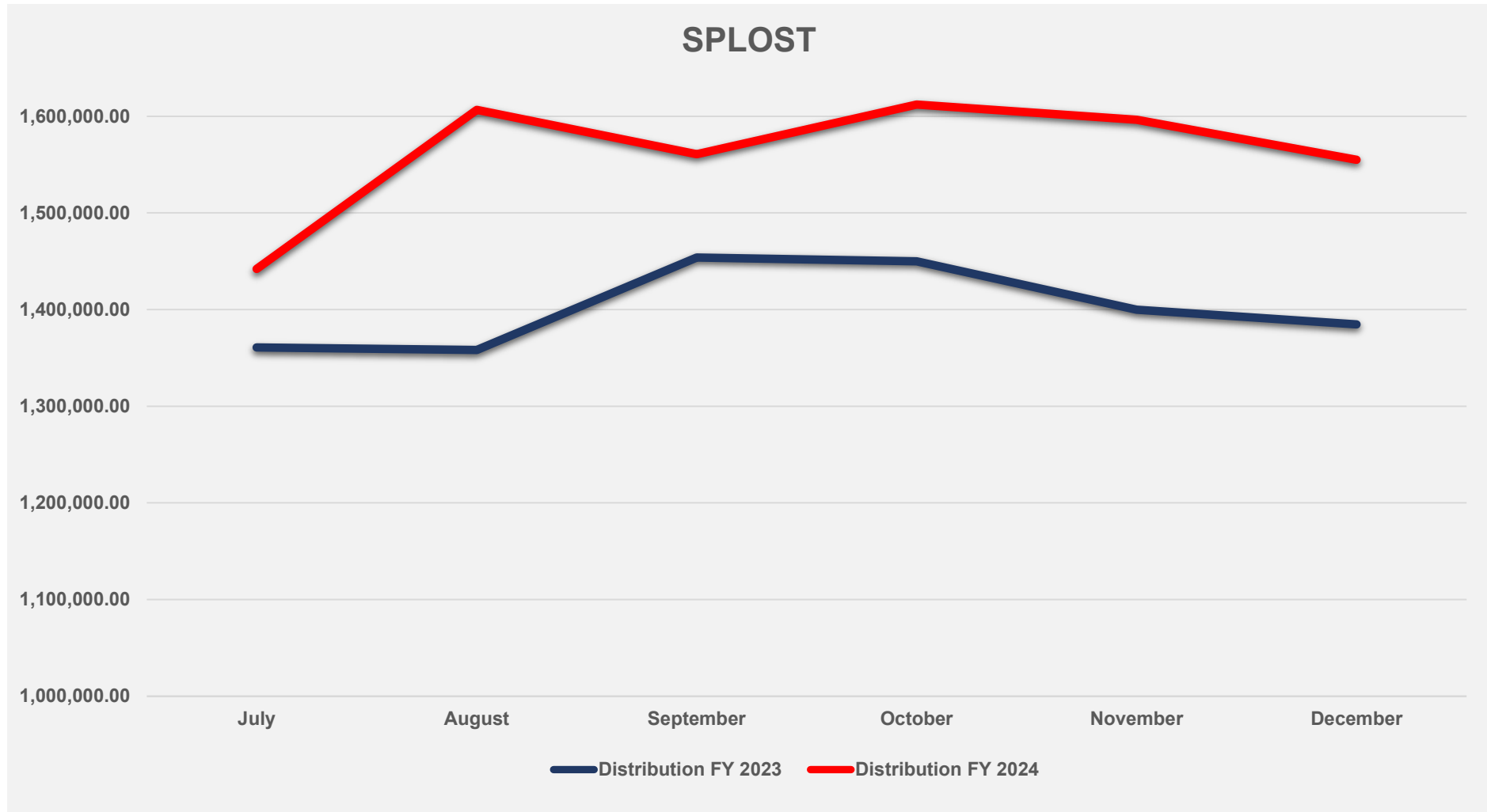
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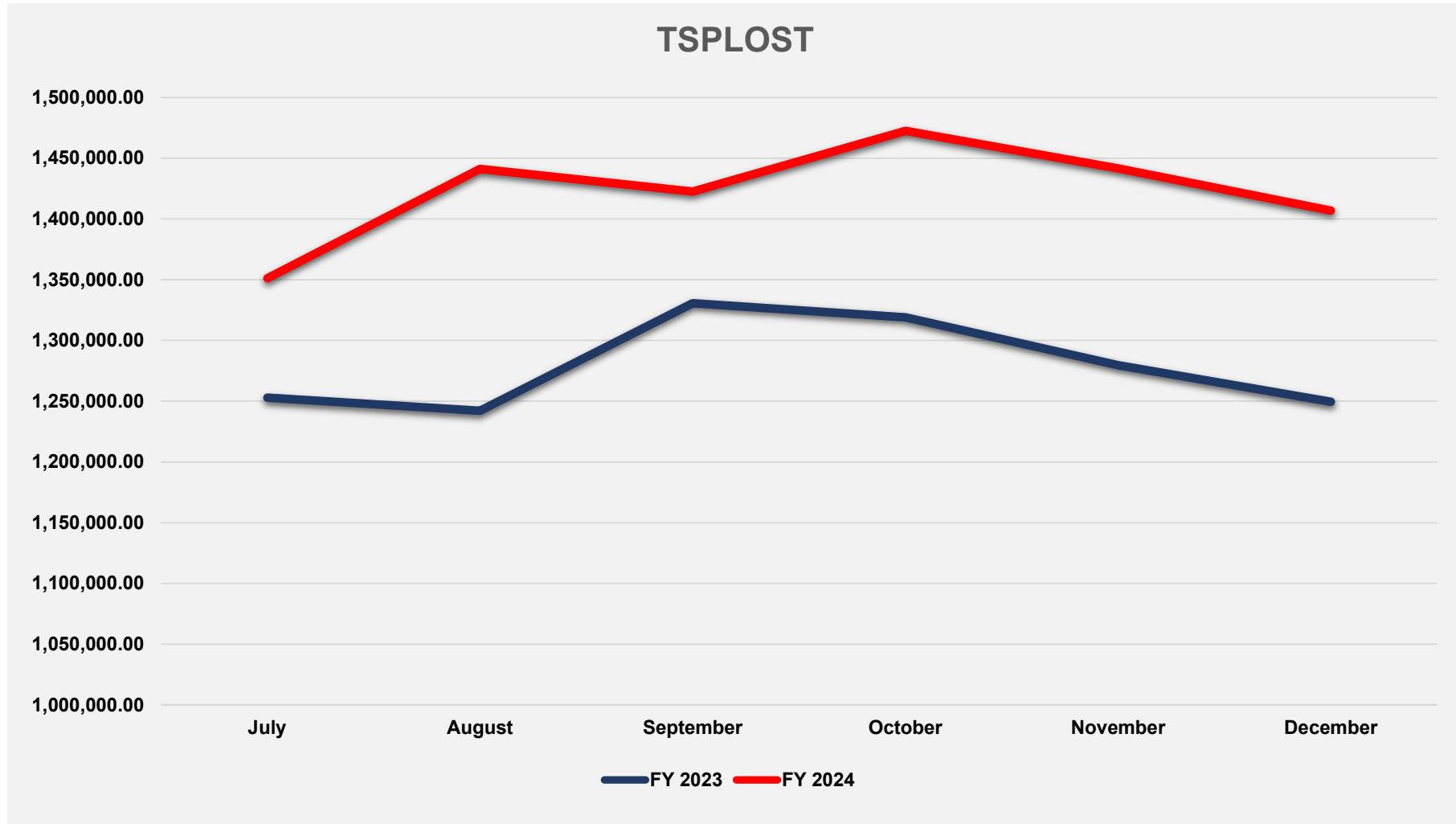
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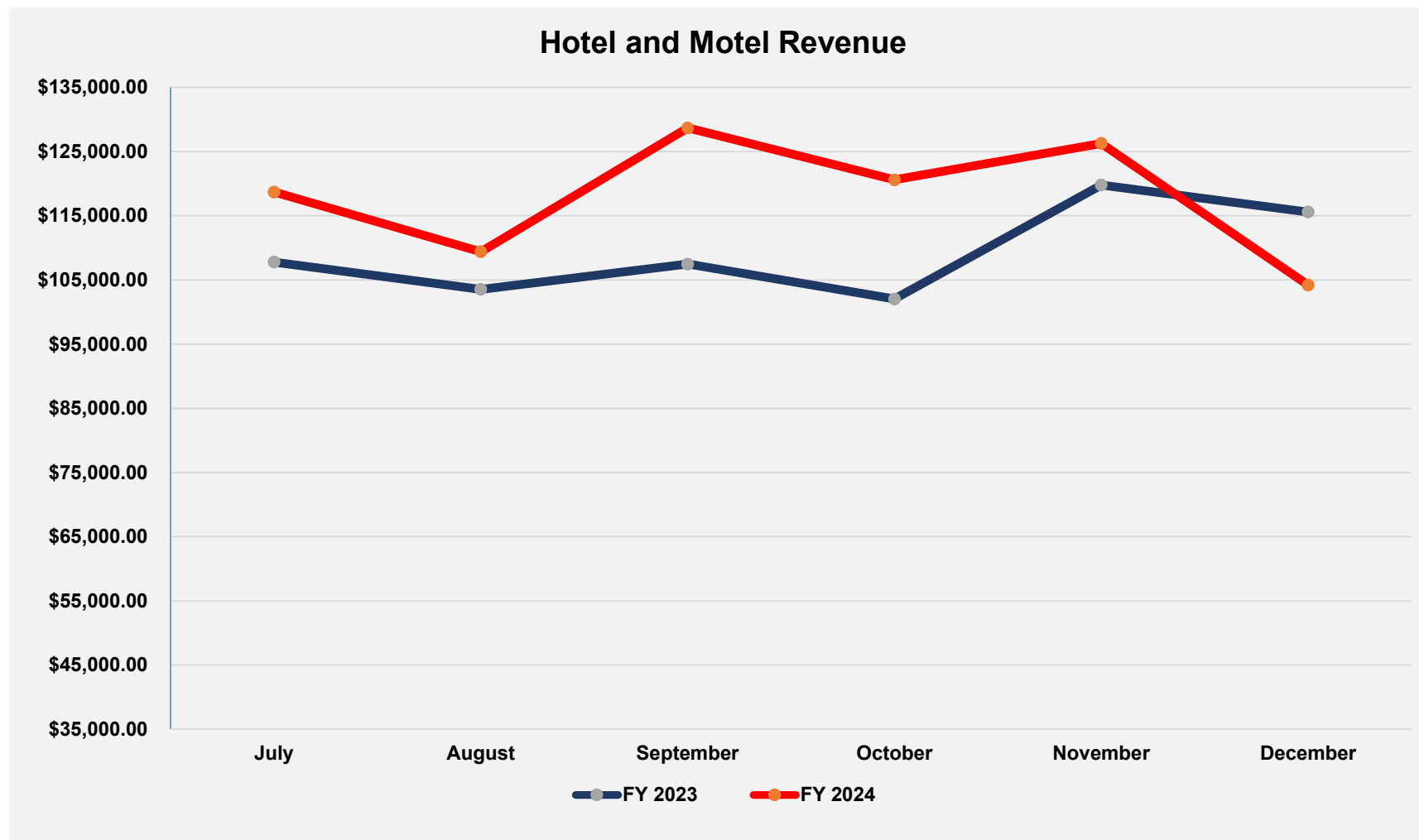


Hotel and Motel Revenue

Revenue Collected:

July 2022 – Dec. 2022 =
\$656,229.19

July 2023 – Dec. 2023 =
\$707,837.95



Questions?



Statesboro Fire Department 2023 Annual Report

Accomplishments

- Utilizing an aggressive recruitment strategy the Fire Department hired and trained 21 new firefighters.
- Completed renovations to Fire Station #2.
- Received 2 new fire engines.
- Expanded the Department's Health and Wellness program to include a Peer Fitness Program as well as a Behavioral Health Initiative.
- Received a total of \$2,173,171.68 in grant funding in 2023.



General Overview Operations

Total Calls for Service	1474
Calls for Service – City	1016 (69%)
Calls for Service – Fire District	401 (27%)
Calls for Service Outside Primary Response Area (Mutual/Auto Aid)	57 (4%)
Average Response Time (Dispatch to Arrival)	6 Min & 9 Sec
Average Time On-Scene	21 Min & 25 Sec
Number of Overlapping Incidents	287
Percentage of Overlapping Calls (Total Calls for Service)	19.47%
Investigations	52



General Overview

Personnel & Staffing

- Over the past 2 years the Fire Department has added 21 Firefighters.
 - 9 approved in FY 2022
 - 12 awarded through SAFER Grant
- Additional Firefighters now allow staffing levels to be commensurate with NFPA Standards.
- 20 Firefighters assigned to each shift (17 Minimum Staffing).
- This allows for 4 firefighters to be assigned to each apparatus with a Battalion Chief at all times.



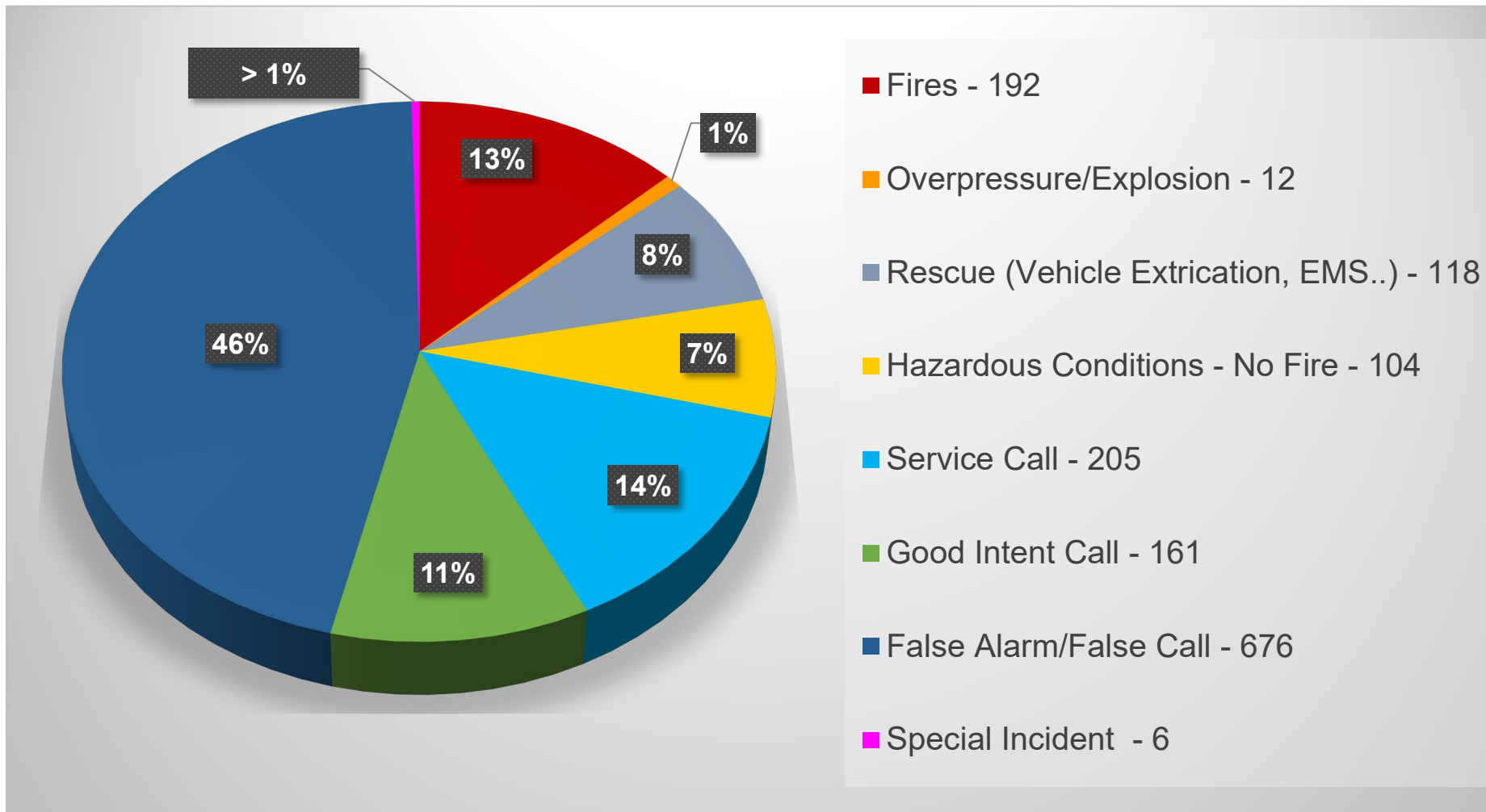
General Overview

Personnel & Staffing

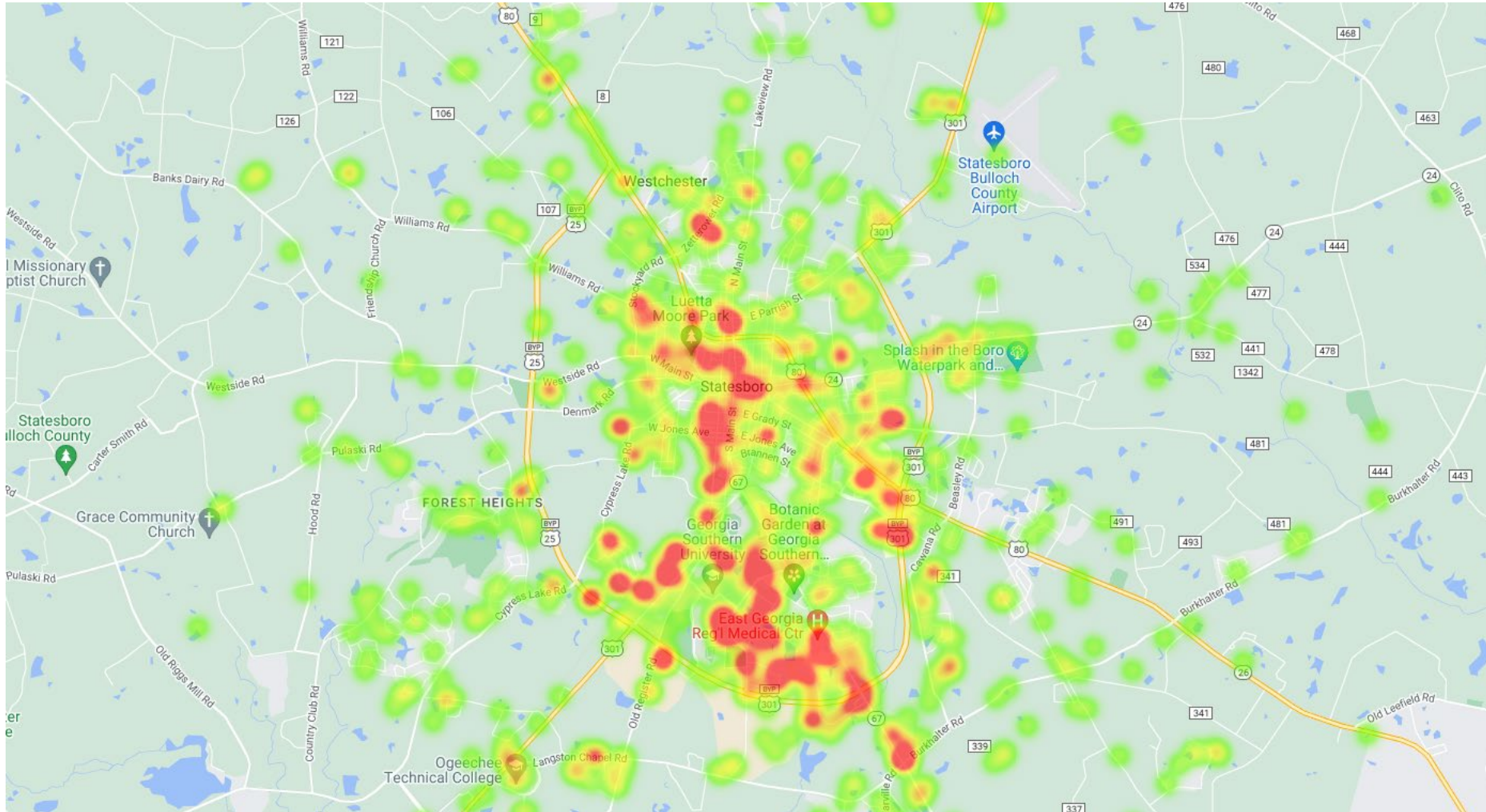
- Service delivery impact of additional Firefighters
 - *Based on data from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)*
 - Two-In Two-Out is achieved with a single apparatus which allows for quicker interior fire suppression operations.
 - 4 person crews completed the same number of fireground tasks (on average) nearly 25% faster than 3 person crews.
 - “Time to Water on Fire” and Primary Search Operations improved 6% when utilizing 4 personnel compared to 3.
 - Ground ladder deployment for rescue and ventilation operations was 25% more efficient (4 vs. 3 person crews).



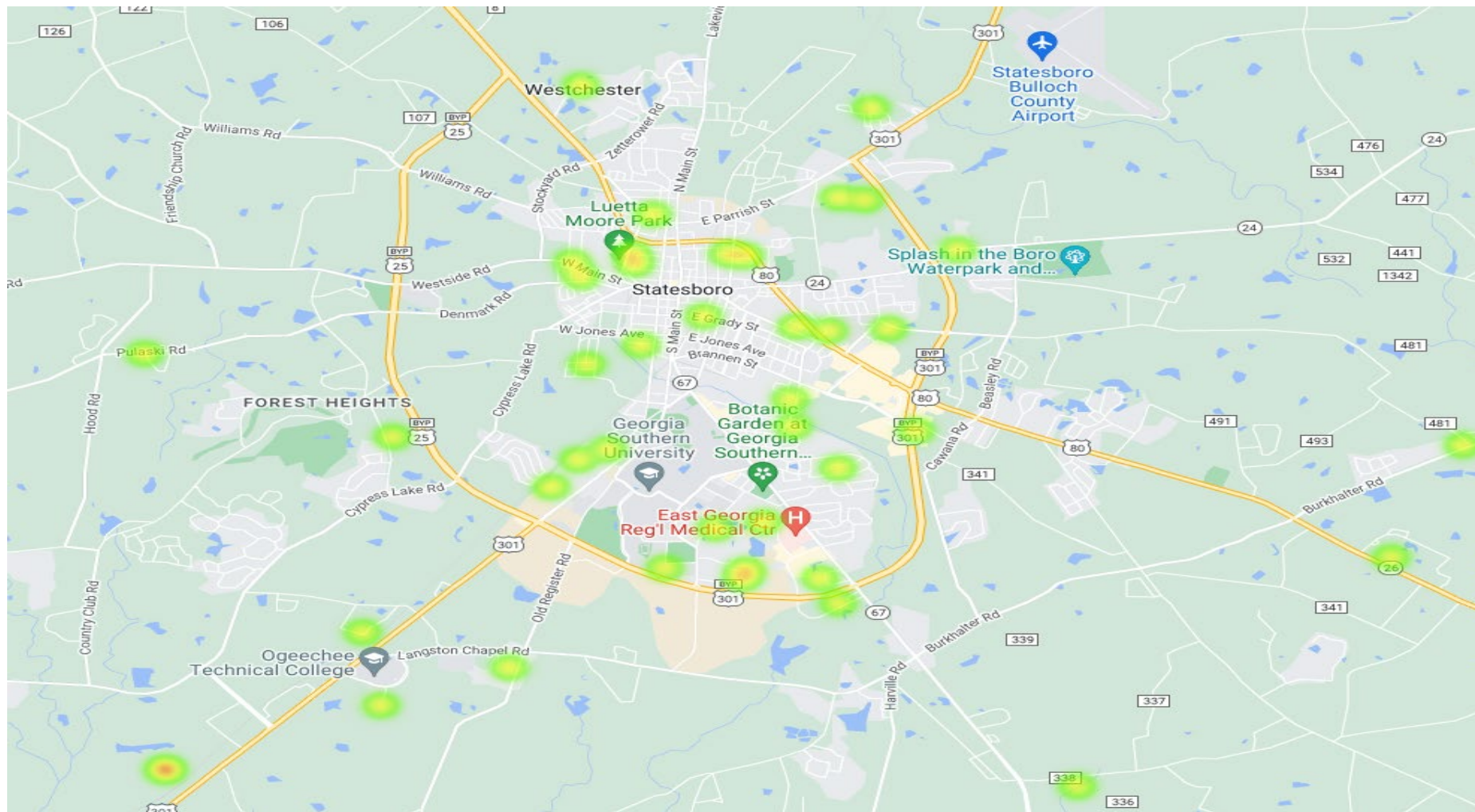
Calls for Service Incident/Service Type



Calls for Service “Heat Map” – Total Calls for Service

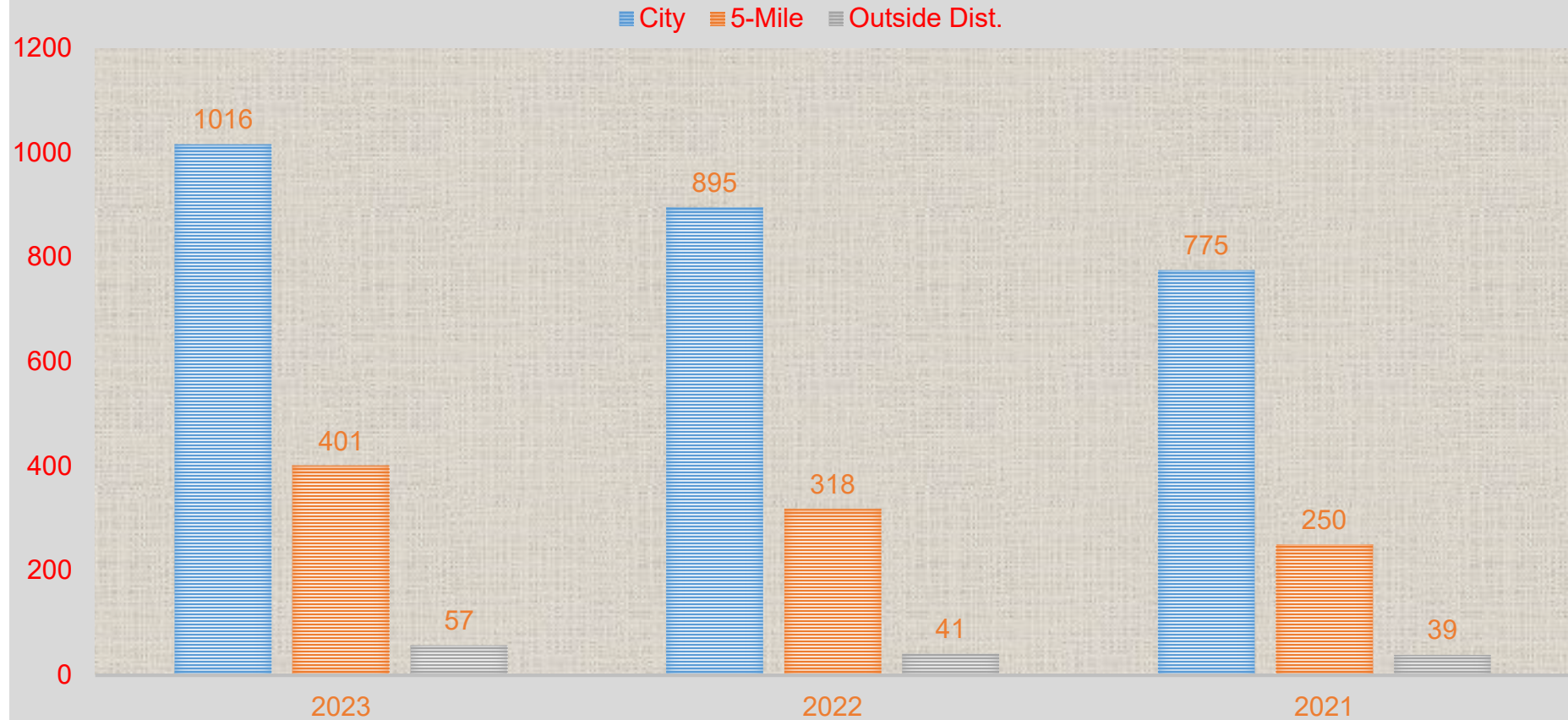


Calls for Service “Heat Map” – Structure/Building Fires

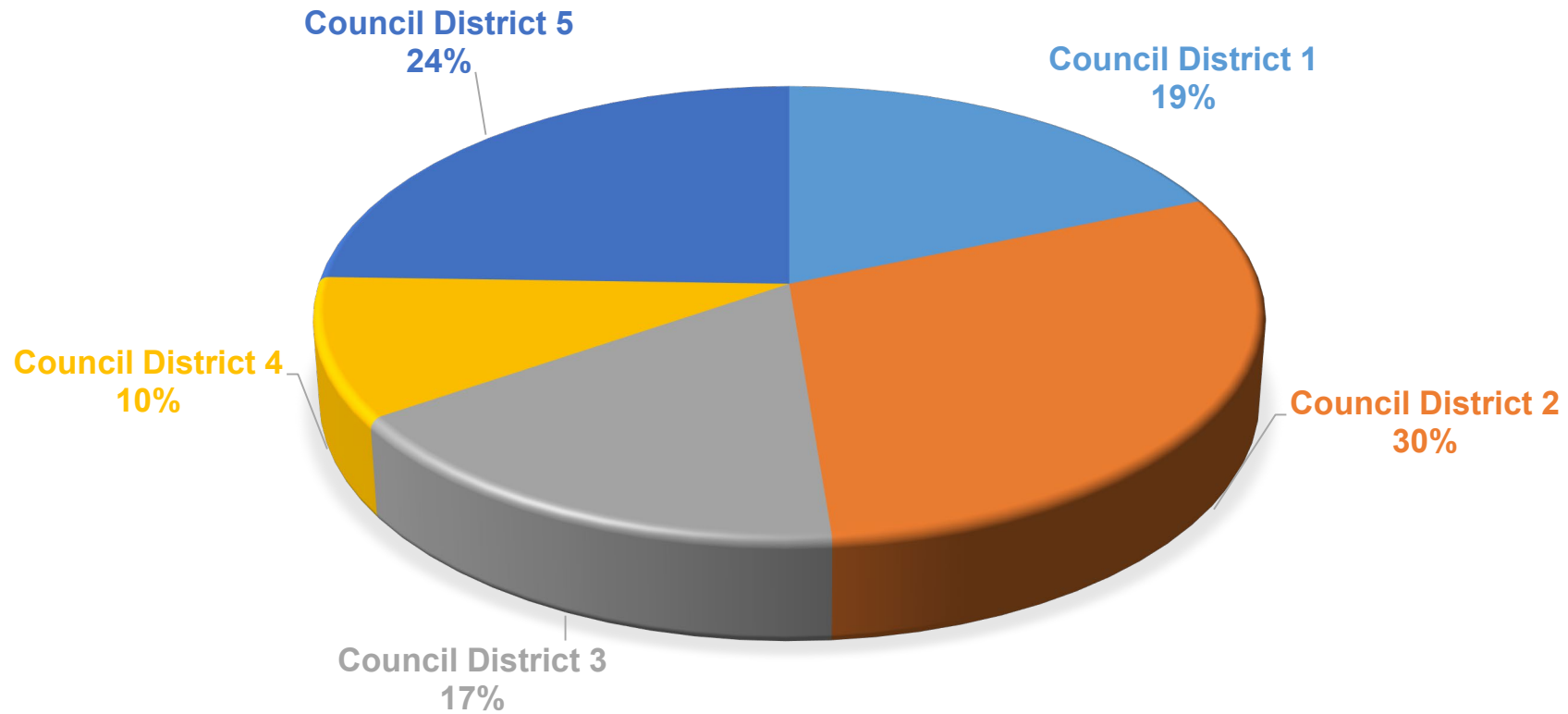


Calls for Service Service Areas/Districts

INCIDENT LOCATION BY YEAR



Calls for Service Incident/Service Type



Property Loss

NATIONAL AVERAGE OF FIRE RELATED PROPERTY LOSS
(BASED ON PRE-INCIDENT ASSESSED VALUE)

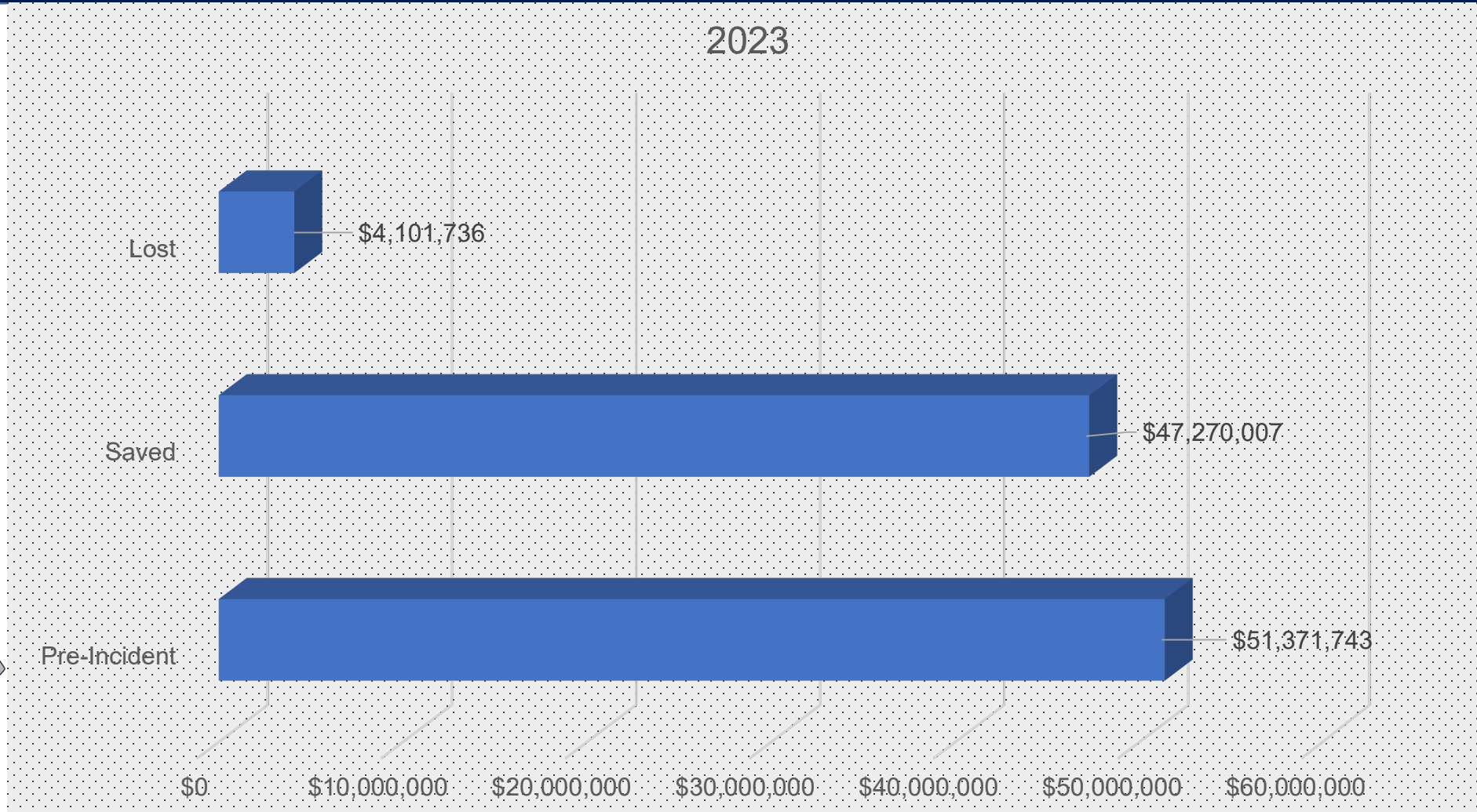
31%

STATESBORO FIRE RELATED PROPERTY LOSS
(BASED ON PRE-INCIDENT ASSESSED VALUE)

7.98%



Property Loss Pre vs. Post Incident Values



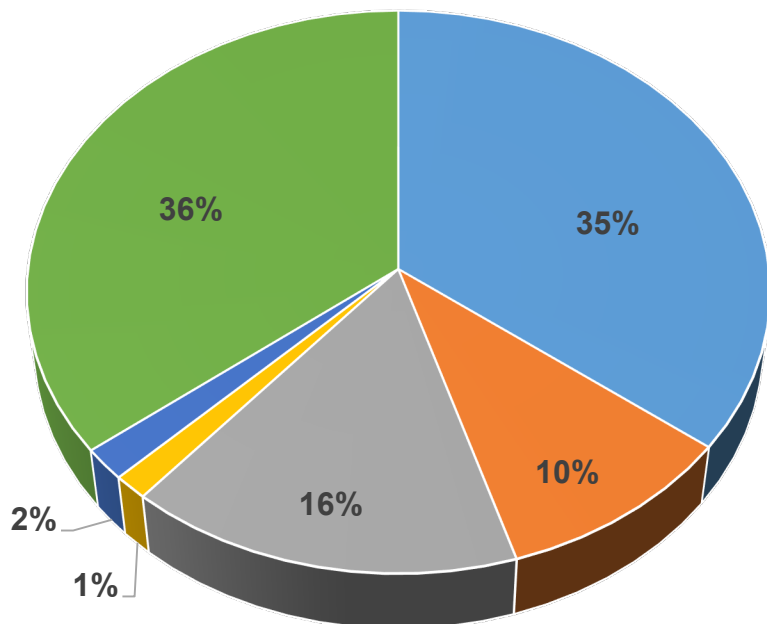
Training

ISO Training Category	Required Hour Per Firefighter	Statesboro Average Per Firefighter	Hours Completed
Company Training	192	298	10,729
Haz-Mat Training	6	7.9	270
Officer Training	12	14	336
Driver Training	12	12.2	356
New Driver Training	60	60	300
Facility Training	18	19.8	715
19,268 Total Training Hours in 2023			



Prevention Division Fire Inspections & Compliance

Inspection Types

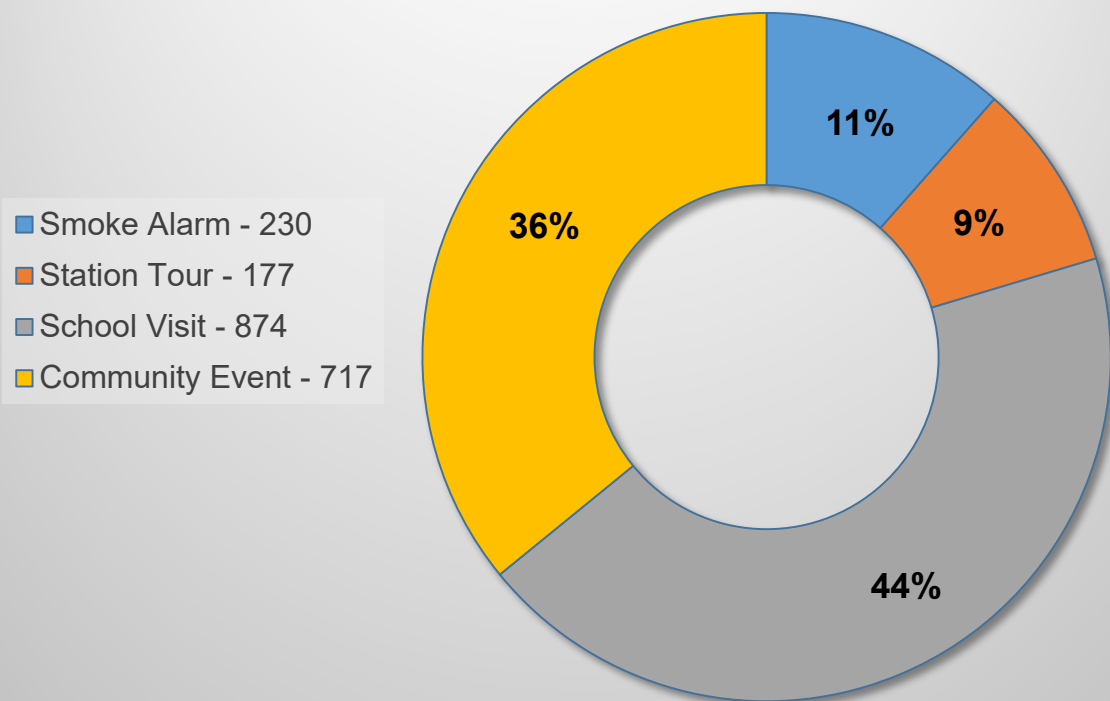


- Annual - 654
- Occupational Tax Certificate - 183
- Re-Inspections - 295
- Certificate of Occupancy - 26
- Plan Review - 34
- Other (Consultations, Complaints, Firework Stands, etc.) - 658



Prevention Division Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Community Risk Reduction
Interactions by Event



- **Direct CRR interactions with 1,998 citizens.**
- **Over 300 Smoke Alarms installed in 230 homes.**
- **2 Smoke Alarm Blitzes.**
 - **7 Mobile Home Parks/Areas in both City and Fire District**
 - **South Main – Shady Trail – W. Grady Vista Circle Area**



Community Outreach

- Participated in numerous Community events including:
 - Farmer's Market
 - Firecracker Fest
 - Up In Flames
 - Battle of the Badges blood drive
 - Annual presences/booth at the fair
- Partnered with the Therapy Spot assembling AMBUCS Mobility Bikes for special needs children.
- Worked with GSU on “Up In Flames” event on campus educating students the importance of fire safety.



Moving Forward

- Additional Fire Stations continue to be a priority.
- An ISO Evaluation is anticipated within the next two (2) years.
- The Department will be moving to new reporting and data management software (First Due).
- The Department is working to expand its Technical Rescue capabilities.



Questions?



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Statesboro Police
Department

TRAINING BY BUREAU AND LOCATION

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS: 14,380

POST HOURS: 14,171

NON-POST HOURS: 209

IN-HOUSE HOURS: 8,053

EXTERNAL HOURS: 2,862

ACADEMY HOURS: 2,448

ONLINE: 911

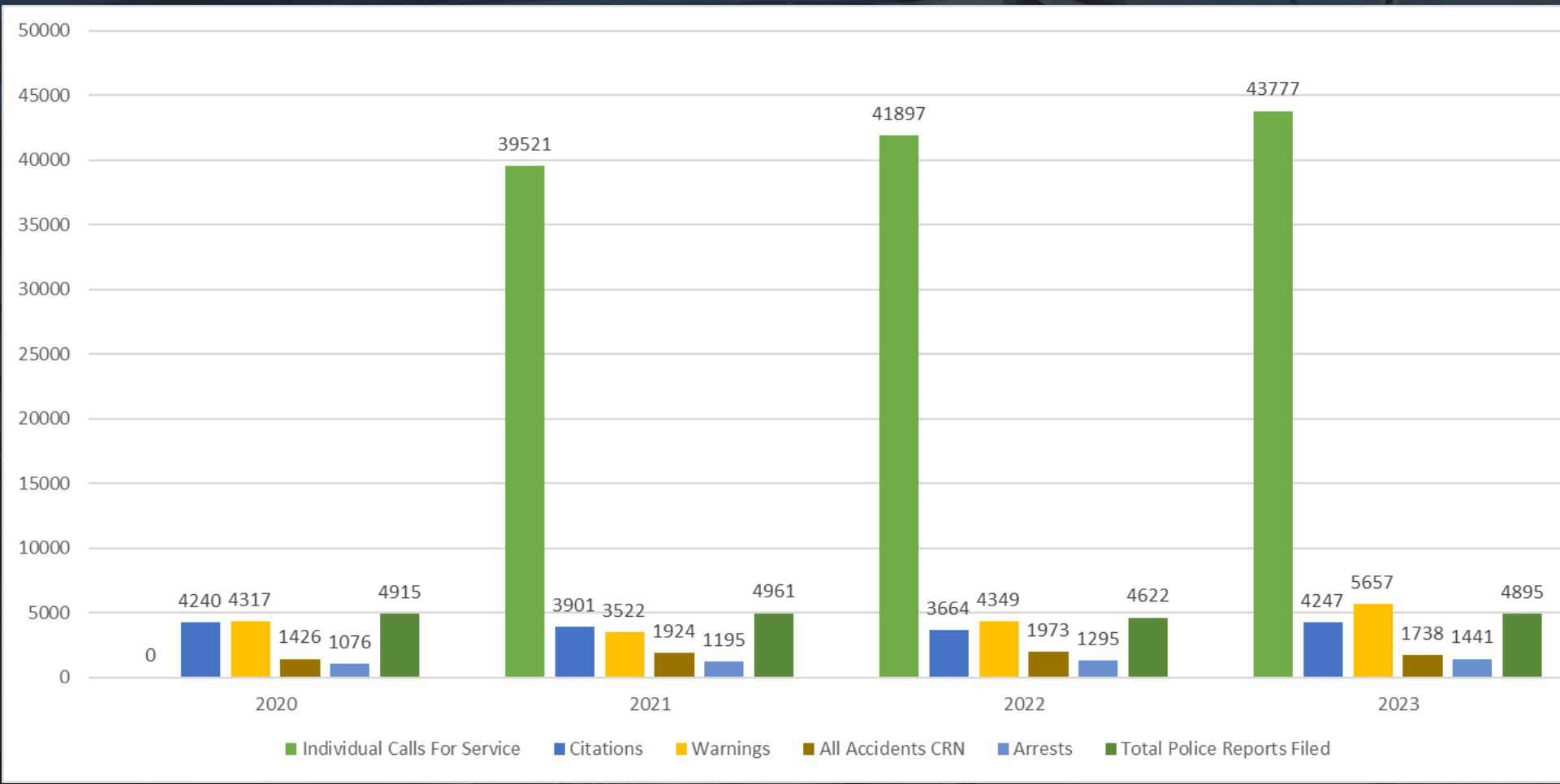
HOST HOURS: APPROX 2,640

SWORN OFFICER AVERAGE: 182.9

CIVILIAN AVERAGE: 30.4



CALLS FOR SERVICE



Incident	Percentage Increase
Individual Calls For Service	4%
Citations	16%
Warnings	30%
All Accidents CRN	-12%
Arrests	11%
Total Police Reports Filed	6%

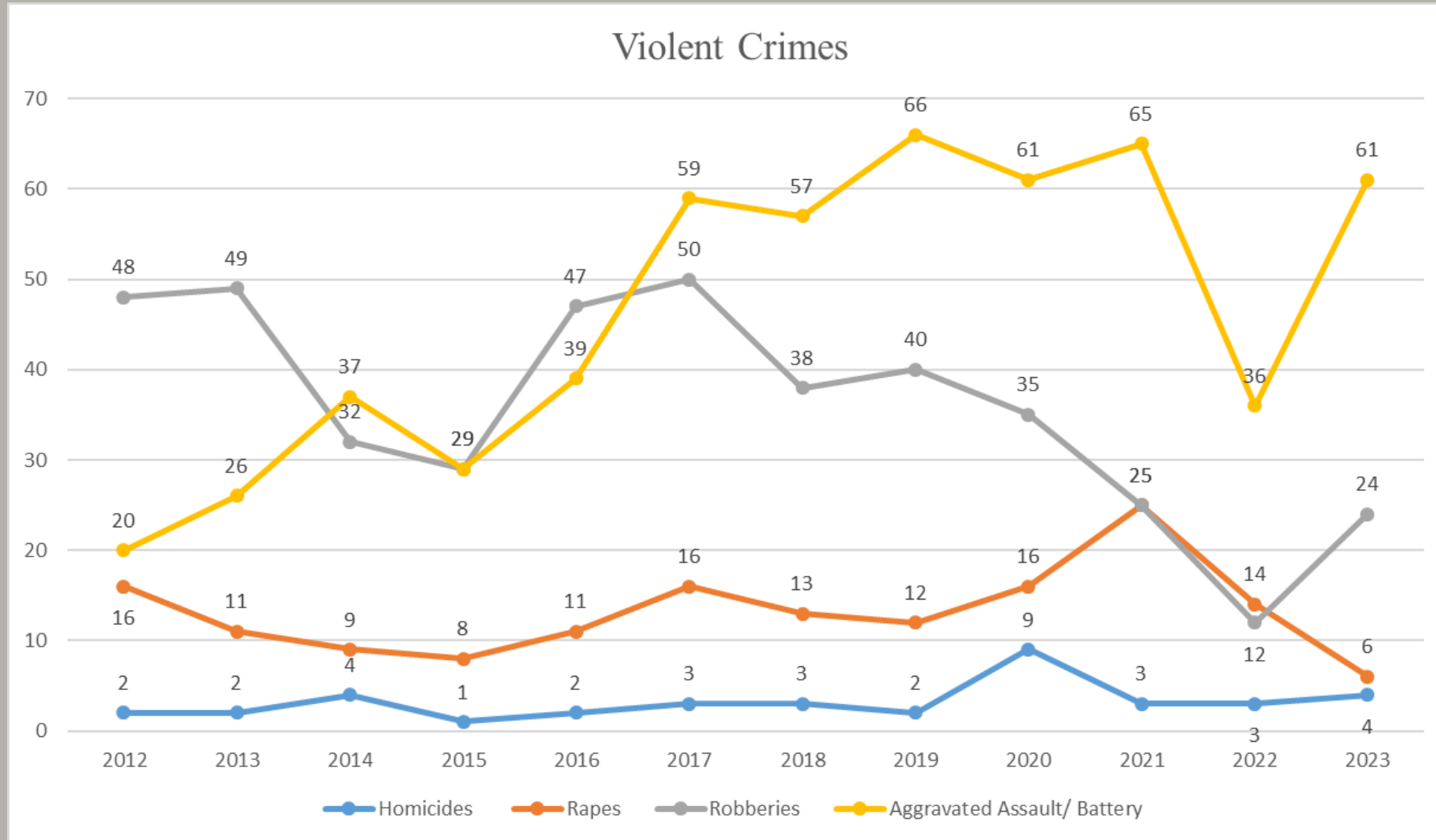
TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT



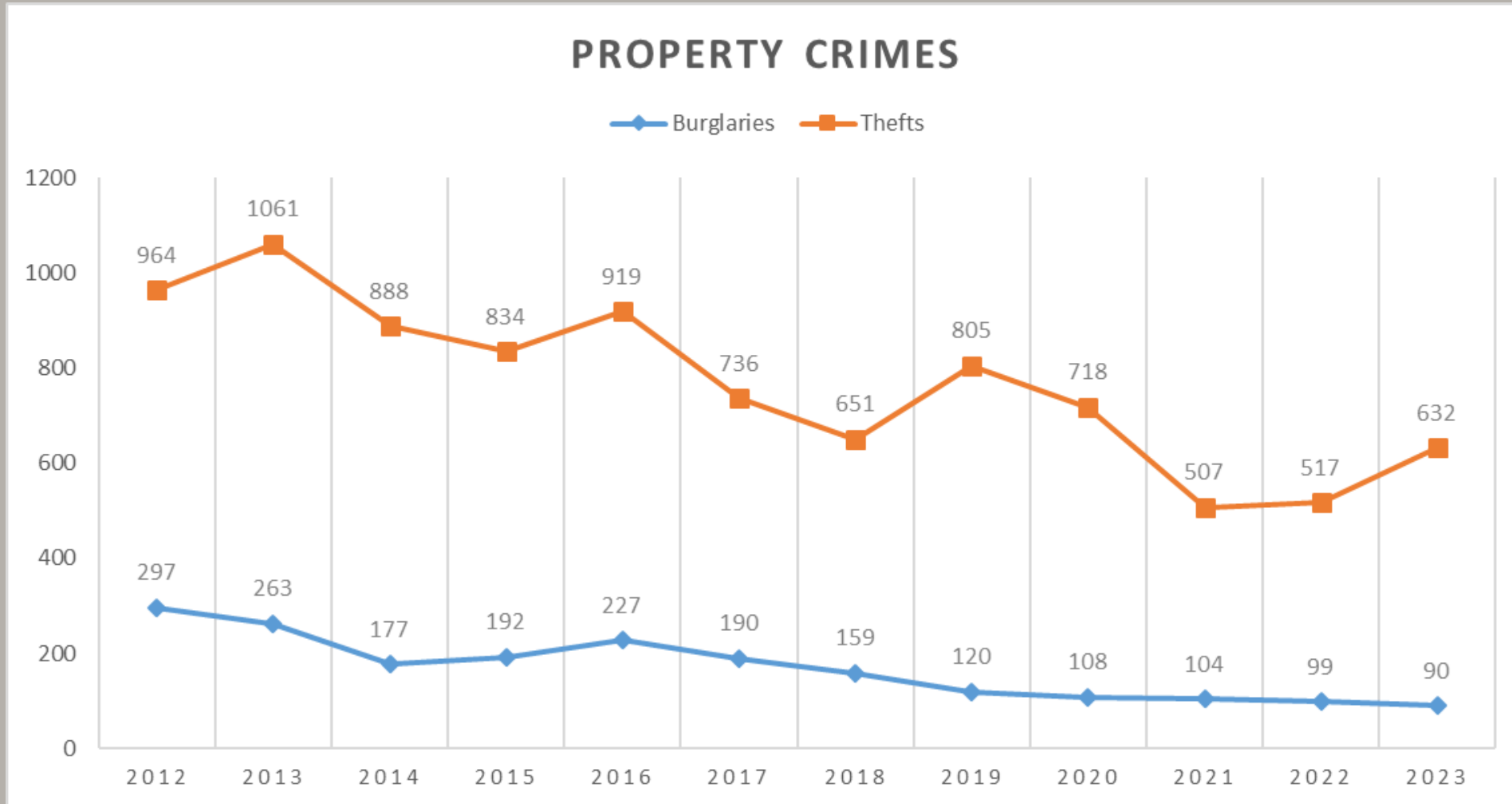
THE TOP FIVE INTERSECTIONS FOR CRASHES ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR 2023 :

- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND FAIR ROAD: 145 CRASHES
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND NORTHSIDE DRIVE EAST: 68 CRASHES
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND LANIER DRIVE: 66 CRASHES
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND BRANNEN STREET: 49 CRASHES
- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND SOUTH MAIN STREET: 40 CRASHES

CRIME STATISTICS



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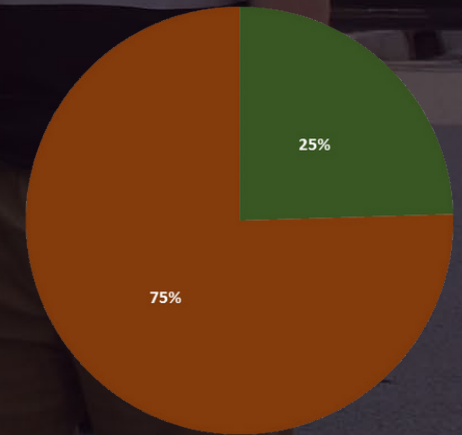
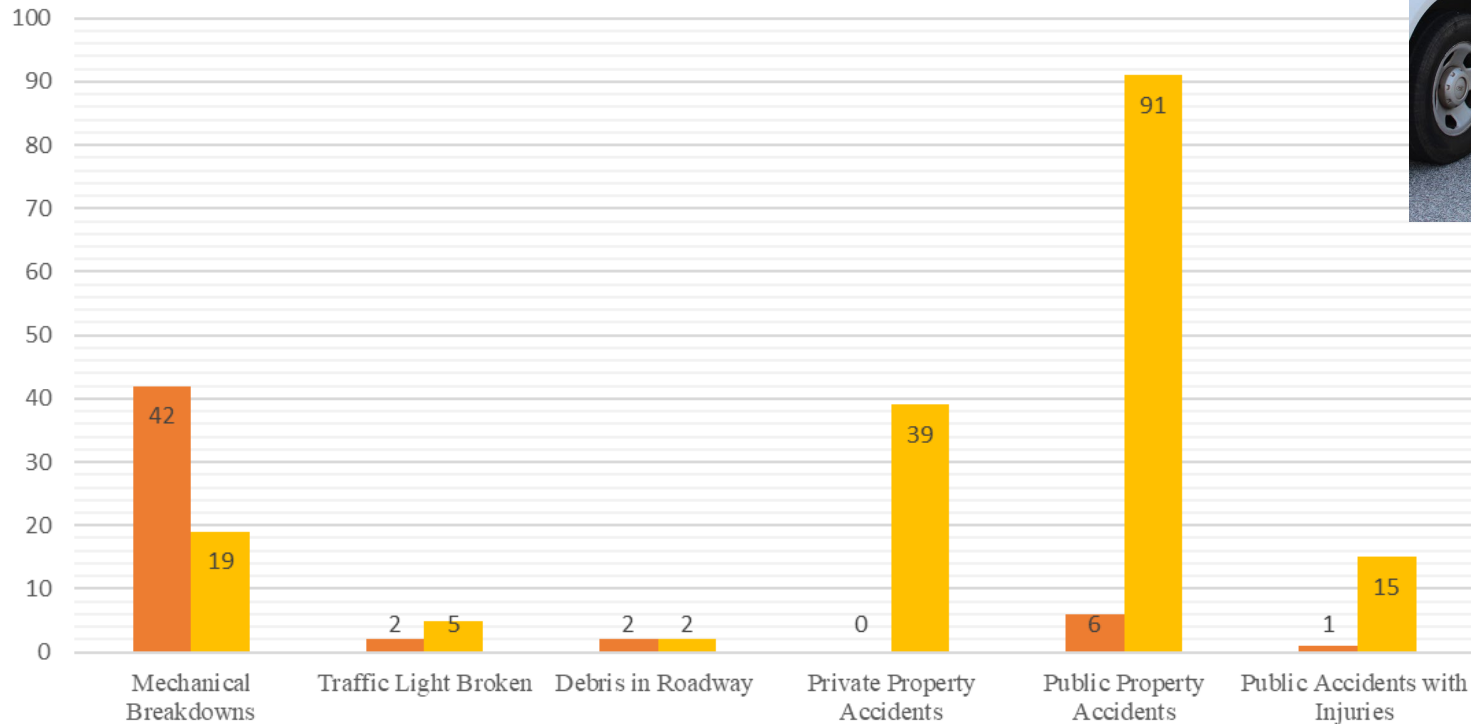
ROADWAY ASSIST ANALYSIS



THE 6 MOST COMMON CALL RA1 HAD WERE MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS BROKEN, DEBRIS IN THE ROADWAY, PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCIDENTS, PUBLIC PROPERTY ACCIDENTS, AND PUBLIC ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES. THE CHART SHOWS HOW MANY WERE SELF INITIATED AND HOW MANY WERE CFS

Most Common Calls

■ Self Inti. ■ CFS



IN TOTAL THE RA1 ASSISTED WITH 265 CALLS, 65 SELF INITIATED CALLS WHICH WAS 25% (GREEN) OF THE CALL VOLUME, AND 200 CFS WHICH WAS 75% (BROWN) OF THE CALL VOLUME. RA1 HAD AN AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME OF 6 MINS. 42 SECONDS



THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
HANDLED MORE THAN 43,000 CALLS
FOR SERVICE IN 2023. DURING THE
YEAR WE WORKED TO GROW THE
CENTER TO ENABLE FIRE DISPATCH,
AND WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT IN
EARLY 2024 WE WILL ALSO BE
DISPATCHING FOR THE STATESBORO
FIRE DEPARTMENT!

PRECISION POLICING



FUSUS

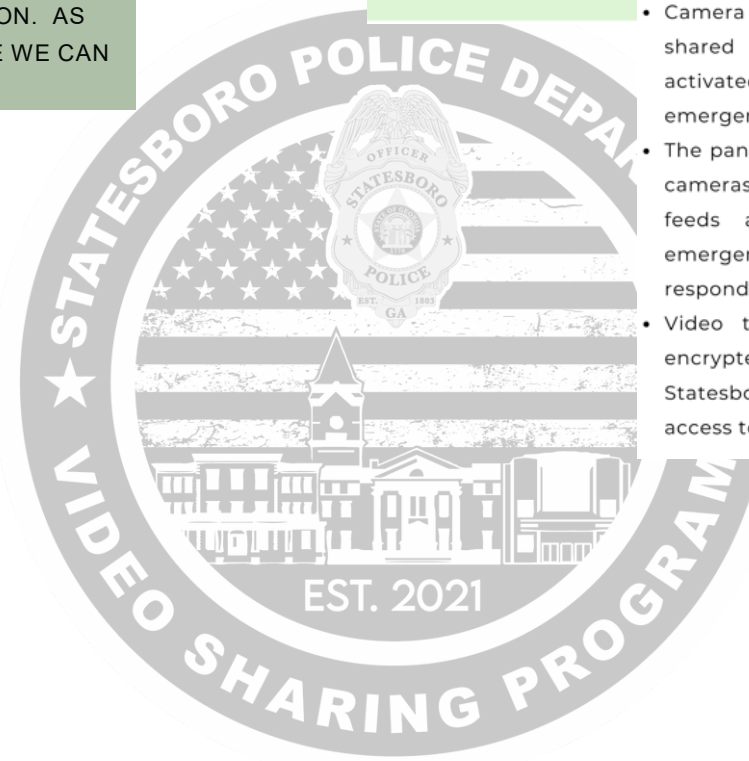
FUSUS IS A CLOUD-BASED MAP INTERFACE THAT COMBINES PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VIDEO STREAMS INTO A SINGLE FEED, ALLOWING FOR EASE OF ACCESS BY OFFICERS AND DISPATCHERS, IN REAL TIME. OUR OFFICERS, THROUGH THEIR VEHICLE ON-BOARD COMPUTERS, ARE ABLE TO ACCESS MORE THAN 1,000 VIDEO CAMERAS AT MORE THAN 40 SEPARATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. LIKEWISE, OUR DISPATCHERS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THESE SAME CAMERAS IN THE DISPATCH CENTER AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE SENDING OFFICERS TO A SCENE. THIS ENABLES OFFICERS TO BE SAFER AND MUCH MORE EFFICIENT WHILE HANDLING CALLS, AND AIDS IN OBTAINING VIDEO BASED EVIDENCE AFTER THE FACT. WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS PRIVATE VIDEO FEEDS THROUGH AGREEMENTS WITH THE OWNERS OF PRIVATE VIDEO WHO ALLOW US TO ACCESS THEIR SYSTEMS THROUGH THE FUSUS APPLICATION. AS MORE LOCATIONS AGREE TO VIDEO SHARING ACROSS THE CITY, THE MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE PRECISE WE CAN BE.

Sharing your camera feed enables the Statesboro Police Department to respond to incidents at your location faster and equip officers with advance knowledge of the situation. It will keep our residents and business owners safer and build closer ties within our community.

- Camera feeds can be configured to be shared all the time, automatically activated by a trigger, or only on emergency alert.
- The panic app enables you to turn on all cameras on your network, sharing live feeds and your location with the emergency operations center and first responders.
- Video traffic from your camera(s) is encrypted for security, and only the Statesboro Police Department will have access to live or recorded video.

FLOCK

FLOCK IS A SYSTEM OF INTERCONNECTED LICENSE PLATE READERS THAT PROVIDE REAL TIME DATA TO OFFICERS IN THE FIELD. SPECIFIC LICENSE PLATES CAN BE ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM (STOLEN VEHICLES, WANTED SUBJECTS, ETC) AND WHEN ONE OF THOSE VEHICLES PASSES A FLOCK CAMERA, THAT INFORMATION IS AUTOMATICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICERS IN THEIR PATROL CARS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MAKING POLICING MORE SPECIFIC AND LESS GENERAL. AS THE SYSTEM BEGAN COMING ON--LINE IN 2023, NUMEROUS STOLEN VEHICLES WERE RECOVERED AND WANTED SUBJECTS LOCATED. IN NOVEMBER, THE FLOCK SYSTEM HELPED SOLVE A HOMICIDE CASE.



PRECISION POLICING



Thank you





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Utility Billing Service Conversion



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In an effort to continue to improve customer service, we will be changing our service dates to reflect the previous month's service.

Currently, when a customer receives their bill, it is for service which occurred 6 weeks to two months ago.

Examples:

Billing date of February 8, 2024, is for service from November 20, 2023 thru December 20, 2023. Customer receives bill approximately 6 weeks after last day of service.



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Billing date of February 19, 2024 is for service from October 28, 2023 thru November 29, 2023. Customer receives bill approximately 2 months after the last day of service.

The current billing schedule is a hold over from when Meter Readers had to go throughout the City and physically read the meters.

After several software updates and conversions, Customer Service and Public Utilities is ready to update the billing schedule



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The process will take approximately 10 months. It will require an additional 5 days to each bill until the service date is the first of the month to the end of the month. Customers are currently billed for 30 days. Customers will see an increase in their bill due to the additional 5 days of service, NOT a rate increase.

The new schedule will make it easier for customers to understand their bill and easier for the Customer Service Representative to explain a bill to a customer due to the bill being for the previous month instead of two months ago.

It will also help customer identify any high usage problems quickly, such as a running toilet or water leaks.



Proposed Schedule:

Month Billed	Service Dates	
March - Normal	12/20/2023	1/19/2024
April - Conversion Starts	1/19/2024	2/24/2024
May	2/24/2024	3/29/2024
June	3/29/2024	5/4/2024
July	5/4/2024	6/9/2024
August	6/9/2024	7/14/2024
September	7/14/2024	8/19/2024
October	8/19/2024	9/24/2024
November	9/24/2024	10/29/2024
December	10/29/2024	11/30/2024
January 2025	11/30/2024	12/31/2024



Average Increase Based on Customer Type:

	30 Days	35 Days	Increase
Average Residential Water/Sewer Only Bill	\$75.44	\$80.66	\$6.11
Average Residential Water/Sewer/Gas Bill	\$90.50	\$113.85	\$23.33
Average Commercial Water/Sewer Only Bill	\$291.75	\$303.95	\$12.20
Average Commercial Water/Sewer/Gas Bill	\$4,855.61	\$5,149.38	\$293.77
Average Government Bill	\$8,826.93	\$9,350.86	\$523.93
Average Industrial Water Only Bill*	\$49,414.01	\$49,432.01	\$18.00
*Gas and Sewer are currently being billed for the previous month.			
The schedule we are wanting to implement for all customers.			



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Online Bill Payment – Customer Making Payment From Their Bank Account To The City



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In an effort to continue to stream line payment processes, we have been working with our bank, Synovus, to implement ebox or electronic payment.

Currently, if a customer pays the City online by going thru their bank account, the bank mails a check to the City. There is a misconception by the customer that the City receives payment immediately, since it is deducted by the bank from their account.

The ebox (electronic payment) would allow for the City to receive the payment electronically the next day.

City of Statesboro



June 30, 2023

Government Wide Financial Statements

- Total assets \$204,037,000
- Total liabilities \$57,787,000

- \$19,156,000 or 10% increase
- \$14,620,000 or 34% increase

Government Wide Financial Statements

- Unearned revenue - ARPA
 - OPEB liability
 - Net pension obligation
 - Revenue bonds payable
-
- \$11,911,000
 - \$6,909,000
 - \$1,008,000 or 17% increase
 - \$15,342,100
 - \$9,343,000 or 156% increase
 - \$16,895,000
 - \$1,259,000 or 7% decrease

Government Wide Financial Statements

- Total net position
\$148,768,000
- 95,228,000 (64%) invested in
capital assets, net of related
debt
- \$19,552,000 (12%)
unrestricted net position

- \$14,092,000 or 10%
increase

Government Wide Financial Statements

- Total expenses for governmental activities
- \$29,261,000

- \$4,961,000 or 20% increase

Government Wide Financial Statements

- Total revenues for governmental activities
\$38,632,000

- \$4,926,000 or 13% increase
- ARPA revenue - \$1,016,000
- TSPLOST revenue - \$7,144,000
- SPLOST revenue - \$7,170,000
- Investment earnings - \$1,729,000

Governmental Funds Financial Statements

General Fund

- Total assets \$7,983,000
- Total fund balance
 \$6,933,000
- Total revenues
 \$15,598,000
- Total expenditures
 \$16,882,000

- \$724,000 or 8% decrease
- \$1,010,000 or 13% decrease
- \$2,173,000 or 16% increase
- \$1,429,000 or 9% increase



Governmental Funds Financial Statements

General Fund balance represents
35% of annual expenditures and
transfers out

SPLOST Funds

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| • 2013 SPLOST Fund balance | • \$2,708,000 |
| • 2019 SPLOST Fund Balance | • \$13,895,000 |
| • 2019 SPLOST Total revenues | • \$7,683,000 |

TSPLOST

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| • Fund balance | • \$16,908,000 |
| • Total revenues | • \$7,702,000 |

Proprietary Funds Financial Statements – Enterprise Funds

- Total Net Position \$76,178,000
- Total revenues \$26,236,000
- Total expenses \$22,647,000
- Total operating income \$3,590,000
- Total transfers to governmental activities \$4,033,000

- \$4,771,000 or 7% increase
- \$289,000 or 1% increase
- \$851,000 or 4% increase
- \$563,000 or 14% decrease

Proprietary Funds Financial Statement – Internal Service Funds

- Total net position \$779,000
- Health Insurance Fund net
position \$756,000
- Fleet Management net
position \$0

- \$26,000 or 3% decrease
- \$372,000 or 97% increase
- \$262,000 decrease

CITY OF STATESBORO

PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION | 2.20.24

PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES (PMDS)

What is considered a PMD?

- Scooters
- Skateboards
- Hoverboards
- Segways
- Toy vehicles



PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES (PMDS)

What isn't considered a PMD?

- Mobility aids, including electric personal assistive mobility devices, power wheelchairs, and scooters, that can be used indoors and outdoors for the express purpose of enabling mobility for a person with a disability



RECOMMENDED APPROACH

1. General operations
2. Shareable (e.g., Lime)

Both approaches are guided by State of Georgia law, especially Title 40: Motor Vehicles and Traffic



1. GENERAL OPERATIONS

□ Amend Chapter 78 by adding standards that reflect State law

Sec. 78-9 Rollers Skates & Skateboards

- - Rename “Non-Motorized Devices” and expand regulated devices
- Prohibit non-motorized devices on a public street
- Allow on sidewalks and trails, except as prohibited by the Mayor and City Council



1. GENERAL OPERATIONS

Sec. 78-9-1 Bicycles

- - Reference O.C.G.A. Title 40, which includes non-motorized and e-bikes



1. GENERAL OPERATIONS

Sec. 78-9-2 Electronic Scooters

- - Weighing less than 100 pounds
 - Equipped with handlebars and an electric motor
 - Powered by an electric motor or human power or both
 - Capable of a maximum speed of no more than 20 mph on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.



Sponsored

5TH WHEEL V30PRO Electric Scooter with Turn Signals - 19.9 Miles Range & 18 MPH,...

★★★★★ (37)

200+ bought in past month

\$399⁹⁹ List: ~~\$419.99~~

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HUDORA Scooter for Kids Ages 6-12 - Scooter for Kids 8 Years and Up, Scooters for Teens 1...

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1. GENERAL OPERATIONS

□ E-scooters may only be used in the following locations:

- On roadways with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less
- On bike lanes, regardless of the speed limit of the roadway
- On multi-use trails when there is no adjacent roadway
- On sidewalks and multi-use trails only when the adjacent roadway speed limit is over 35 miles per hour and the sidewalk or trail width exceeds 5 feet



Courtesy Wikimedia

1. GENERAL OPERATIONS

- Maximum operated speed of 15 MPH
- Users must be at least 15 years of age
- Users under 16 years of age must wear a DOT-approved helmet
- Users 16 years of age or older are encouraged to wear a DOT-approved helmet
- Users must always yield to pedestrians.
- Users may not have any passengers
- Users may not use any handheld devices
- Users must obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles
- Users are not required to maintain insurance or registration
- Users must comply with all other applicable requirements of the State of Georgia and the City of Statesboro, as may be amended from time to time



2. SHAREABLE

1. Allow everywhere (w/o standards)
2. Allow everywhere (with standards)
3. Prohibit everywhere
4. Allow in some places (with standards)



2. SHAREABLE

- Permit and license requirements
- Insurance
 - With hold harmless provision for City
- Annual fee
- Numeric limit
- Operation standards
- Storage/parking standards
- Reporting standards
- Termination standards



2. SHAREABLE

Amend Chapter 70 by adding standards

- New Article VII. Shareable Dockless Mobility Devices
- Based on Brookhaven, GA, model but with Statesboro-specific updates
- Several issues require policy guidance (e.g., fees, insurance, etc.)

- (g) Duration. Where the exhibition show is to be conducted pursuant to a permit issued hereunder, such exhibition show may not extend for more than two successive days without an intervening period of at least one week.
- (h) Operation and parking of motor vehicles. It shall be unlawful to operate or leave parked any motorized vehicle of any type including motorcycles and minicycles upon any street or public vehicular area wherein an exhibition show is conducted pursuant to a permit issued under this section without the express permission of the person in direct charge of the exhibition show. Any vehicle parked in violation hereunder is subject to impoundment.
- (i) Violation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this section or any of the conditions of the exhibition permit. Any person violating any provision thereof shall upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided by law.

Sec. 70-63. Reserved.

Sec. 70-64. Interference with a business unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person, acting alone or in concert with one or ~~an~~ more other persons, by the use of force, intimidation, violence or threats thereof or by the doing of any act tending to cause a disturbance of the public peace, to prevent or attempt to prevent any individual from doing or transacting business or trading with or buying from or selling to any licensed ~~bb~~business, trade or profession in the city or any person engaged in any such licensed business, trade or profession or from accepting or refusing business from any such licensed business, trade or profession or from entering or leaving any place of such licensed business, trade or profession.

ARTICLE VII. SHAREABLE DOCKLESS MOBILITY DEVICES

Sec. 70-65. General provisions.

The primary authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of this article shall be vested in the director.

Sec. 70-66. Sec. 17-501. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless specifically stated otherwise, the following terms shall mean and include:

Director means the Director of the public works and engineering department or designee.

Furniture zone means an area designated by the city within pedestrian, where amenities such as lighting, benches, newspaper kiosks, utility poles, tree pits, and landscaping are located. Not every pedestrian are incorporates a furniture zone.

Pedestrian area means a portion of a public right-of-way where a sidewalk, path, or trail is located for use by pedestrians and where vehicles are prohibited.

Shareable dockless mobility device ("device or unit") means a human-powered or motorized device that permits an individual to move or be moved freely, including but not limited to electric bicycles,

2. SHAREABLE NEEDED UPDATES

- Update 9/27/23 draft Sec. 70-67(d) to read:
- Shareable dockless mobility devices shall not be able to exceed any applicable speed limits specified Chapter 78 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.*

scooters, or skateboards, operated by private entities and rented to the general public on a short-term basis with no docking stations.

Shareable dockless mobility device permit ("dockless permit") means a permit required to operate a shareable dockless mobility device system within the City of Statesboro ("city").

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Shareable dockless mobility device system operator ("operator") means a private entity that operates a shareable dockless mobility device system.

Sec. 70-67. Safety.

- (a) All operators must maintain shareable dockless mobility devices in safe working order, including but not limited to warning devices. In the event a safety or maintenance issue is reported for a specific device, that device shall immediately be made inoperable to users and shall be collected within the four-hour time frame provided herein. Any inoperable or unsafe device shall be repaired before it is put back into service.
- (b) Shareable dockless mobility devices shall meet minimum safety standards including but not limited to on board GPS, braking systems, steering systems, and functioning wheels/tires.
- (c) Shareable dockless mobility devices shall be able to withstand continuous outdoor and shared use.
- (d) Shareable dockless mobility devices shall not be able to exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour.
- (e) Shareable dockless mobility devices shall have a front light that emits white light visible to a distance of at least 300 feet under normal atmospheric conditions and a rear red reflector.
- (f) Operators shall provide a method for users to notify the company 24 hours a day, seven days a week if one or more of their shareable dockless devices experiences a safety or maintenance issue.
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- (h) At their own expense, operators are required to educate users regarding laws applicable to riding and operating in the city as outlined in the Statesboro Code of Ordinances and state law.
- (i) Operators shall have the ability to remotely lock-down individual shareable dockless mobility devices as required by the city or when the devices are deemed or reported unsafe.
- (j) Operators shall encourage users to wear upper body reflective gear and/or bright clothing, as well as lighting, at night on their helmet or upper body.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

□ January 23rd informational meeting

- Support for personal devices (2)
- Opposition to allowing shareable ones (1)
- Support for allowing shareable one (2)
- Comments about how the City will enforce shareable (6)
 - DUI, impacts on SPD and City staff
 - Parking – can the operators report frequent violators? (GPS not precise enough)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Require shareable to have lights and bells (lights are in draft) (1)
- Riding on the sidewalk is a concern (1)
- A helmet should be mandatory no matter what age (1)
- Potential exclusion zones at GSU (if GSU doesn't want to allow them) (1)
- Is it a good idea to limit scooters to 15 mph when the road speeds are 25-35 mph? (1)
- Will it impact the City's transit system? (1)



DISCUSSION



Proximity Issue in Central Business District



City Ordinance 6-7(e) sets proximity requirements for issuance of on-premises consumption alcohol licenses. Pursuant to OCGA §3-3-21(b)(3), such regulation is entirely at local government discretion.

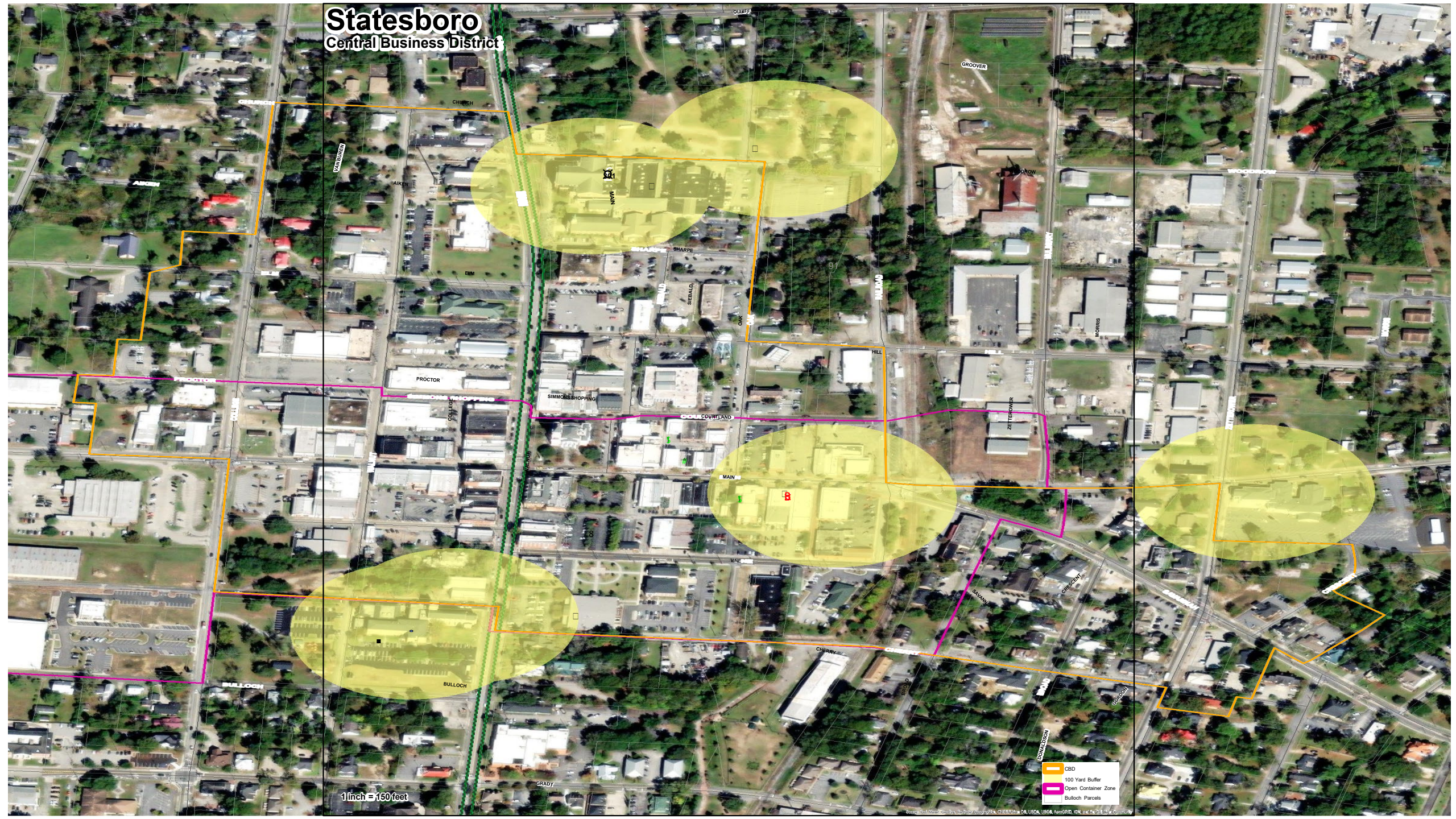
Local regulation prohibits issuance of on-premises licenses within 100 yards of churches or educational facilities. Council may grant proximity waivers for Restaurants, Pubs, and Low Volume licensees, but local regulation makes it impossible to have Bars or Bars with Kitchens throughout a significant portion of downtown Statesboro due to the proliferation of churches and educational facilities in our CBD.



There have been numerous contacts from potential business owners wanting to have such establishments in downtown; however, the current ordinance prevents Staff action. Applications for Bars and Bars with Kitchens in most of downtown cannot even be brought before Council due to the prohibition on such businesses and even on proximity waivers for such businesses.

Potential Council options would be to eliminate this prohibition in all or a later delineated part of the CBD (the pre-existing open container zone would be a logical choice), allow Council to consider proximity waivers for Bars and Bars with Kitchens in the CBD, or to leave the ordinance as it currently stands.

Statesboro Central Business District



1 inch = 150 feet

- Orange Outline: CBD
- Yellow Fill: 100 Yard Buffer
- Pink Line: Open Container Zone
- Purple Fill: Bulloch Parcels



Questions?



Tree Rebate Program



Tree Rebate Program Discussion

Overview

The City could offer a rebate program to assist property owners of single-family residences receiving utility services from the City with the purchase of a tree to be planted on their property. The City will match the property owner's cost with a 50/50 match not to exceed more than \$150. The rebate would be subject to conditions.

Eligibility

- Program would only be for property owners of existing single-family residences located within the city limits and who are receiving utility services from the city.
- The property owner would be responsible for planting and ongoing future maintenance. As well as any costs that exceeds the maximum rebate match.
- Trees must be purchased new, with attached sales receipt to include in the application.
- Trees can not be planted on city boulevards, right-of-ways, and planting must adhere to the city's code of ordinances.
- Rebates can not be applied to trees planted as part of the city's landscape plan or tree preservation/mitigation requirement.



Tree Rebate Program Discussion

Funding

- Funding for the tree rebate program will be allocated from the Tree Bank. There is \$11,900 available in the Tree Bank. This funding comprises revenues obtained from developers who fail to meet the City's tree canopy requirements.
- Limited on a first come first serve basis.

Tree Selection

- Tree species will need to adhere to the city's acceptable tree listing in the city's code of ordinance.
- Size of tree must be a minimum of 2" caliper.



Tree Rebate Discussion

Questions

GMA Youth Forum Report



Presentation By:

Chloe Jones, Jamersyn Hughes, Kelbi Taylor, Miriam Garcia, Stephen Edwards, and William Fry

Icebreaker



First all of the youth councils introduced themselves with either a chant or a kind wave so we could see who was on each council. Then, we played a game where everyone was separated into groups and you were not in the same group any of your fellow council members and you have to pass the ball to someone in the group that you were in and remember the name of who you passed it to. Finally, our last and probably favorite icebreaker was a very fun and strategic scavenger hunt where all the different youth councils were given a sheet of paper with riddles on them and the answer to each riddle was somewhere in the GMA Building. In order to win this game, each council had to take a picture of the answer to each riddle with a different member from your council in each picture and whoever had the most correct answers and pictures would be declared the winners of the scavenger hunt. This has impacted me as a member of Statesboro Youth Council because it has helped me build stronger communication skills amongst my peers. This relates to Youth Council because you have to work with others to find the answer or solution to different problems as a team.



Keynote Speaker-Liliana Bakhtiari



Councilmember Bakhtiari was the esteemed guest for the GMA Youth Forum. Council Member Bakhtiari is the first Queer, Nonbinary, Muslim person to hold office in Atlanta. She faced incredible backlash due to her identities but showed overall community in her district.

During their speech they shared their life story. How their family immigrated to America and the lack of inclusivity and resources that affected them and their community. Her concern for these issues led to international work fighting for worker rights as well as the rights of women. After their period of global advocacy, they came back to Atlanta and ran against a 16 year incumbent and lost. But they got back up and ran again, and was eventually elected for District 5 representative.

She then concluded her speech with the perspective she has on her own history and our collective future. They had so much going against them but they still won. As long as we try any one of us can earn the power to lead. Each of us has a story, has struggles, that makes us better suited for the job. By understanding pain/struggle we can better help those in present times of need. We can better represent those close to us than politicians that become disjointed from their communities.

Overall, the Council Member's speech was extremely impactful and I feel many people walked out of that room inspired by her words and in awe of their own potential.

Atlanta Beltline



During the Youth Forum, some shared stories about the Atlanta Beltline. It is a place where all age groups can gather and experience downtown businesses and festivities with friends & family.

The council leaders also showed photos of art featured on the Beltline. I was impressed with the masterpieces. The art is important because it emphasizes the strength and culture of the community.



Placemaking Presentation



Placemaking is strengthening the connection between people and the places they share and care about. We can better help our community because we know our demographics and age groups. In our community, we see that we need more accessible places for youth. Ways we can better our communities include painting crosswalks and fire hydrants, making a structure that can move where you can sit and talk, having pop up libraries, painting dumpsters, filling not so great areas with lots of color, making sure dark alleyway are colorful, and having a hamper park. All of these are ways to build our community and strengthen it to make it a better place.

These places need the following things:

1. Accessibility
2. Activities
3. Comfortable
4. Sociable

Having a community field day and community scavenger hunt with paint on walls can make our community stronger and safer.

"It is difficult to design a space that will not attract people. What is remarkable is how often this has been accomplished."



Law Lesson

In the lesson, we explored the fundamental principles of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, focusing on freedom of expression. The First Amendment guarantees the right to freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly, and petition, forming the cornerstone of American democracy.

However, it also acknowledged the complexities and limitations of free speech, such as the balance between protecting individuals from harm and upholding the principles of free expression. From hate speech to defamation laws, navigating the boundaries of the First Amendment requires careful consideration of competing interests and values.

In conclusion, the First Amendment serves as a beacon of freedom and democracy, empowering individuals to voice their opinion and challenge injustice. As citizens, we must cherish and defend these rights to ensure the continued vitality of our democracy for generations to come.



Mock Trial

We had the opportunity to serve as a jury for a case regarding negligence on the road. In the case, the plaintiff sued the defendant for a compensation of \$3 million for the medical bills, trauma, and the destroyed dreams caused by the accident. The plaintiff was severely injured in a car accident after the defendant skidded across the the road into a pole leaving him with constant back pain and crushing his dreams as a pilot. In the trial, the plaintiff argued it was the defendant's negligence that caused the accident: It was dark and raining and the defendant was texting while drive. According to the defendant, he was an 'expert' in texting while driving and argued that the accident was not caused by it but rather the rain. The plaintiff also accused the defendant's mother for enabling his texting while driving behavior and demanded compensation from her as well.

We were able to work as a jury, look at the evidence given during the trial, and decide whether the plaintiff deserved compensation from the defendant and his mother. It was a fun experience to hear the ideas of fellow peers within our group and the decisions of the other three jury groups.





Conclusion

Overall, this experience was substantial and gives us individual practice in a variety of professional areas. We are able to better understand the legislative processes that mold the policies that affect us and the ways court cases affect the interpretations of said laws. We can also develop our own skills that will help us in our future college and professional careers.

Specifically the legislative lesson improved our understanding of how state and local governments interact, which we see as youth in civics. The place making presentation helped us brainstorm how we can cultivate our community of Statesboro. As a whole the GMA Youth Forum helped us reflect back on the needs of our community and has inspired us to reorganize the way we address community concerns.