



# EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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**DATE:** April 9, 2026  
**TO:** David Aranda: General Manager  
**FROM:** Eric Saylor: Fire Chief  
**RE:** **Fire Chief's Report for the April 2026 Kensington Community Services District**

## Operations

### Defensible Space Inspections and Zone 0 Assessment

The Department will be moving forward with this year's Zone 1 and Zone 2 defensible space inspection and enforcement cycle. For this effort, Zone 1 will focus on the 5- to 30-foot area surrounding structures, where vegetation and other combustibles must be managed to reduce the likelihood of fire reaching the home and to provide firefighters a more defensible space to operate. Zone 2 will address the 30- to 100-foot area, or to the property line, where fuel reduction is intended to slow approaching fire behavior, reduce ember production, and lessen radiant heat exposure. These inspections are a critical part of wildfire preparedness because they improve firefighter and public safety, increase structure survivability, and provide a clear compliance path through corrective timelines, reinspections, and enforcement when necessary.

In addition, the Department will begin assessing Zone 0 conditions, the first five feet around a structure, using the State's published draft Zone 0 materials as an educational and planning benchmark. The Board of Forestry's draft materials identify Zone 0 as a critical ember-resistant area immediately adjacent to the home and describe a pragmatic approach that includes both likely regulatory items and educational, non-enforcement guidance for certain conditions. The State's rulemaking process is still active, with additional Zone 0 workshop activity posted for April 23, 2026. Current state law also provides that the ember-resistant Zone 0 requirement does not take effect until the Board updates the regulations and guidance document, and that defensible-space inspection practices, forms, and enforcement are not to be changed to implement Zone 0 until the State Fire Marshal issues the required written finding regarding resources. Accordingly, the Department's approach will be to observe, document, and educate on Zone 0 conditions now, while deferring formal Zone 0 enforcement until the State completes the regulation and implementation process.

## Training



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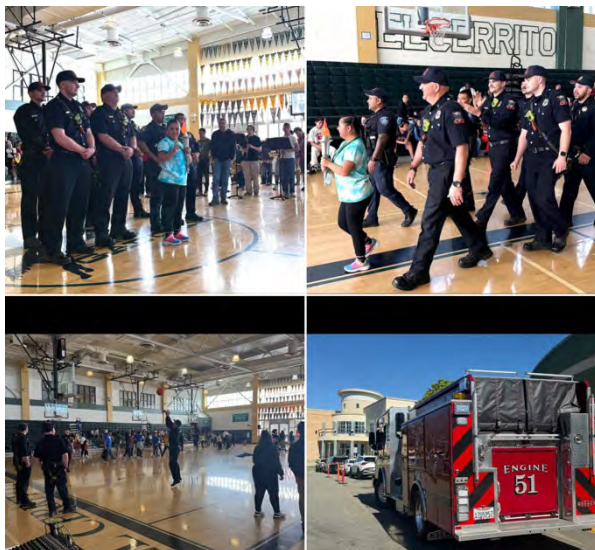
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All three shifts recently completed an in-house refresher on shoring operations, reinforcing a critical rescue and scene stabilization capability. Shoring is essential at incidents involving trenches, excavations, and compromised structures, where unstable conditions can change rapidly and create a significant risk of collapse. Proper shoring provides temporary support that helps prevent cave-ins, protects personnel operating in and around the hazard area, and creates a safer environment for victim access, rescue, and incident mitigation. This type of training is especially important because these are low-frequency but high-risk events that demand a high level of technical proficiency, sound judgment, and coordinated operations. Regular refresher training ensures personnel remain prepared to identify hazards, deploy

equipment effectively, and operate safely under challenging conditions.

## Public Outreach



The El Cerrito Fire Department values every opportunity to engage with the community outside of emergency responses. Public outreach is an important part of the Department's mission because it helps build trust, strengthen relationships, and reinforce that the fire department is not only there in times of crisis, but is also a visible, approachable, and supportive community partner. These interactions create meaningful connections with residents, provide opportunities to promote safety and preparedness, and help foster confidence in the services we provide.

Recently, the Department was proud to participate in the opening ceremony for the Special Olympics basketball tournament, which brought together schools from throughout West Contra Costa County. Engine 51 had the honor of walking the torch around the gym and spending time with the athletes, including joining them on the court for some basketball. It was an outstanding event filled with energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit. We are grateful for the

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**Integrity Accountability Teamwork Respect Professionalism**

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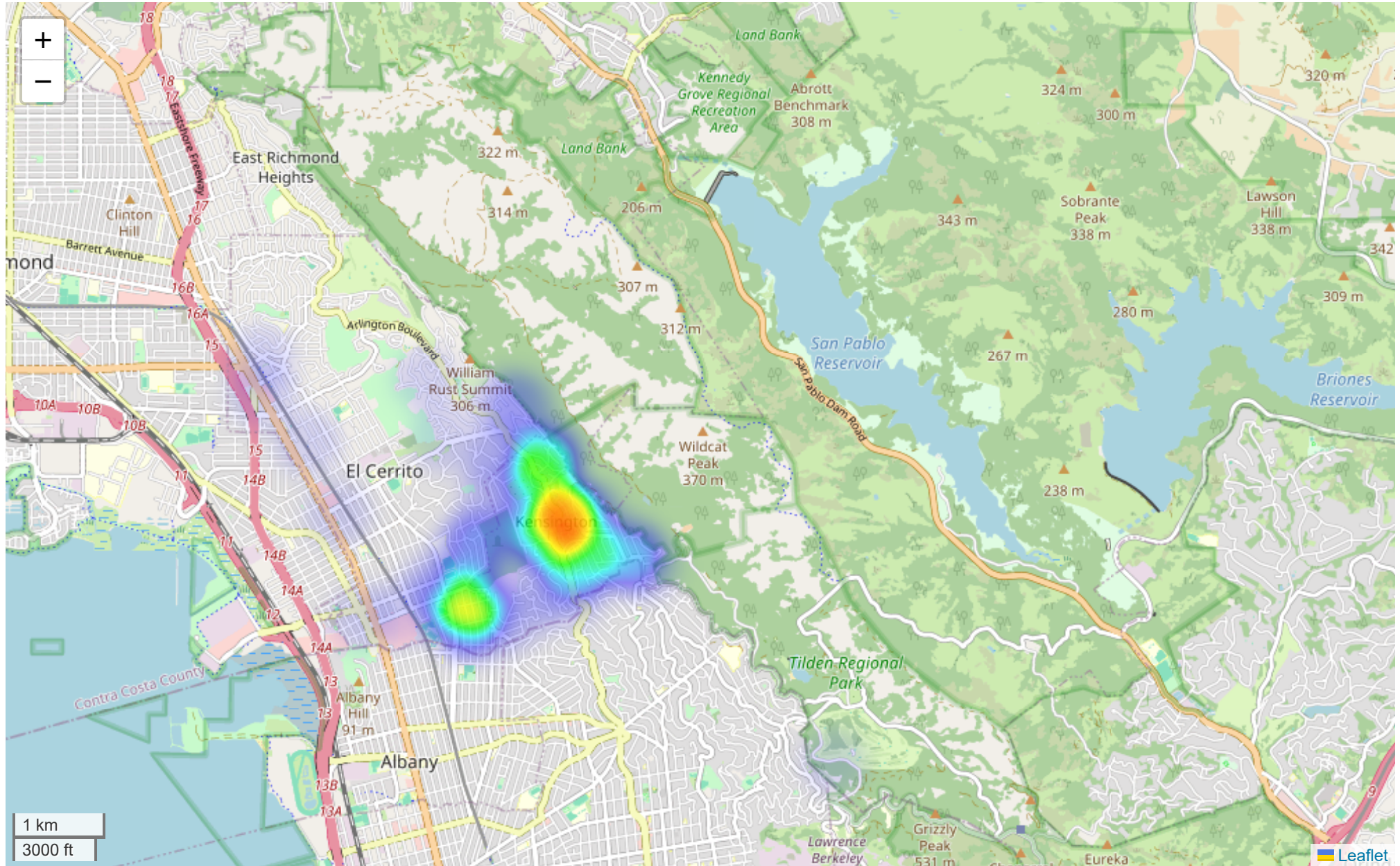


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opportunity to be part of such a special day and appreciate the invitation to participate. Events like this reflect why the Department takes every opportunity to interact with the public, because strong community relationships are an essential part of public service.

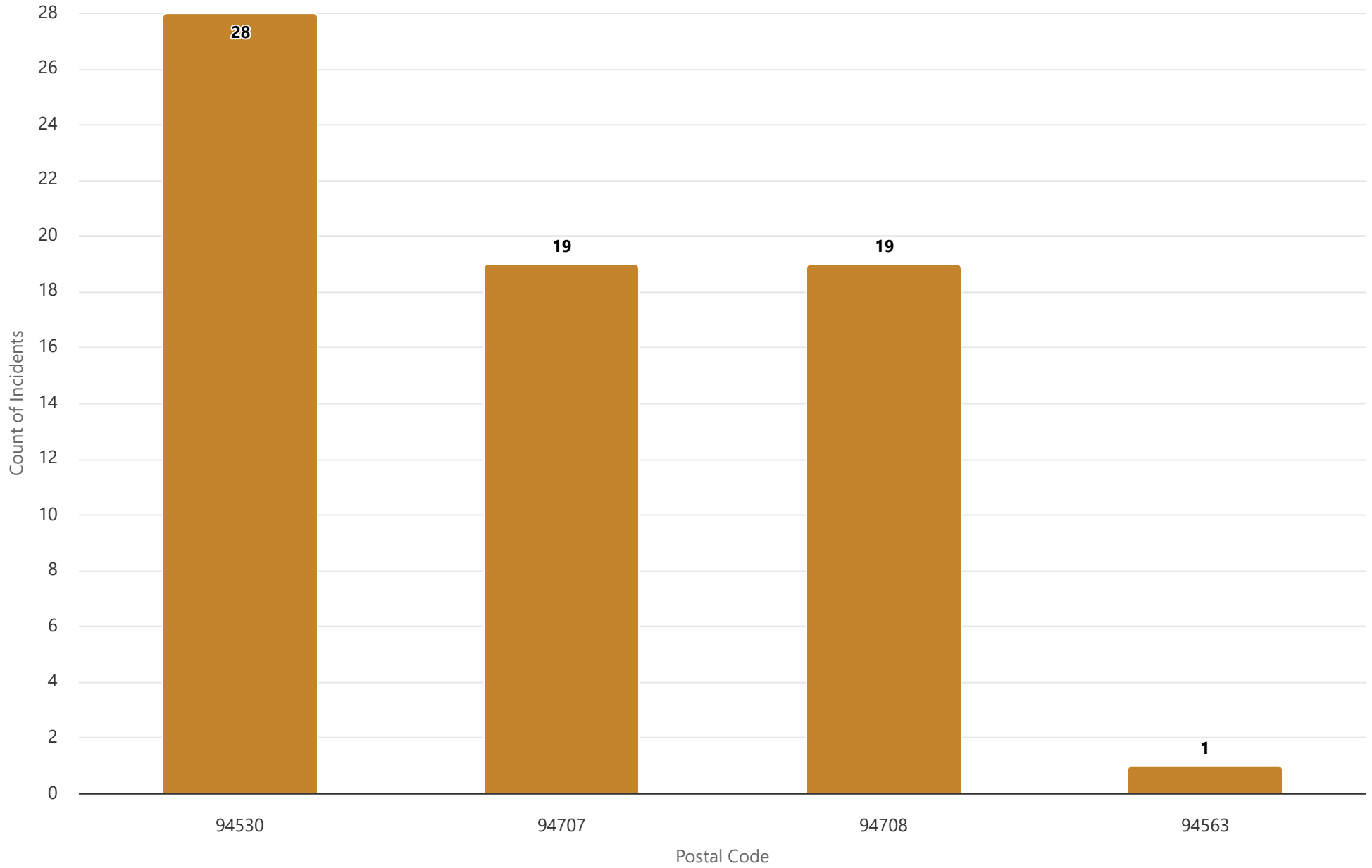
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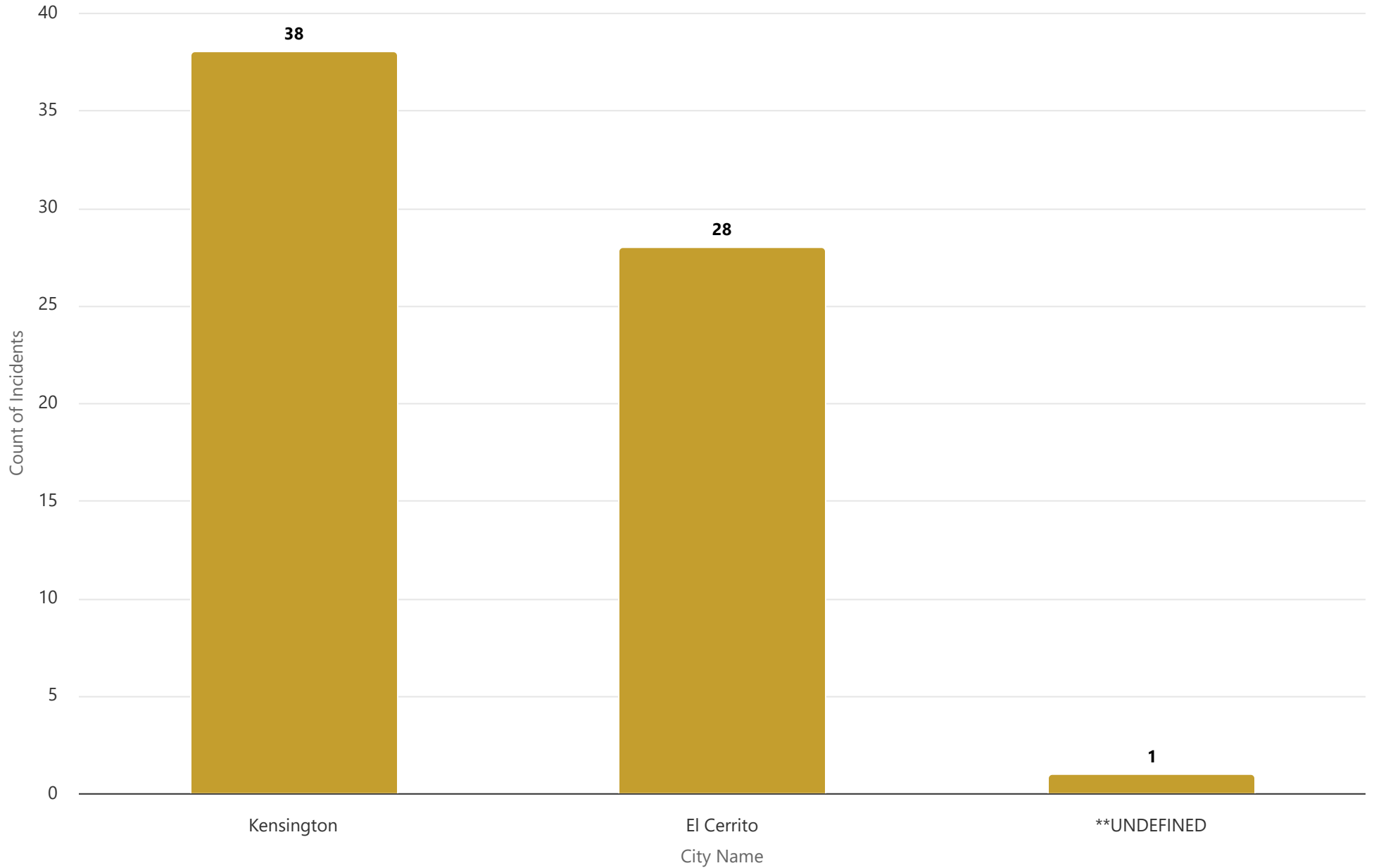
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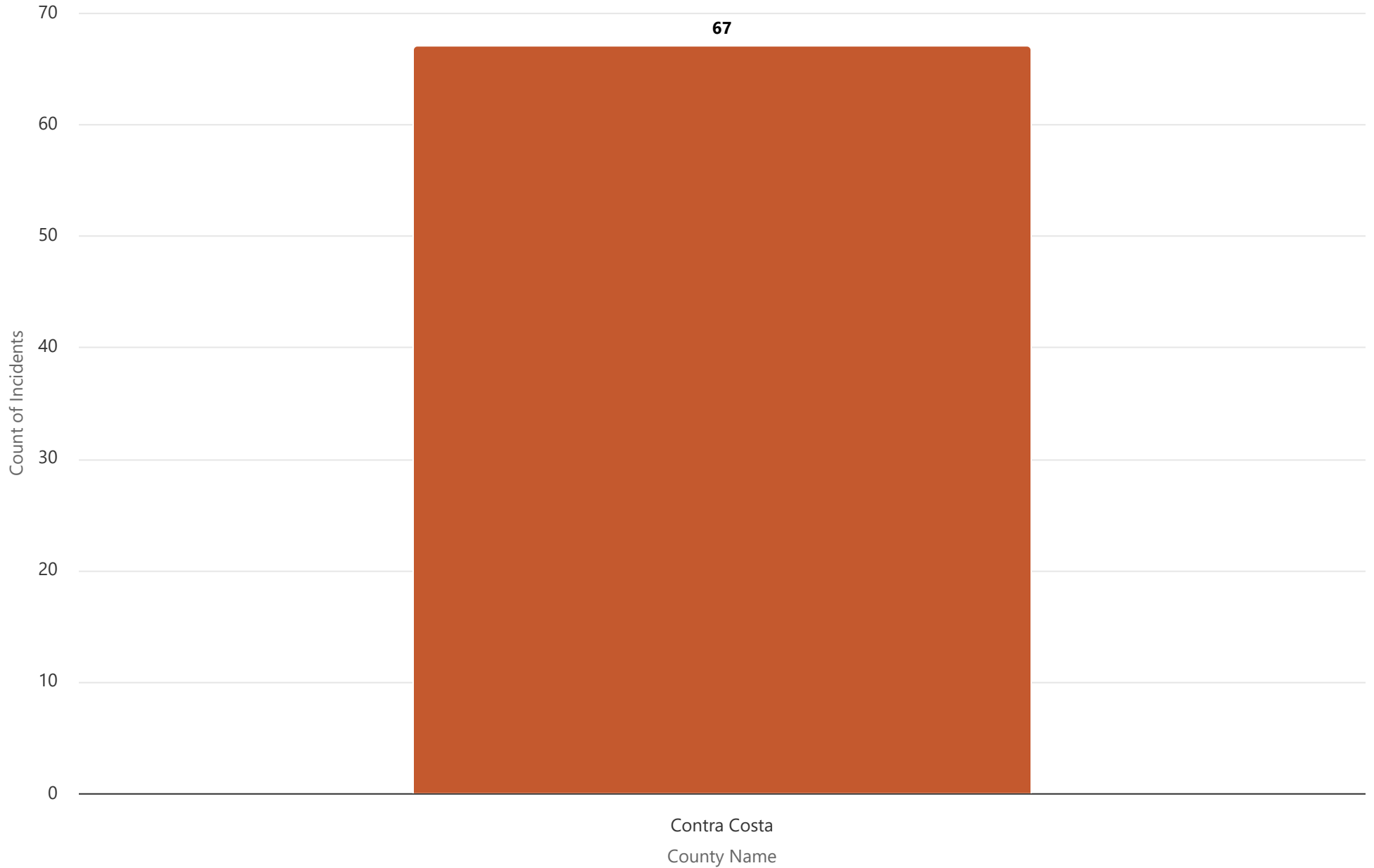
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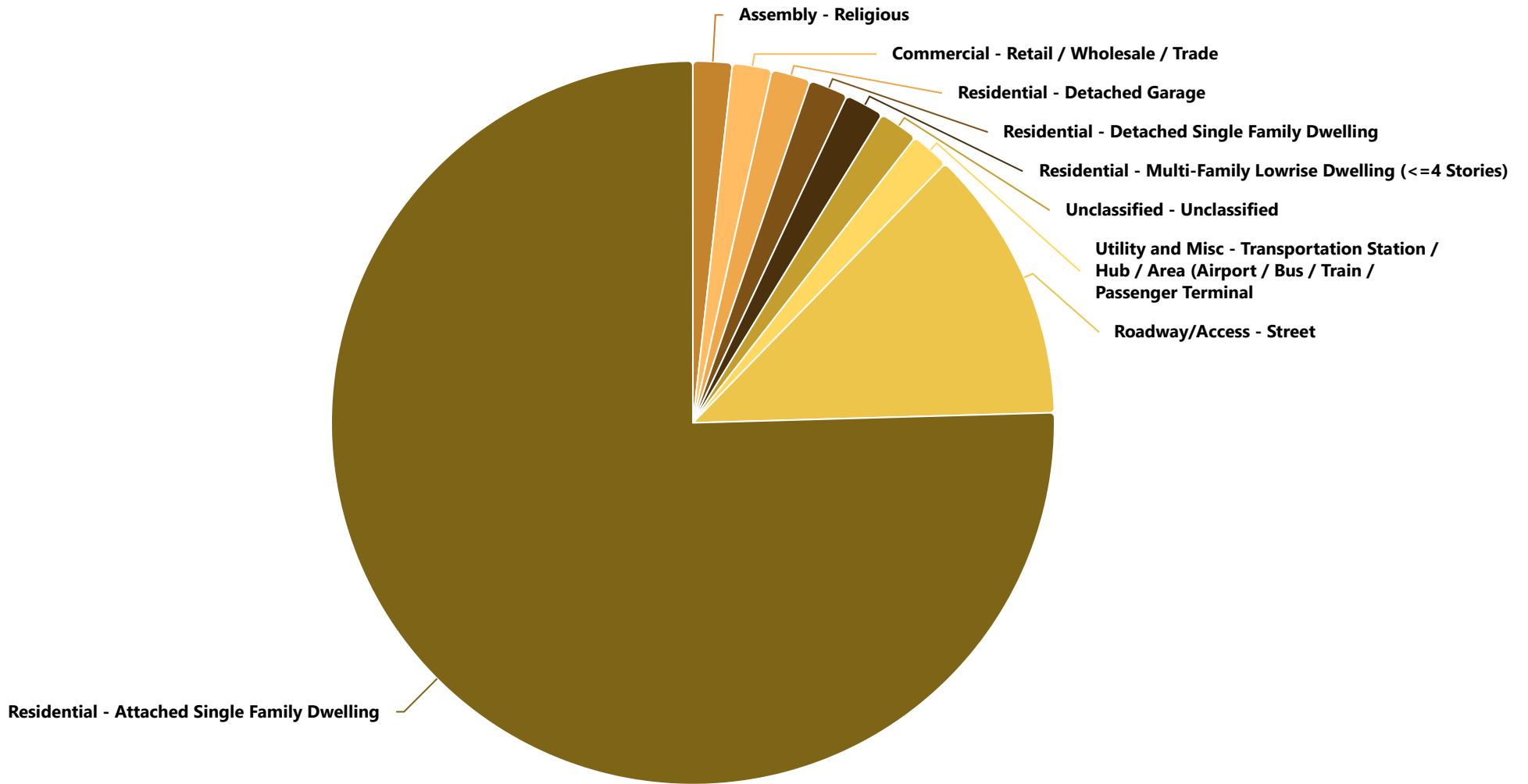
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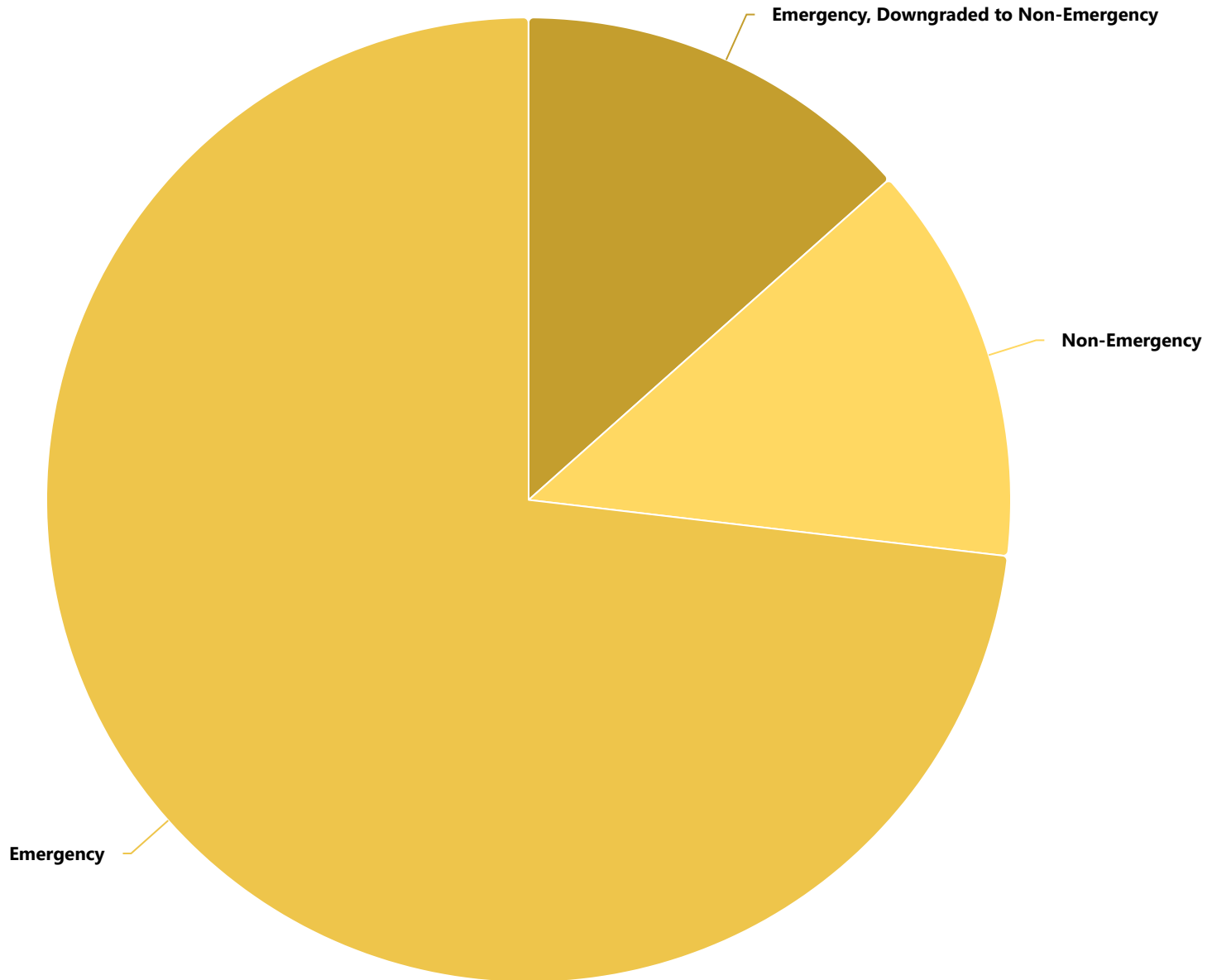
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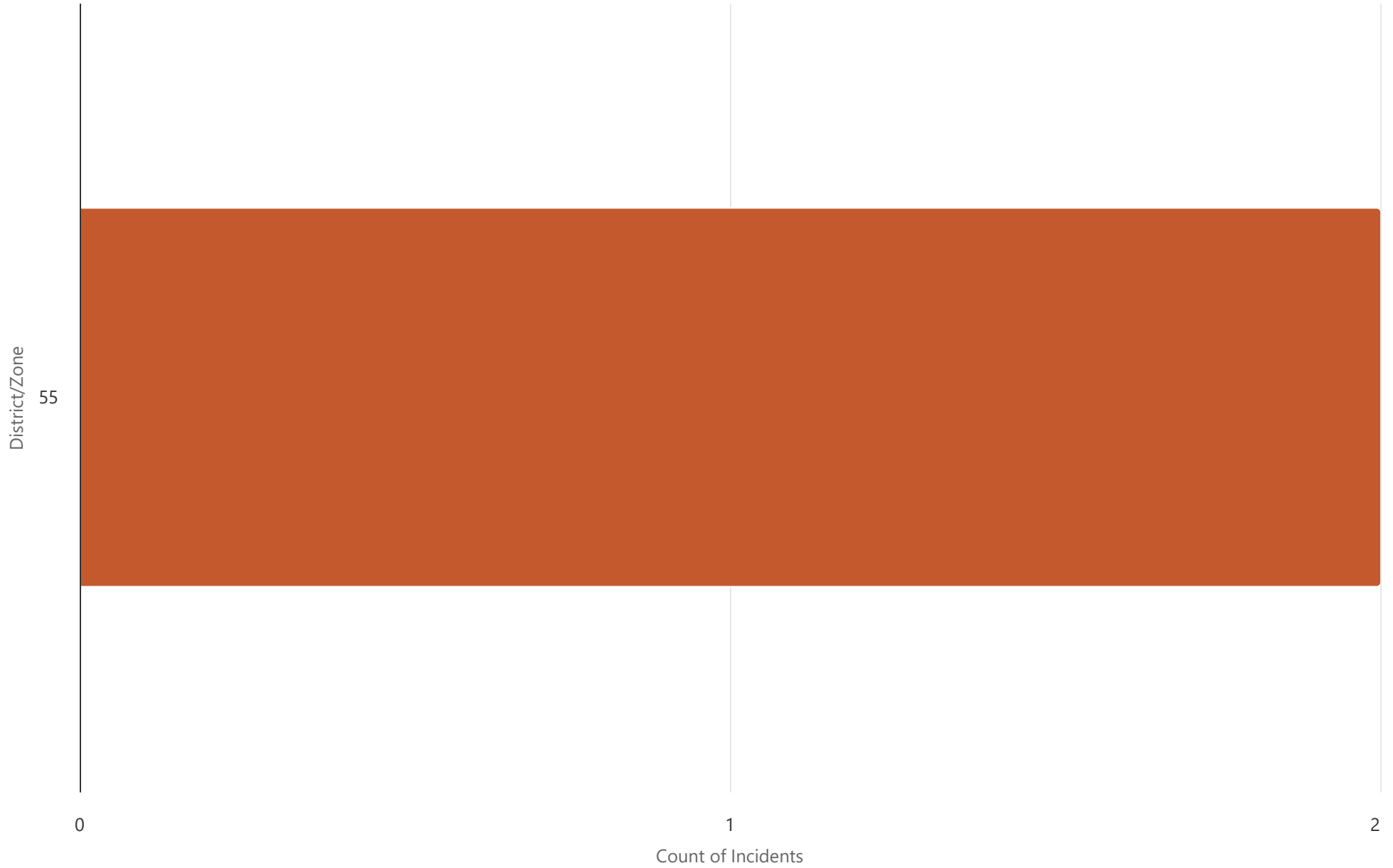
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### Incidents by District/Zone

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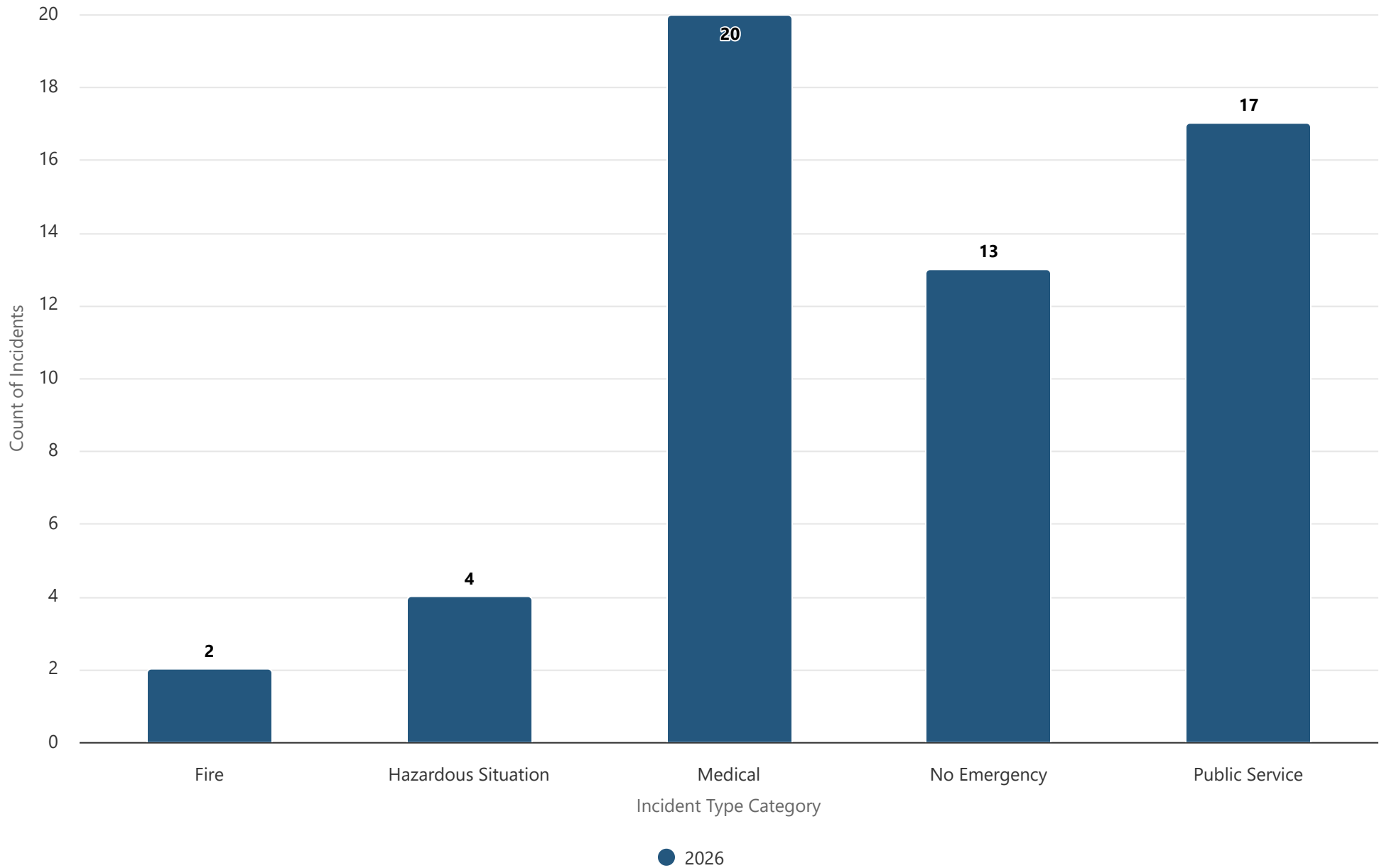
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
51	0	1	0	1	20%	0	N/A	N/A
55	0	2	2	4	80%	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

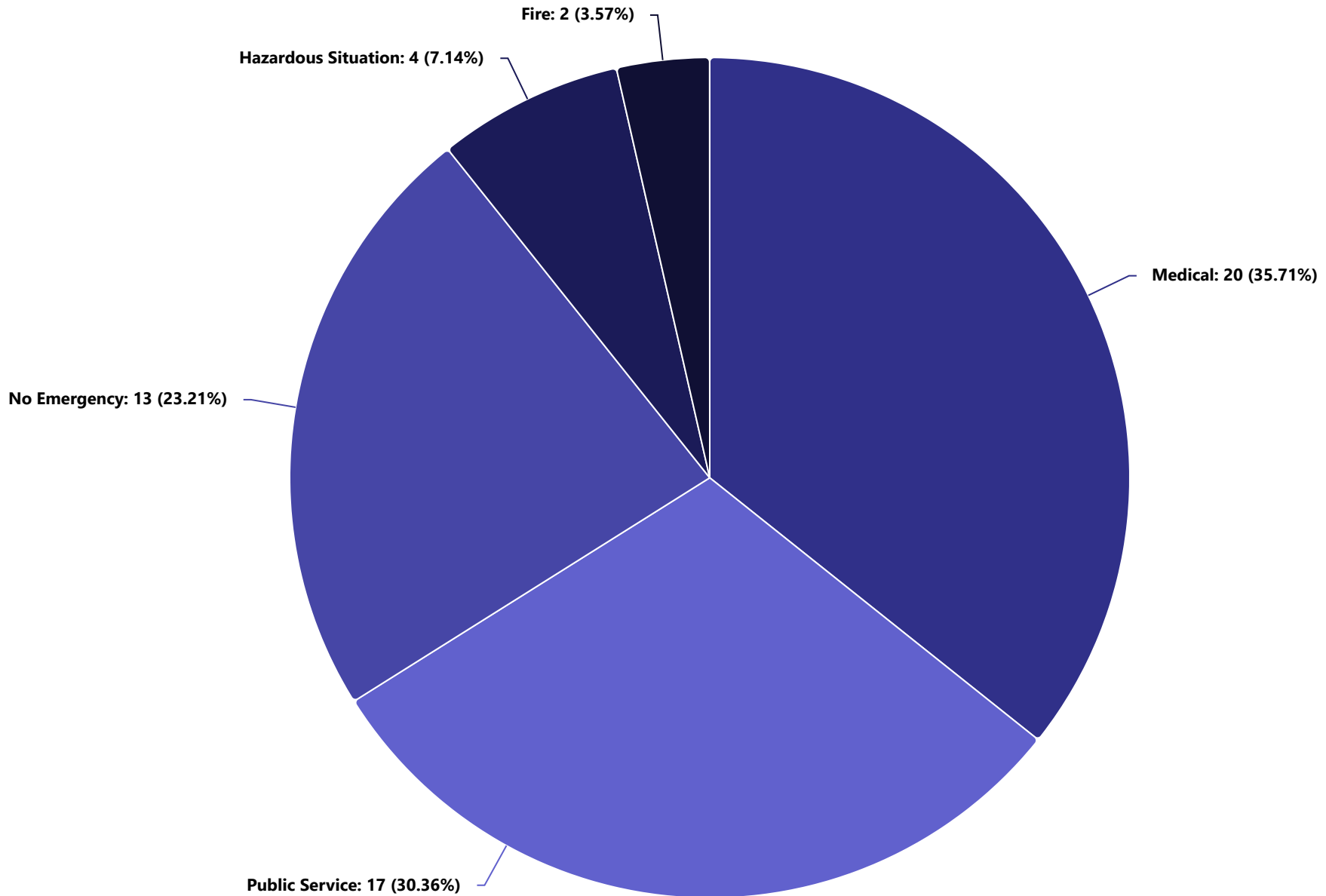
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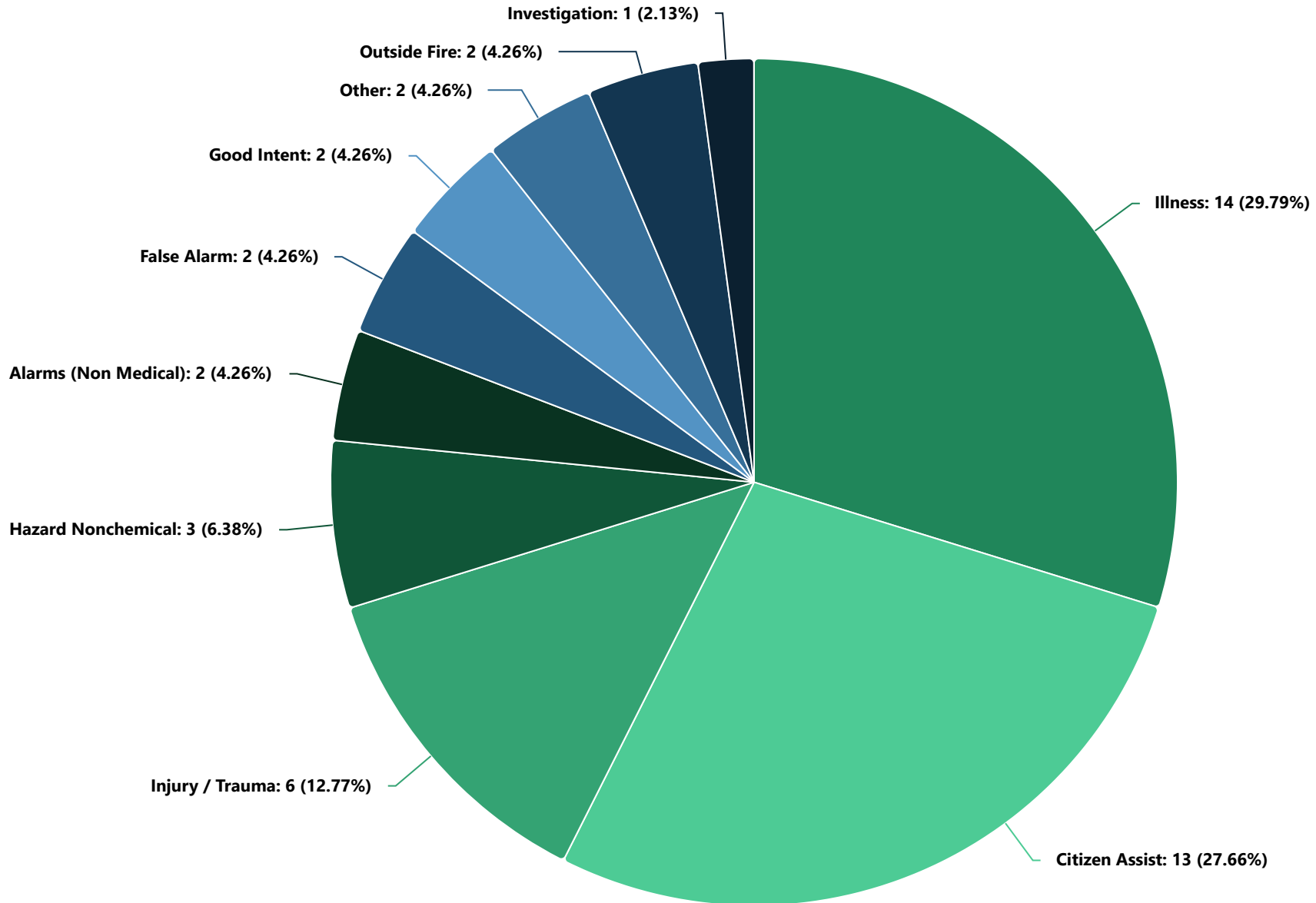
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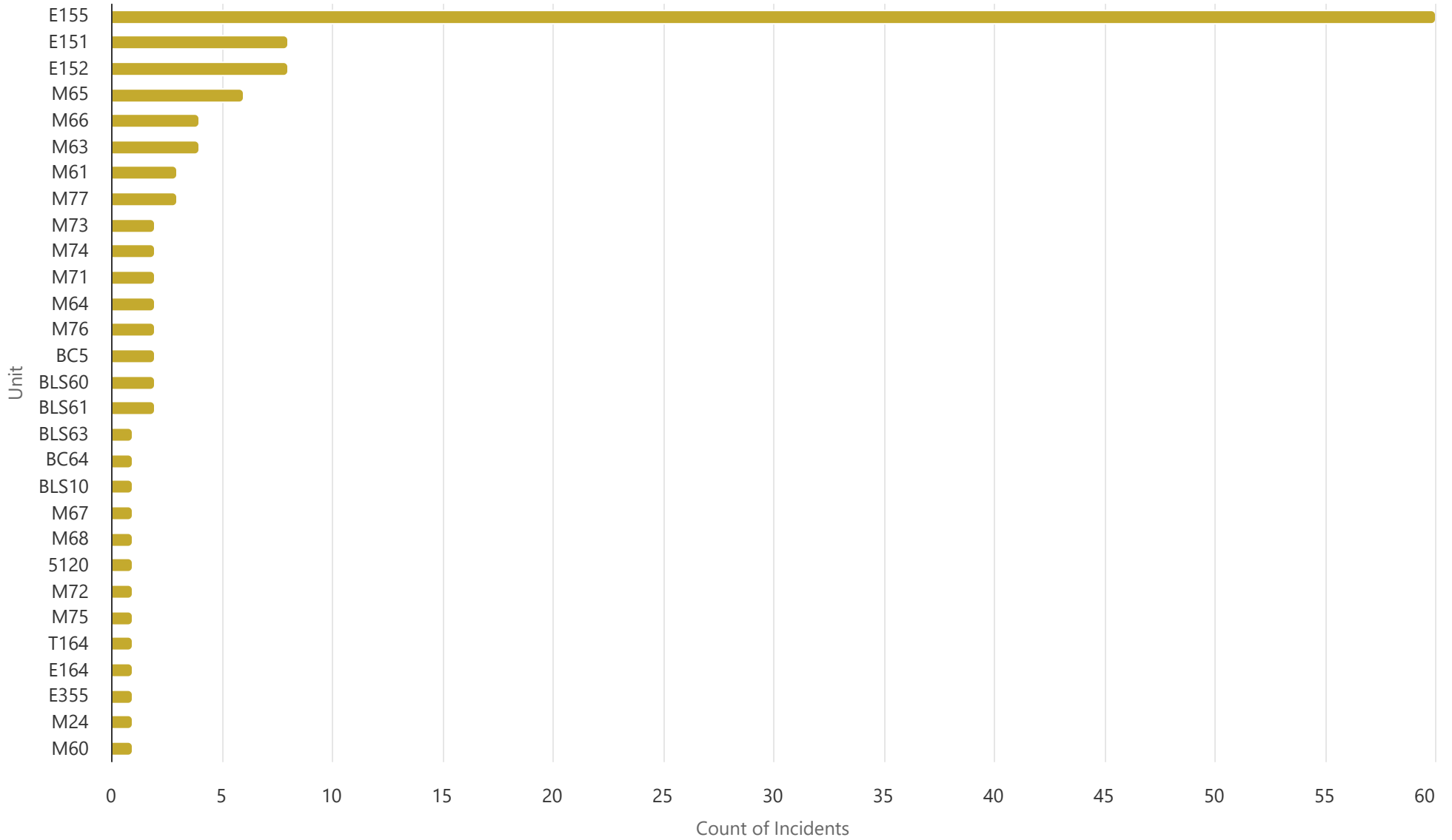
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Incident Type Primary Category 1 (filIncident.03)	2026			2026		2025		YTD % Change
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
Fire	0	1	2	3	3%	0	N/A	N/A
Hazardous Situation	0	2	4	6	5%	0	N/A	N/A
Medical	0	27	20	47	43%	0	N/A	N/A
No Emergency	0	17	13	30	27%	0	N/A	N/A
Public Service	0	6	17	23	21%	0	N/A	N/A
Rescue	0	1	0	1	1%	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Incidents by Apparatus Resource ID (Top 40)

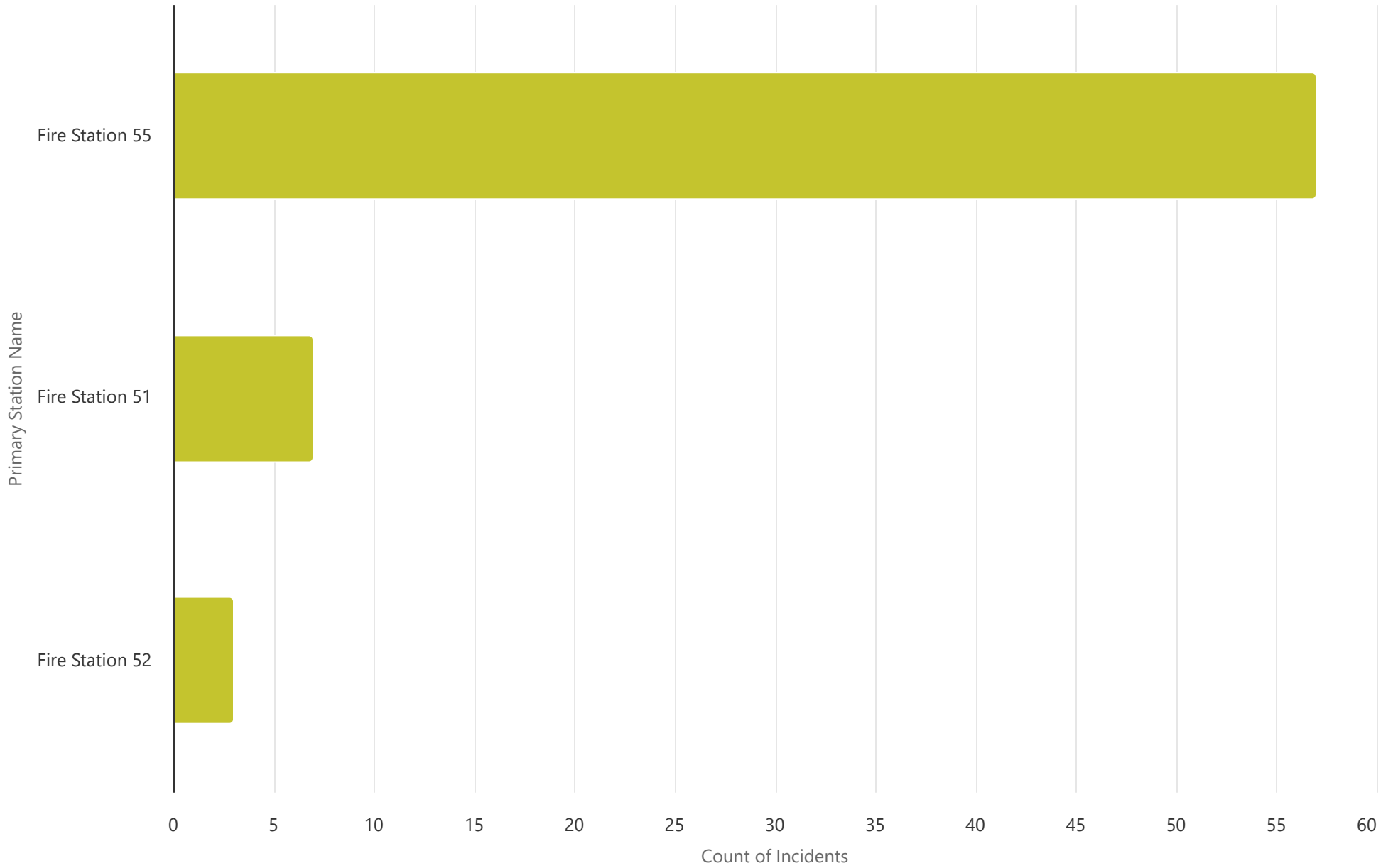
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### Incidents by Primary Station Name

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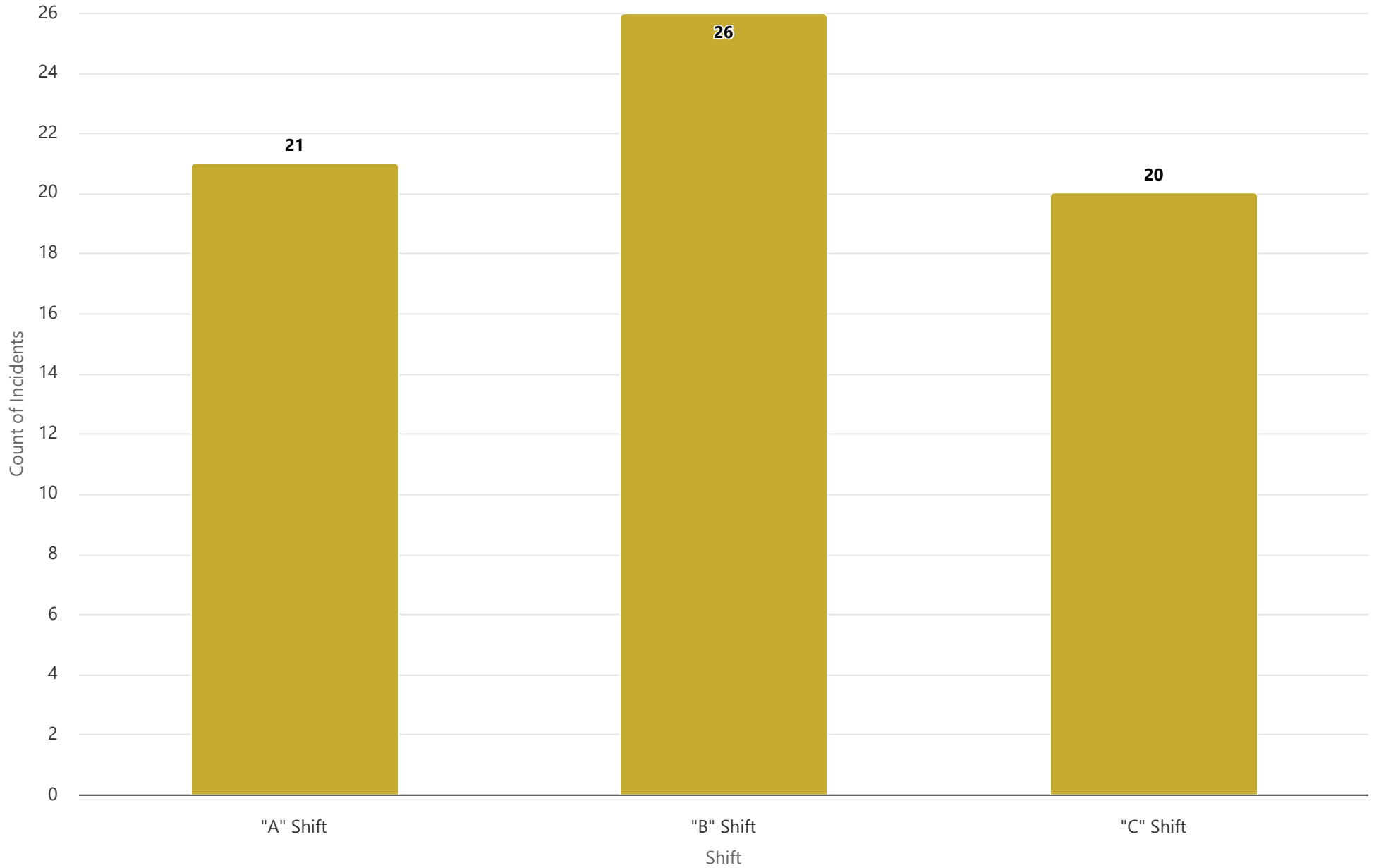
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Station	EMS Incidents	Fire Incidents	Other Incidents	Total Incidents	% of Total Incidents	Station Reliability	90th Percentile Response Time (PSAP to Arrival)
Fire Station 51	2	1	4	7	10.45%	100%	00:11:26
Fire Station 55	18	1	38	57	85.07%	92.98%	43:02:42
Fire Station 52	0	0	3	3	4.48%	100%	00:06:35
<b>Overall</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94.03%</b>	<b>43:02:42</b>

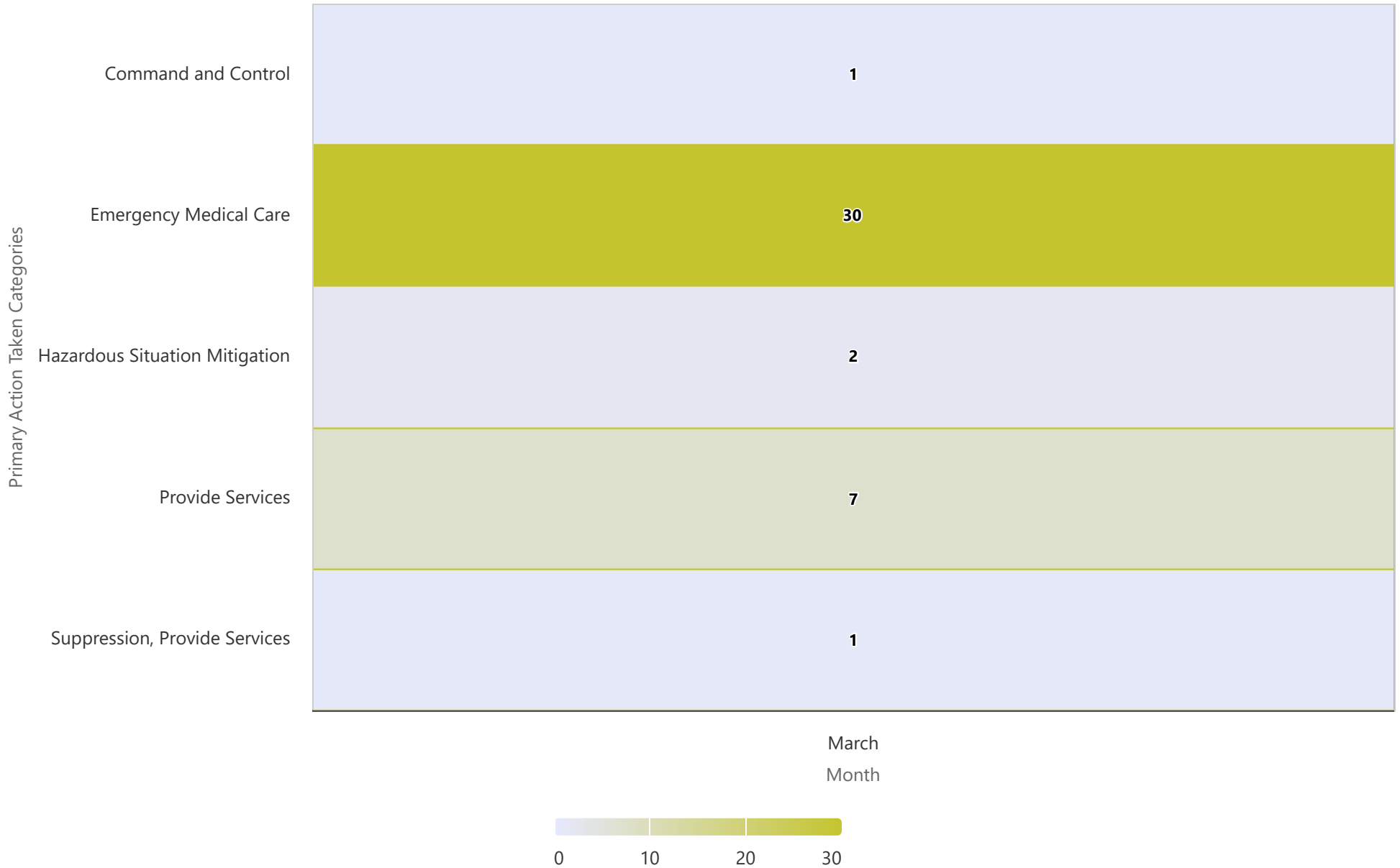
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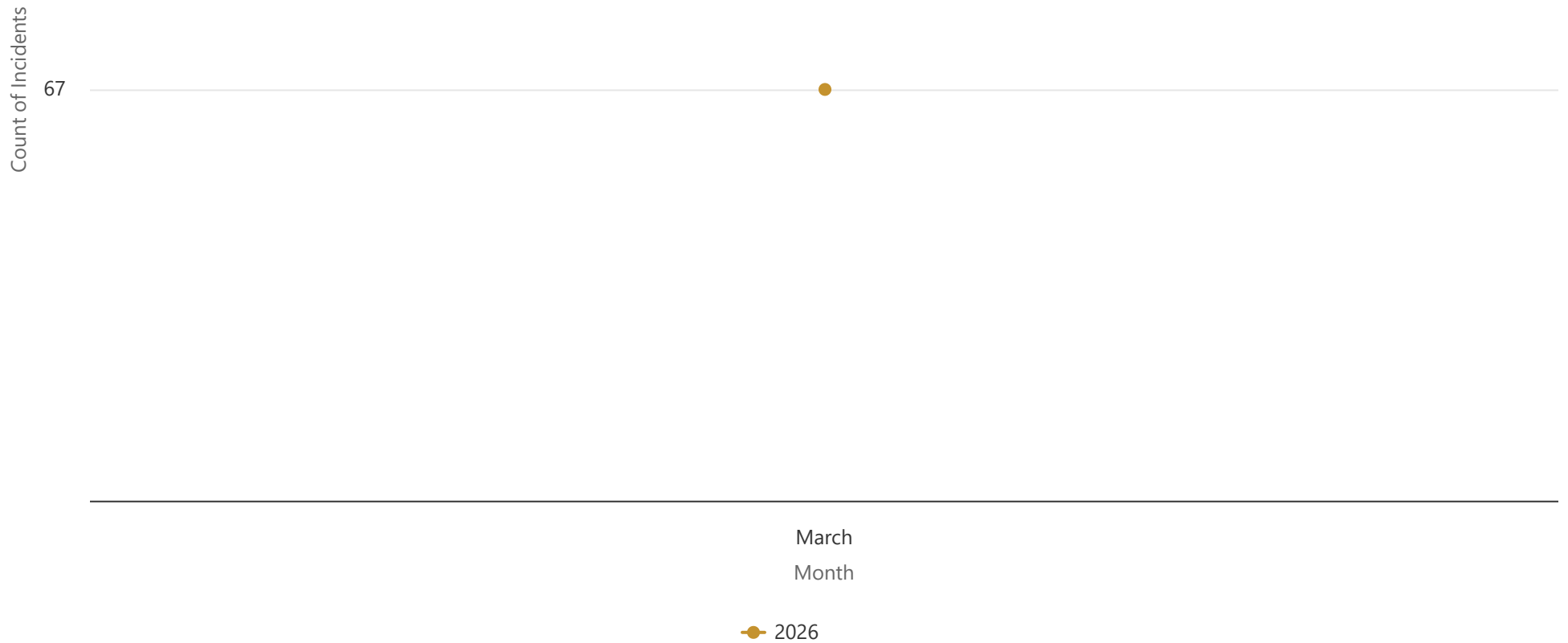
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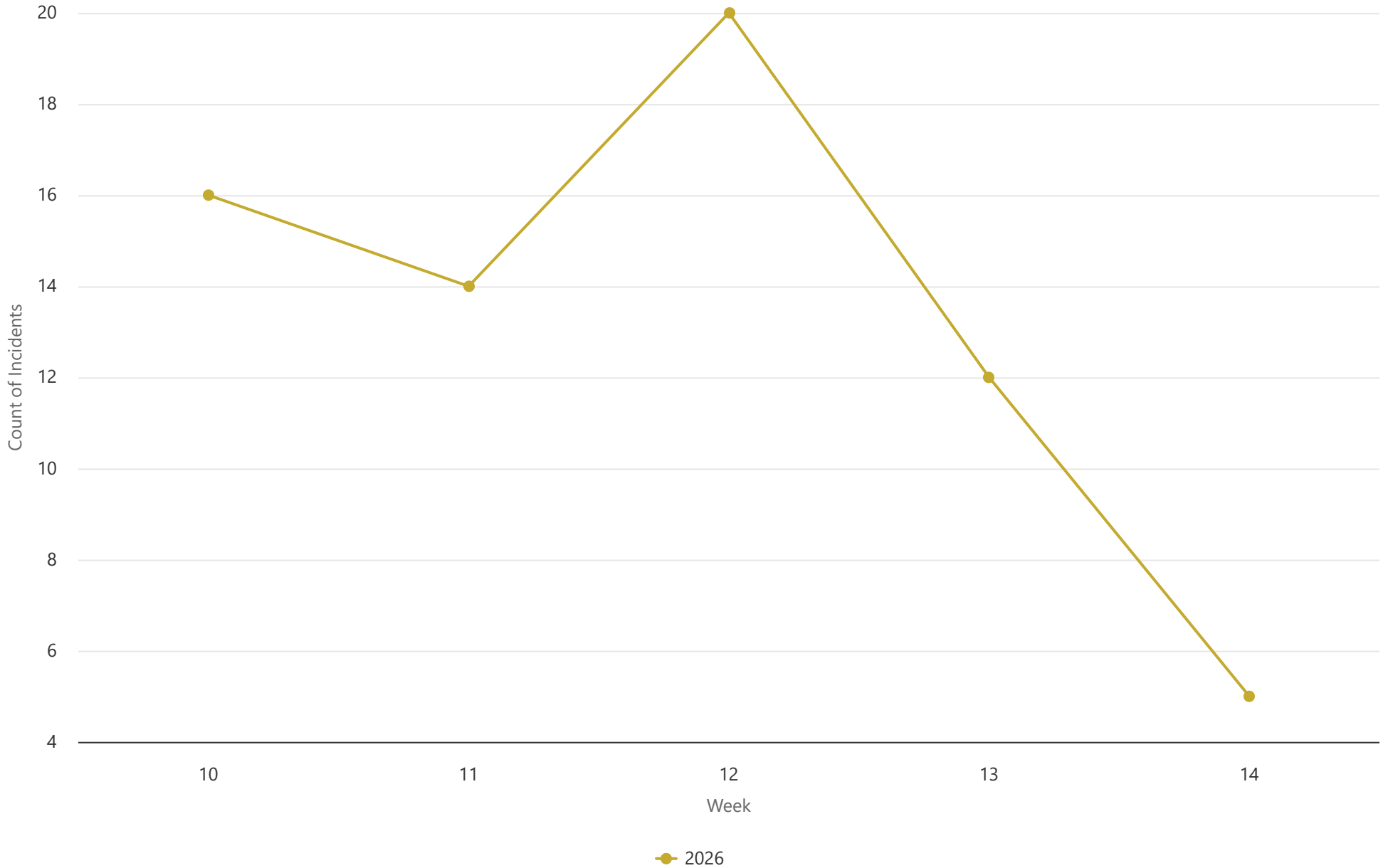
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### Fire Call Volume by Week

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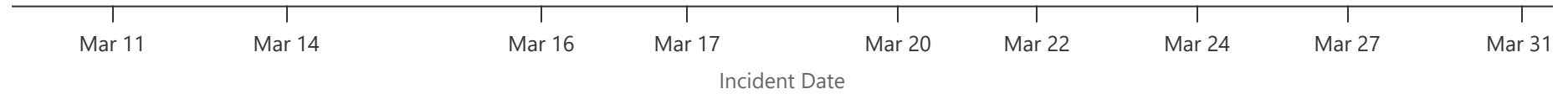
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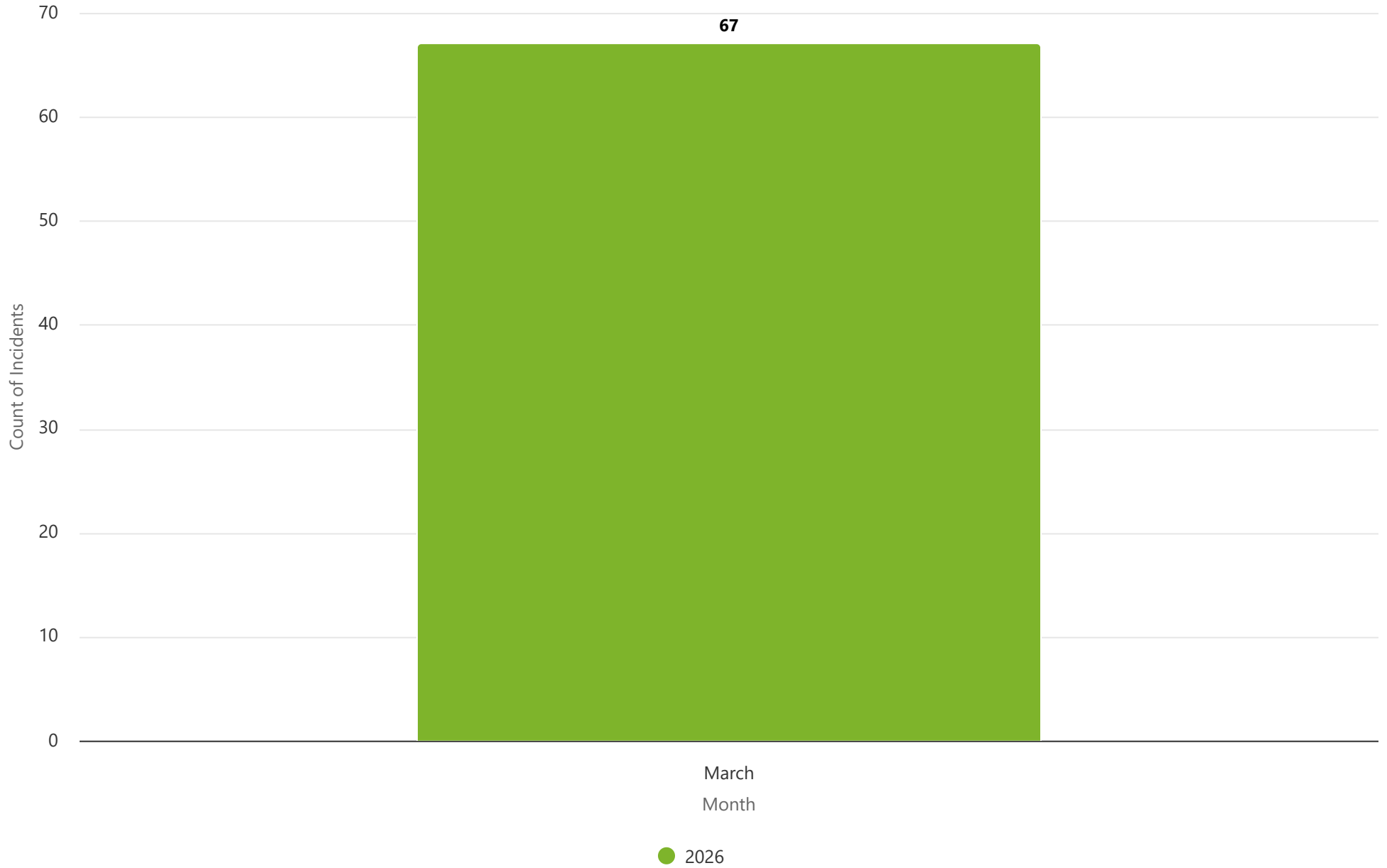
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### Incidents by Day and Hour

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Day of Week	0000	0100	0200	0300	0400	0500	0600	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300
Sunday	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Monday	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tuesday	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Wednesday	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
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Friday	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
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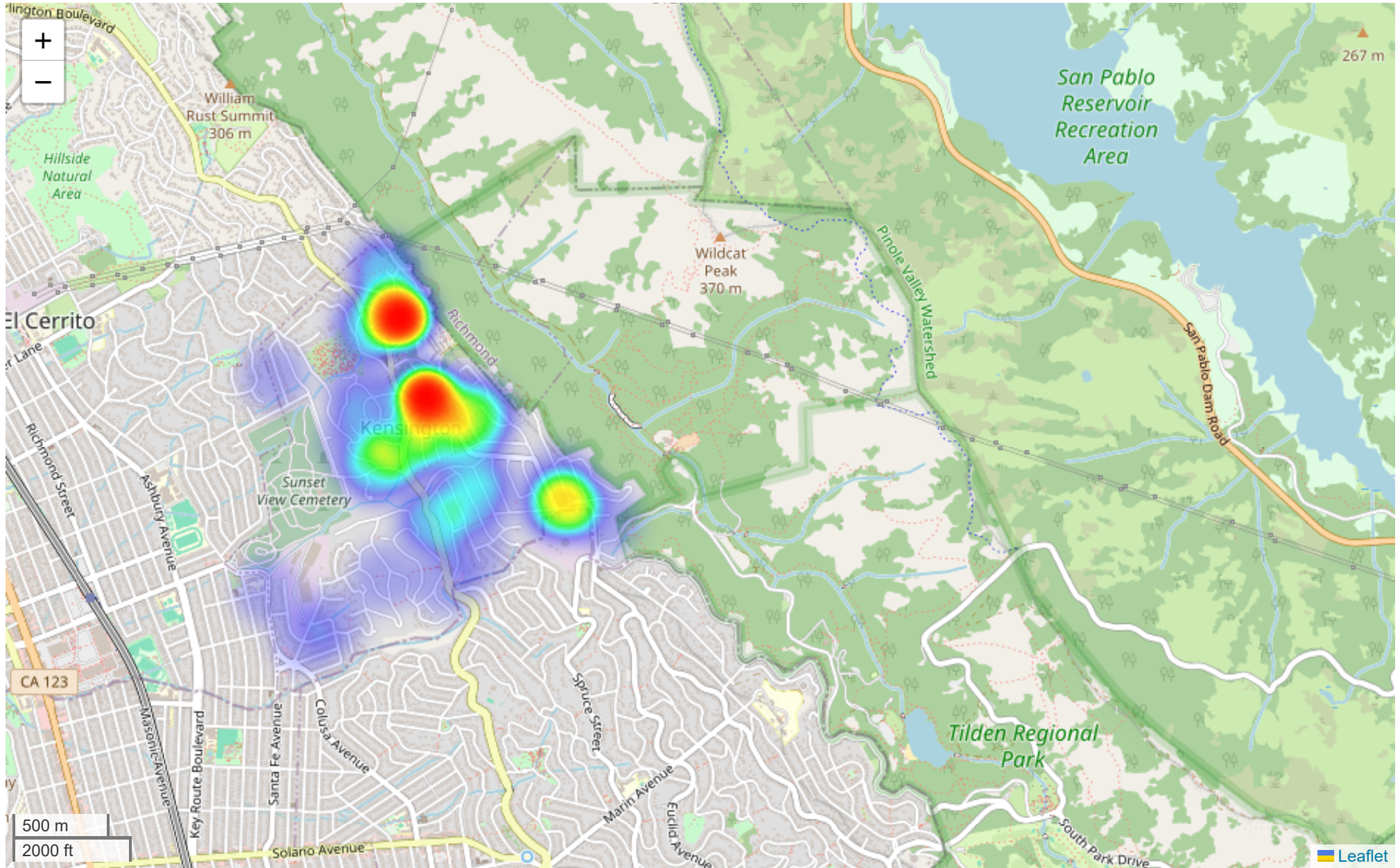
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Incident Month Name	2026		2025		N/A
	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
February	54	45%	0		N/A
March	67	55%	0	N/A	N/A
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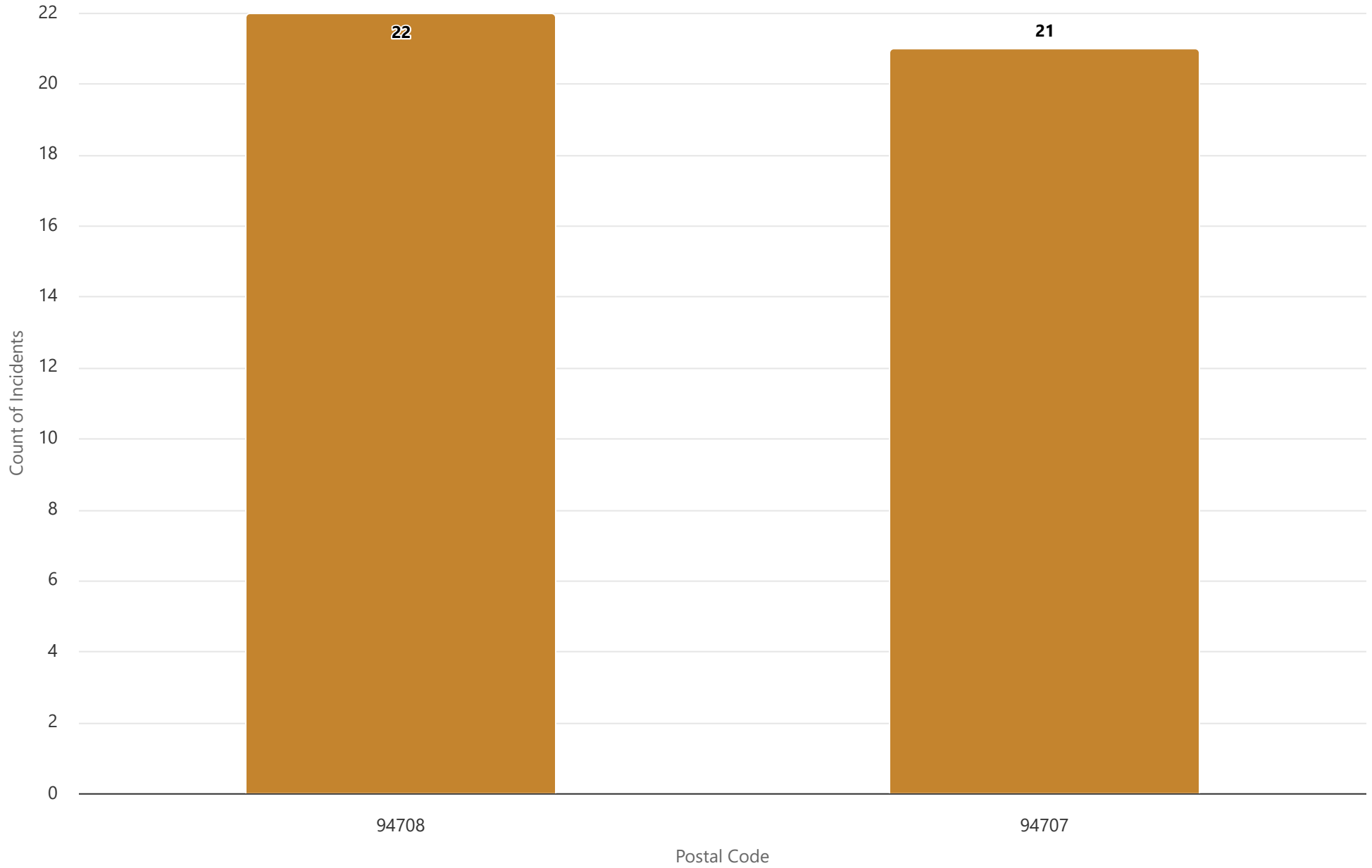
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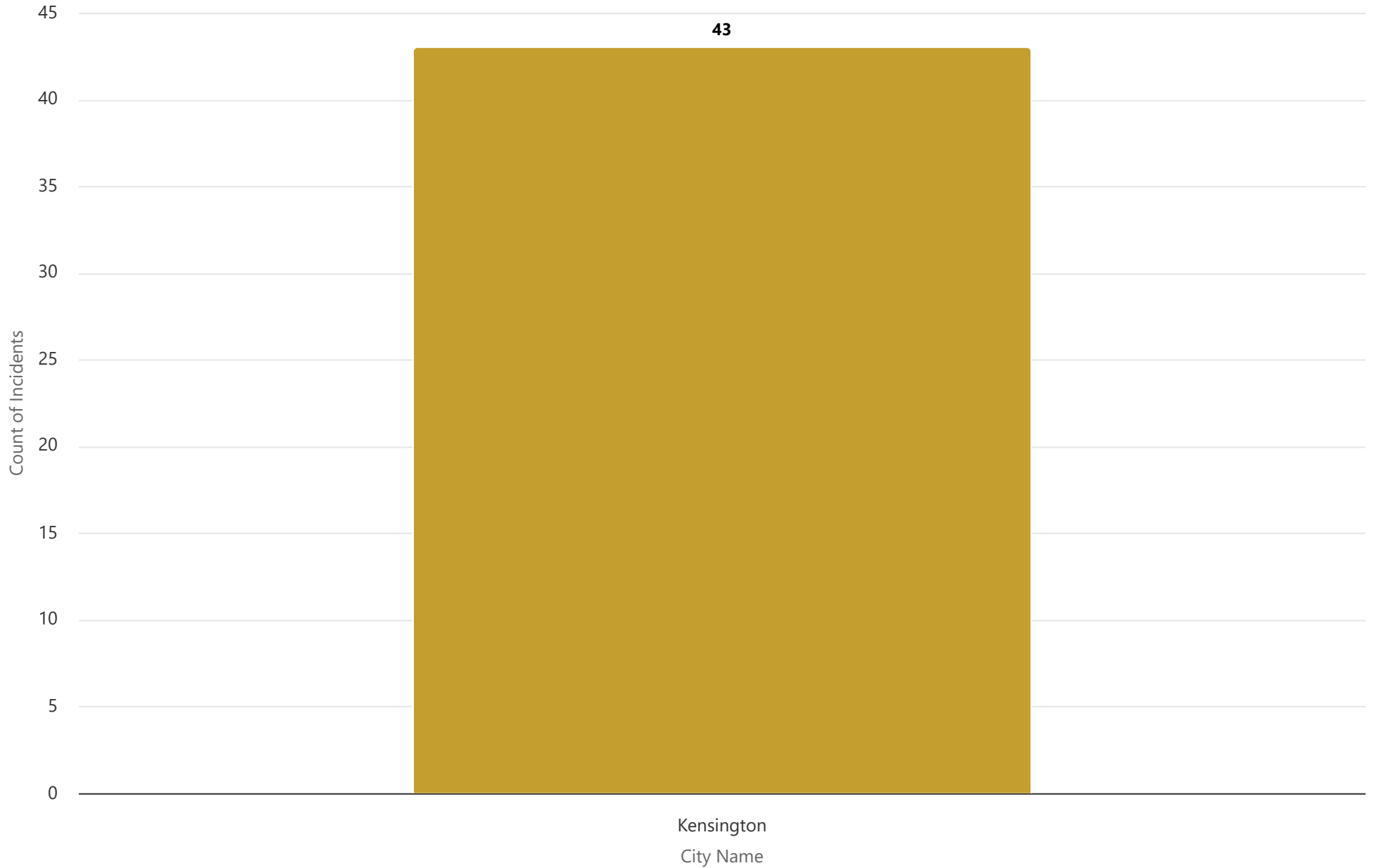
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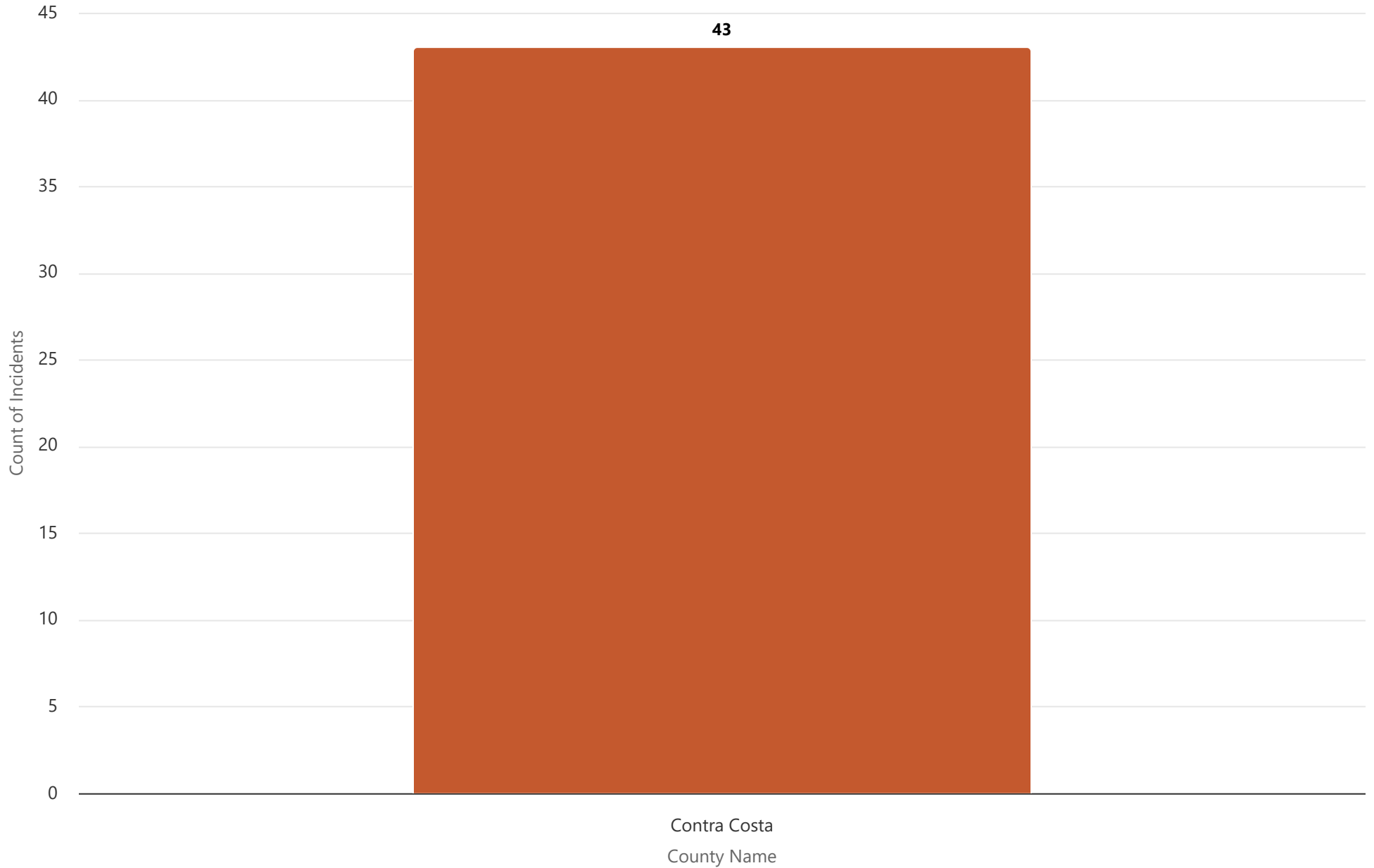
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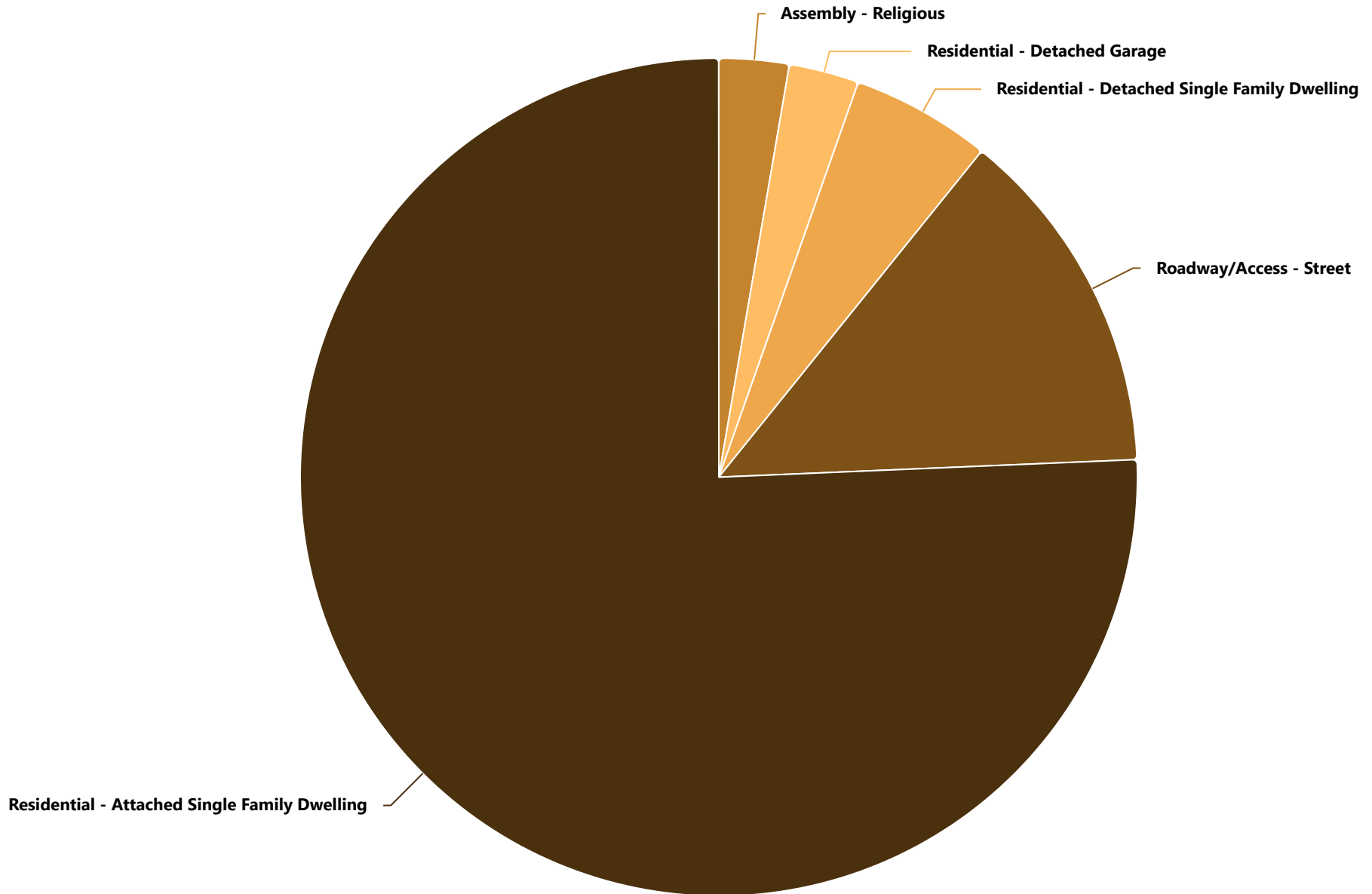
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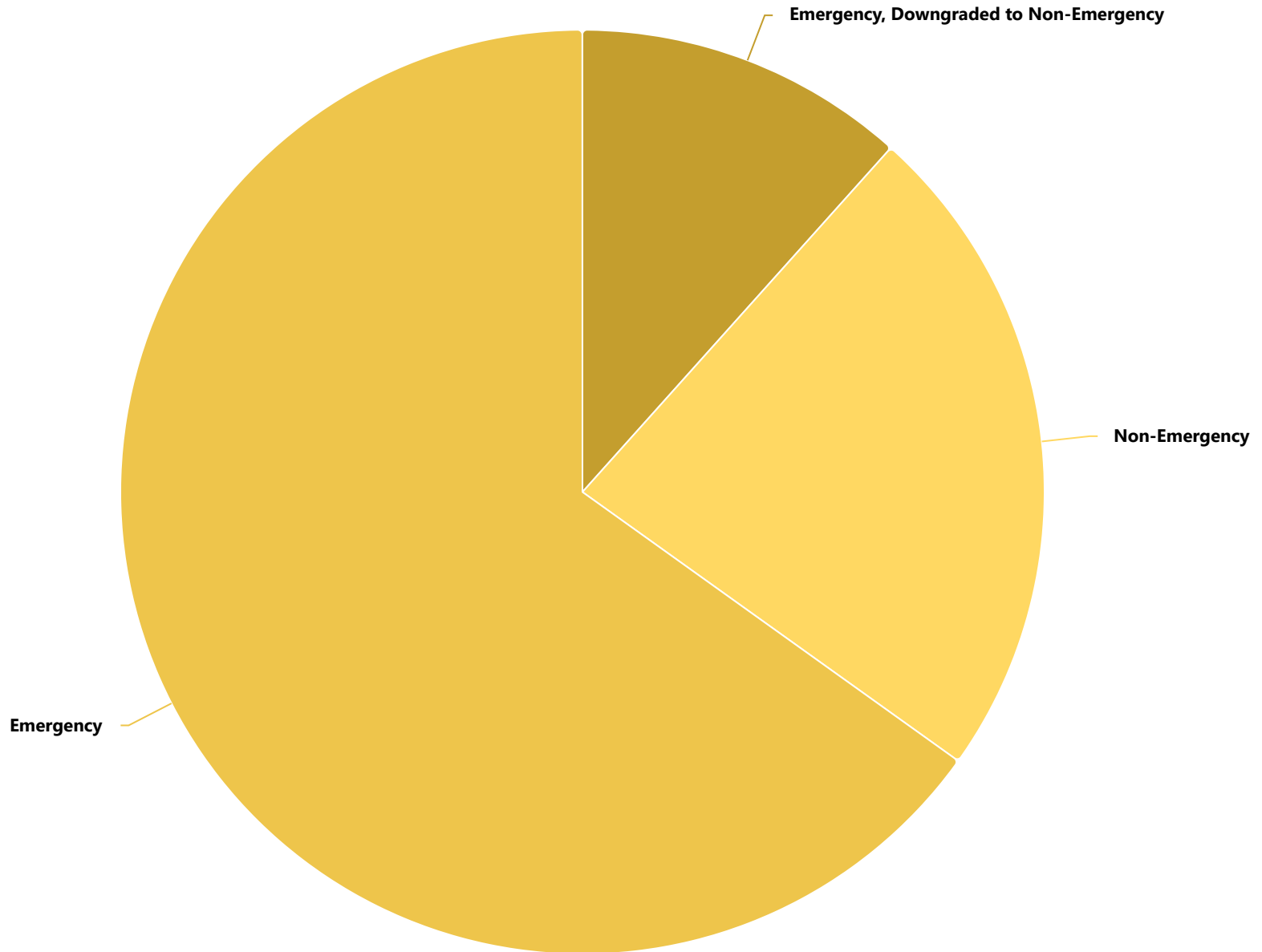
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# Incidents by Response Mode To Scene

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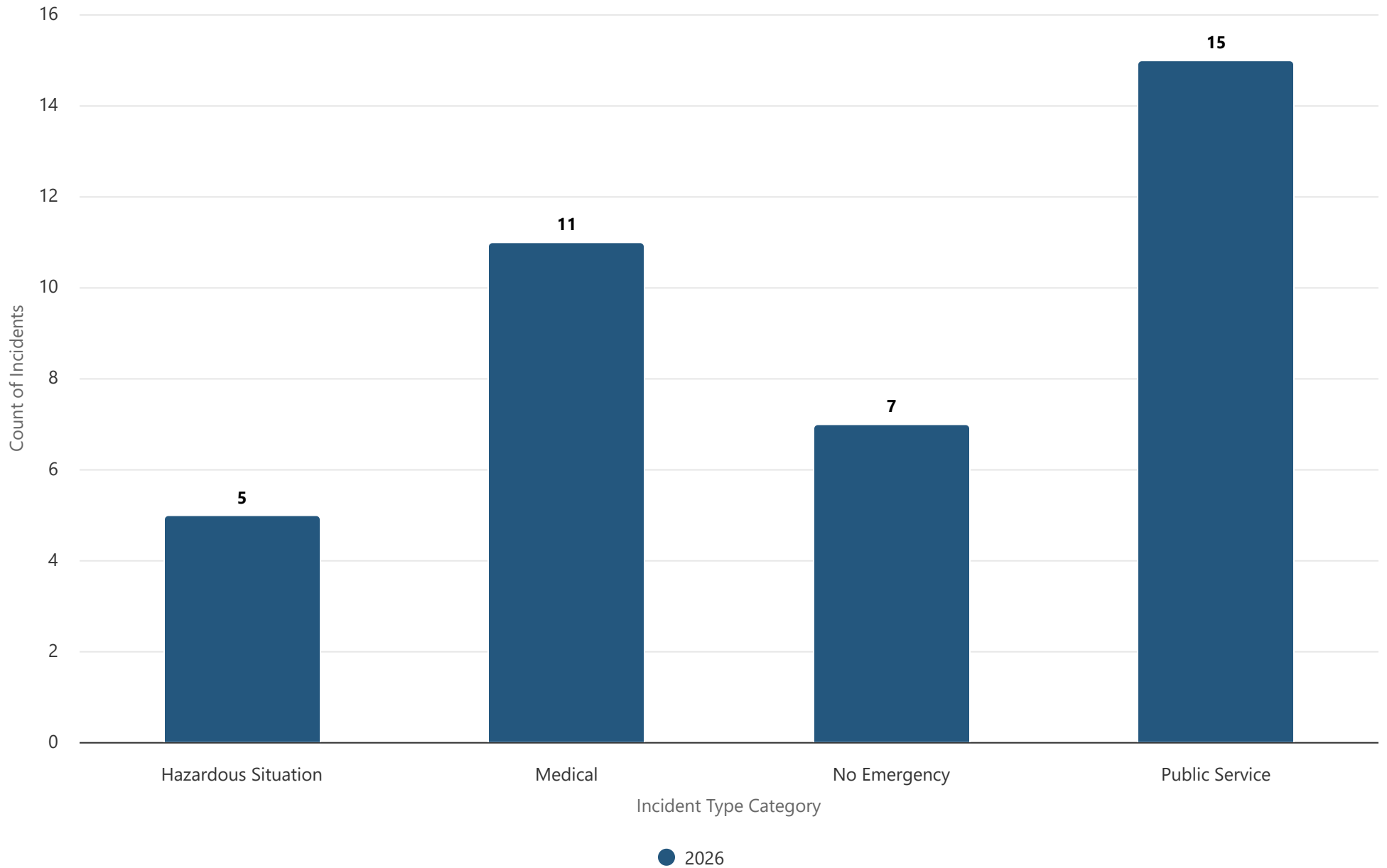
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55	0	2	0	2	100%	0	N/A	N/A
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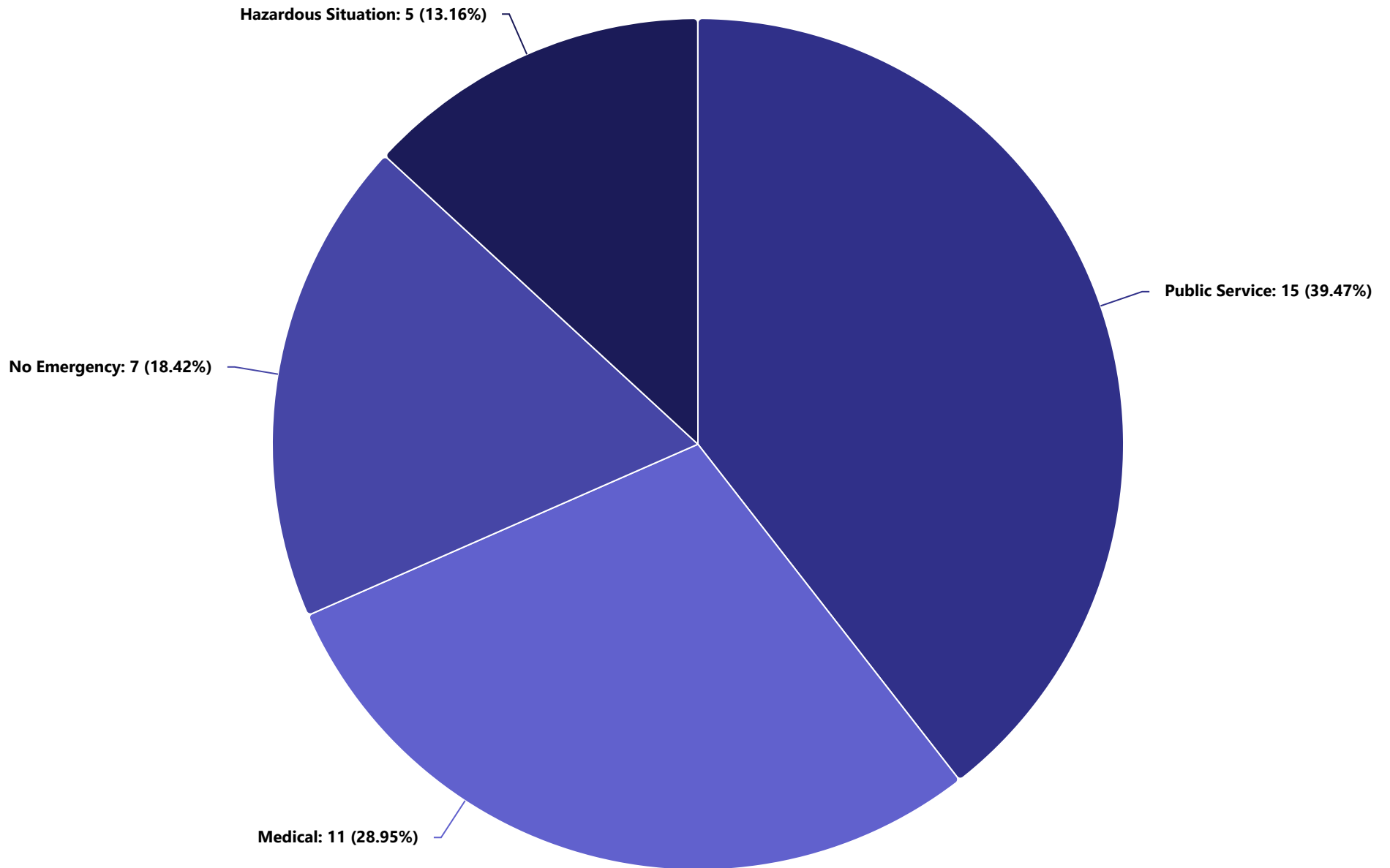
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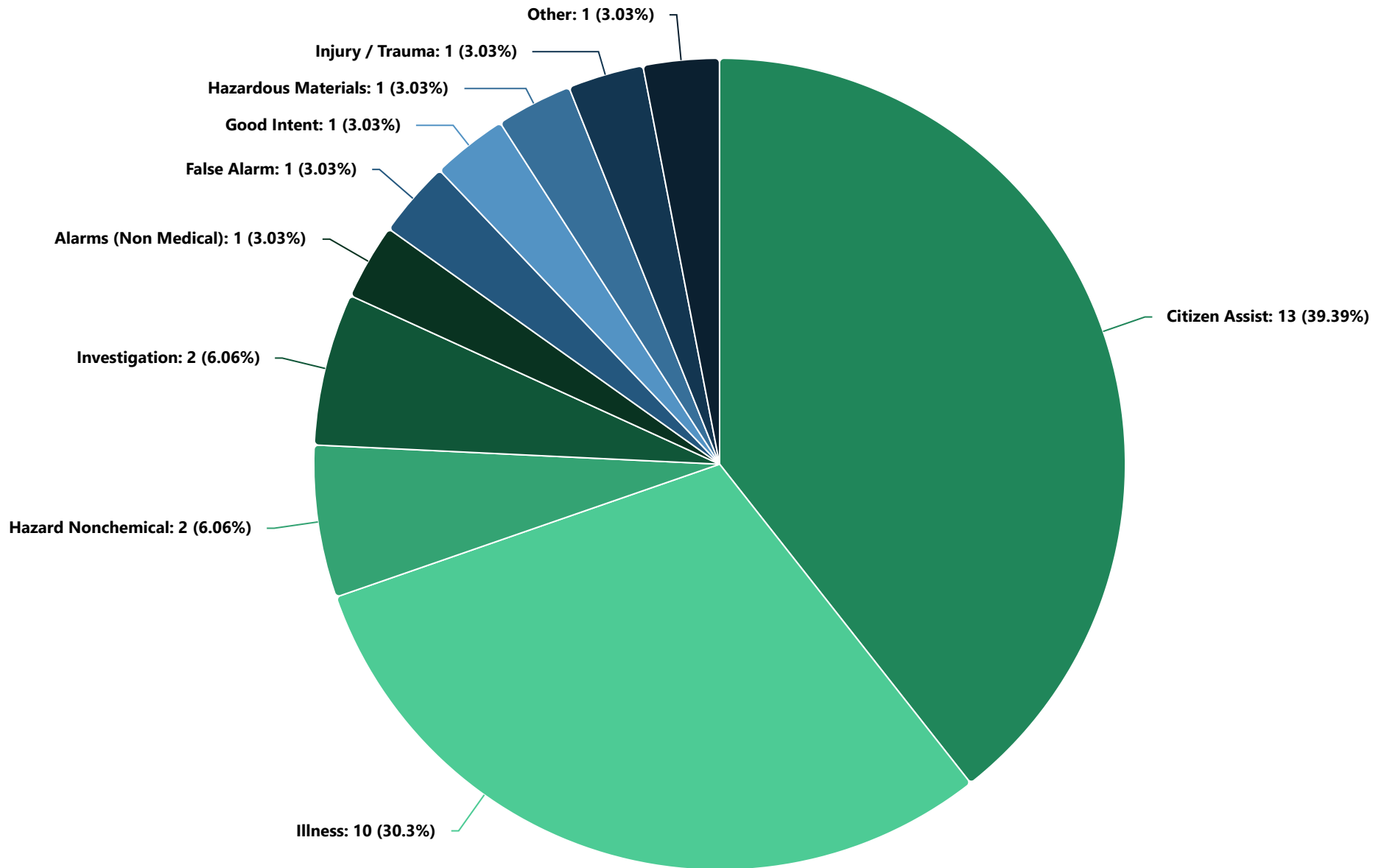
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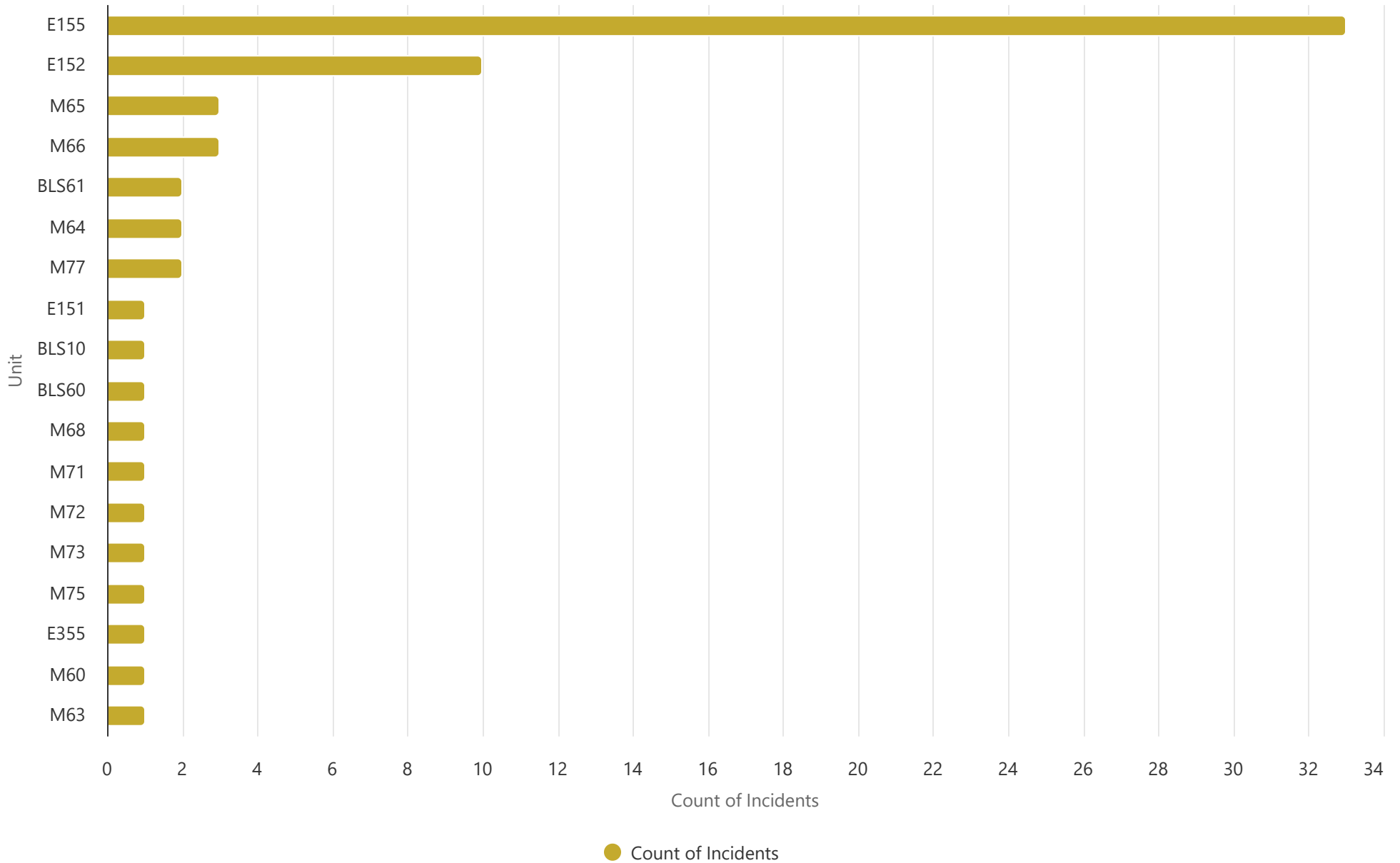
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Hazardous Situation	0	2	5	7	10%	0	N/A	N/A
Medical	0	16	11	27	40%	0	N/A	N/A
No Emergency	0	5	7	12	18%	0	N/A	N/A
Public Service	0	6	15	21	31%	0	N/A	N/A
Rescue	0	1	0	1	1%	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

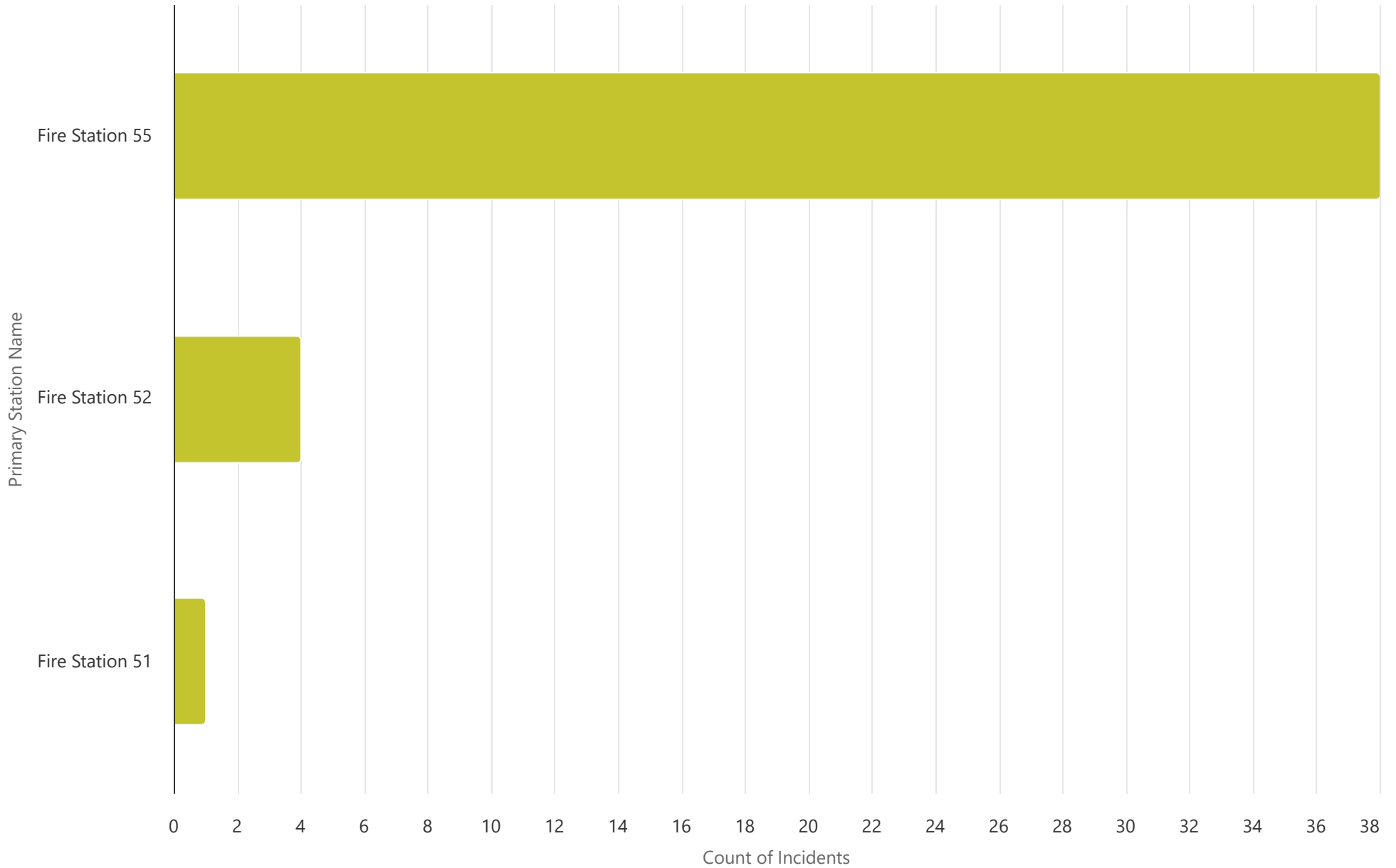
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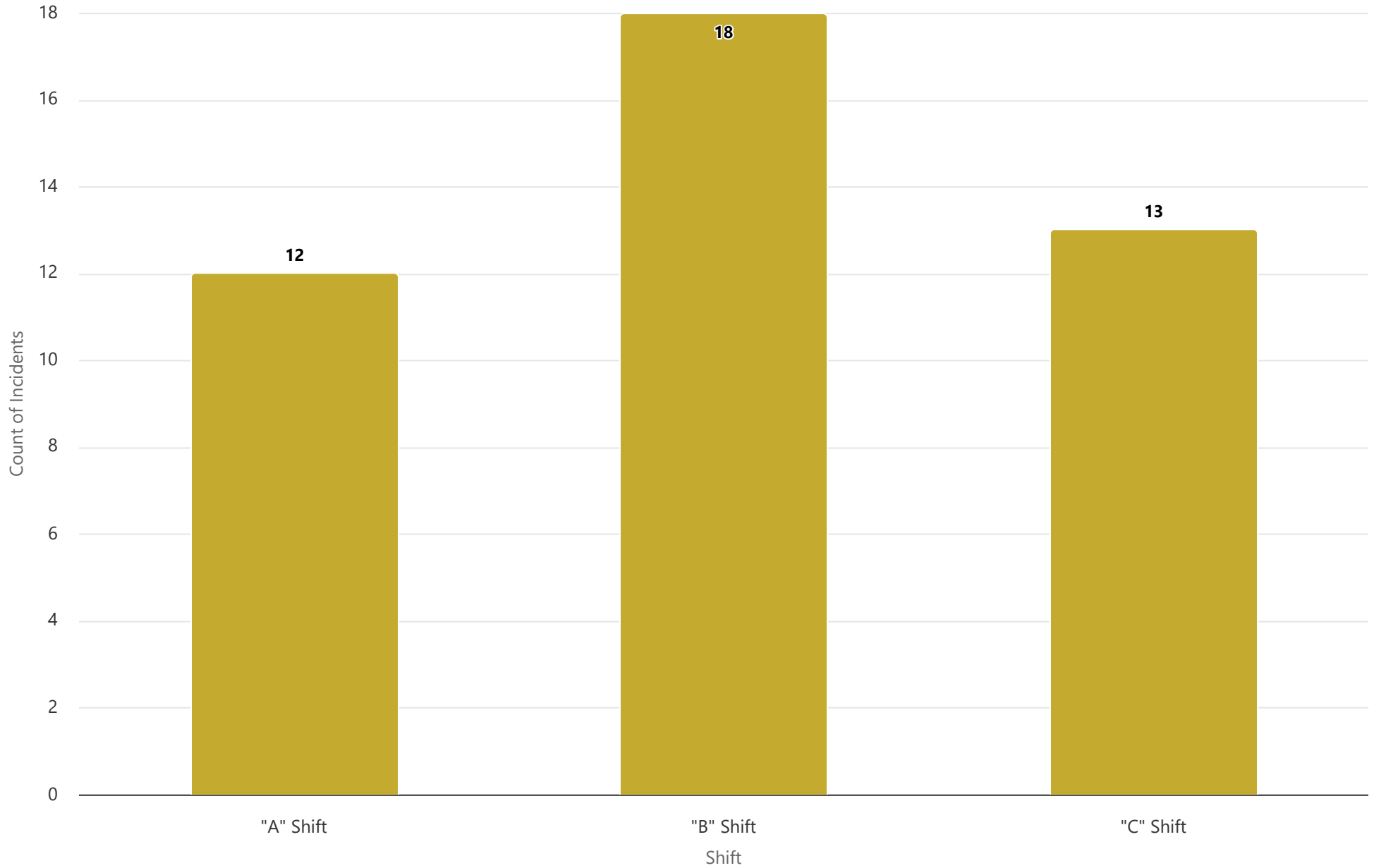
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Fire Station 52	1	0	3	4	9.30%	100%	00:10:37
Fire Station 55	10	0	28	38	88.37%	86.84%	43:02:42
Fire Station 51	0	0	1	1	2.33%	100%	00:06:00
<b>Overall</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88.37%</b>	<b>43:02:42</b>

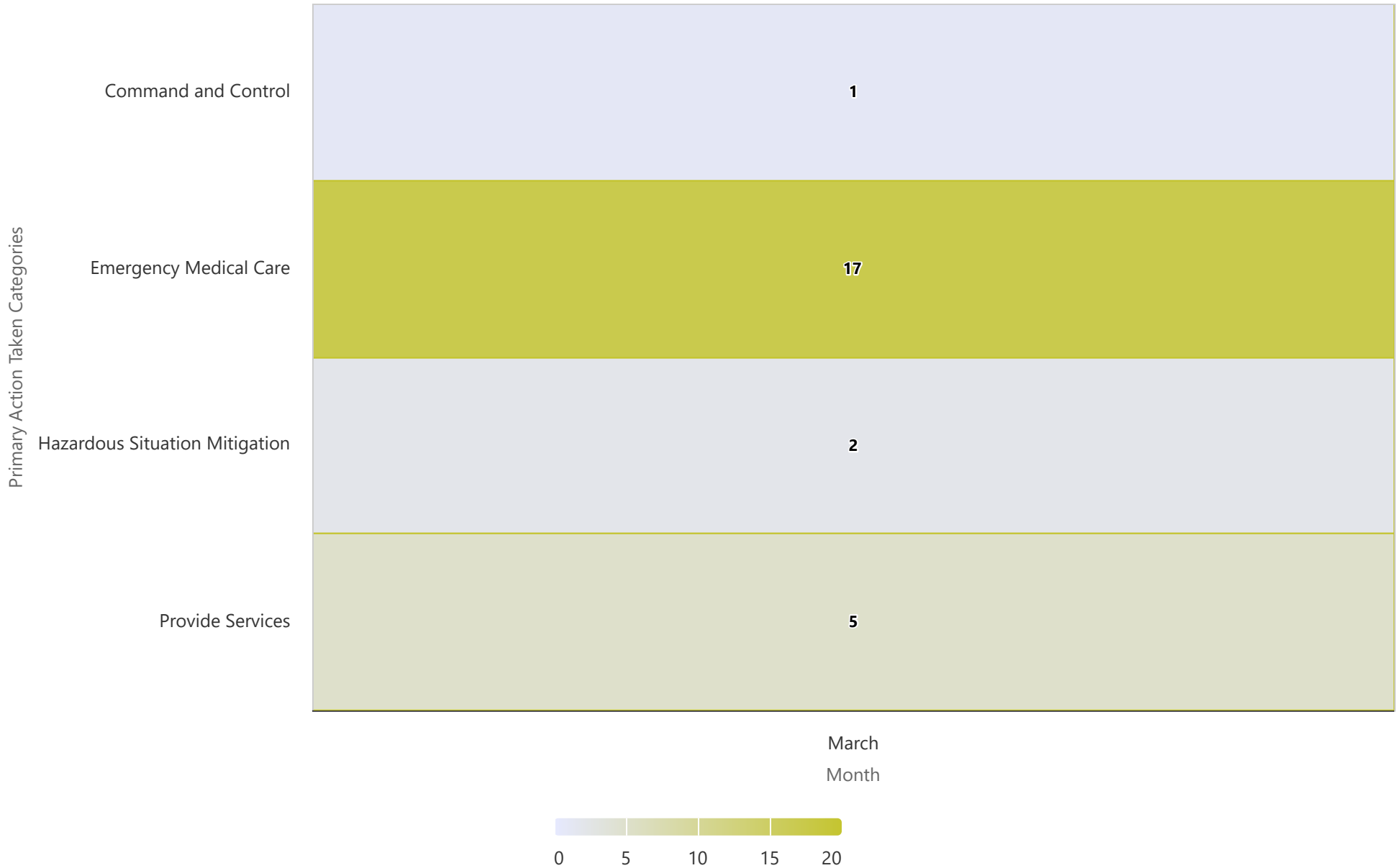
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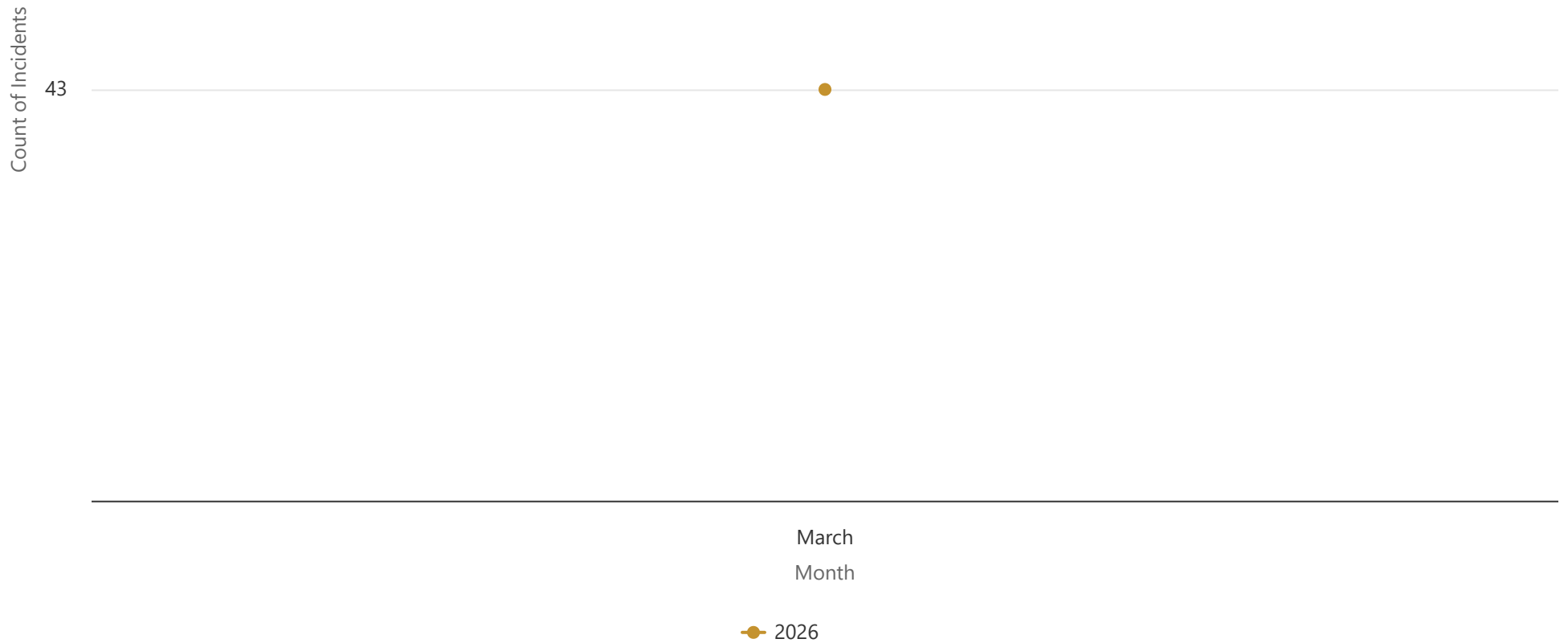
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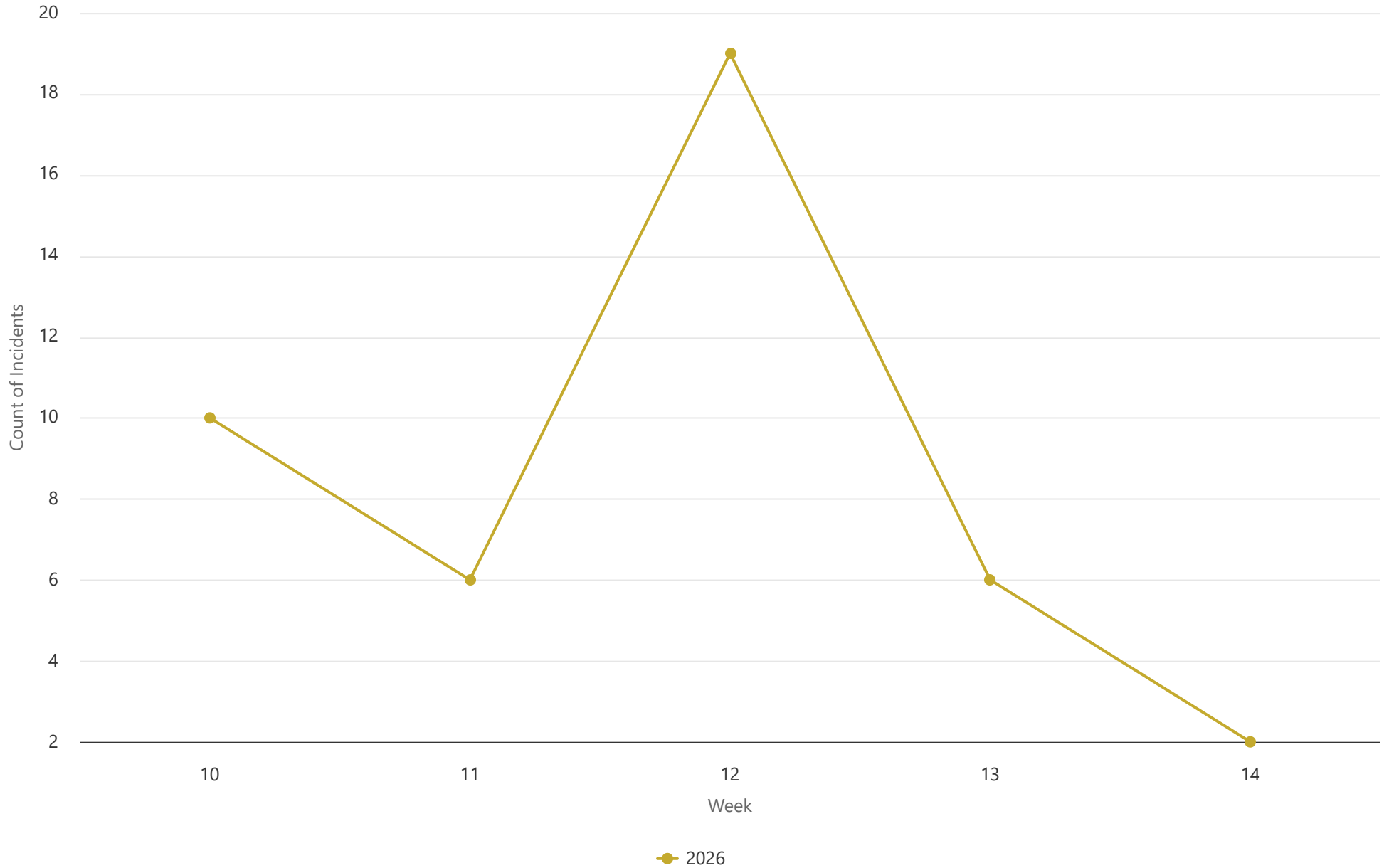
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### Fire Call Volume by Week

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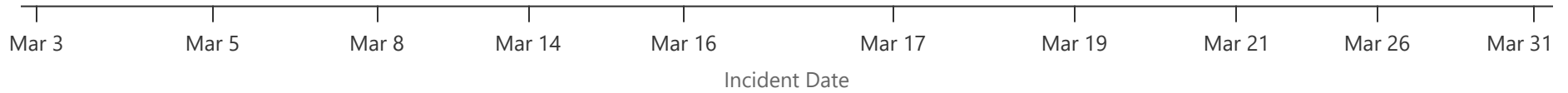
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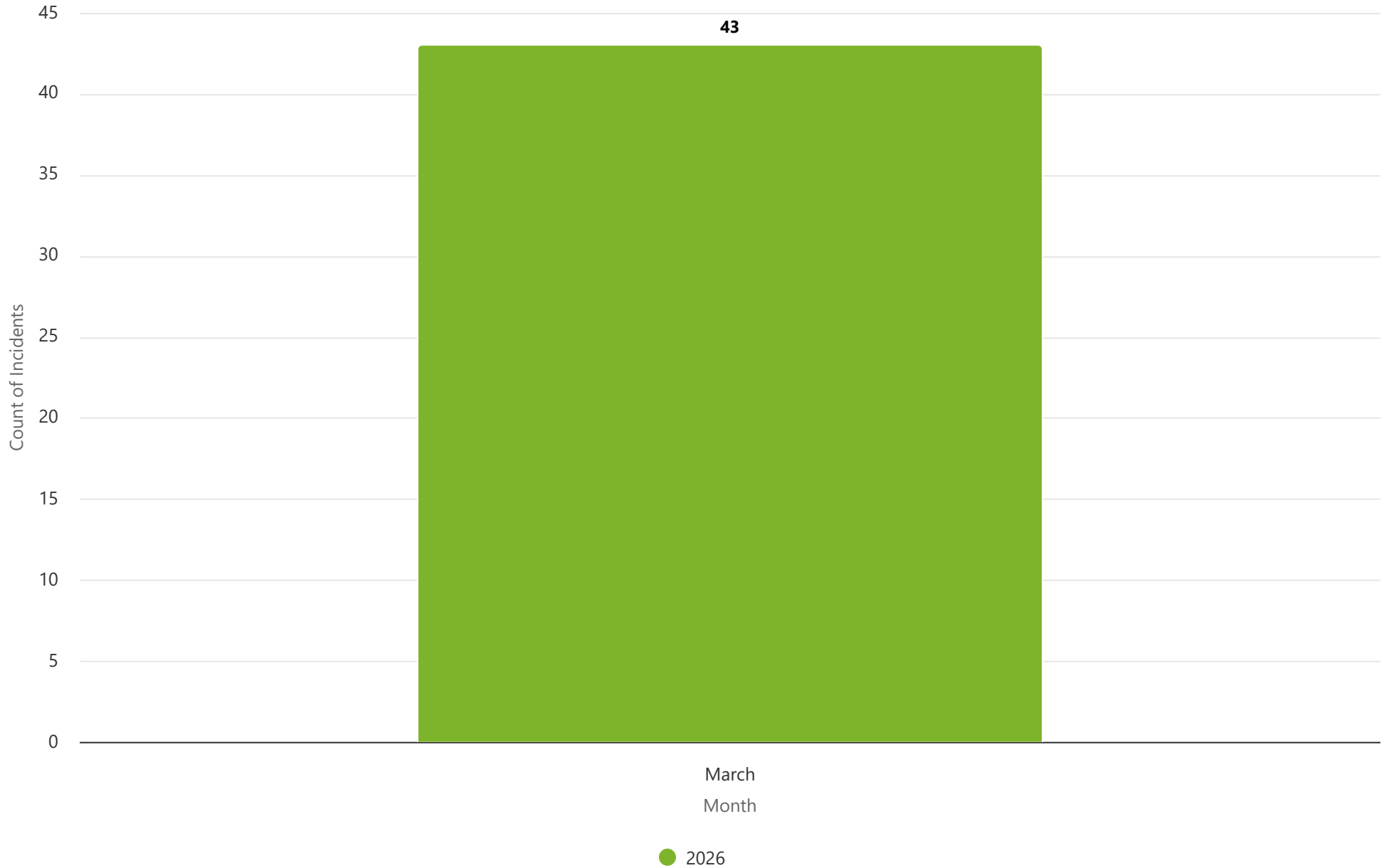
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### Incidents by Day and Hour

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Sunday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Monday	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tuesday	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
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Thursday	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Friday	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saturday	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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February	30	41%	0		N/A
March	43	59%	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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