



Tolleson Fire Department

MONTHLY REPORT

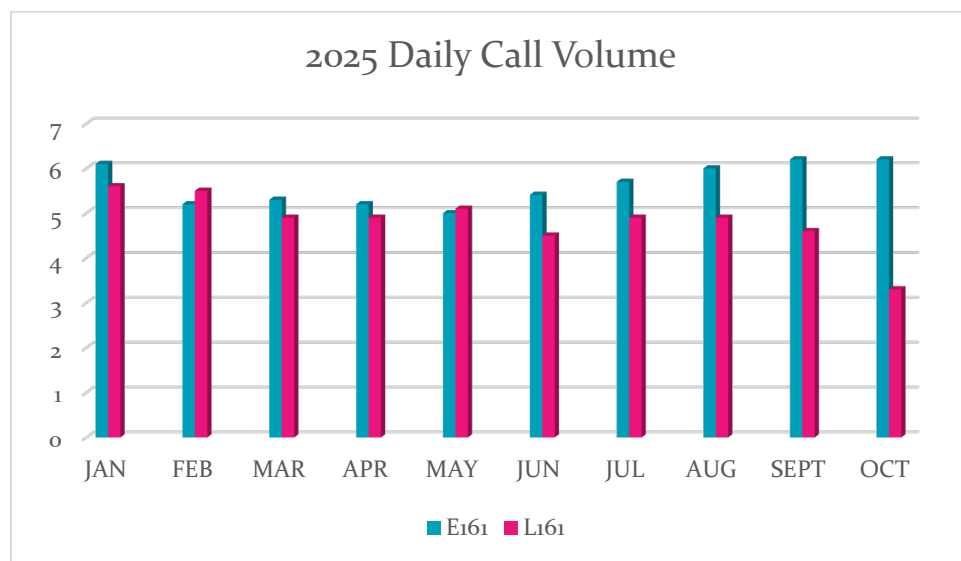
OCTOBER 2025



Operations

October Call Volume

For October, Engine 161 responded to 192 calls, averaging 6.2 calls per day. Ladder/LT161 responded to a combined total of 101 calls, averaging 3.3 calls per day. The reduced call volume for the Ladder/LT161 is due to staffing shortages and the inability to consistently meet the four-person minimum staffing requirement necessary to keep the ladder truck in service. On days when adequate staffing could not be secured, a 2–3-person Low Acuity (LA) Unit was placed into service. The LA Unit is designed to manage lower-acuity incidents within the City of Tolleson, ensuring Engine 161 remains available for higher-priority emergencies when full ladder staffing is not achievable. The LA Unit was in service 16 days during October.



Personnel (as of 12/01/2025)

- FTEs
 - Firefighters – 14 / 1 vacant
 - 8 Firefighters in the field, 6 recruits graduate 12/17/2025
 - 1 applicant in pre-hire, expected to start academy Jan 2026
 - Expected to hire another 2-3 for the May 2026 academy due to resignations and January retirement

- Engineers – 7 / 0 vacant
- Captains – 6 / 0 vacant
- Battalion Chiefs – 2 / 1 vacant
 - 1 applicant in pre-hire, expected to start Jan 2026
- Quarterly Ladder Training – October 3, 2025
 - Personnel completed quarterly ladder operations training focused on aerial ladder deployment, rescue procedures, and equipment proficiency. This training ensures operational readiness and compliance with NFPA and regional standards.
- Res-Q-Jack Vehicle Stabilization Demonstration – October 27
 - The department hosted a Res-Q-Jack demonstration for all fire personnel, providing exposure to advanced vehicle stabilization systems and enhancing technical rescue capabilities.
- Key Hose & Elkhart Brass Demonstrations – October 22
 - Crews participated in hands-on demonstrations from Key Hose and Elkhart Brass, evaluating modern hose, stream, and nozzle technologies to support future purchasing decisions and operational effectiveness.

Fire Prevention

Inspections 14

Fire and Special Hazard Investigations

- 2 drones down with fire, United Rental and California Closets (investigated)
- Natural gas leak 104 S. 92nd Dr (stove)
- Fire alarm activation 1200 S. 94th Ave (code violation storage fell)
- Water flow alarm JBS Packing plant (system in test Firewatch)
- Fire alarm activation 105 and 104 S 84th Ave (investigation to why no alarms activated to warn employees)
- Co2 alarm 1215 N. 91st Ave (active leak) lockout tagout until fixed
- Fire Alarm Activation P.H. Gonzales Elem (system being worked on)

Plans reviews, new builds & Hydrant Flow Tests

- Villas on Van Buren

Records request 6

Special Hazards

- 500 N 99th Ave (Kroger Ammonia Project)
- Taylor Farms' Ammonia delivered to site for new system
- TUHS Fireworks use

Training and Drills

- Utilities/TFD/TPD Emergency Drill at Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Tyler Training
- Drone training and Fed test
- Assessment of EV charging systems
- Mesa Fire Prevention 6th Annual Training
- Ammonia PHA training for Taylor Farms
- Koffee with Ken
- Youth Fire setting Prevention and Intervention Program

Special Project

- ADOSH Fire Department Inspection
- (GIS) special hazards preplan project.
- Safety messages

Community Programs and Events

❖ Community Pride Day Support

Crews provided standby medical coverage for Community Pride Day, as well as distributed water to volunteers.

❖ Boy Scout Education & Station Tours – October 5 & 12

The department hosted two Boy Scout groups for educational sessions and station tours, serving approximately 50 children and adults. Each group received a tailored curriculum that met badge requirements.

❖ Fire Evacuation Drill – Martinic Engineering

Fire personnel conducted a full-scale fire evacuation drill for Martinic Engineering involving approximately 80 employees. The drill reinforced emergency response protocols, improved employee readiness, and provided valuable feedback to strengthen workplace emergency plans.

❖ **Fire Evacuation Drill – MiTek**

The department conducted a fire evacuation drill for MiTek, providing post-drill recommendations to enhance evacuation efficiency and employee accountability.

❖ **City Hall Job Fair Participation**

Fire personnel attended the City Hall Job Fair to promote department hiring opportunities, distribute hiring requirement information, and recruit candidates for the Tolleson Fire Cadet Program.

❖ **Trunk-or-Treat Community Event**

The department participated in the annual Trunk-or-Treat event, with personnel in costume hosting a booth and distributing candy.

❖ **Fire Day Luncheon & Fire Extinguisher Training for City Employees**

The department hosted Fire Day at the station, welcoming approximately 80 city employees for a luncheon, guided station tours, and fire extinguisher training. Nineteen participants completed hands-on extinguisher training.

❖ **Tolleson Talks**

Fire personnel participated in Tolleson Talks with approximately 50 community members.

❖ **CPR/First Aid Skills Training – Gatorade Facility**

Personnel conducted CPR and First Aid skills sessions for 42 Gatorade employees.

❖ **Ahuevo Café Ribbon Cutting**

Fire personnel attended the Ahuevo Café Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

❖ **Car Seat Safety Checks: 4**

❖ **Volunteer Hours: 12**