

The background features a large, faded logo of the Savannah Fire Department. It is a Maltese cross with a central circular seal. The seal contains a building and the text 'CITY OF SAVANNAH' and 'GEORGIA'. A banner at the bottom of the cross reads 'ISO CLASS-I CITY'.

Savannah Fire EMT Training Program Update

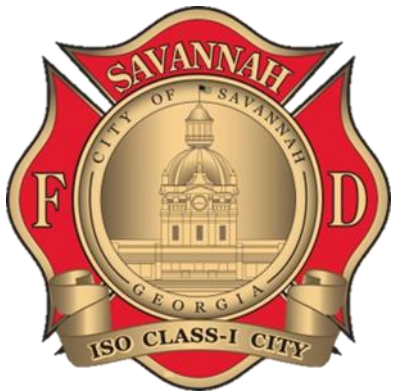
Captain Michael Vandercook
Medical Services Officer

Goal: 1.4: Medical 911 Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support Services

By 2023, Savannahians making 911 calls for an emergency medical incident will receive first responder or higher level services within 5 minutes or less, at least 90% of the time.

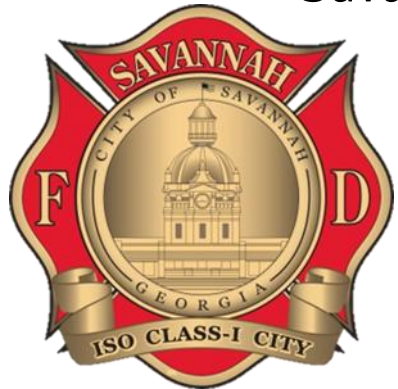
In April of 2018 we secured funding and began training Firefighters as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).

- Training began June 4th, 2018
- Training lasts two months per training group of 21 firefighters
- 42 Firefighters trained in 2018
- 63 additional Firefighters will be trained each year until all 333 firefighters are trained



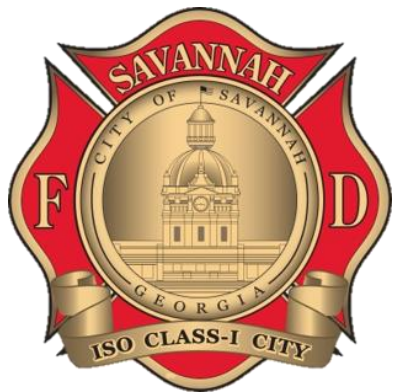
EMT Training: Funding

- Service Enhancement funds approved through the planning process to support the Savannah Forward strategic plan.
- Budgeted funds are used for:
 - Training courses
 - Training equipment
 - State licensure application
 - State mandated refresher and continuing education
- Work Source Coastal
 - Incumbent worker training grant that reimburses Savannah Fire 50% of the training costs for each EMT class

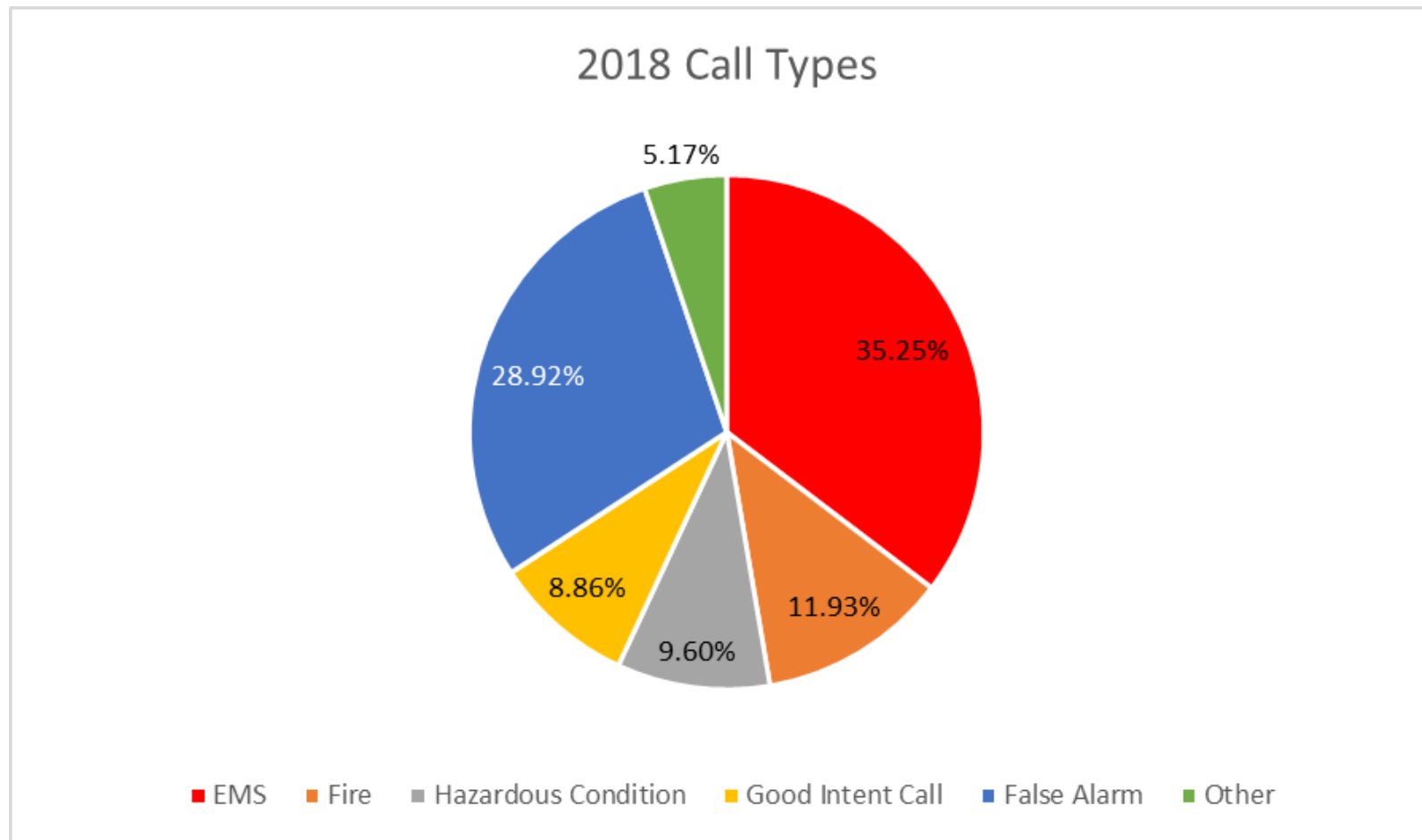


EMT Training: Skills

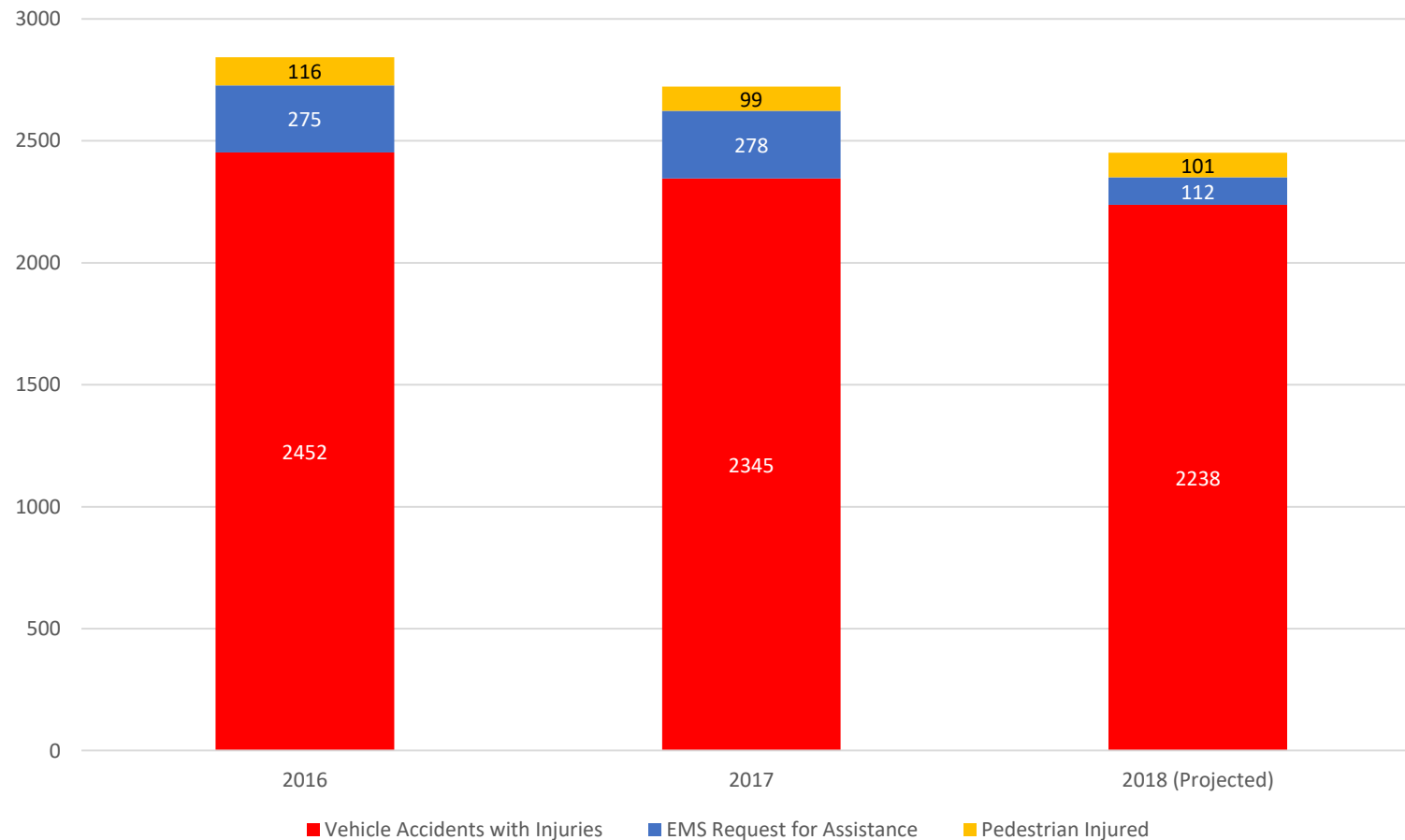
- Enhanced Patient Assessment
- Cardiac Arrest Management
- Oxygen Administration
- Spinal Immobilization
- Fracture Immobilization



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What's next?

- EMT training integrated into firefighter training academy.
- Naloxone (Narcan) on all Savannah Fire apparatus in January of 2019.
- Partnering with Georgia Trauma Commission and Memorial Health to conduct Savannah-based Pedestrian injury research.
- Partnering with Georgia EMS Association, Georgia Office of EMS, Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America, Department of Public Health to provide best-practices.
- Continue programs to support fire-based EMS delivery.



Questions ?

