



PROPOSED ORDINANCE

RESTRUCTURING BRISTOL TOWNSHIP'S FIRE DISTRICTS

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Six years of operational, governance,
and compliance concerns and failed
merger/consolidation discussions

THE FULL STORY

SEVEN YEARS OF STUDY AND ATTEMPTED COOPERATION LED HERE

2019	NFC Station 12 No Longer Responds
2019–2020	Fire Study
AUG 2020	NFC & TDFC Express Interest in Merger/Consolidation
2020–2022	Shared Station Planned
MAR 2022	NFC Votes Yes to Merge with TDFC
SEPT 2022	NFC Reverses Course – Votes No to Merger/Consolidation
SEPT 2023	Rittenhouse Circle fire – NFC Arrives Last (24 Min)
2024	NFC Scratches Increase causing Concern
DEC 2024	NFC Fire Chief Fred Black Financial Mismanagement Reported to TWP NFC elects Fred Black as Chief for 2025

JAN 2025	Other Fire Companies Request Contingency Plan due to NFC Scratches
2025	NFC Scratches Continue to Increase
SEPT 2025	Levittown Trace fire – NFC Arrives Last (20 min)
DEC 2025	Charges filed against NFC Fire Chief Fred Black
JAN 2026	NFC continues to scratch
FEB 2026	Twp issues requirement for NFC to begin merger with TDFC
MAR – JULY 2026	NFC attempts mergers with TDFC & CFC – both fail
JULY 2026	Twp notifies NFC of proposed ordinance
JULY 2026	Other Fire Companies collaborate on new Fire Service Districts

WE SHARE YOUR TOP CONCERN

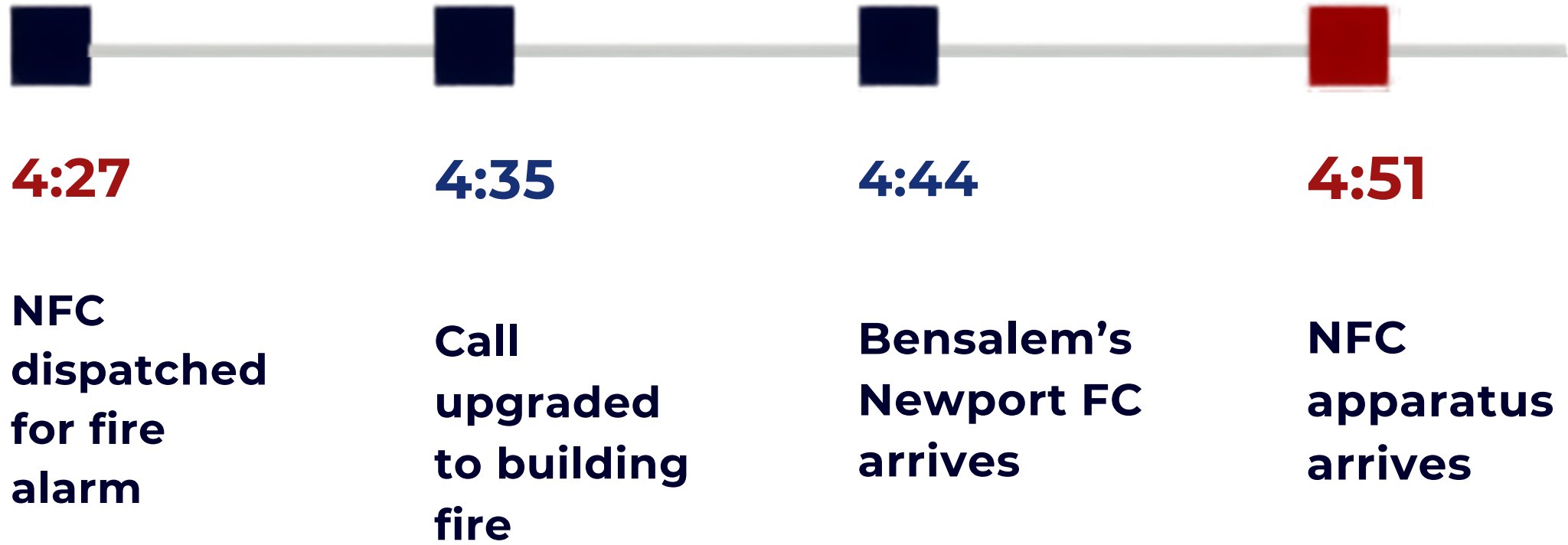
Response reliability matters

RITTENHOUSE 3-ALARM FIRE

NFC ARRIVED **LAST OUT OF 8** FIRE COMPANIES



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023



24 minutes

*from initial dispatch to
Newportville arrival*

LEVITTOWN TRACE 3-ALARM FIRE

NFC ARRIVED **LAST OUT OF 8** FIRE COMPANIES



SEPTEMBER 17, 2025



5:29

Apartment
fire
dispatched



5:38

Levittown
No. 2
arrives



5:47

NFC
apparatus
responds



5:49

NFC
apparatus
arrives

20 minutes

*from initial dispatch to
Newportville arrival*



NEWPORTVILLE’S ARRIVAL POSITIONS

NFC ARRIVED FIRST ON JUST **4 OF 24 OF** THEIR FIRST-DUE WORKING-FIRE INCIDENTS FROM 2016-2025

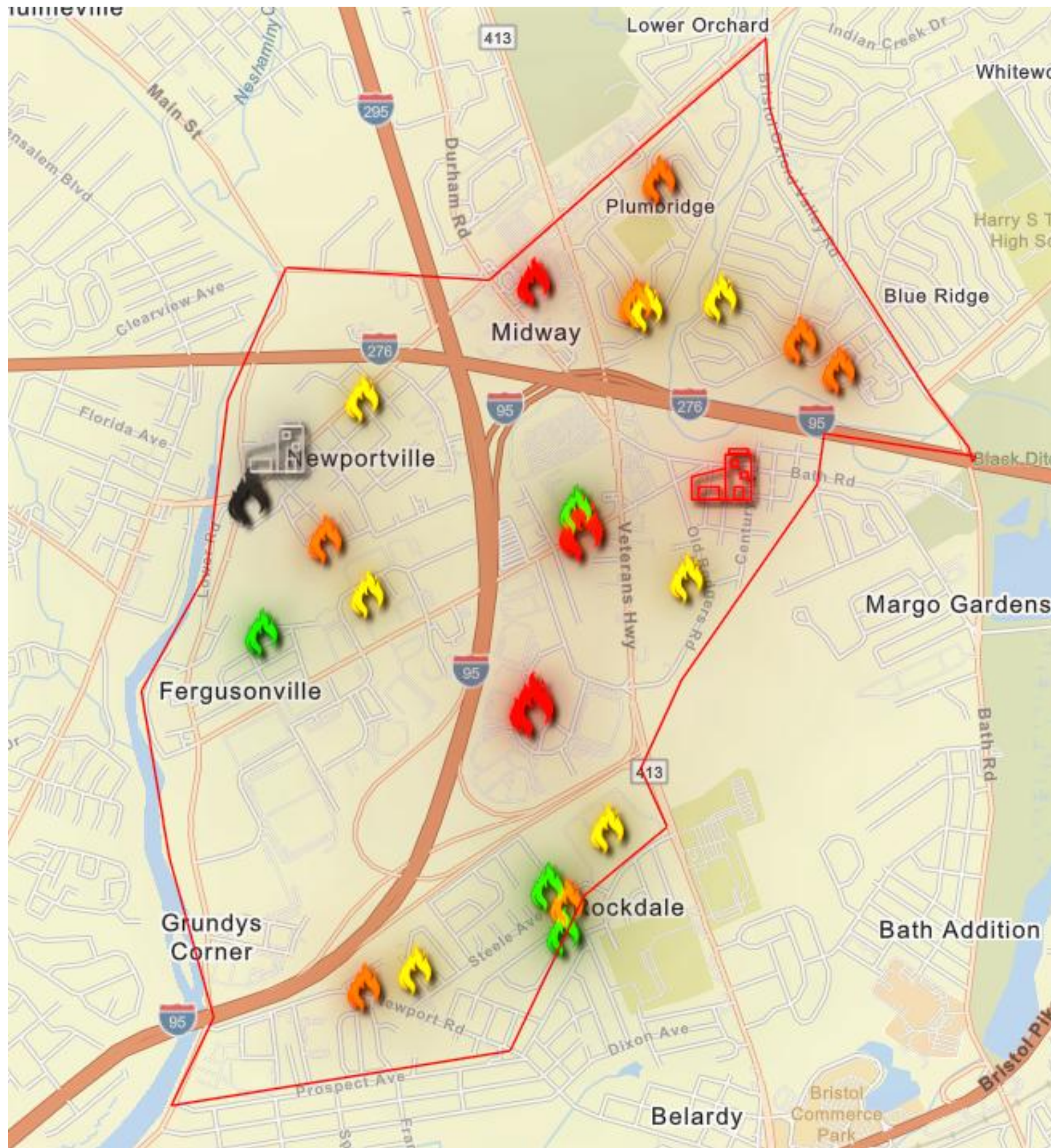
NFC arrival position among listed apparatus				 1st	 2nd	 3rd	 4th or later
9/17/25	Levittown Trace	8th	20 min				
6/30/25	Pearl Buck Rd	2nd					
11/4/24	Nichol St	4th					
9/23/23	Rittenhouse Circle	8th	24 min				
3/15/23	Pumpkin Hill Rd	3rd					
3/8/23	Jennifer Ct	3rd					
2/3/23	Morris St	2nd					
6/21/22	Plumtree Rd	4th					
8/26/21	Mill Dr	3rd					
7/4/21	Hilltop	1st					
4/5/21	New Falls Rd	6th					
5/7/20	Old Rogers Rd	2nd					
11/26/19	2200 New Falls Rd						6th
5/11/19	Plumtree Rd					2nd	
2/27/19	2800 New Falls Rd				2nd		
2/27/19	Glenrose Ave			1st			
1/8/19	Fairway Ave					3rd	
10/20/18	Madison Ct				2nd		
7/5/18	Ford Rd			1st			
4/7/18	Newport Rd						4th
9/25/17	Steele Ave					3rd	
11/12/16	Macintosh Rd				2nd		
8/27/16	Veterans Hwy				2nd		
2/22/16	Mile St			1st			

First: 4 • Second: 8 • Third: 5 • Fourth or later: 7

NFC was not first on 20 of 24 calls

ARRIVAL POSITON MAP

2016-2025



Arrived First in First Due District

Arrived Second in First Due District

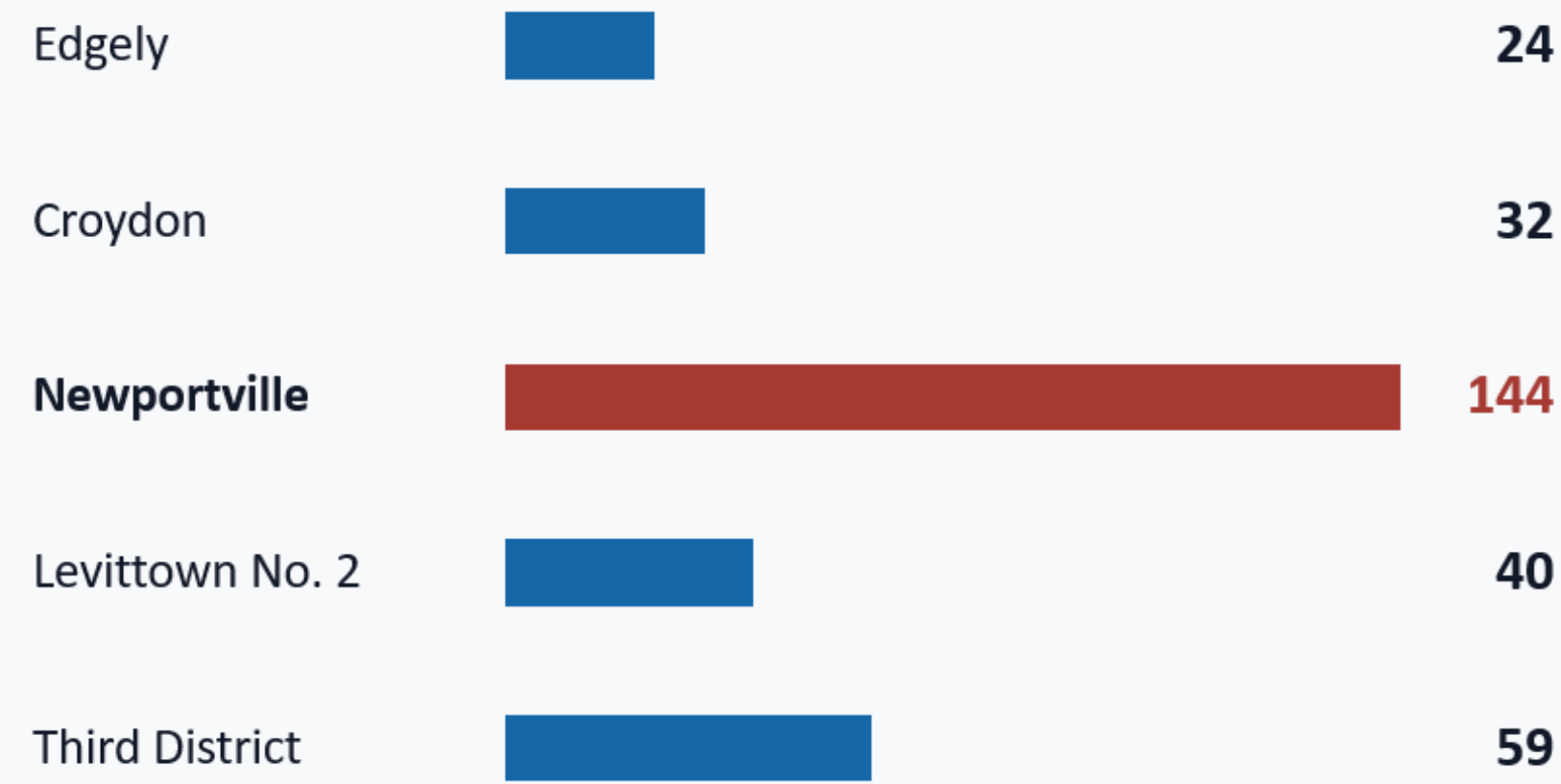
Arrived Third or Fourth in First Due District

Arrived Fifth or Later in First Due District

Arrived Last to a Fatal Incident in First Due District

NFC RELIED MOST HEAVILY ON BT CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

2025 Township Fire Rescue 225 Career firefighter responses to volunteer stations



144

Nearly half of all Township Career Firefighter support to the five volunteer stations went to Newportville.

2025 calls with no apparatus response



64

35 weekdays while Township Fire Rescue was on duty
29 evenings, nights, or weekends

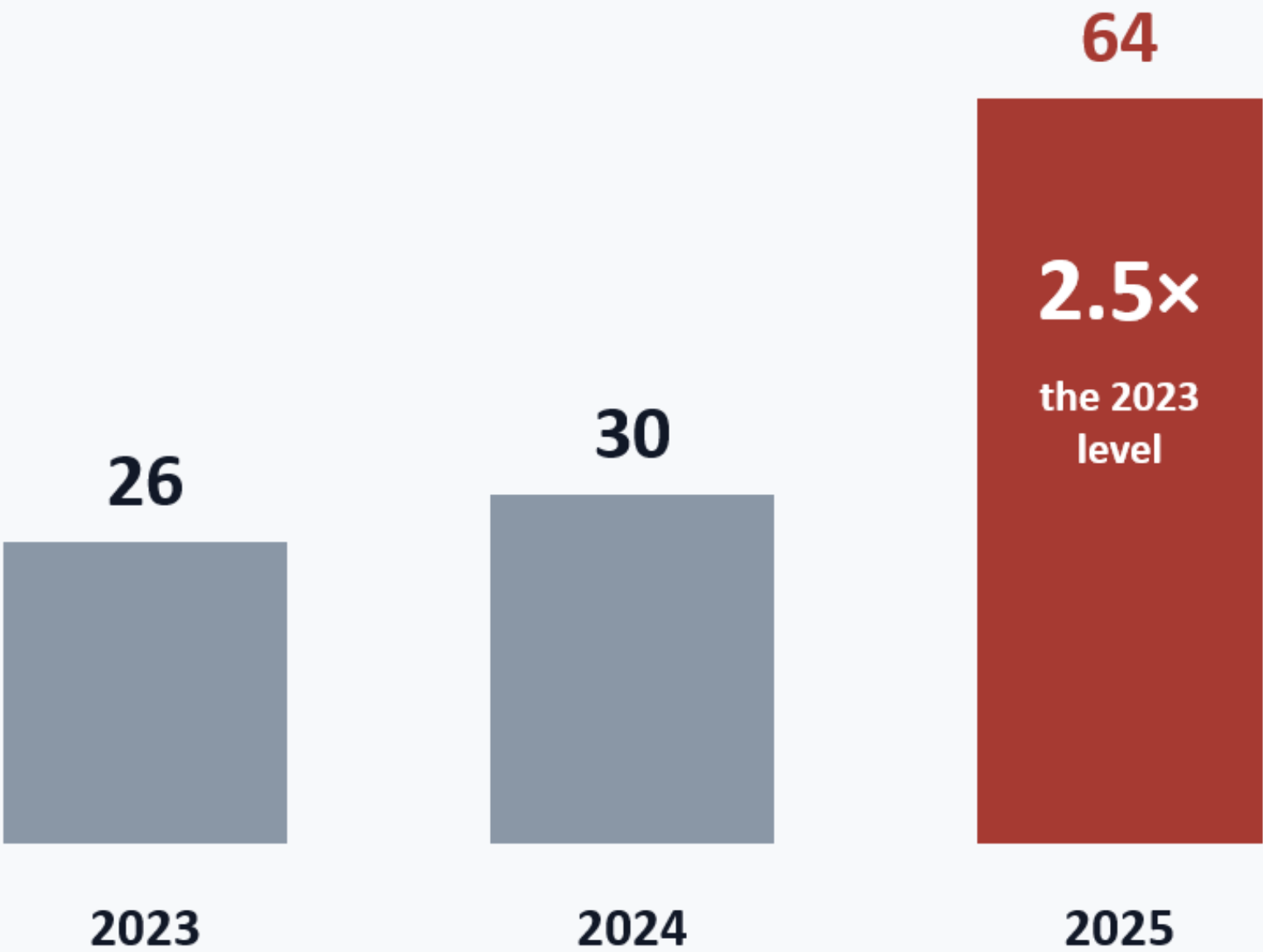
“No response” means no fire apparatus responded before the incident closed, beyond the county’s 4- or 6-minute response requirement.



NFC’S NO RESPONSE CALLS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 2 YEARS

A GROWING PATTERN OF DELAYED, REPLACEMENT, OR ABSENT APPARATUS

In-Township calls where no Newportville apparatus responded



What this looked like in 2025

- Old Rodgers Road** Active house fire
No response from Newportville.
- Industrial park** Commercial fire alarm
Four dispatches; first apparatus arrived after 29 minutes.
- Hearthstone condos** Fire alarm
Replacement company dispatched; Newportville arrived after 18 minutes.
- Bristol Gardens apartments** Fire alarm
Croydon replaced Newportville and arrived after 22 minutes.

PROPOSED NEXT STEP

Amend the Township fire protection ordinance to recognize four volunteer fire companies rather than five

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE NFC FIRE STATION?

That is NFC's decision

THE FACTS

- Station 12 hasn't been an active emergency response station since 2019.
- For the past six years, Newportville's emergency response station has been Station 82 on Bath Road.
- NFC owns Station 12 and Station 82: the land, buildings, and equipment. Bristol Township has no financial motive or gain in this decision.

STATION 12
New Falls Road
Inactive Since 2019



STATION 82
Bath Road
Current Newportville response location

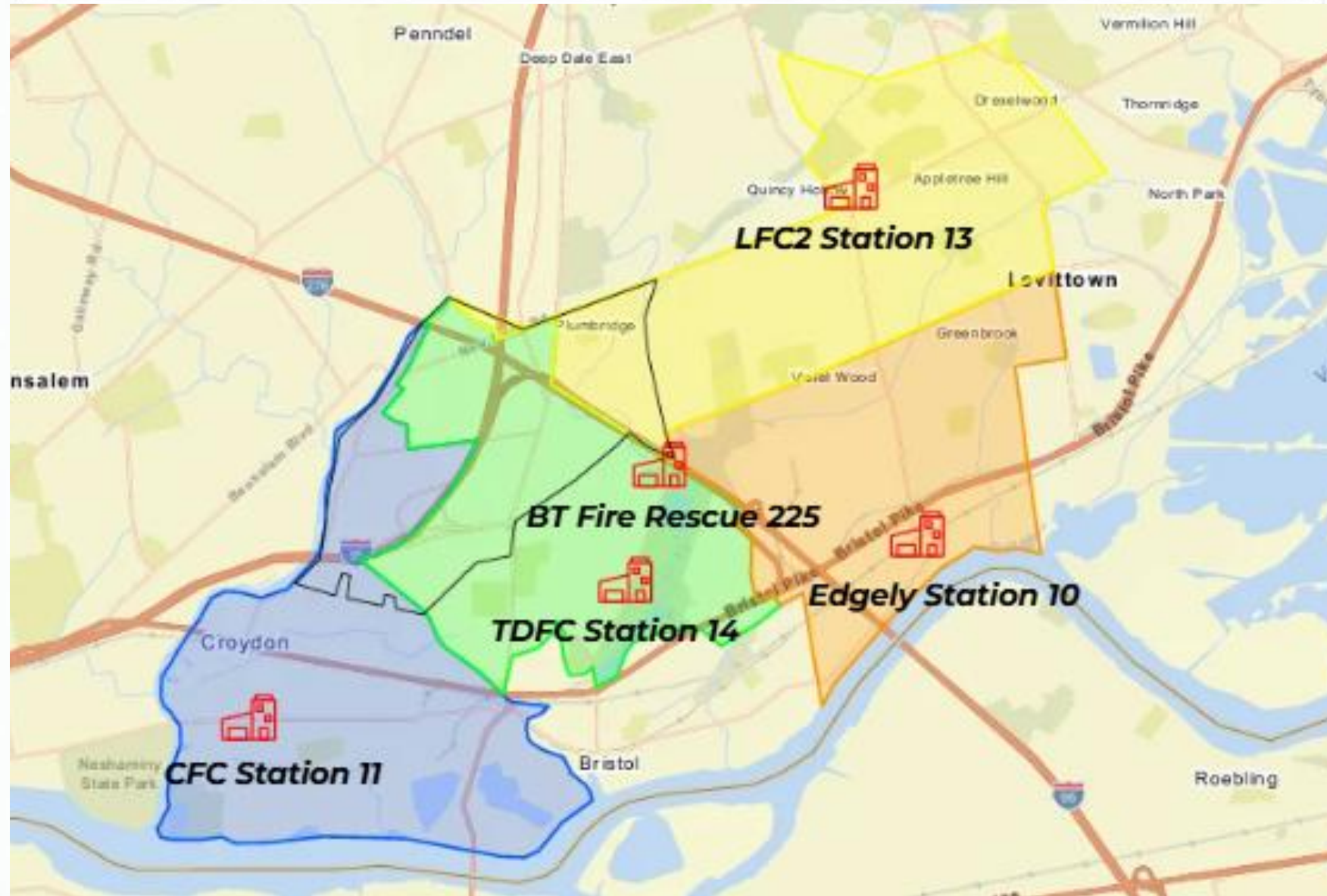


WHO'S COMING TO MY HOUSE?

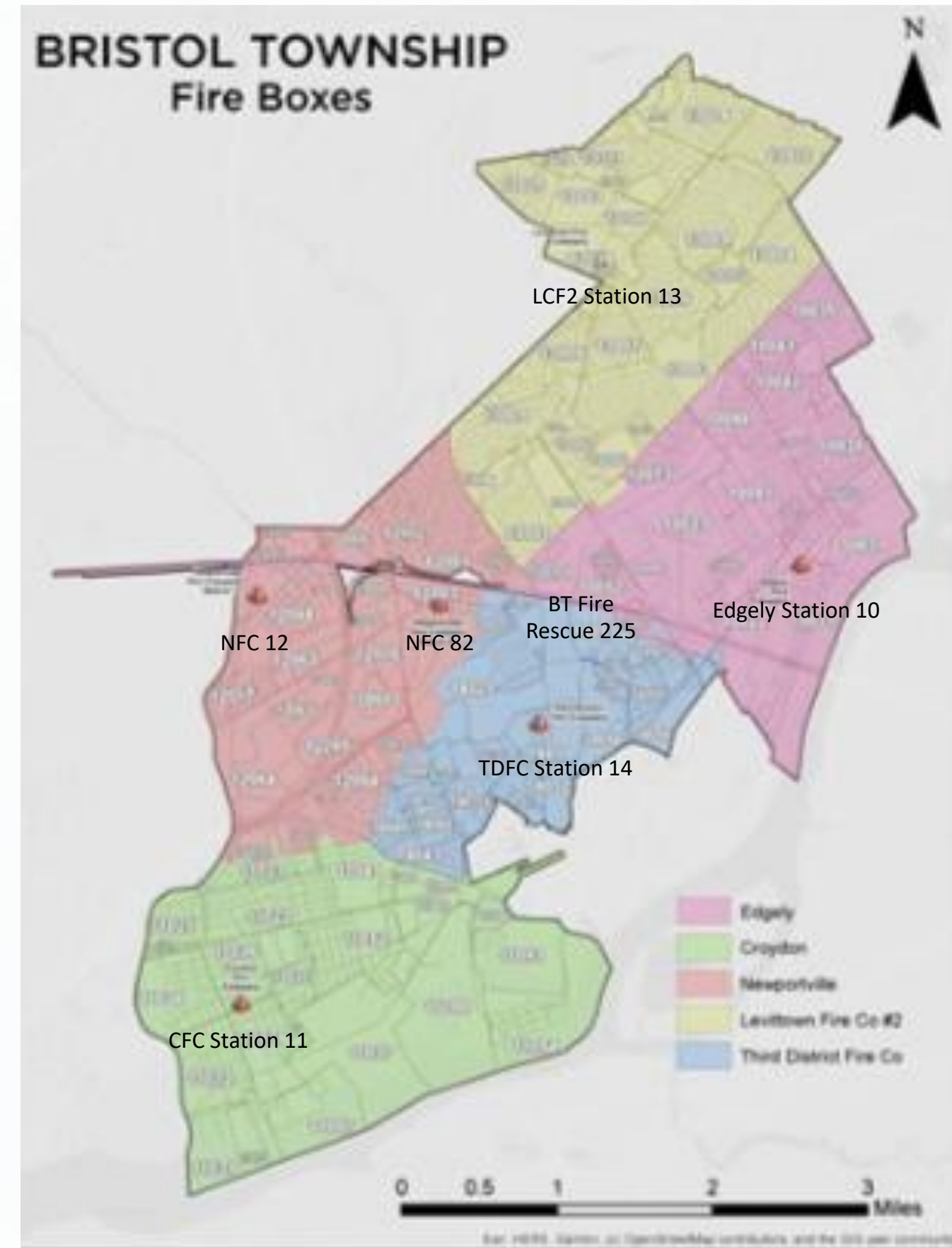
Your fire company, plus any company within the fire-service system

EVERY ADDRESS

IS ASSIGNED TO A FIRE COMPANY



PROPOSED



CURRENT

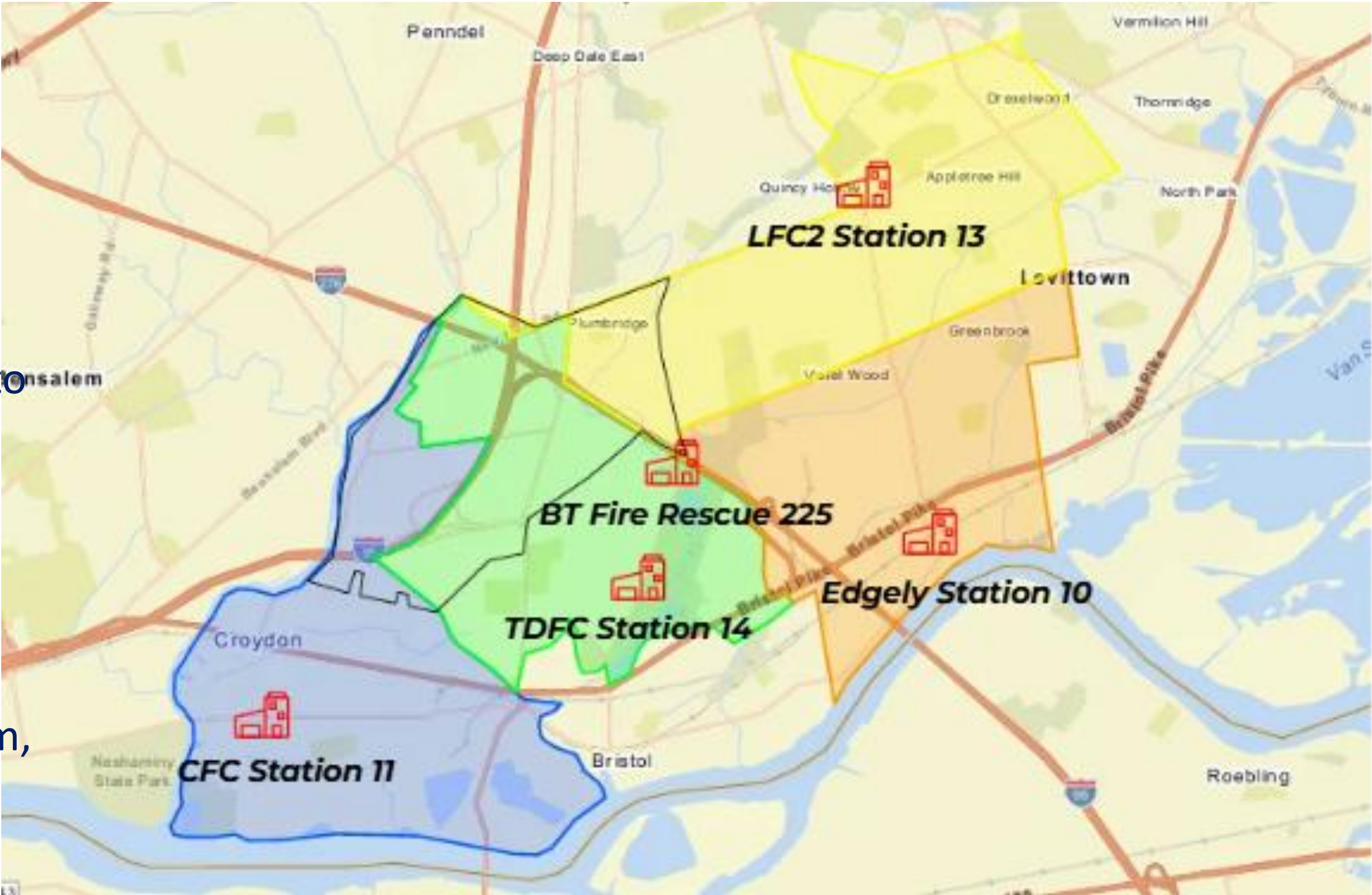
WILL RESPONSE TIMES INCREASE?

Proposed districts are drawn around
current operating resources

FUTURE STATE

This proposed district map is designed to support the most direct routes possible.

The proposed fire service plan also includes our career fire department, which operates from 6:00am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.



Proposed Districts	Edgely Station 10	CFC Station 11	LFC2 Station 13	TDFC Station 14
Max Miles to Station	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.8

WHO WILL ABSORB NEWPORTVILLE'S CALLS?

Additional incidents will be divided
among the remaining fire companies



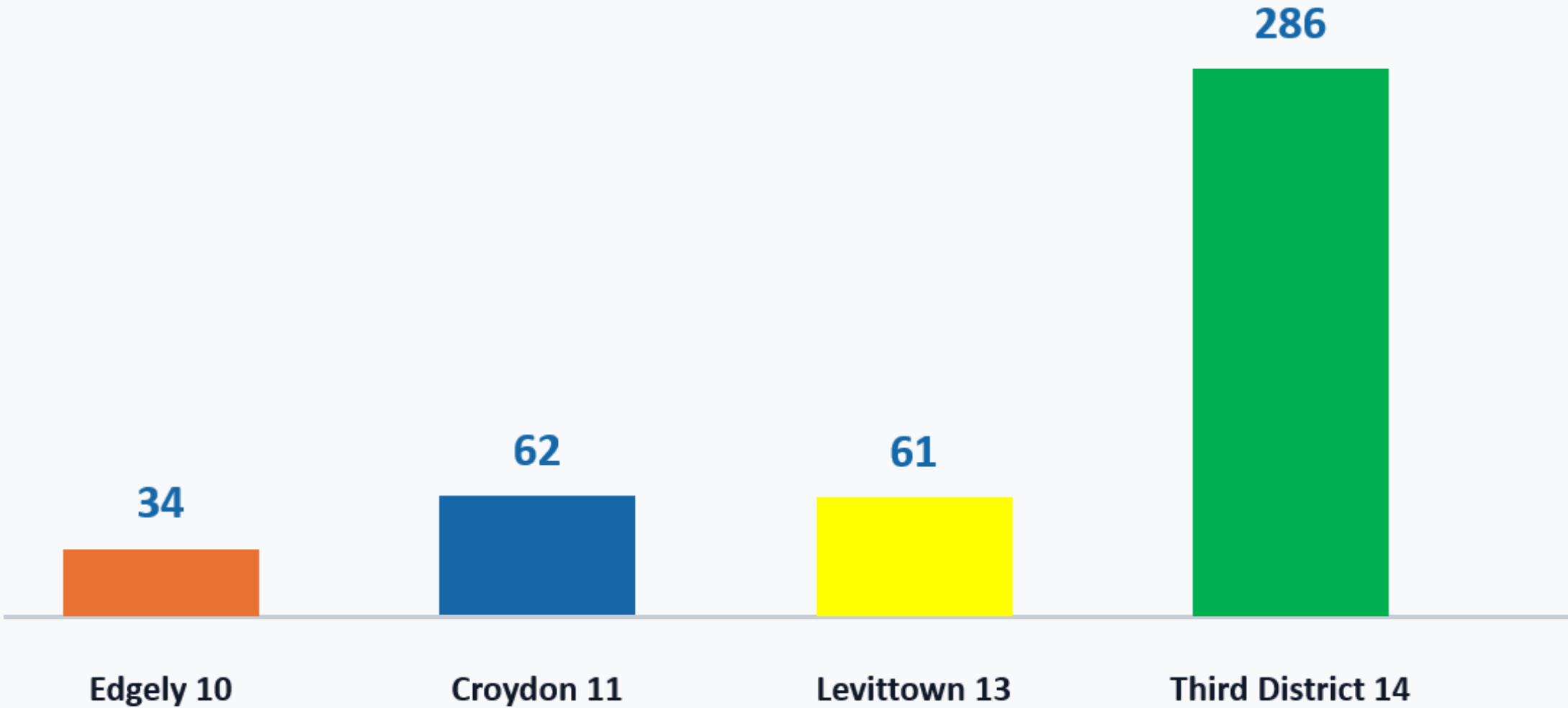
FOUR FIRE COMPANIES DESIGNED THE NEW DISTRICTS TOGETHER

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY

Croydon • Third District • Edgely • Levittown No. 2

The chiefs reviewed the Township as one fire-protection system—not simply Newportville’s current district.

Additional 2025 calls under the jointly designed districts



They planned around

- Operating station locations
- Road access
- Travel distance
- Existing call activity
- Operational capability

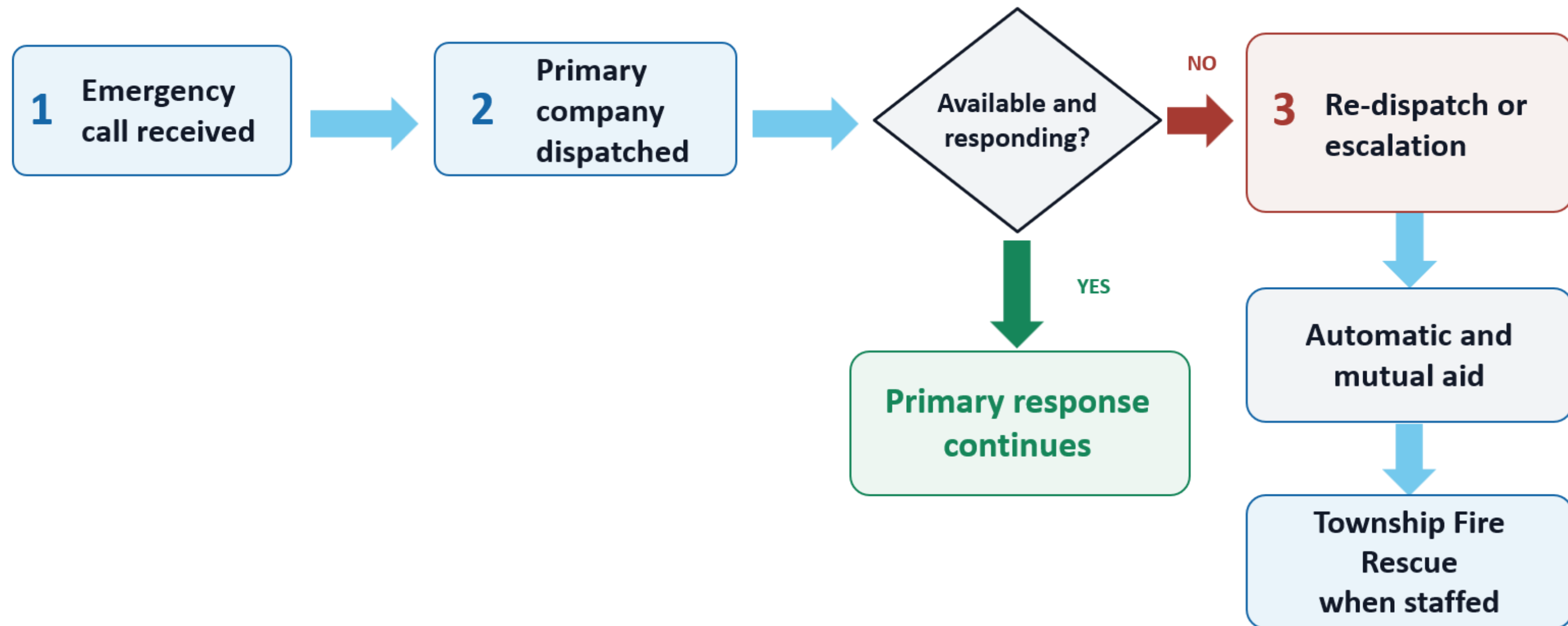
The result redistributes calls across all four companies.

WHAT IF MY FIRE COMPANY IS ON ANOTHER CALL?

We can respond the same way we do
today with a four-company system

SIMULTANEOUS CALLS TRIGGER A PLANNED DISPATCH ESCALATION

NO VOLUNTEER FC CAN GUARANTEE RELIABILITY. RELIABLE PROTECTION DEPENDS ON REDUNDANCY.



THIS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT

We remain committed to public safety
and will continue to work with our fire
companies to provide reliable service
across Bristol Township