

First Quarter Report

2026



Deputy Chief Todd
March 29th, 2026

Quartermaster:

As noted in the fourth quarter report from 2025, the Turnout Gear Committee made the decision to reevaluate LION turnout gear. While DTFR had purchased Lion gear in the past and the overall feedback at that time was unfavorable, the committee felt it was appropriate to reassess the product based on changes the manufacturer has implemented. After multiple meetings with representatives from LION, the company addressed prior concerns and outlined improvements to its materials, manufacturing processes, quality control measures, fit, and overall durability. Based on those discussions and the information provided, the committee determined that LION warranted another evaluation moving forward, and five total sets of LION gear were purchased in the fourth quarter of 2025. There was limited additional activity to report from the Quartermaster group during the first quarter, aside from Capt. Butler recently ordered six more sets of turnout gear for department members. At this time, no members currently wearing the LION gear have reported any issues or concerns.



(DTFR Recruit Class 26-01)

Fire Equipment:

The new Drager confined space escape bottles were originally scheduled to be placed into service at the end of January following confined space training conducted January 27–29. At this time, the department is awaiting the new Rescue 57 to be placed in service, at which point the Drager escape bottles will be placed into service.

Regarding thermal imaging cameras, the department evaluated alternatives to the existing MSA units due to their weight, bulk, age, and expired warranty status. After reviewing several options, the department determined that Seek AttackPRO VRS thermal imaging cameras would best meet operational needs, and all officers' air packs have now been outfitted with the new Seek units.

Members have received training on the new equipment to ensure proper use and familiarity. Ongoing feedback will continue to be collected to monitor performance. These updates enhance operational readiness and ensure that personnel are equipped with reliable, modern tools for both confined space operations and fireground tasks.



(Barn Collapse Waynesville)

Training:

A few of our hands-on trainings in the first quarter had to be rescheduled due to unprecedented weather conditions. The extreme cold and heavy snow made it difficult for crews.

Joint trainings with Mason and LSFD are set to resume in the second quarter. Currently, four trainings are scheduled with both departments, with a few additional sessions planned between DTFR and the City of Mason. Continuing these joint trainings is critical as we move forward to maintain interoperability and strengthen our relationships with both departments.

Lt. Tucker is working with the state to bring in the new driver simulator for 2027. While the annual VFIS classroom and practical evolutions at DTFR provide valuable training, incorporating additional driver training will further enhance the department's capabilities and overall operational readiness.

January	(13-15)	Mega Code	(20-22)	VFIS Classroom	(27-29)	Confined Space	
February	(10-12)	Cardiac Cath Lab	(17-19)	EV and Stored Energy Fire	(24-26)	Haz-Mat	
March	(10-12)	Case Studies	(17-19)	VEIS/Search Drills (T)	(24-26)	Save Our Own	

(First quarter training calendar)

Health and Wellness:

DTFR has always prioritized the health and wellness of its members. The department provides yearly physicals and offers a variety of mental health services that are free and available to all personnel, ensuring support for both physical and emotional well-being.

As directed by A/C Hannigan, one of the department's goals for 2026 is to further enhance member health and wellness. The focus extends beyond injury prevention to address stress management, mental health, sleep, and overall fitness, supporting members both on and off the job.

In the first quarter, with support from Personify Health, monthly newsletters were provided to members with workouts, health tips, and guidance on managing daily stress. Additionally, a master yoga instructor was brought in to help personnel with stretching, mobility, and overall body care.

The department is currently working with TRI-Health, which will provide additional services and training in the second quarter on a variety of wellness topics. Looking ahead, the goal is to pair fitness assessments with yearly physicals and continue to grow and strengthen the department's overall health and wellness programs, ensuring our members remain resilient, capable, and supported.



(Department YOGA Station 57 training room)

Custom ▾ Jan 1, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026 ▾

34%

FIRE
Percentage of Total Incidents

66%

EMS
Percentage of Total Incidents

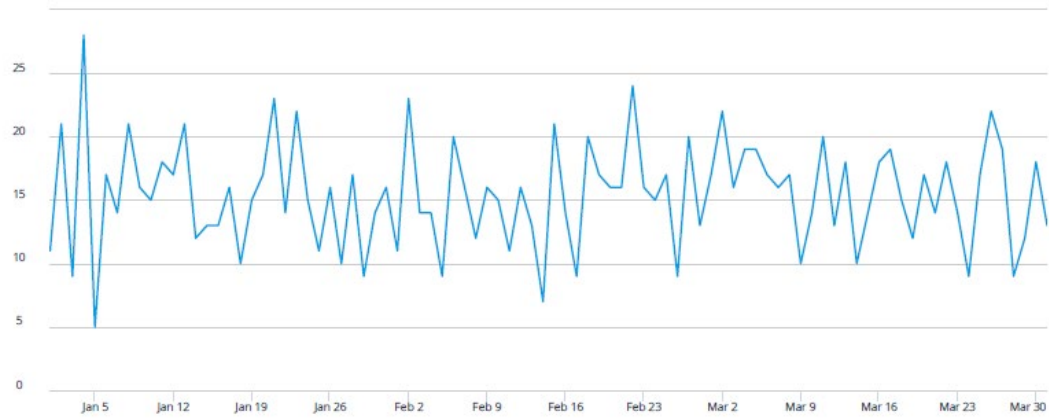
1,388

INCIDENTS

In Selected Time Slice

90

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice

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	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26	Nov '26	Dec '26	Jan '27	Total
(51) Person in distress		1	1											2
(52) Water problem	4	3	1											8
(53) Smoke, odor problem	1		2											3
(54) Animal problem or rescue	2		1											3
(55) Public service assistance	26	15	29											70
(56) Unauthorized burning		1												1
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up		1	1											2
(60) Good intent call, other	8	7	5											20
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	33	22	34											89
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	2	1	2											5
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	5	2	4											11
(66) EMS call where party has been transported	1													1
(67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	7	2											10
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm	1	1												2
(73) System or detector malfunction	14	12	13											39
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	20	28	30											78

FIRE: 476

EMS: 912

TOTAL: 1,388