Year-to-Date Fire Fatalities: Operational Review & Community Prevention Plan

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Executive Summary - Fire Fatalities

(Through February 2026)

- 6 fire-related fatalities in 2026
- 1 fire-related fatality during same period in February 2025
- Information subject to coroner confirmation
- Most incidents were advanced-stage fires upon arrival

Historical Comparison

- **February 2025**: 1 fire-related fatality
- **February 2026**: 6 fire-related fatalities
- 500% increase year-over-year (same timeframe)
- Immediate emphasis on prevention and community engagement

4684 North Edgewood Ave.

- January 17, 2026
- Company Assigned: 19:08:18
- First Company Arrived: 19:09:00
- **Dispatch-to-Arrival Time: 0:00:42**

3744 Llewellyn Ave.

- February 6, 2026
- Company Assigned: 04:48:58
- First Company Arrived: 04:52:40
- **Dispatch-to-Arrival Time: 0:03:42**

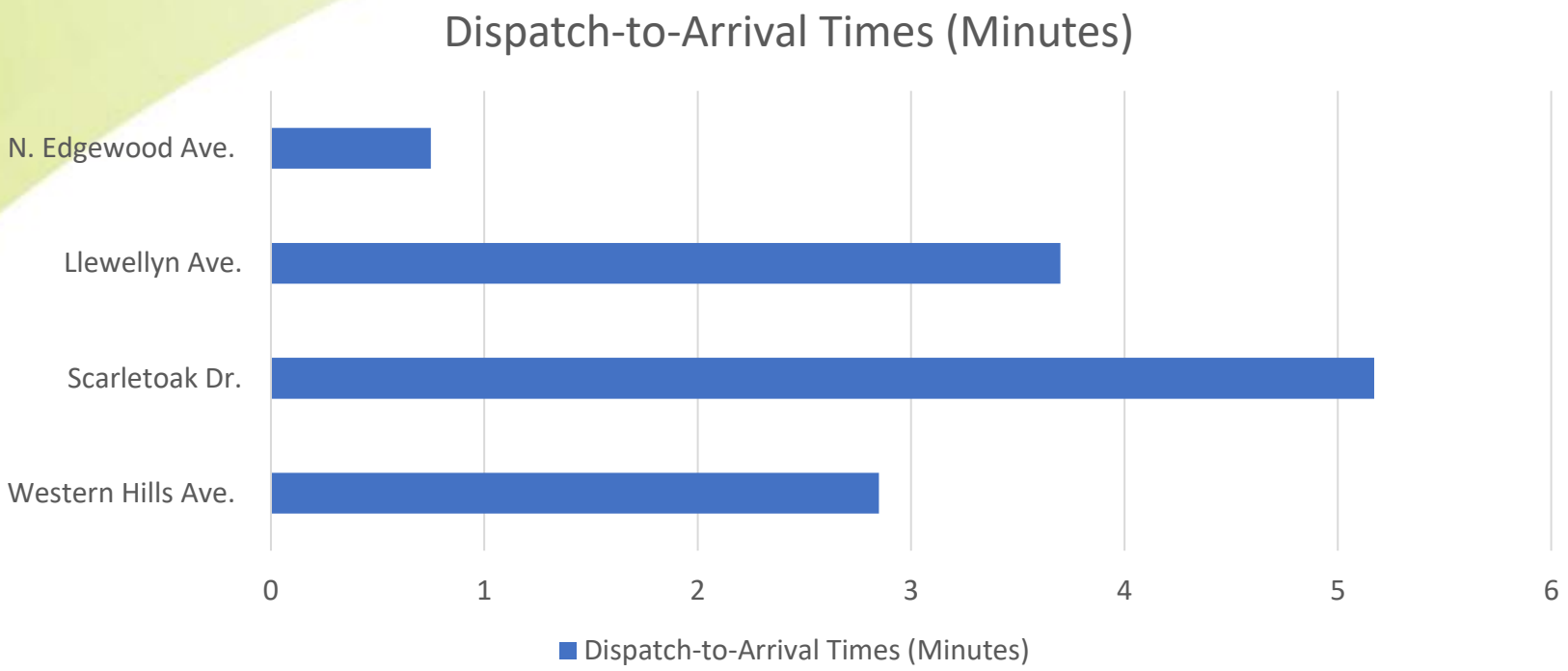
5366 Scarletoak Dr.

- February 15, 2026
- Company Assigned: 04:22:29
- First Company Arrived: 04:27:39
- **Dispatch-to-Arrival Time: 0:05:10**

4920 Western Hills Ave.

- February 18, 2026
- Company Assigned: 06:25:02
- First Company Arrived: 06:27:53
- **Dispatch-to-Arrival Time: 0:02:51**

Dispatch-to-Arrival Response Times



All response times were within established operational standards.

Current Prevention & Outreach Efforts

- Door hangers distributed to surrounding streets of each incident
- Collaboration with Brooke Lipscomb, Placed-Based Initiatives, and team for senior fire safety talks
- Home safety checklist and evacuation plan included with 311 smoke alarm requests
- Outreach to schools in affected areas
- Engagement with Community Councils

Future Initiatives

- Include residents needing additional assistance in premise history
- Grassroots initiative: 'Neighbors Looking Out for Neighbors'
- Expanded data tracking for prevention trend analysis

Questions?