



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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October 8, 2014

Honorable Mayor Adolph  
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City of La Quinta 78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

Ref: Quarterly Report

Please find the attached Fire Department Quarterly Report for the City of La Quinta. This report covers the 3rd quarter of 2014.

Riverside County Fire Department units responded to 867 total of calls for service within the City of La Quinta. These responses are broken down into the following classifications:

Medical Emergencies:	582
False Alarms:	104
Structure Fires:	4
Commercial Fires:	1
Vehicle Fires:	0
Other Fires:	9
Traffic Collisions:	38
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Respectfully submitted,

John Hawkins  
County Fire Chief

By:

Jodie Gray  
Battalion Chief



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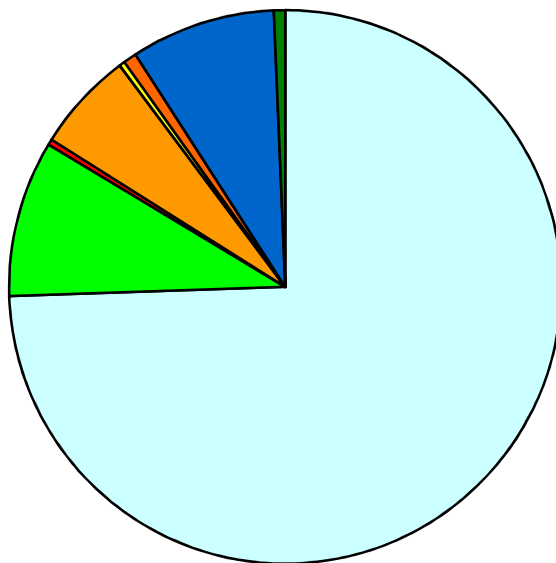
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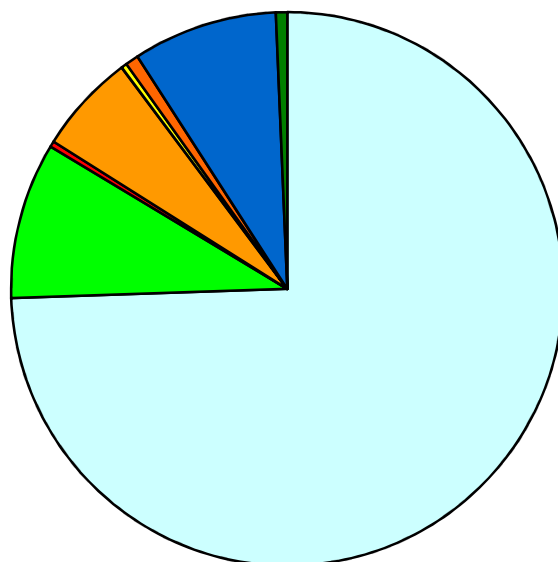
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