GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
FIRE CHIEF REPORT

APRIL 2026

REPORTING OFFICER	Chris Wolfe, Fire Chief
TYPE	Monthly – Commission
SUBMITTAL DATE	May 1, 2026

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Facilities:

- HQ Staff is completing station inspections in April.
- Station 71 flooring is completed.
- Station 22 flooring is completed.
- Stations 72, 73, and the FLS Kitchen are next up for flooring.
- Station 60- we have been advised that the City of Everglades has worked out the issues with the plans and is moving forward with permitting.

Grants:

- Yacono Grant- iParametrics is working on the closeout.
- SAFER Grant- FEMA is still closed, and we are unable to contact our Grants Manager.
- iParametrics continues assisting with the HMGP projects to ensure grant compliance and reporting is completed.

Projects Update:

- Station 26 is in the planning phase, and the RFQ for an Architect is on the agenda. Victor is working on getting site surveys started for SDP revision.
- Station 70 refresh with the county is paused while the county procures a GC for the permit work.
- HMGP Grant Work: Awards have been made and Notice to Proceeds have been issued. Vendors have applied for permits.
- Station Security: Device programming and software setup are in progress. Site work is in the permitting phase.
- Radio Equipment: Code plug development and testing are complete. Training has been completed. Portables have been issued to Operations Staff. Portables for BC spaces and FLS are in the process of being issued.
- Training props have been delivered.

Personnel:

- Retirement/Resignations: The District received one resignation from a probationary firefighter this month.
- Promotional Testing: Promotional testing has been completed, and associated promotional rosters have been published. LT and subsequent DE promotions will occur in May. Our next BC, FLS INSP II, LT, and FLS Captain promotional tests are currently being developed with an anticipated posting in May. Staff will evaluate the need to conduct an additional LT test before the end of the year.
- The DE task book implementation has been completed. This is a huge milestone for the agency as it will begin an inclusive process that prepares members for DE promotions, learning the District's expectations of the position. The LT task book development process is ongoing.

- Recruit Class 26-02 has completed their first month and is progressing well.

Apparatus Update:
- The new Boat 90 construction is ongoing; delivery has been postponed to July due to a federal government priority purchase.
- Collier County issued a PO for Boat 60, and we are awaiting the pre-build meeting.
- Water Tender 72 is in final stages of construction. Estimated delivery is the end of May 2026.
- New Engines update- all documentation has been executed for this project. We are awaiting pre-construction meetings to be scheduled.

Station 74 Update: This project continues to move forward. We have been notified that the County is preparing for mid-May completion. The District has updated our planning assumption to June 1st to begin providing services. We have made a request to the county to coordinate the move-in and provide service to this area.

MM63 CCEMS Update: District staff and CCEMS are still coordinating the logistics and other items to prepare for the county to add transport services to Station 63. The target date is still May 1st, unknown if this will be met.

MM63 FDOT Agreement: District Counsel has finalized with FDOT a third amendment to increase funding to the statutory amount and is on the agenda for approval. The District has received the termination letter from FDOT. The state has identified Collier County as the successor agency to provide fire, rescue, and emergency management services at Station 63. Depending on what Collier County's intentions are to provide services to this area, the District will be required to re-open and re-negotiate the Ochopee Interlocal Agreement to continue providing services to that area.

Career Fair: The District participated in the Public Safety Job Fair and Career Expo hosted by the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety on April 21st. The event had over 40 participating agencies from across the state and hundreds of potential future firefighters in attendance. Our agency alone met with approx. 50 interested parties. We look forward to seeing the positive return from attending such events.

Newman Wildfire Update: After 13 days, the Newman Fire is 100% contained at 1,733 acres. GNFD crews have remained active in the area over that time patrolling the perimeter for any flare ups or hotspots. During the operational periods we had peek personnel counts of approximately 215 (42 Collier FD, 80 Federal/State, 80 CCSO, and 13 other Collier Government) assigned to the incident. Our agency is grateful for the relationships we have with our partner agencies, which ensured the threat to lives and property was mitigated in a short period. Our wildfire threat is at its height, and our agency continues to remain in a state of readiness.

Health Insurance RFI: The District issued a Request for Information (RFI) for employee benefits advisory services and received five responses, all of which were reviewed and invited to provide individual one-hour presentations. These presentations were attended by a cross-functional group, including representatives from the union, HR, administration, and finance, with members of the Board of Fire Commissioners invited to attend. The process provided valuable insight into the current marketplace and has helped inform the

District's approach to future benefit strategy. At this time, the District does not anticipate making an immediate change and remains satisfied with the administrative and benefits management support currently provided by HUB. A transition would be significant and time-intensive, particularly with the upcoming plan year beginning October 1. Following the move to a level-funded plan last year, additional time is needed to evaluate claims data before considering changes.

Plan Review/Fire and Life Safety Update: District staff continues bi-monthly meetings with Growth Management staff. The focus has shifted to working through the previously identified list of projects with deficiencies to utilizing these as future monthly training opportunities aimed at eliminating reoccurrences, as well as discussing and working through newly identified deficiencies and issues. Staff are in the final stages of launching a reporting process for District FLS staff. This will aid in the reporting of discrepancies found in the field and provide county leadership visibility of the discrepancies in near real time. Additionally, the platform will provide a mechanism for District and County staff to document the QA/QI process. Staff are also in the beginning stages of developing a joint SOG for reporting and addressing issues and concerns. Also, in the works, County staff are working through a direct report personnel change for the Fire Plans Reviewers.

Impact Fee Study: Recent and pending changes to Florida's impact fee laws will affect how and when the District can implement future increases. Impact fees must now be phased in over 2-4 years and capped at 12.5% annually for 2 years or a maximum of 50% over 4 years, if the District has not increased fees within the past 5 years. Acting before the 5-year mark may allow up to a 100% increase phased over 4 years. HB 1329, not yet signed by the Governor, places new changes as of 7/1/26 including the rate not being able to exceed more than 100% over 4 years and more requirements related to the demonstrated-need study. Timing will impact how much flexibility the District has for future increases.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Promotions: DE Yadiel Enriquez, DE Jason Johnson, and DE Edward Flores were promoted on April 13th.

Service Awards:

- 25-Year Service Award- BC Aaron Fly
- 20-Year Service Award- FF Brian Quinn
- 15-Year Service Award- DE Justin Raymond
- 10-Year Service Award- DE John Fickey
- 5-Year Service Award- FF Dylan Ricard, DE Jeremy Ballard, DE John Delashmet III, DE Lycurgus Kidder Jr., FF Justin Graeve, FF Jace Perkins, DE Hunter Close

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Annual Ethics training
- Fuel expenditures
- June meeting changed to 6/17 and absence

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Weekly Command Staff
- Staff Workshop
- Weekly Station 74 coordination calls
- Region 6
- East Naples Civic & Commerce
- Golden Gate City Civic Association
- County Manager office
- Collier GIS workgroup
- Collier Sheriff's Office
- Medical Directors Coalition Meeting
- Region 6 Annual IMT Meeting
- Leadership Collier

LODD: Line of duty deaths have started to be reported again. To date, there have been five firefighter fatalities reported to the United States Fire Administration in 2026. May they rest in peace.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

April Events- 17
YTD Events- 52

OPERATIONS

Call Volume Statistics - April 2026	
Total Incidents	2583
Medical/Rescue	1,488
Medical Percentage	58%
Fire/Other	1,095
Busiest Station	Station 75 - 323 Incidents
Busiest Apparatus	Engine 75 - 354 Responses
Busiest Day of Week	Thursday - 452 Incidents
Busiest Time of Day	1000-1059 - 162 Incidents

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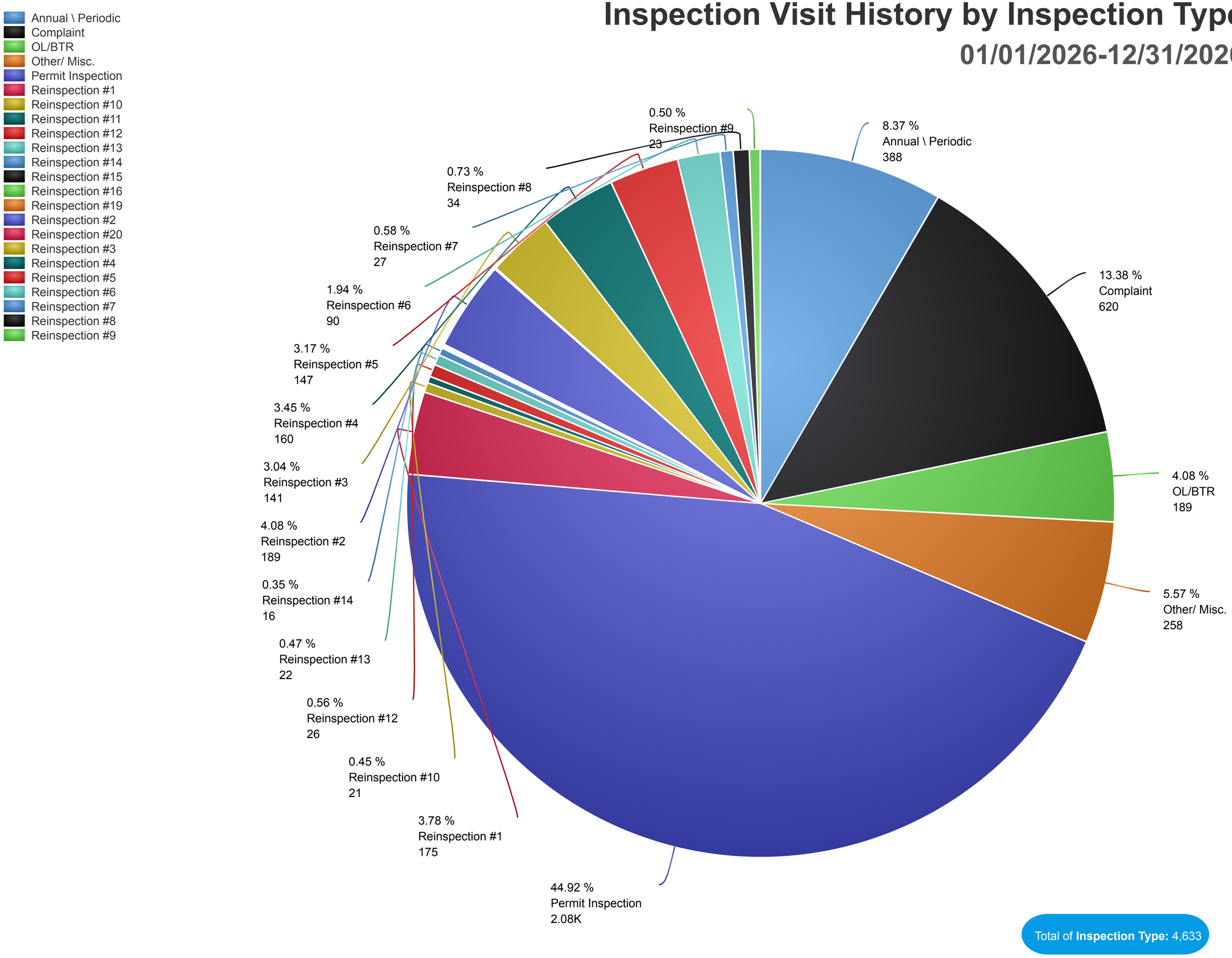
Basic Incident Type Category	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	Percent
*N/A	9	26	24	29	88	0.83%
1 - Fire	56	39	40	33	168	1.59%
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	1,553	1,519	1,677	1,488	6237	58.85%
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	78	78	101	96	353	3.33%
5 - Service Call	301	252	282	265	1100	10.38%
6 - Good Intent Call	616	538	599	597	2350	22.17%
7 - False Alarm & False Call	79	71	73	73	296	2.79%
8 - Weather	2	0	2	2	6	0.06%
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Summary	**2694**	**2523**	**2798**	**2583**	**10598**	
Responses by Day Average	86.9	90.1	90.3	86.1	88.3	
Responses by Station Average	180	168	187	172	707	
Medical vs. Fires and Other Calls	57.65%	60.21%	59.94%	57.61%	58.85%	

Inspection Visit History by Inspection Type

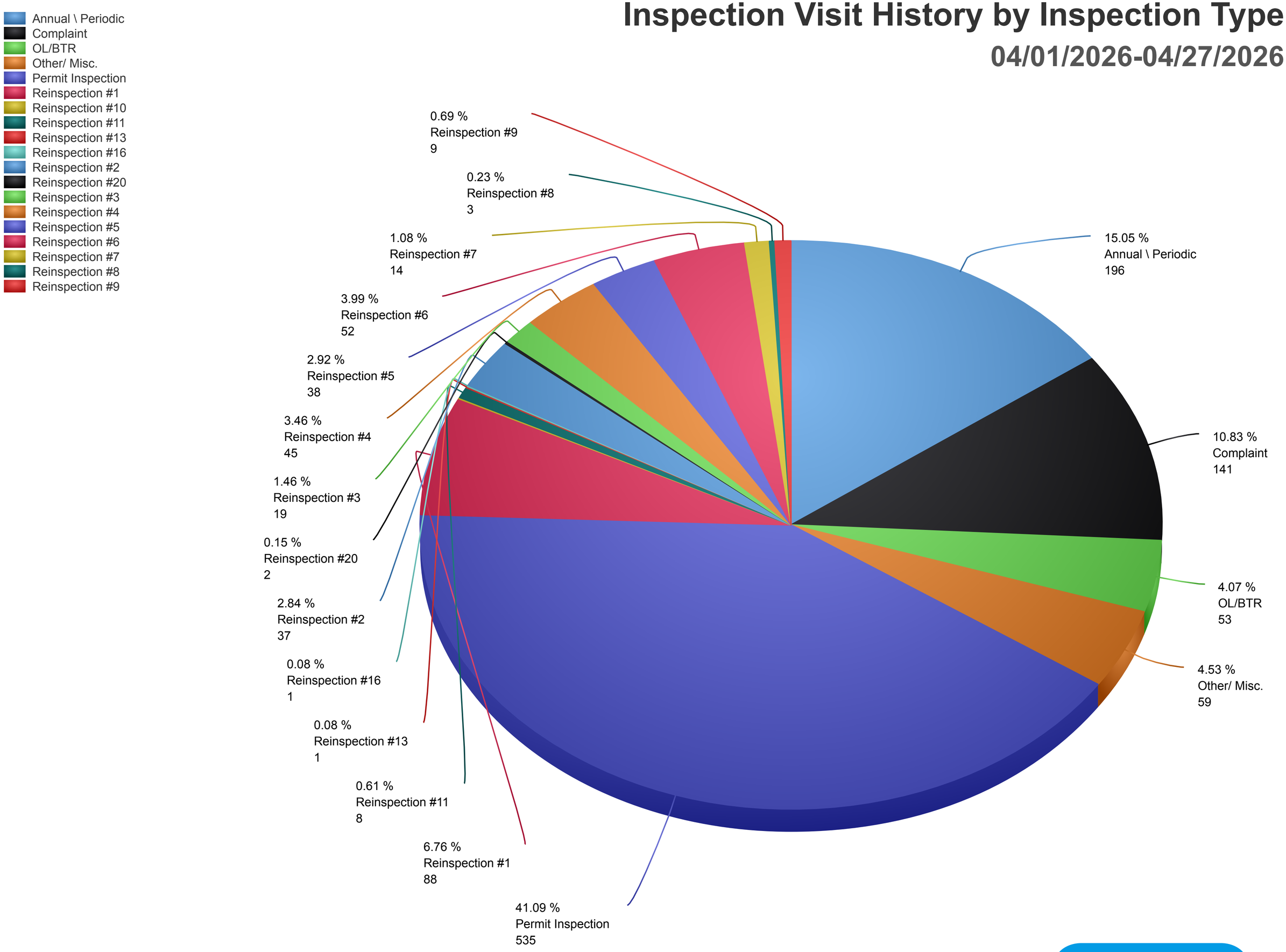
01/01/2026-12/31/2026



Total of **Inspection Type:** 4,633

Inspection Visit History by Inspection Type

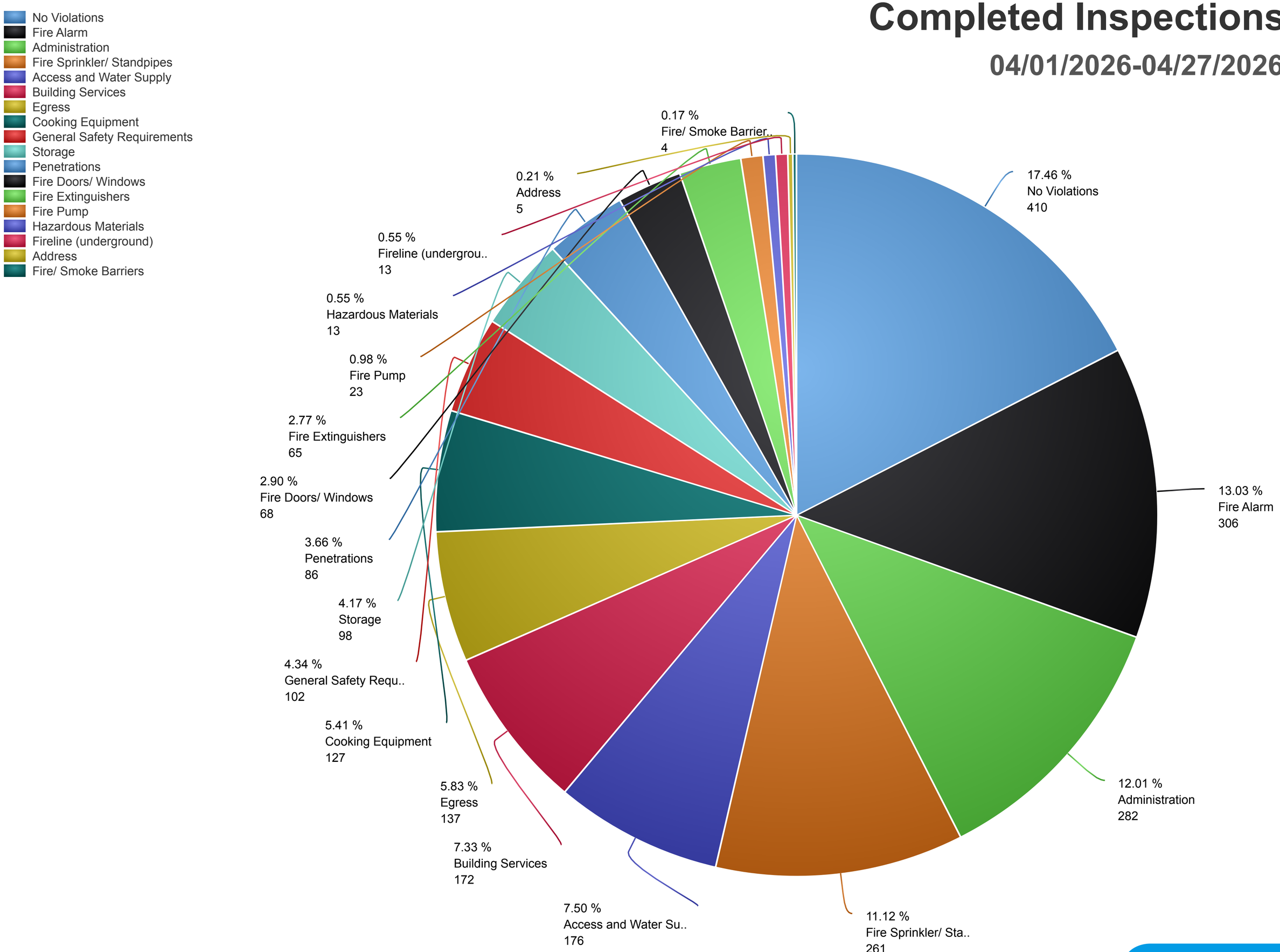
04/01/2026-04/27/2026



Total of **Inspection Type:** 1,302

Completed Inspections

04/01/2026-04/27/2026



Total of **Violation Type:** 2,348