



# Ocean Beach Fires

## Ocean Beach Fire Program Objectives

### Public Safety

- Reduce dangerous debris and hazardous materials
- Reduce criminal activity on the beach

### Visitor Experience

- Ensure visitors have a positive experience in the park
- Reduce unsightly garbage and piles of debris

### NPS Staff Safety

- Reduce burning of inappropriate materials
- Ensure fires are properly extinguished
- Reduce potentially dangerous law enforcement encounters

### Park Operations

- Transition toward financial sustainability
- Allow for equitable distribution of staff time across GGNRA

### Air Quality

- Reduce unhealthy emission and unpleasant odors
- Align with Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines to increase air quality





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## Proposed Permit System

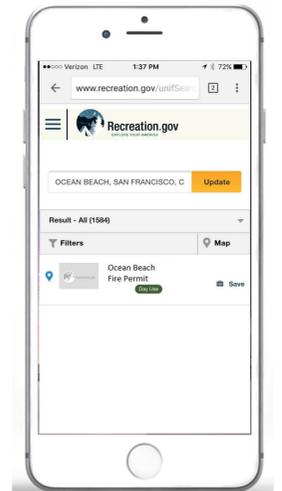
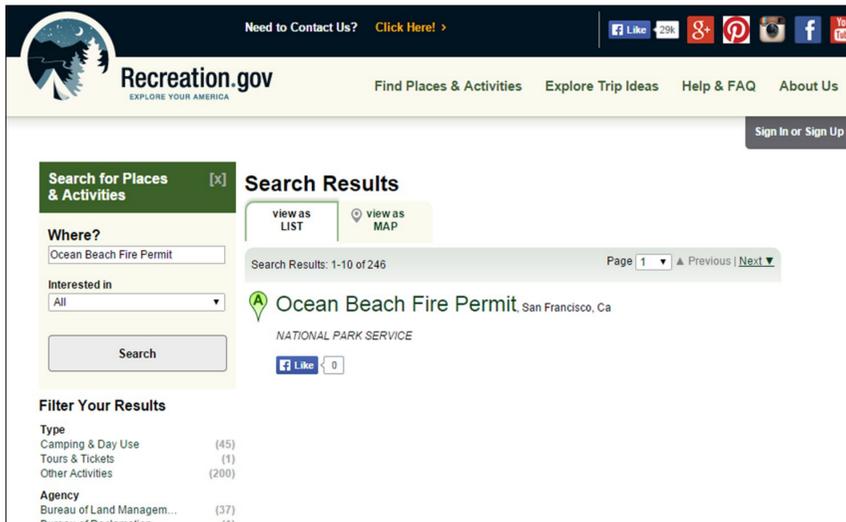
- Use Recreation.gov
- Obtained online or over the phone through the call center

• 12 fire rings

• Available for two time periods daily

• 10am-3pm

• 4pm-9pm



- Available up to 30 days in advance
- Ability to make a reservation within a few hours prior to the permit beginning

## Proposed Permit Conditions

- Required for all fire pits at all times
- Group size limited to 25, larger groups go through the existing special use permit process
- Nontransferable
- Permit holder must be present at all times
- Permit signatory must be 18 years old
- Security deposits not required
- Permit cost would be refunded upon cancellation, processing fees would not be

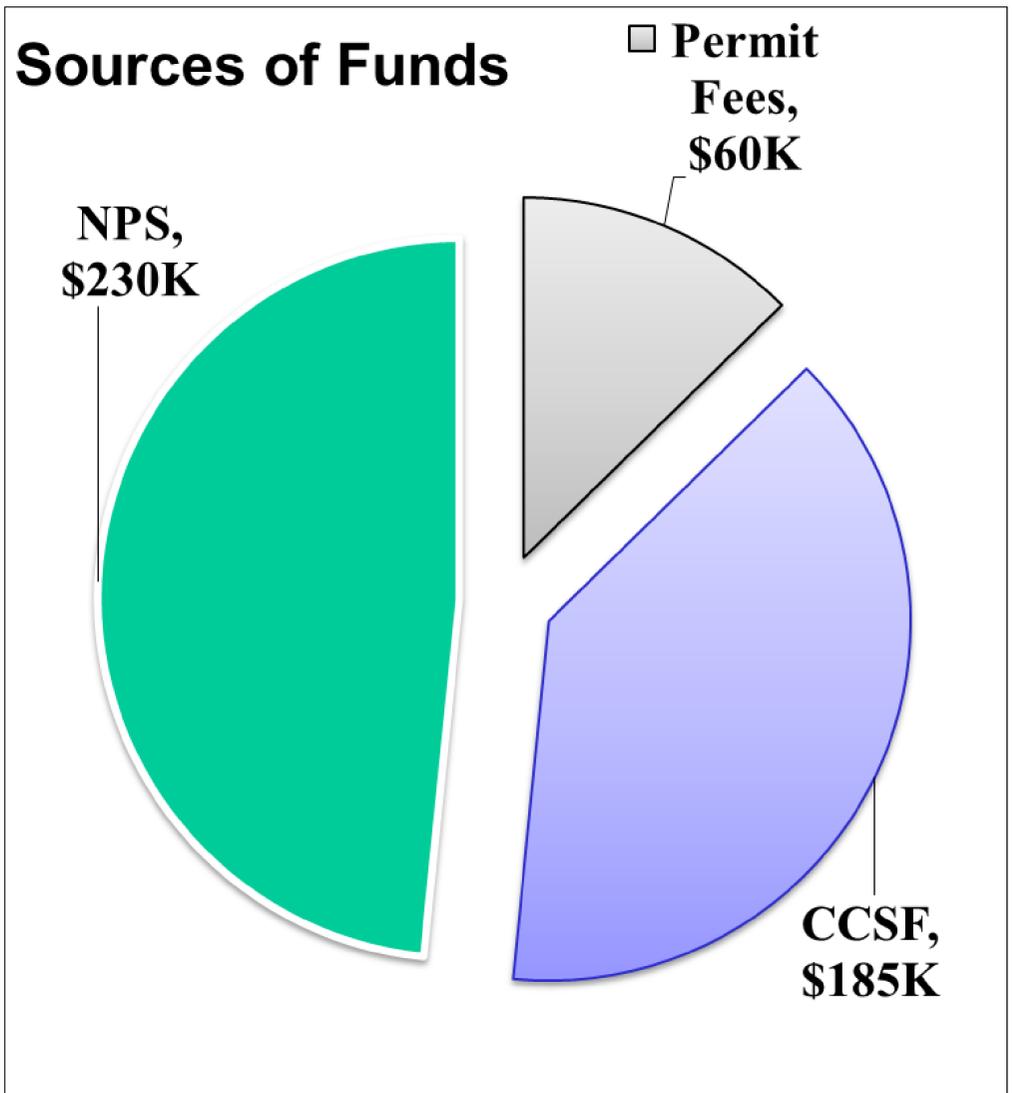
For more information: [parkplanning.nps.gov/OBfireprogram](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/OBfireprogram)  
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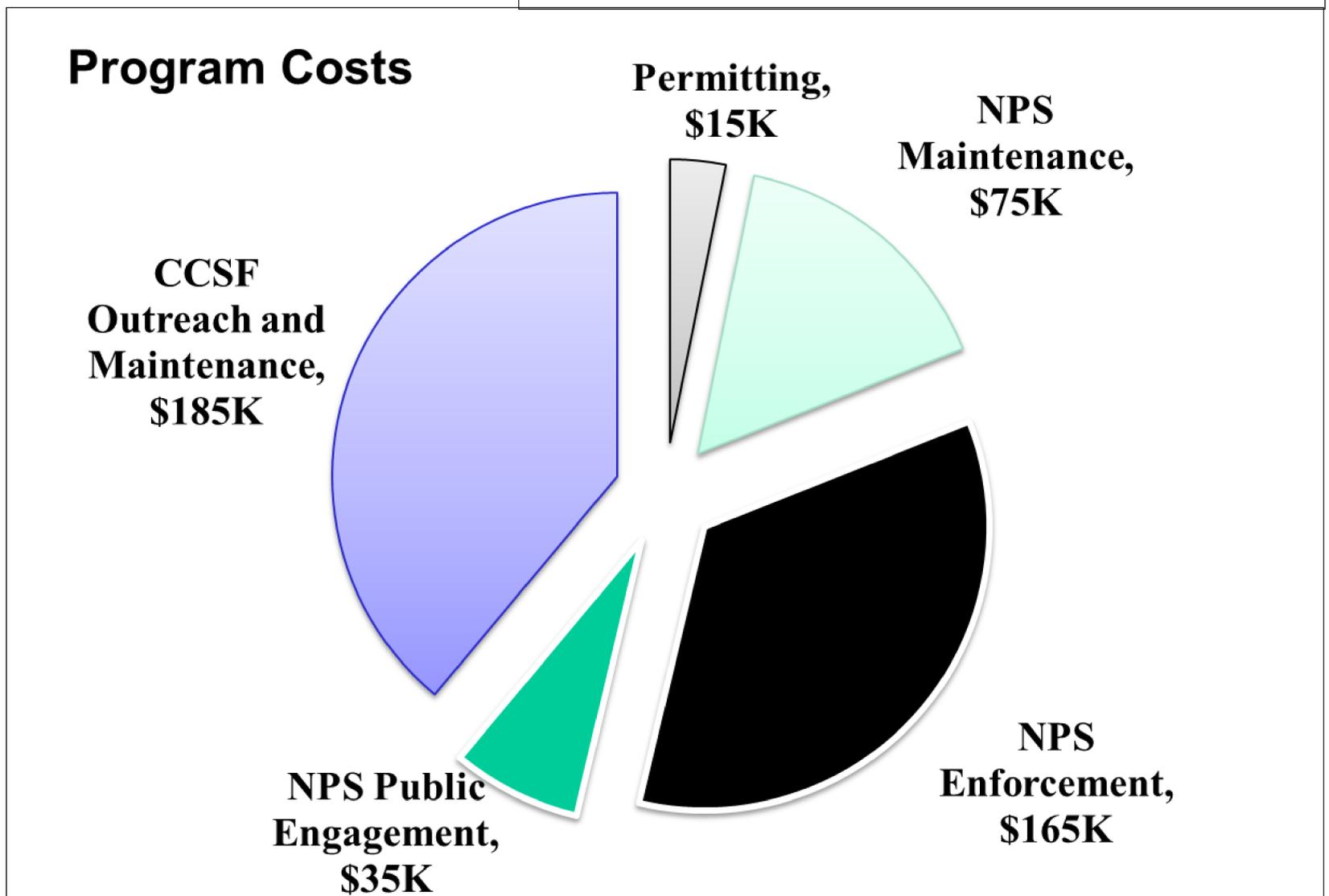
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## Proposed Permit Cost

- \$25 - \$35
- Free permits on NPS Fee Free Days
- Estimated recovery revenue is \$60,000
- CCSF support factor is \$185,000



\*Charts display rough estimates





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## City and County of San Francisco Support

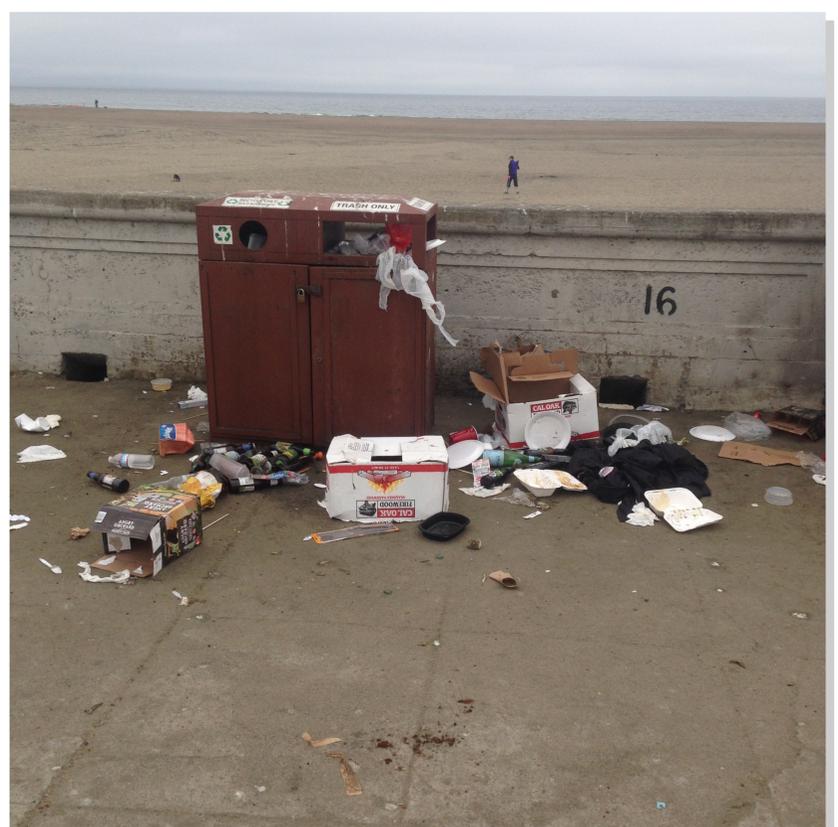
- Allocation of \$185,000 in the FY15-16 budget to San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department
- Support Intentions:
  - Maintenance
  - Trash Removal
  - Cleaning associated with fires
  - Public outreach & education
  - Volunteer Support



June 27, 2014  
Large trash heap on beach near fire rings



June 23, 2014  
Fire ring full of broken glass and other trash.



August 5, 2014  
Overflowing trash can at Stairwell 16



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## Winter Beach Rest Period

- Fires would not be allowed
- November through February
  - Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Winter Spare the Air Season
  - Existing lower demand period
- Improves financial feasibility
  - Enable more success during peak periods by reducing investment in non-peak
- Reduce overall impacts of beach fires
  - Allow for comprehensive cleaning
- Enable evaluation and program adjustment
- Provide employee for health and wellness





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## Public Outreach and Education

- City and County of San Francisco & San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department outreach assistance
- What are the most effective ways to reach the target audience?
  - Signs
    - See ideas at the Signs poster
  - News media
    - Television, Radio, Print
  - Social media
    - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr, Pinterest
  - Website
    - NPS.gov, ParkPlanning.NPS.gov, ParksConservancy.org
  - Interpretation
    - Roving Ranger, Fireside Chats, Local College Visits
  - Volunteerism
    - Drop-In programs, Joint programs w/ other agencies

**Give us your thoughts and suggestions.**





# Ocean Beach Regulations

## Old Sign

### Placement on Stanchions near Stairwells

## OCEAN BEACH



- Fires Allowed From Stairwell 15 thru 20 in Rings ONLY Information: 415-561-4741
- Pet Litter and Garbage Pick-up Required
- Dogs Must Be On Leash July 1st to May 15th in Snowy Plover Protection Area - Stairwell 21 to Sloat Blvd
- Info 415-561-4728

Golden Gate National Recreation Area



# **Ocean Beach Regulations**

## **New Sign**

### **Placement on Stanchions**

#### **near Stairwells**

**FIRES BY  
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**Information:**

**<http://go.nps.gov/beachfires>**



**Ocean Beach Regulations**  
**New Sign**  
**Placement on Pipe Stands at**  
**Either End of**  
**O'Shaughnessy Seawall**

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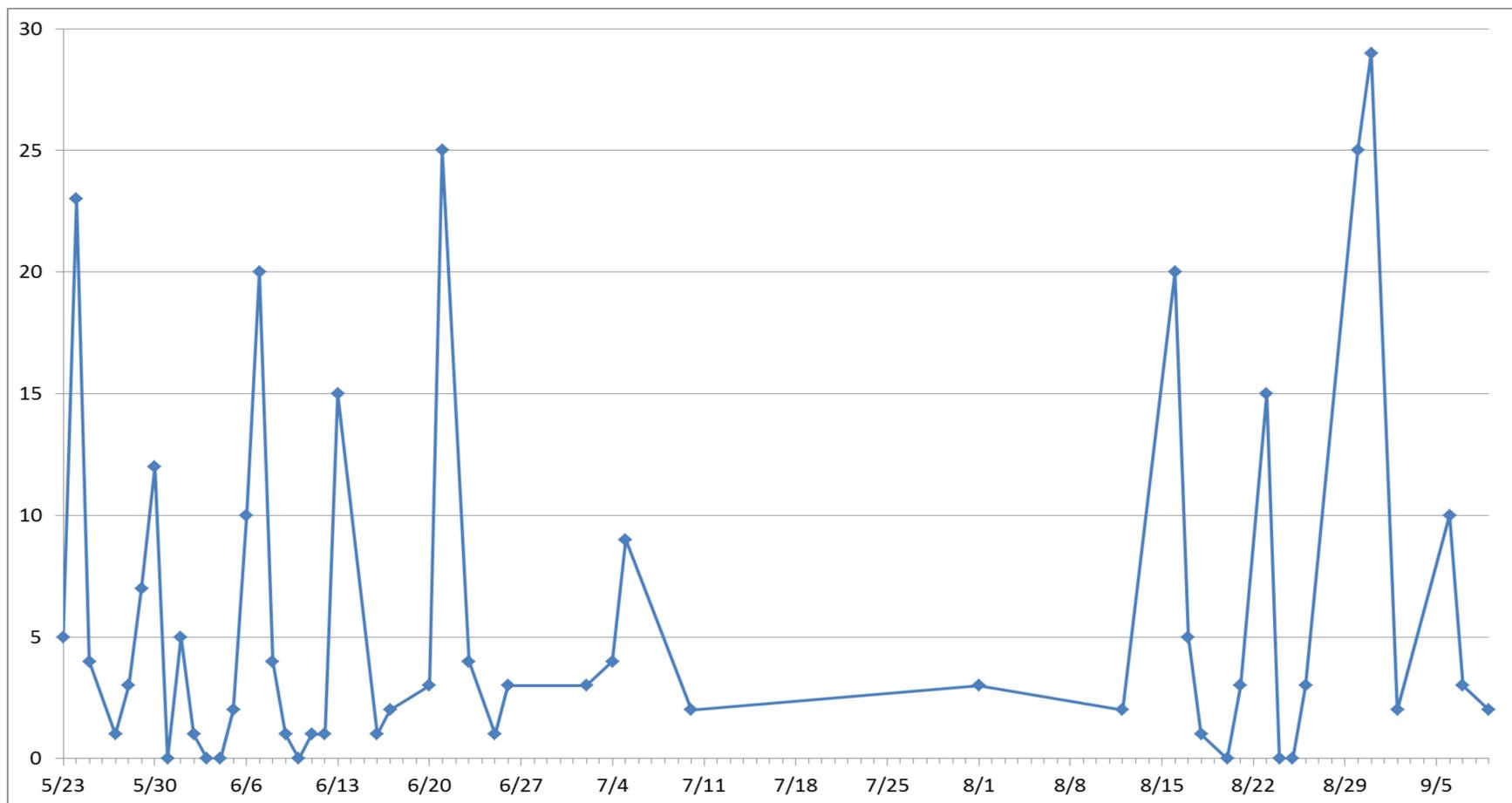


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## Revised Pilot Program (May 23 – Oct 31)

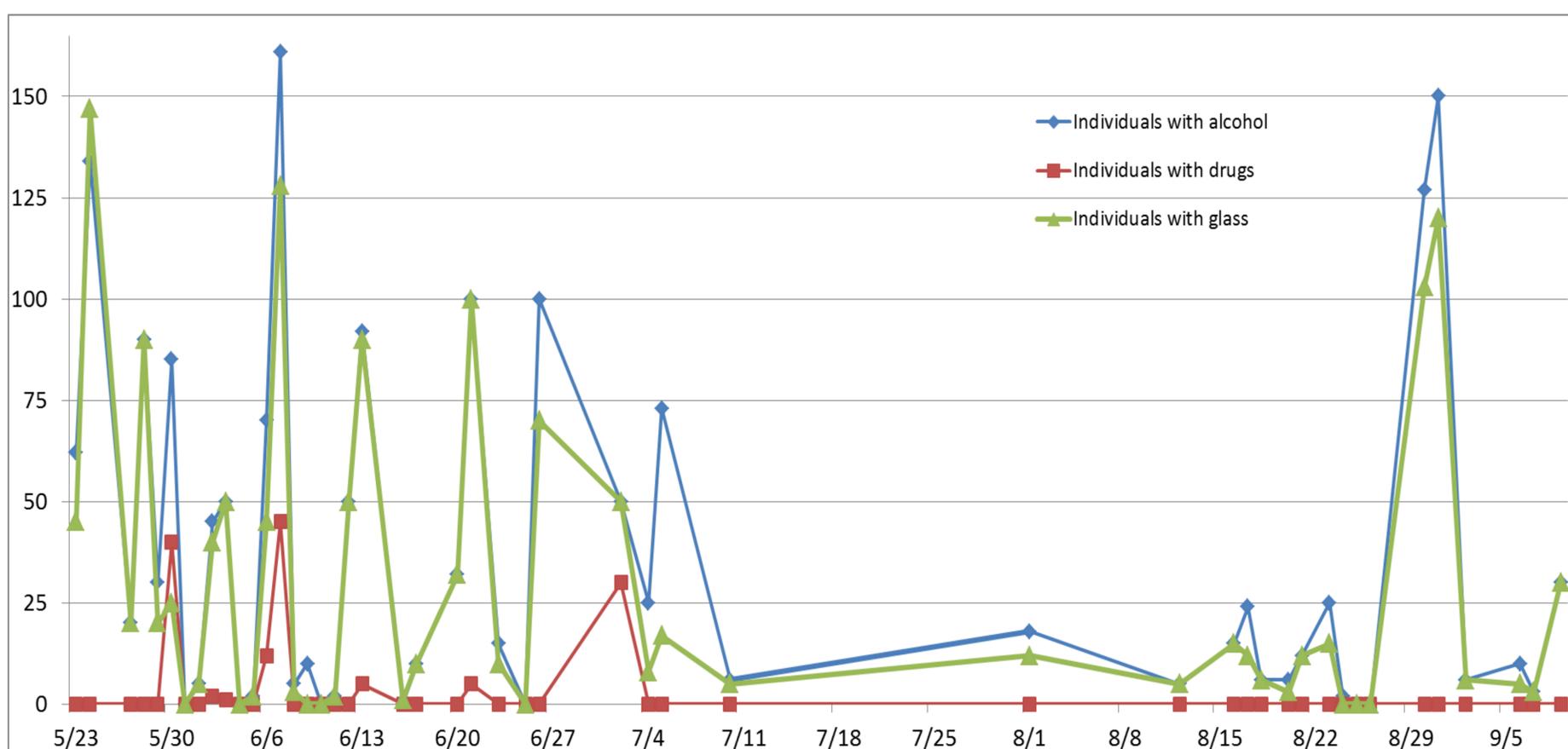
### Law Enforcement Data—Fires outside of rings

May 23 – September 9, 2014



### Law Enforcement Data—Alcohol, Drug & Glass Violations

May 23 – September 9, 2014



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## Maintenance Data

