



Ocean Beach Fire Program

February 16, 2017 - Public Open House Agenda

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Public Open House with Informational Tables:

- a. Engagement, Outreach, Volunteers
- b. New Signs and Fire Rings
- c. Maintenance and Trash
- d. Visitor and Resource Protection / Park Police

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Ocean Beach Fire Program Oral Presentation

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm - Public Open House with Informational Tables

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Ocean Beach Fire Program Oral Presentation (repeated)

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Public Open House with Informational Tables





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Fire Program History/Timeline

History of Fires on Ocean Beach:

- 1975 - NPS inherits longstanding SF tradition of beach fires at Ocean Beach
- 1983 – CFR 36 §2.13(a)(1): Superintendent designates Ocean Beach for fires
- 2002 - CCSF Commission on the Environment passes resolution 001-02, requests GGNRA “create an effective system that reduces [beach fire] impacts.”
- 2004 – NPS limits fires to the area between stairwells 15 and 28
- 2005 – NPS proposed banning fires on Ocean Beach
- 2006 - NPS receives more than 3,000 individual comments largely in opposition to the proposed ban of fires on Ocean Beach
- 2007 - NPS institutes a one-year Pilot that limits fires to newly installed fire rings between stairwells 15-20, and caps groups sizes at 25 people per fire ring, except by permit.
- 2014 - NPS institutes a Revised Pilot Program with 12 fire rings, 9:00 pm curfew, and prohibition of fires on summer and winter Spare the Air Days
- 2015 - February public meeting: Revised Pilot Program summary and next steps

Current Program Planning Timeline:

- Public Meeting at County Fair Building - September 24, 2015
- Proposal Released - October 22, 2015, followed by 44-day comment period
- Final Program Signed and Released - February 19, 2016
- Compendium Effective Date (Implementation began) - April 4, 2016
- Signs & Liaisons Stakeholder Workshop - July 13, 2016
- First No Burn Season began - November 1, 2016
- Today: First Annual Public Open House - February 16th, 2017

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12 Program Elements

All Elements are required and rely on each other to ensure a sustainable program:

1. Permit System

- No permits required for groups under 25 people
- Special Use Permits will continue to be required for groups of 25 people or larger

2. Burn Season

- Fires allowed March 1st - October 31st (8 Months)
- No fires November 1st through end of February
 - Matches Bay Area Air Quality Management District's winter Spare the Air season
 - When public demand for beach fires is low
- Comprehensive cleaning of the beach following removal of fire rings

3. Partnership with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD)

- Continuation of support for public outreach and education
- Additional maintenance support, including trash collection

4. Replace Fire Rings

- Added four rings (from 12 to 16 total)
- Testing new designs, stenciled with rules

5. Replace Signage

- Replace complex messaging with simpler designs
- Add on-beach signs adjacent to fire ring area

6. Enforcement

- Joint NPS Rangers and United States Park Police enforcement
- Education periods followed by enforcement



7. Public Outreach and Education

- Updated website and flyers with new program information
- Email notifications, Social Media posts, and Press Releases
- Beach Fire Liaison Program: Interpretive Rangers and Volunteers help to spread the word about how to have a responsible fire

8. Curfew Time

- 9:30 pm (previously 9:00 pm) provides almost 1 hour of after-sunset burn time on summer solstice

9. Summer Spare the Air days

- Continued from Revised Pilot Program, fires banned during summer Spare the Air days

10. Revised Data Collection and Monitoring

- Periodic, sample-based monitoring revised from methods used during Revised Pilot Program

11. Ongoing Program Evaluation

- Evaluate the program and share information with the public on an annual basis during the No-Burn season

12. Age Requirement

- "Responsible leader" age for supervision of minors dropped from 21 to 18

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New Signs & New Fire Rings

Done: Signs at Stairwells 1-14

Done: Signs at Stairwells 15-20

Done: Signs at Stairwells 21-28



NO Burn Season (Updated with Overlay)



Updated NEW sign "Burn Season"



Updated with overlay "NO Burn Season"



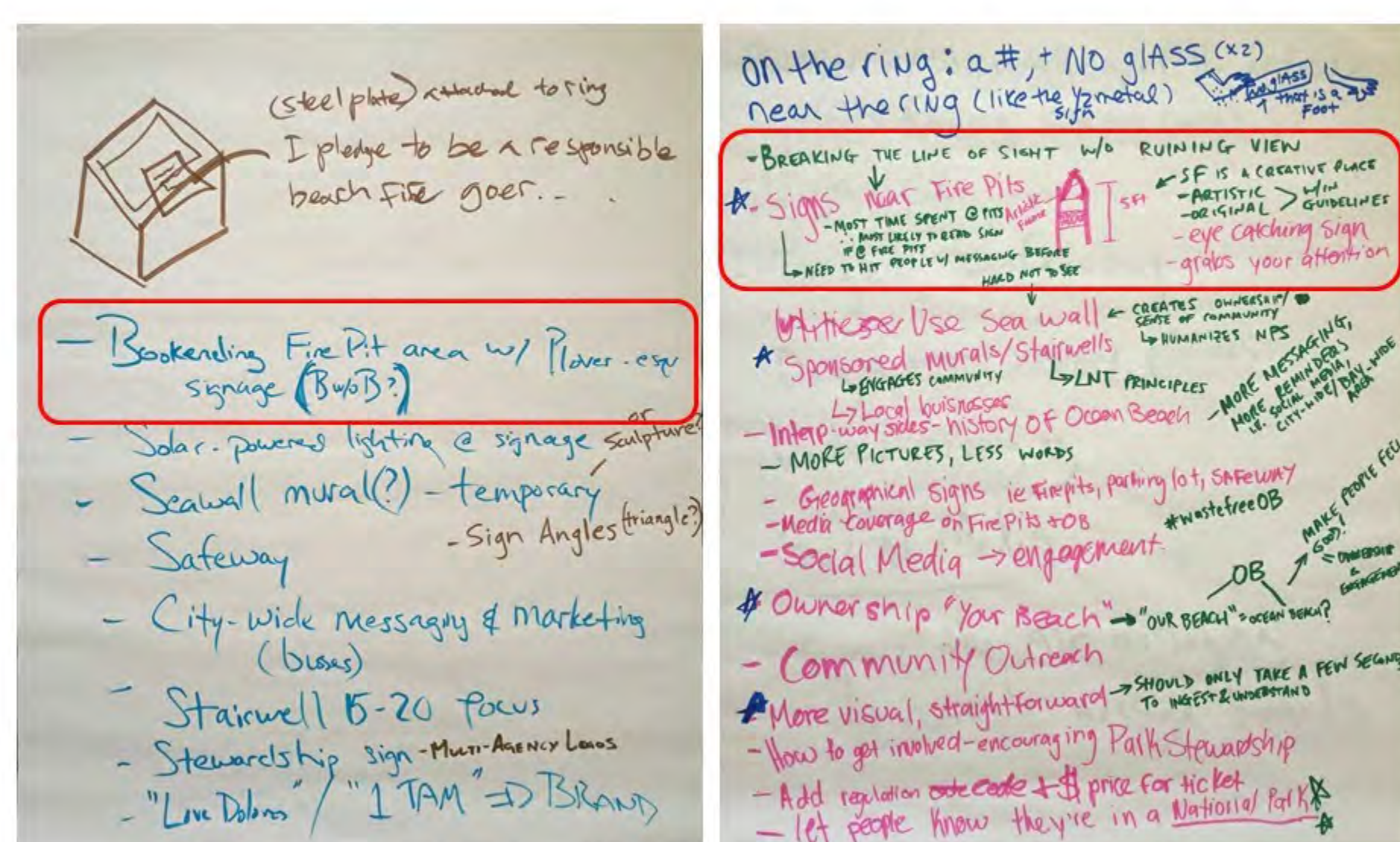
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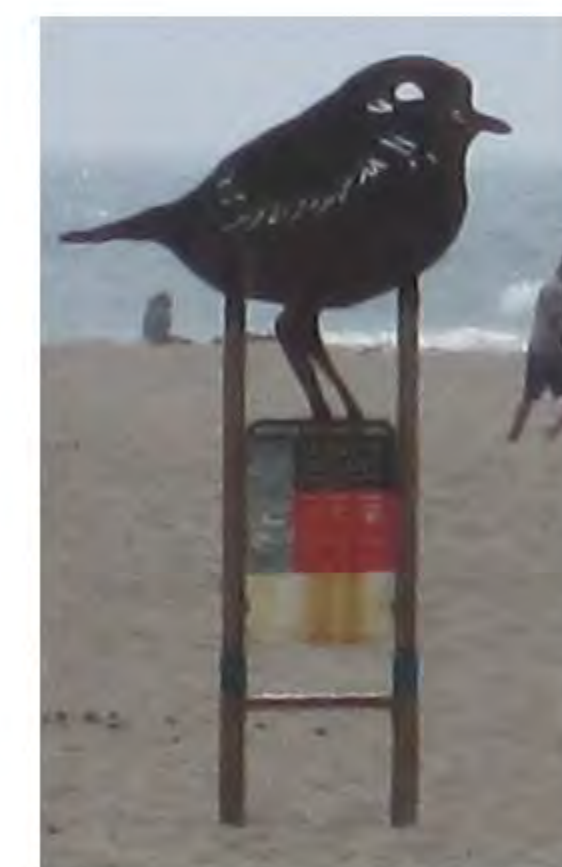
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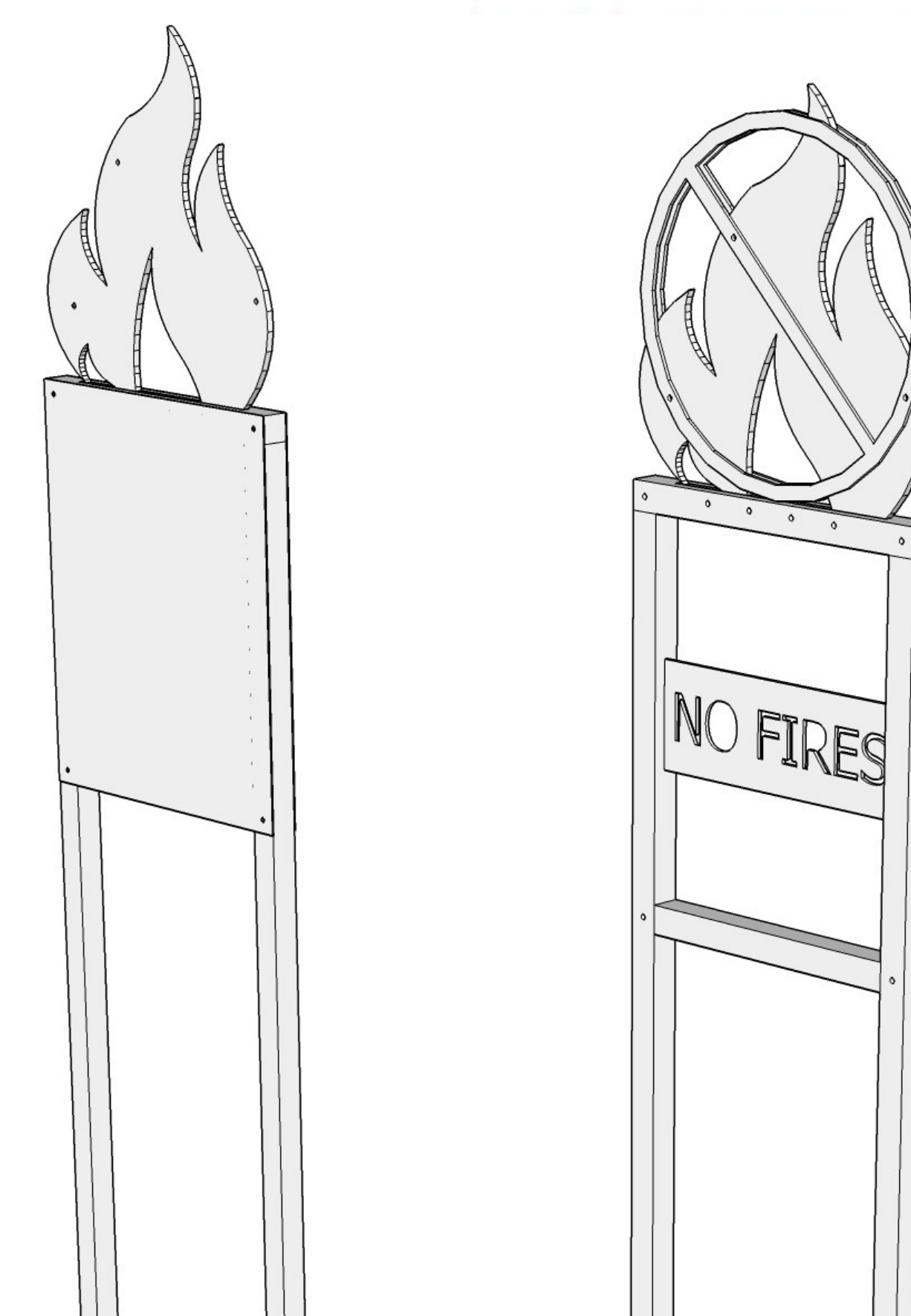
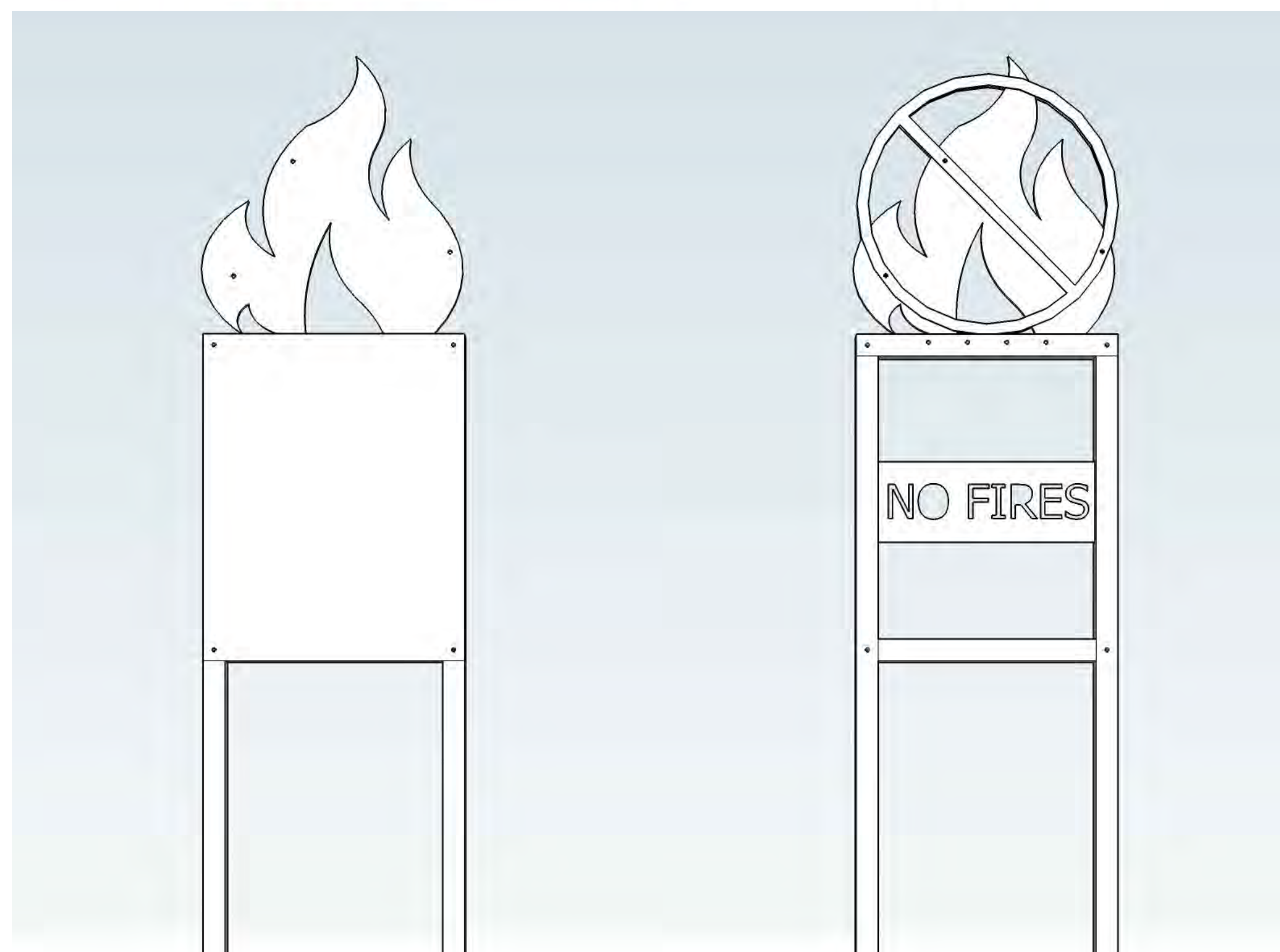
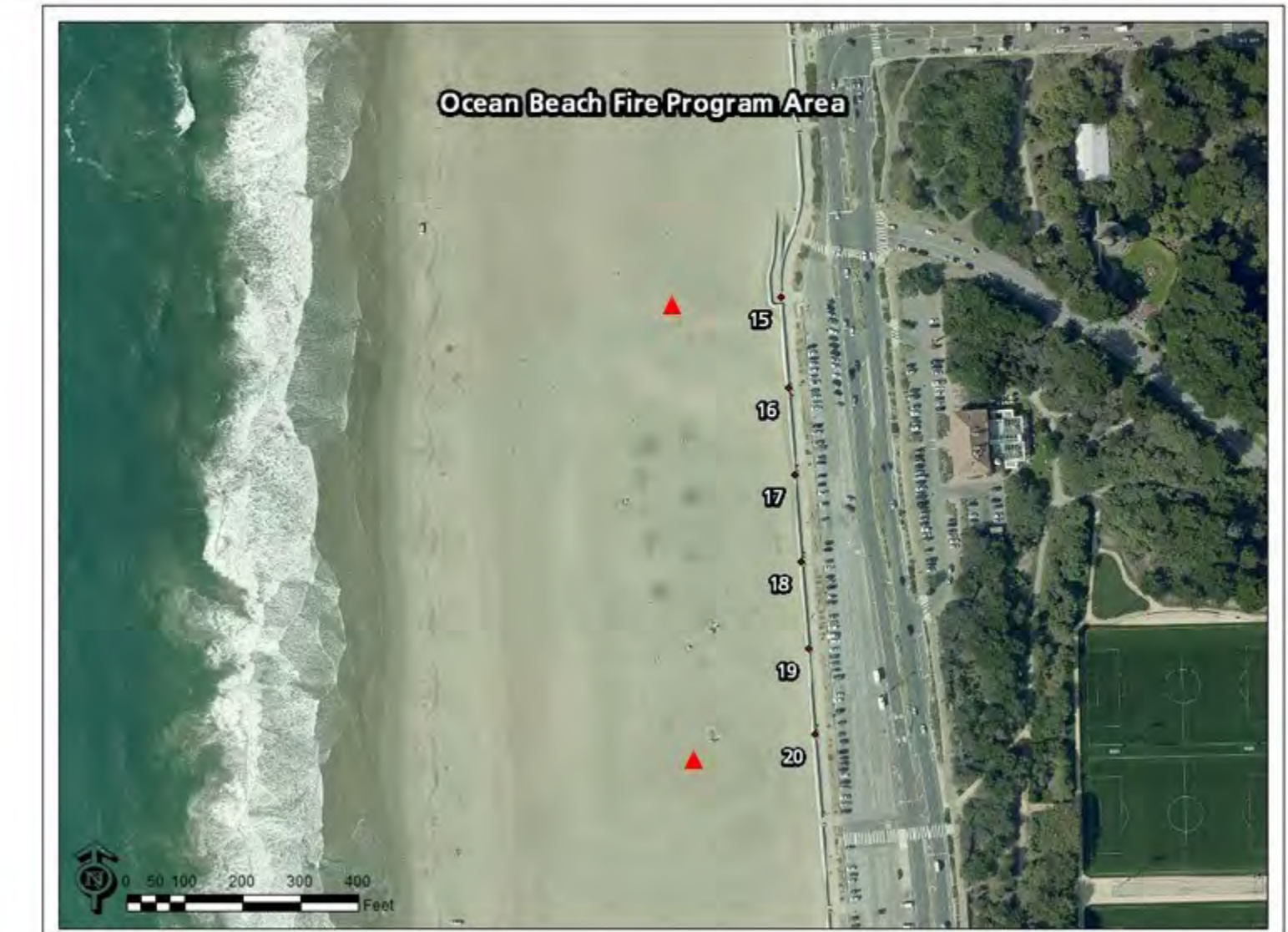
Stakeholder Flip Charts



Proposed: On the Beach



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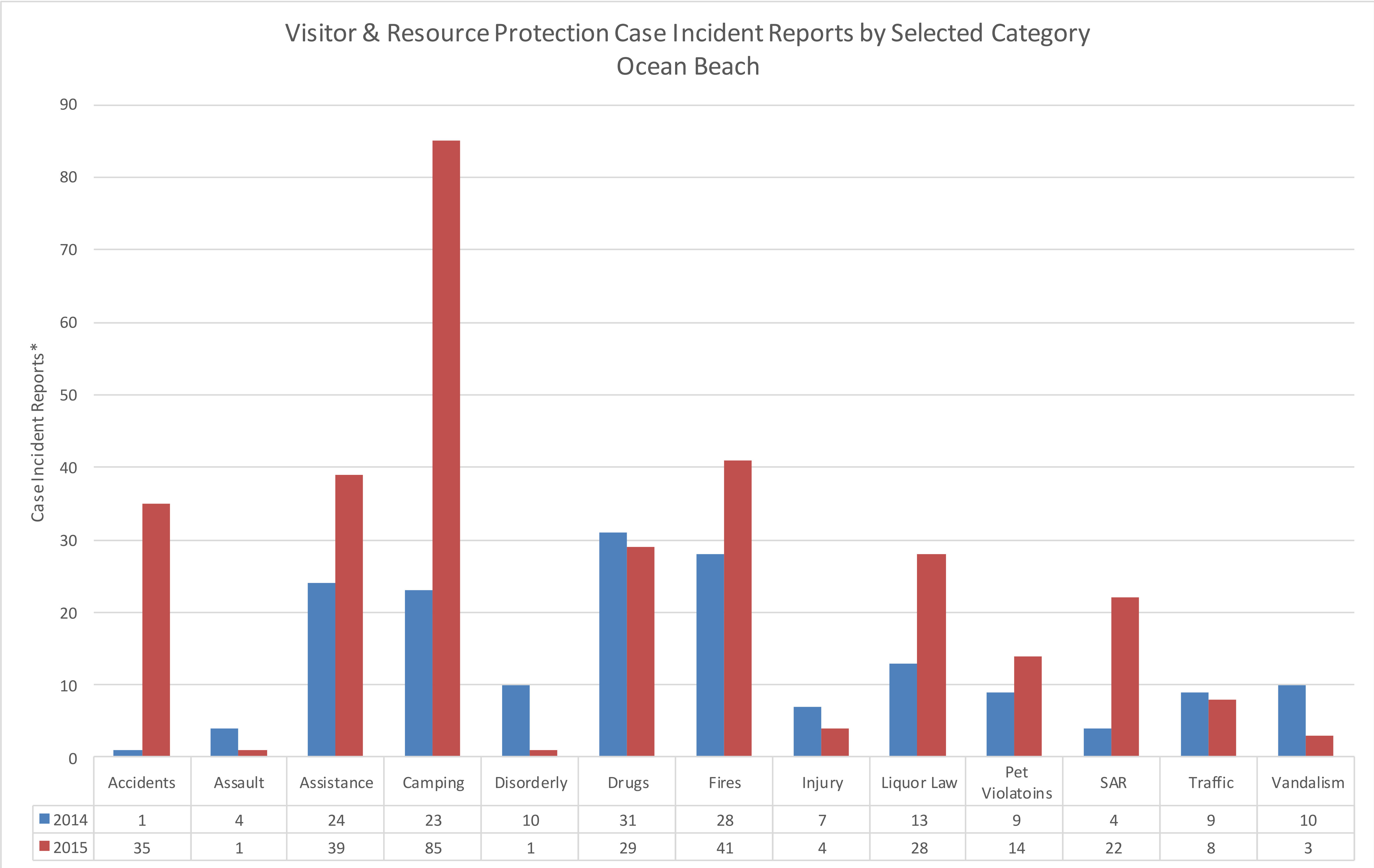


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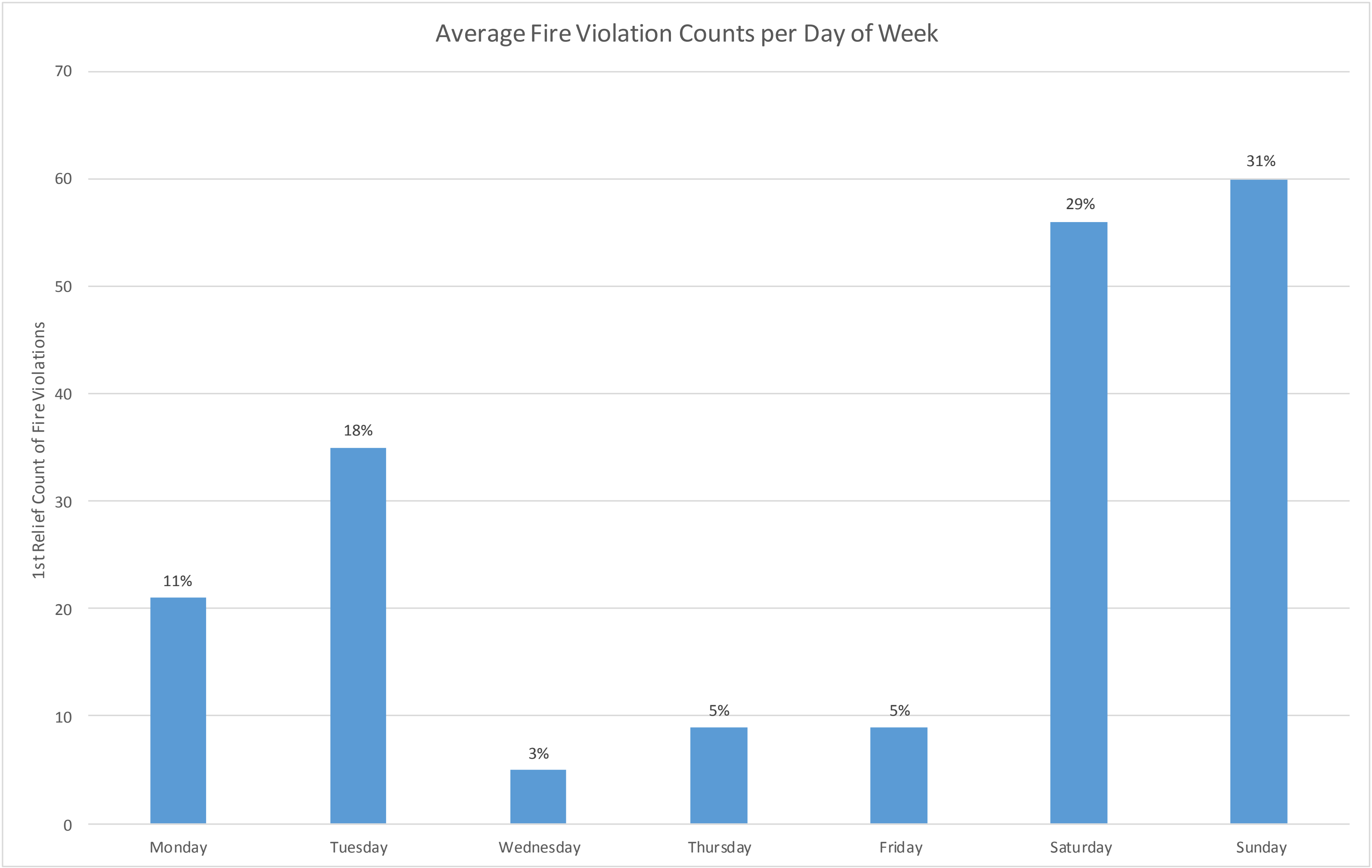
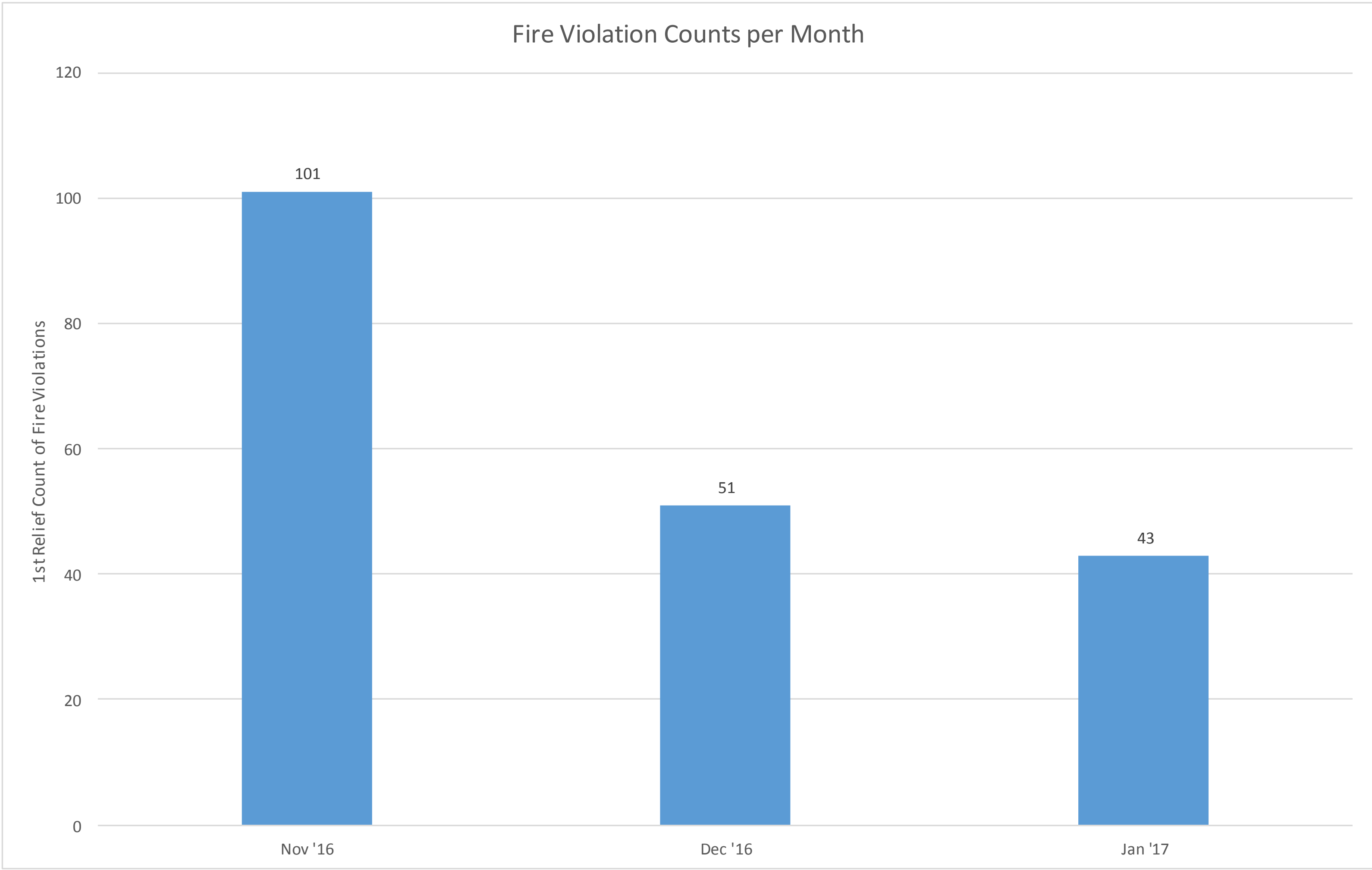


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Annual Case Incident Reports



No-Burn Season Fire Violations (Winter 2016-17)



- *Notes:**
- Case Incident Report counts are indicative of NPS Law Enforcement Rangers (VRP) data only, USPP may have additional or differing data
 - Fire Violation counts are indicative of USPP data only, NPS Law Enforcement Rangers (VRP) may have additional or differing data
 - Fire Violation & Case Incident Report counts may cover multiple individuals, groups, or fires, as well as other types of violations

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Firepits and Beach Maintenance





Volunteer Program

Second Friday of Month

9AM to Noon

