



ALERT

**(Arizona Local Emergency
Response Team)**

ADOT

Phoenix Maintenance District



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- What is ALERT?
 - Some Facts.
 - Team Members Training.
 - What Happens When ALERT is Called out.
 - Statistics.
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What is the ALERT Team?

- Is ADOT's rapid first responders to incidents in Phoenix metro area.
 - When an incident occurs on a state roadway within the metro area, and DPS estimates that the roadway or any lanes will be closed for one hour or longer, the ALERT team is requested.
 - The main purpose of the ALERT team is to establish safe traffic control in accordance with Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
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Mission Statement of the ALERT Team

“Keep the traffic moving safely through and around incidents and special events, ensuring the safety of the motorist and responders while minimizing the inconvenience to the motoring public”



Some Facts on the ALERT Team

- Activated 1982 with two members.
 - 24/7 response required.
 - 24 hour vehicles assigned.
 - Currently, we have eight members who are full time highway operation technicians and volunteer to be on the ALERT team.
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Some Facts on the ALERT Team (cont.)

- Four members on the west side
 - Four members on the east side
 - The team covers 464 centerline miles.
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Team Members Training

- 1- Traffic control in accordance to Section 6 of the MUTCD (ATSSA or ADOT certification).
 - 2- Hazardous Material First Responder Training (40 hours).
 - 3- Incident Command (ADOT and DPS courses).
 - 4- Radio Communications (ADOT and DPS courses).
 - 5- Variable message sign.
 - 6- Flagger certification.
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What Happens When ALERT is Called Out

- Law Enforcement will determine the need for ALERT Team.
- Law Enforcement will call DPS dispatch.
- Responding member call TOC.
- Based on incident location, TOC determines the ALERT members to page.
- ALERT members call TOC back they receive the page.



What Happens When ALERT is Called Out (Cont.)

- ALERT members notify TOC when they are in route and then upon arrival on the scene.
 - The Incident Commander (IC) establishes communication with the other agencies, assess the situation and determines needed resources by ADOT.
 - Remaining ALERT members install the required emergency traffic control utilizing data from the IC.
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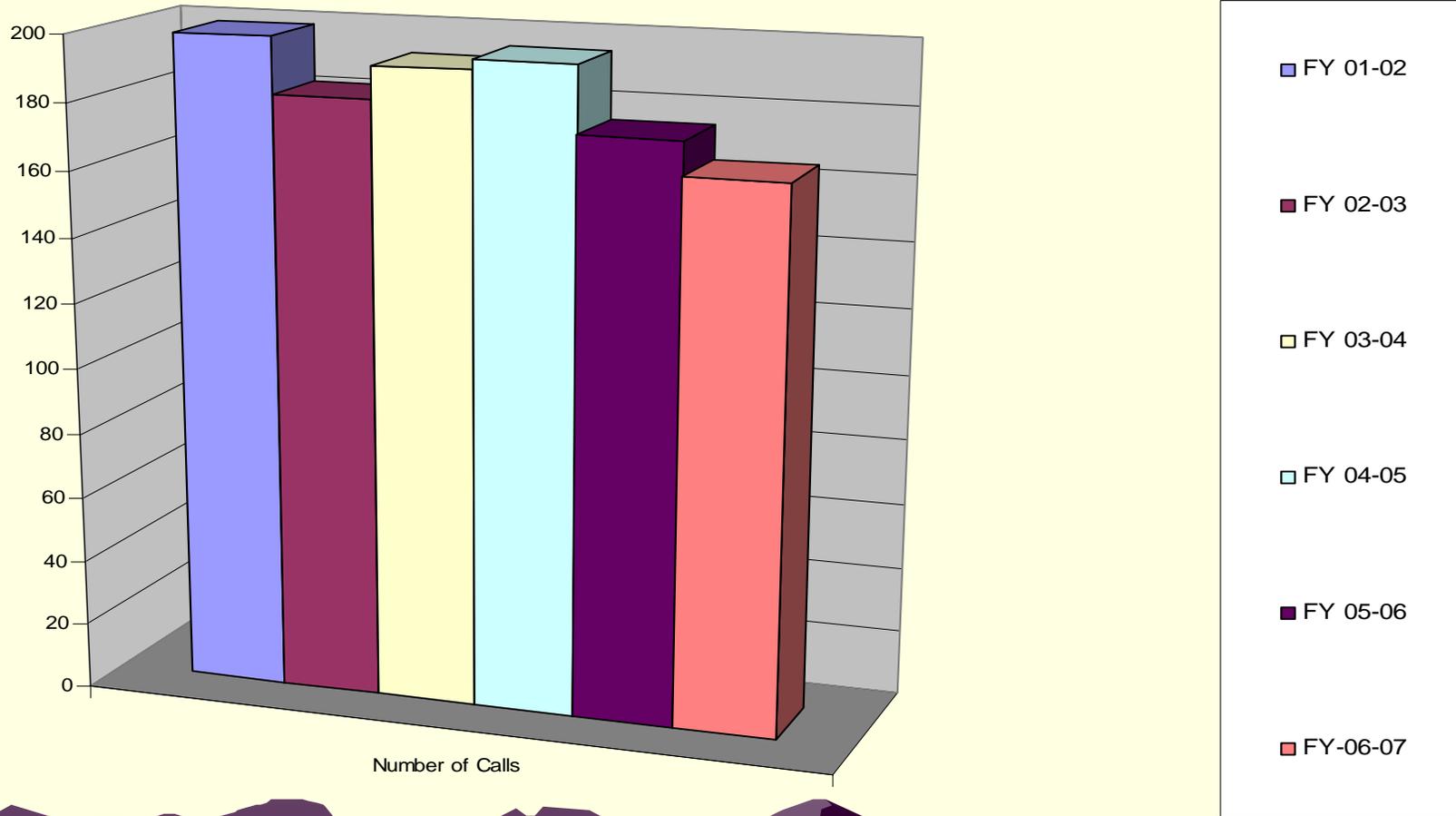
What Happens When ALERT is Called Out (Cont.)

- Incident Commander notify Roadway Orgs if there is a need for assistance.
 - The Incident Commander remains with the incident for the duration of the incident.
 - The traffic strategy is primarily to open the road and /or lanes as rapidly and safely as possible.
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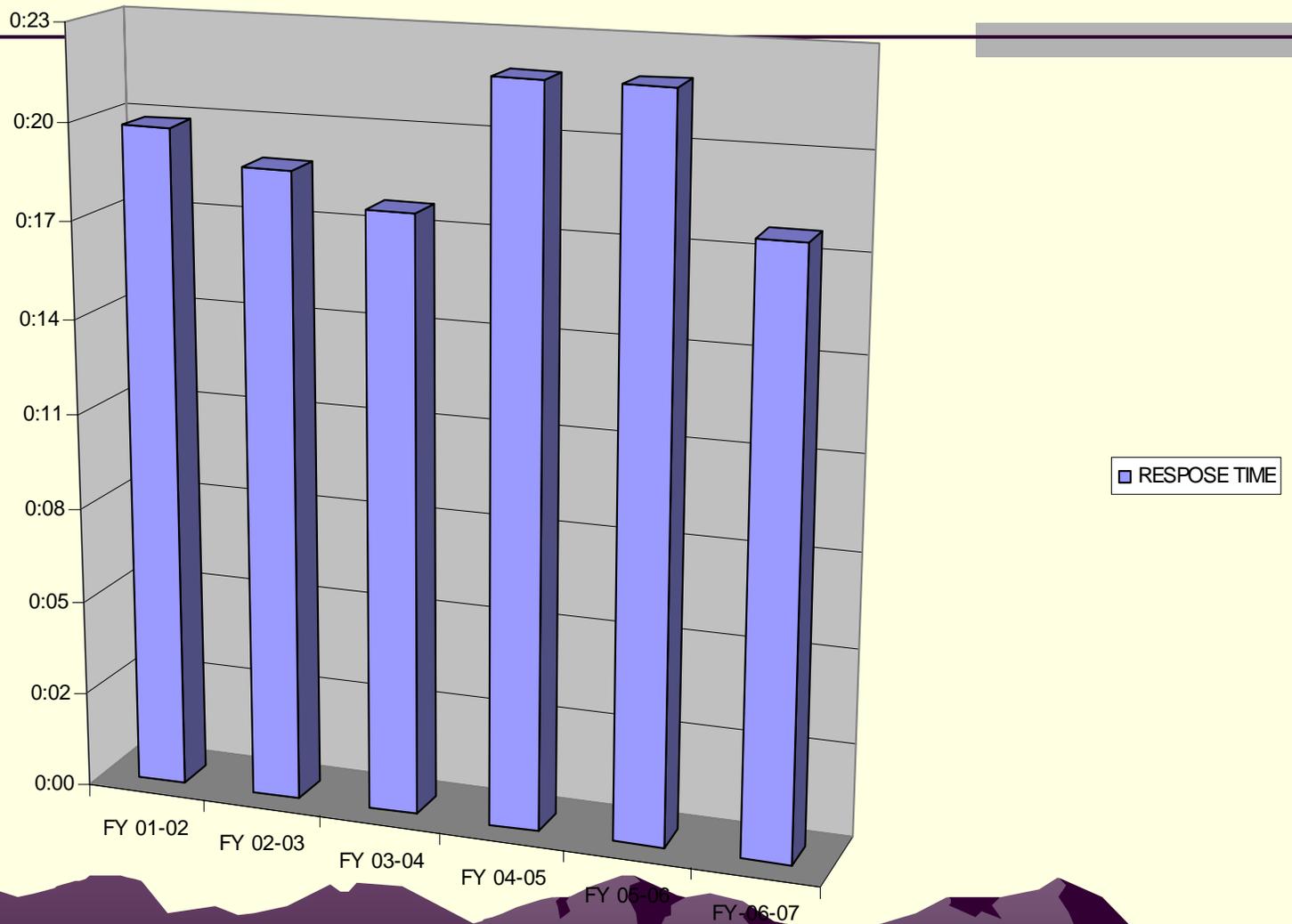
IN SUMMARY THE ALERT TEAM

- Manages incidents.
- Protects emergency workers.
- Provides temporary traffic control.
- Reduces secondary accidents.
- Detours traffic if possible.
- Opens freeway as soon as possible.

NUMBERS OF CALLS

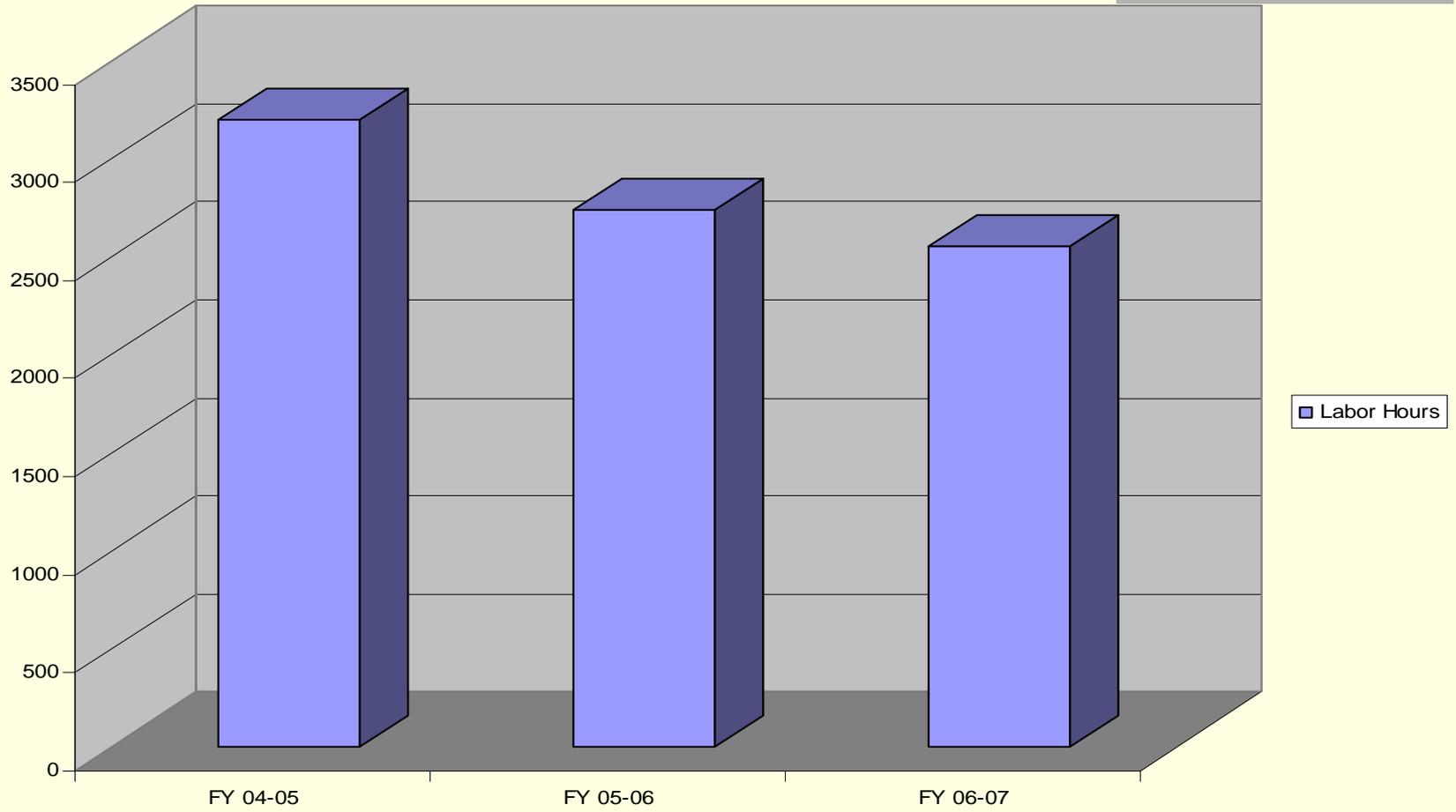


Response Time



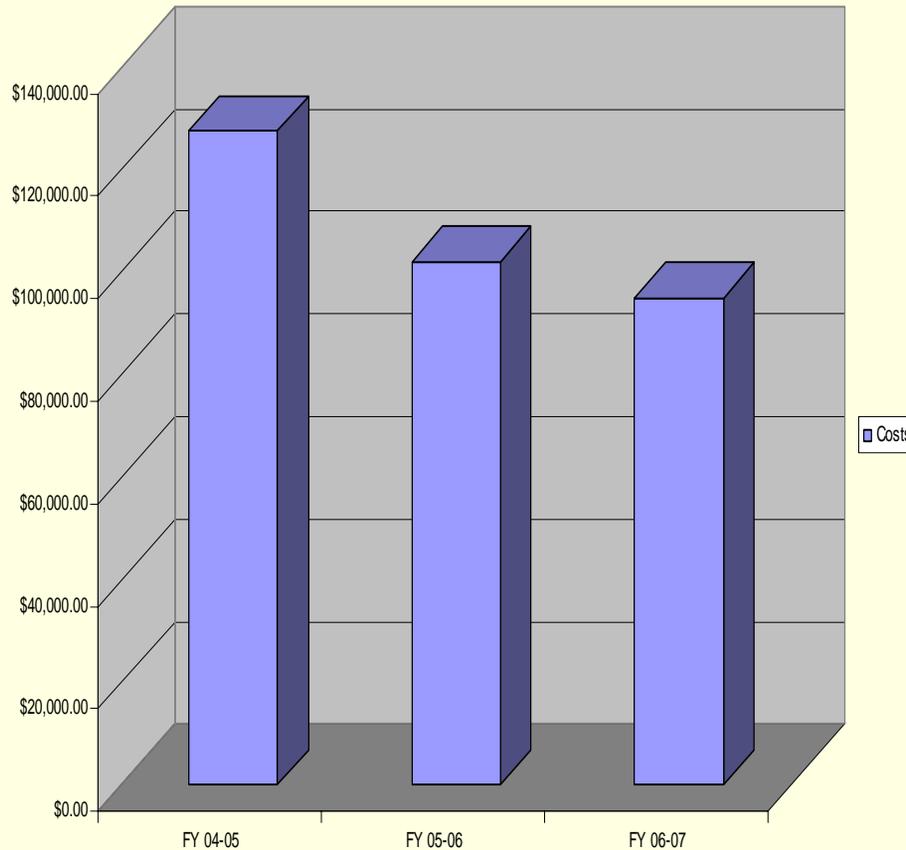
ALERT TEAM MAN HOURS

Labor Hours



ALERT TEAM COSTS

Costs



Cost associated with ALERT activities is being absorbed by roadway operating budget.

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