

Casper Interagency Dispatch Center 2012 Report

Dispatch Zone: Casper Interagency Dispatch Center dispatches for the BLM High Plains District, the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest (WY), and Thunder Basin National Grassland, State of Wyoming lands and eleven counties of Eastern Wyoming. Casper Dispatch Zone covers acres from the northern Montana/Wyoming border south along the Southern Big Horns and Rattlesnakes, then East to the South Dakota and Nebraska state lines. We also dispatch for Forest Lands along the Colorado border.

Dispatch Summary: The 2012 fire season was an extremely busy season for dispatch with close to 500 incidents. The season started with the Bull Run fire in Natrona County on 2/29/2012 and ended on 11/05/2012 with the East Clear Creek fire on BLM land. Total fires for the year were approximately 352 fires for approximately 340,208 acres. Casper Dispatch started the season without a Center Manager, the Assistant Center Manager was detailed into the position in August, but that left dispatch short an Assistant position. The rest of the center was fully staffed with an Aviation Dispatcher, Intel Dispatcher, and two seasonal dispatchers. Numerous detailers assisted in IA dispatch this year (aircraft dispatchers and Initial attack dispatchers). We opened expanded dispatch up on the 6th of June and closed it down on the 21 of August, only to reopen it again on the 9th of September for 2 more weeks. Casper SEAT base opened up by the 10th of June and closed down on the 5th of October. This year Casper Dispatch also hosted a Tanker base. The base was activated on the 9th of July and was open until the 30th of September. This was the first time since 1963 that heavy tankers were loaded in Casper/ Natrona County International airport. The tanker base dropped approximately 340,000 gallons of retardant and supported fire in Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado and Montana. Casper Dispatch supported fires in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and Idaho. The Smokebuster were extremely busy this year, responding to approximately 21 fires, pretty much going non stop all summer. They finally had a 2 day stand down mid-way thru the season. Their last fire assignment was on the 2 of December. The zone also had 8 incidents with a Type 1 or Type 2 team on it. CPC ordered in 2 Type 1 teams (Squirrel Creek and Arapahoe) and 4 Type 2 teams (Shepherd Complex, Cow Camp, Russell's Camp and Oil Creek). CPC also processed over 9000 resource orders for overhead, crews, equipment and supplies. This includes filled, canceled and UTF orders.

Prescribed Fire: There was not a lot of prescribed fire this year. Mainly pile burnings on forest Service land (10 pile burns for 1683 acres, 1 broadcast burn for 2519 acres), and the BLM and State burned for a few acres.

Casper Interagency Dispatch Center

Annual Report

Staffing:

Center Manager: Vacant

Assistant Center Manager: Rob Neibauer

Intelligence Dispatcher: Kyle Adams

Aircraft Dispatcher: Luke Fortner

Seasonal Dispatcher: Matt Quinlan

Seasonal Dispatcher: Eddie Hutton

Cooperators:

Albany County Fire (State, Private and USFS land only)

Campbell County Fire

Carbon County Fire (Within Medicine Bow N.F. Boundaries)

Converse County Fire

Crook County Fire (BLM Administrative lands)

High Plains District - BLM

Goshen County Fire

Johnson County Fire

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest

National Park Service - Ft. Laramie National Historic Site

Natrona County Fire

Niobrara County Fire

Platte County Fire

Sheridan County Fire

Thunder Basin National Grassland

Weston County Fire

Wyoming State Forestry - Districts 1-2-5

Incident Actions

In dispatch our workload is measured by documenting incident actions. An incident action is any action taken by dispatch to assist our agencies, cooperators or vendors. Each new incident is assigned a number for tracking purposes and then entered into a database. Below are examples of what type of actions we record.

Wildland Fires - Fires reported to CPC where agency resources respond and suppress.

Resource Orders - Mobilizing resources in and out of zone.

False Alarms – An inaccurate report of smoke that doesn't produce fire.

Flight Following – Tracking of agency aircraft traveling through CPC's dispatch zone.

Dispatch Assist - Actions where only CPC assists cooperators. Includes processing spot weather, smoke reports, county fire notifications and fires reported out of our zone of response.

AD Hire - Administrative services involved with hiring emergency firefighter personnel.

Rx Fire – Controlled burns where dispatch provides services such as resource mobilization, cooperator notifications, and dispatch staffing.

Fuels Reduction - Mechanical thinning projects for urban interface and resource benefits.

Other - Other actions not defined above.

2012 Fire Activity

AGENCY	LIGHTING		HUMAN	
	FIRES	ACRES	FIRES	ACRES
ALX-Albany	7	52394	0	982
CMX-Campbell	11	4802	22	1611
CAX-Carbon	0	0	0	0
COX-Converse	11	12525	1	200
GOX-Goshen	0	58	0	0
JOX-Johnson	14	22008	14	174
NAX -Natrona	4	11	11	10903
NIX-Niobrara	3	107	0	0
PLX-Platte	17	3042	5	7935
SHX-Sheridan	6	1739	3	5379
WEX-Weston	6	51369	9	310
DRD – Douglas RD	38	40696	4	7
LRD – Laramie RD	1	.1	10	18
BCHD – Saratoga RD	8	1.85	2	14
BLM - HPD	18	14126	8	3791
CPS - State	16	14750	11	7400
DOD – Dept. of Defense	0	6010	0	119
CRX – Crook County	1	.2	0	0
Total	226	278,465	126	61,743

False Alarms: A total of 48 false alarms were reported this year.

Dispatch Incidents for 2012:

INCIDENTS	
Wildland Fires	352
Prescribed Fires	6
False Alarms	48
Hazmat	0
Resource Orders	122
Flight Following	17
Other (SAR, Misc)	5

Resource orders per Unit for 2012(total resource orders)

(Approximate totals, includes all filled, cancelled and UTF'd orders)

AGENCY	AIRCRAFT	CREW	EQUIPMENT	OVERHEAD	SUPPLY
BLM	57	24	206	209	337
MBF - USFS	217	83	500	619	2299
STATE	89	55	264	297	652
ALX – Albany	116	41	383	445	859
NAX -Natrona	48	9	135	154	504
JOX-Johnson	6	1	15	18	9
CAX - Carbon	-	-	-	-	-
CMX-Campbell	14	10	6	17	13
COX-Converse	13	4	13	19	52
WEX-Weston	8	7	3	16	-
PLX-Platte	3	3	3	5	-
GOX-Goshen	-	-	-	-	-
SHX-Sheridan	12	-	8	8	6
NIX-Niobrara	-	-	-	1	-
Contract / AD	-	-	-	-	--
CPC / Severity/ Misc	12		2	39	93
Approximate Total:	595	227	1538	1845	4824

Resource orders per Unit for 2012(out of area)

(approximate totals)

AGENCY	AIRCRAFT	CREW	EQUIPMENT	OVERHEAD	SUPPLY
BLM	-	-	7	47	-
MBF - USFS	-	1	14	74	-
ALX - Albany	-				
STATE	-	21	1	26	-
NAX -Natrona	-	-	9	16	-
JOX-Johnson	-	-	1	12	-
CAX - Carbon	-	-	-	-	-
CMX-Campbell	-	-	-	-	-
COX-Converse	-	-	-	-	-
WEX-Weston	-	-	-	14	-
PLX-Platte	-	-	1	3	-
GOX-Goshen	-	-	3	-	-
SHX-Sheridan	-	-	-	-	-
NIX-Niobrara	-	-	-	-	-
Contract /AD	-	-	1	-	-
CPC / Severity/ Misc.	-		1	-	
Approximate Total:	-	22	38	192	-

Resource orders per Unit for 2012(incoming resource orders)

(approximate totals)

AGENCY	AIRCRAFT	CREW	EQUIPMENT	OVERHEAD	SUPPLY
BLM	25	9	81	48	337
MBF - USFS	152	61	196	237	2299
ALX - Albany	70	24	93	170	859
STATE	51	29	117	173	652
NAX -Natrona	31	8	24	48	504
JOX-Johnson	1	1	3	5	9
CAX- Carbon	-	-	-	-	-
CMX-Campbell	5	3	1	1	13
COX-Converse	2	3	7	9	52
WEX-Weston	3	-	1	1	-
PLX-Platte	-	-	-	2	-
GOX-Goshen	-	-	-	-	-
SHX-Sheridan	4	-	7	2	6
NIX-Niobrara	-	-	-	1	-
Contract / AD	-	-	-	-	-
CPC / severity / Misc.	7	-	1	23	93
Approximate Total:	351	138	531	719	4824

2012 Fires over 10 Acres:

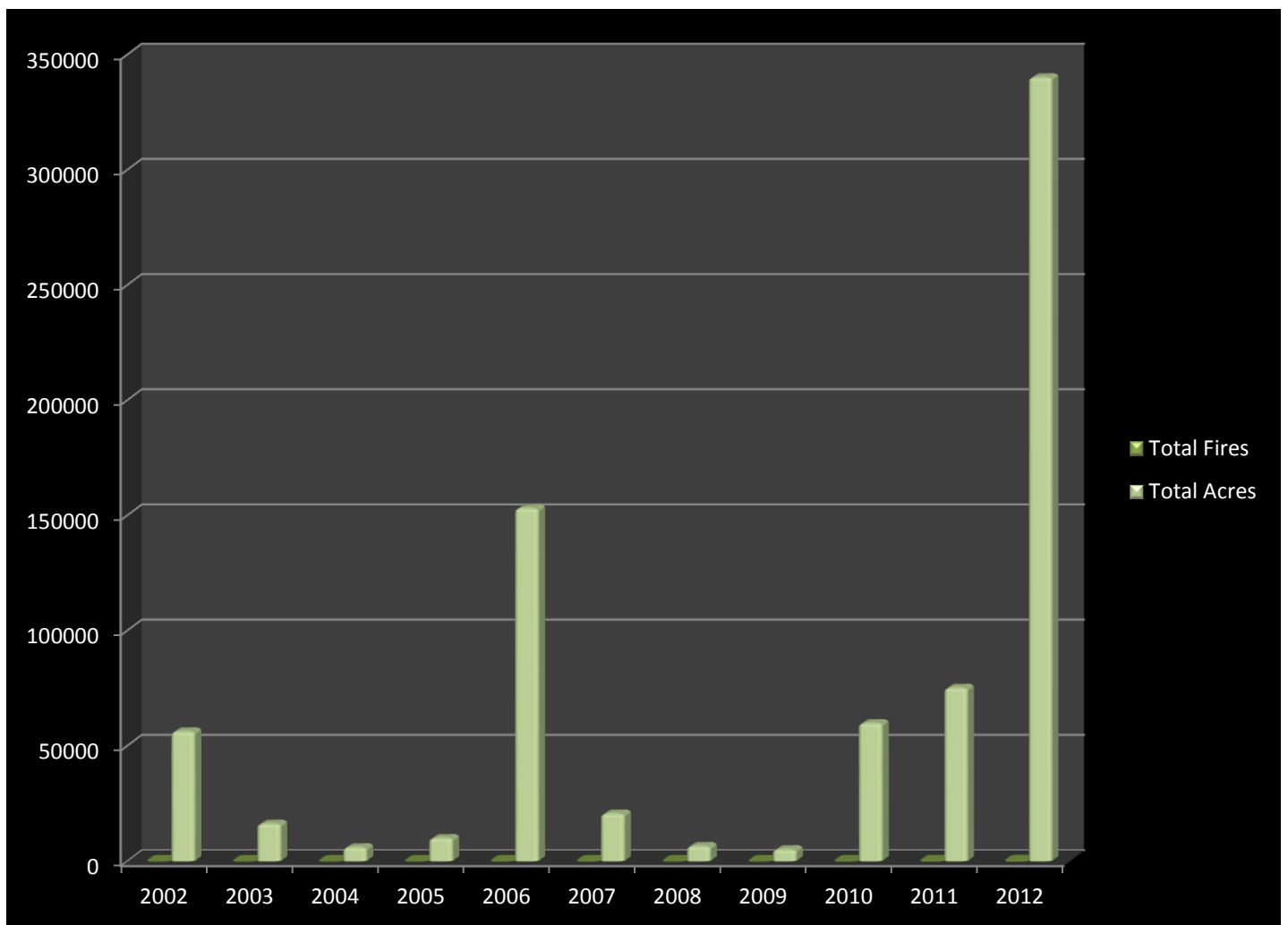
Large Fires				
Fire Name	Start Date	Cause	Acres	Agency
BULL RUN	02/29/2012	H	11.40	Natrona County
HARRIET	03/09/2012	H	30.00	Johnson County
VIGNIROLLI	03/22/2012	H	10.00	Wyoming State
ALBRIGHT II	03/26/2012	H	30.00	Johnson County
TELEPHONE	03/27/2012	H	13.00	USFS Laramie Ranger District
BATTLE ROAD	04/01/2012	H	201.00	Wyoming State
WXM	04/22/2012	H	15.00	Wyoming State
RED HILLS	04/24/2012	L	11.90	USFS Douglas Ranger District
HOOD	04/24/2012	L	15.70	Johnson County
GLENDO	06/02/2012	L	12.00	Platte County
COW CAMP	06/04/2012	L	8,484.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
SKULL CREEK COM	06/05/2012	L	1,733.00	Wyoming State
SPITTOON	06/08/2012	H	34.40	Johnson County
GUERNSEY STATE	06/09/2012	H	2,830.00	BLM High Plains district
HELLS GAP FIRE	06/15/2012	L	113.00	BLM High Plains District
BOTHELL DRAW	06/17/2012	H	15.00	BLM High Plains District
WHITLOCK	06/17/2012	H	53.00	Natrona County
RUSSELLS CAMP	06/17/2012	L	5,466.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
HILIGHT	06/19/2012	H	18.80	Wyoming State
LODGEPOLE	06/21/2012	H	26.00	Weston County
WATT	06/23/2012	L	15.00	Wyoming State
CATO	06/25/2012	L	27,680.00	Johnson County
FISH CREEK	06/25/2012	L	82.00	Platte County
ROCKY POINT	06/25/2012	L	60.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
HART T	06/27/2012	H	16.90	Platte County
FISH CREEK # 2	06/27/2012	L	1,358.00	Platte County
ARAPAHO	06/27/2012	L	97,984.00	USFS Douglas Ranger district
OIL CREEK	06/29/2012	L	61,416.00	Wyoming State
SQUIRREL CREEK	06/30/2012	H	10,921.00	USFS Laramie Ranger District
ASH CREEK WY	07/04/2012	L	100.00	Sheridan County
387	07/05/2012	H	35.00	Campbell County
DRY CREEK	07/09/2012	L	200.00	Johnson County
CRAZY WOMAN # 2	07/09/2012	L	10.00	Johnson County
KOLTISKA	07/09/2012	L	31.00	Sheridan County
WEST PRONG	07/10/2012	L	368.00	Sheridan County
CABIN CREEK	07/10/2012	L	94.00	Sheridan County
ORMSBY ROAD	07/10/2012	L	62.00	Natrona County
FULLER	07/11/2012	L	65.00	Campbell County
MUDDY CREEK	07/11/2012	H	539.00	Natrona County
BLIND CORNER	07/11/2012	L	10.00	Johnson County

2012 Fires over 10 Acres(Cont):

Large Fires				
Fire Name	Start Date	Cause	Acres	Agency
BILLY CREEK #2	07/13/2012	L	11.00	BLM High Plains District
COLLINS	07/13/2012	L	2,442.00	Campbell County
BABY GULCH	07/14/2012	N/A	25.00	Sheridan County
JACOBS	07/14/2012	H	26.50	Campbell County
SAWMILL CANYON	07/14/2012	H	14,140.00	Platte County
HAWK POINT	07/15/2012	H	41.00	Campbell County
ANTELOPE DRAW	07/17/2012	L	77.00	Johnson County
JACKRABBIT	07/17/2012	L	147.30	Johnson County
BUTTERFIELD	07/17/2012	L	2,200.00	Weston County
MEANS	07/18/2012	L	464.00	Campbell County
RAT CREEK	07/20/2012	L	236.50	Converse County
RIEHLE	07/20/2012	L	32.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
SPRING CREEK	07/20/2012	L	63.00	Campbell County
WILLOW CREEK	07/20/2012	L	30.00	Converse County
BACON CREEK	07/21/2012	L	44.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
STATE LINE	07/21/2012	L	104.00	Niobrara County
BACON CREEK #2	07/21/2012	L	602.00	Campbell County
WAGONSON	07/22/2012	L	50.00	Campbell County
CARDWELL	07/22/2012	L	150.00	Albany County
TRACY	07/23/2012	L	50.00	Weston County
WINTER MOTE	07/23/2012	L	10.00	Converse County
MACKEY	07/27/2012	L	26.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
ROCHELLE	07/27/2012	L	28.00	USFS Douglas Ranger District
MOORE	07/27/2012	L	55.50	Campbell County
TEE PEE RING CR	07/28/2012	L	1,000.00	Platte County
WILDCAT CREEK	07/28/2012	N/A	1,315.00	Campbell County
MIDDLE PRONG	07/28/2012	L	10.80	BLM High Plains District
SR	07/29/2012	L	562.00	Sheridan County
ACME	07/29/2012	L	273.00	Sheridan County
SR 2	07/30/2012	L	562.00	Sheridan County
RAVEN	07/31/2012	L	38.00	Weston County
GUN CLUB	07/31/2012	H	288.40	Natrona County
LANDSLIDE	08/06/2012	L	14.70	USFS Douglas Ranger District
PINNACLE ROCK	08/07/2012	L	12.60	USFS Douglas Ranger District
LITTLE BOXELDER	08/10/2012	L	5,882.00	Converse County
RATTLESNAKE 2	08/10/2012	L	35.00	Weston County
MITCHELL CREEK	08/12/2012	L	45.00	Campbell County
SANDSTONE CREEK	08/24/2012		14.00	USFS BCHD Ranger District
FORTIFICATION	08/24/2012	H	69.00	USFS
GAS PLANT	08/25/2012	H	200.00	Converse County
SEISMOGRAPH	08/30/2012	H	18.10	Johnson County
CACTUS	09/01/2012	L	55.20	USFS Douglas Ranger District
CHARLOTTE	09/01/2012	L	135.00	Platte County

Wildland Fires and RX Burns – 11 Year average:

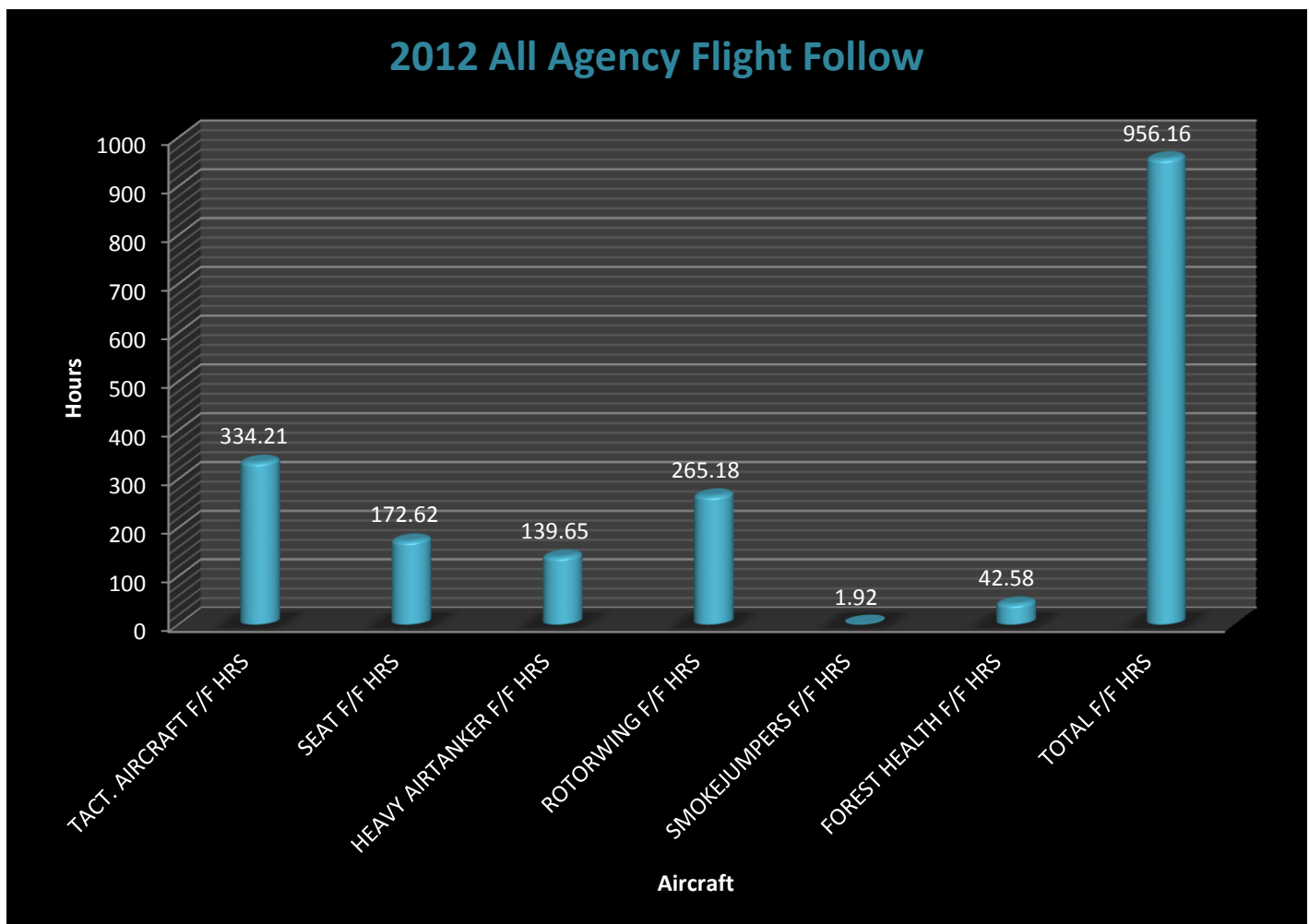
11 Year average								
Year	# Human Fires	Acres	# Lightning Fires	Acres	# RX Burn	Acres	Total Fires	Total Acres
2002	6	15	115	55,811	3	448	124	56,274
2003	12	1,871	99	13,577	3	850	114	16,298
2004	26	952	63	1,054	9	4,072	98	6,078
2005	25	5,581	96	2,690	12	1,814	133	10,085
2006	33	24,241	96	128,153	12	766	141	153,160
2007	22	1,103	109	16,048	14	3,533	145	20,684
2008	36	1,054	66	781	17	4,794	119	6,629
2009	39	467	59	1,650	19	3,085	117	5,202
2010	91	55,709	69	4159	8	3,234	160	59,868
2011	54	10,891	240	64,296	17	4,782	294	75,188
2012	126	61,743	226	278,465	N/A	N/A	352	340,208



CPC AVIATION REPORT for 2012

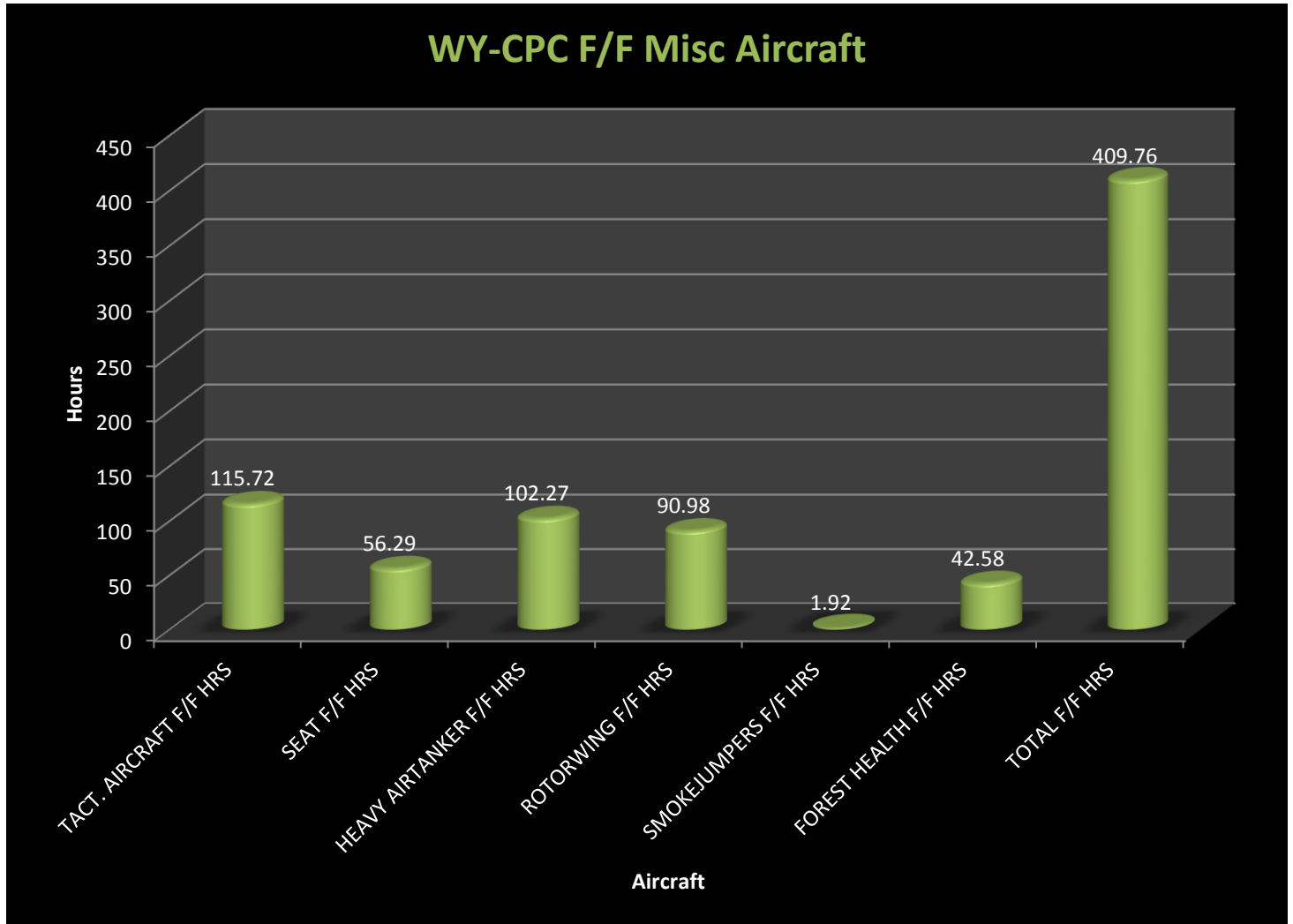
All Agency Flight Following hours 2012:

TACT. AIRCRAFT F/F HRS	334.21
SEAT F/F HRS	172.62
HEAVY AIRTANKER F/F HRS	139.65
ROTORWING F/F HRS	265.18
SMOKEJUMPERS F/F HRS	1.92
FOREST HEALTH F/F HRS	42.58
TOTAL F/F HRS	956.16



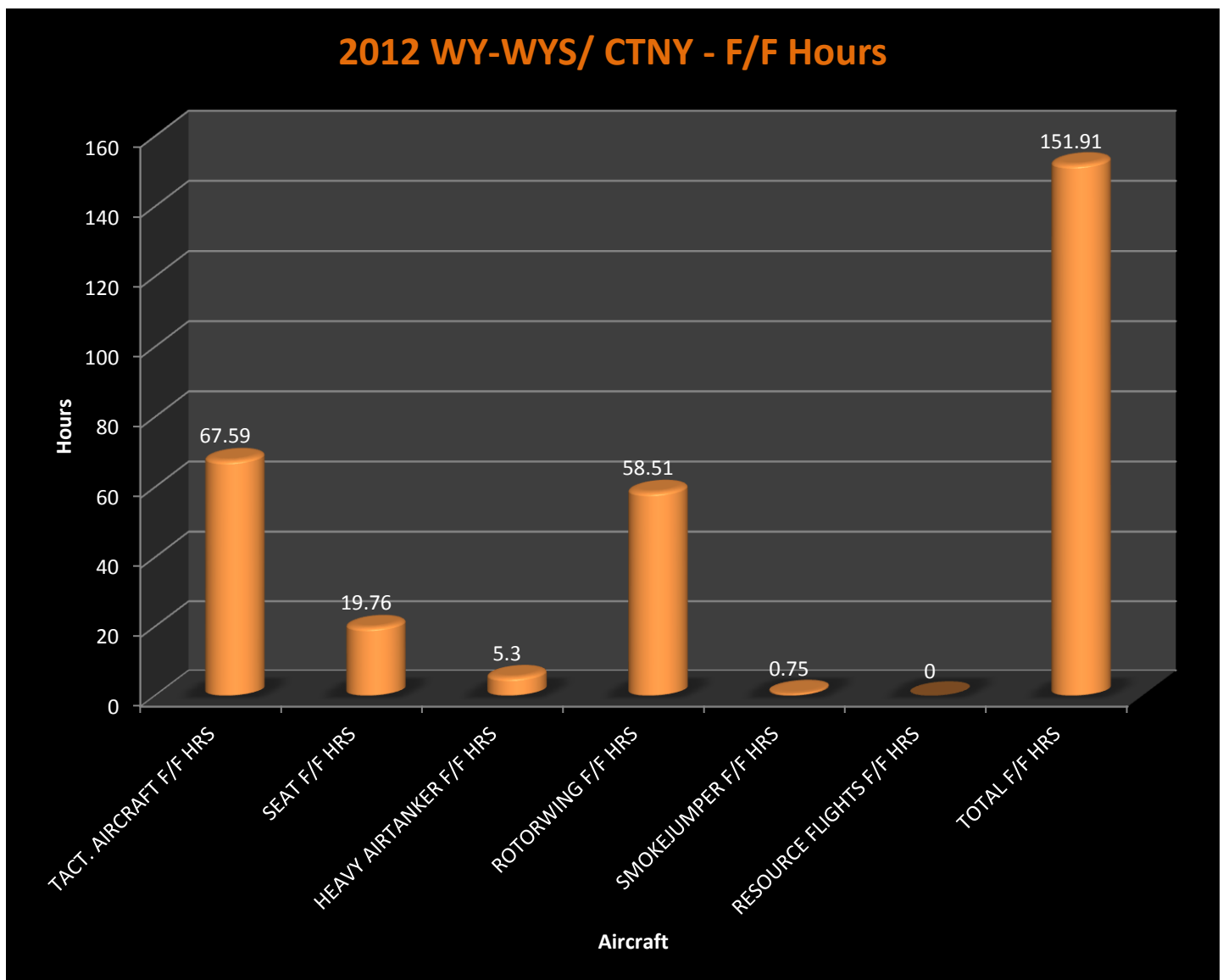
WY-CPC F/F misc Aircraft 2012:

TACT. AIRCRAFT F/F HRS	115.72
SEAT F/F HRS	56.29
HEAVY AIRTANKER F/F HRS	102.27
ROTORWING F/F HRS	90.98
SMOKEJUMPERS F/F HRS	1.92
FOREST HEALTH F/F HRS	42.58
TOTAL F/F HRS	409.76



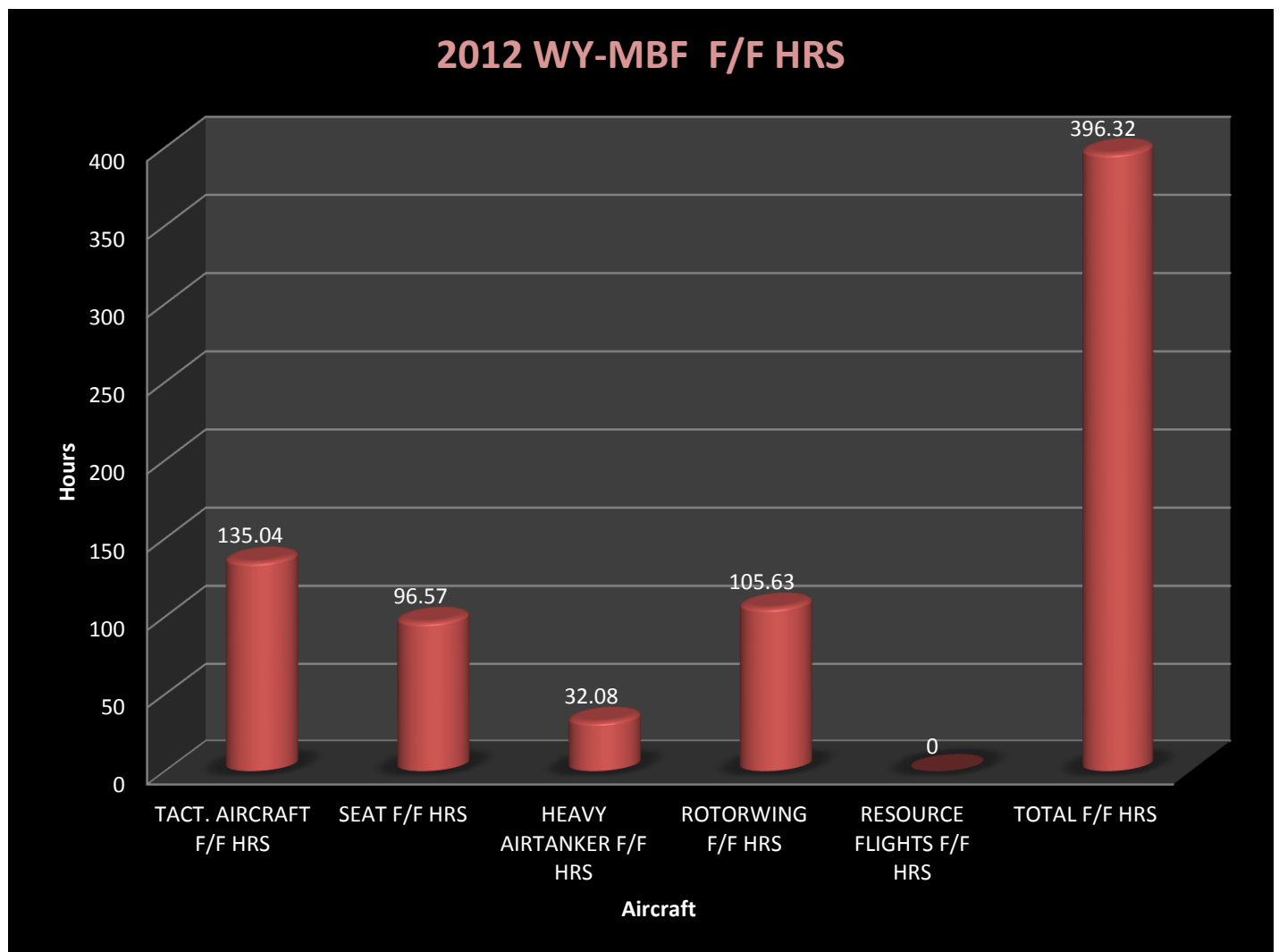
WY-WYS / CTNY – F/F Hours 2012:

TACT. AIRCRAFT F/F HRS	67.59
SEAT F/F HRS	19.76
HEAVY AIRTANKER F/F HRS	5.3
ROTORWING F/F HRS	58.51
SMOKEJUMPER F/F HRS	0.75
RESOURCE FLIGHTS F/F HRS	0
TOTAL F/F HRS	151.91



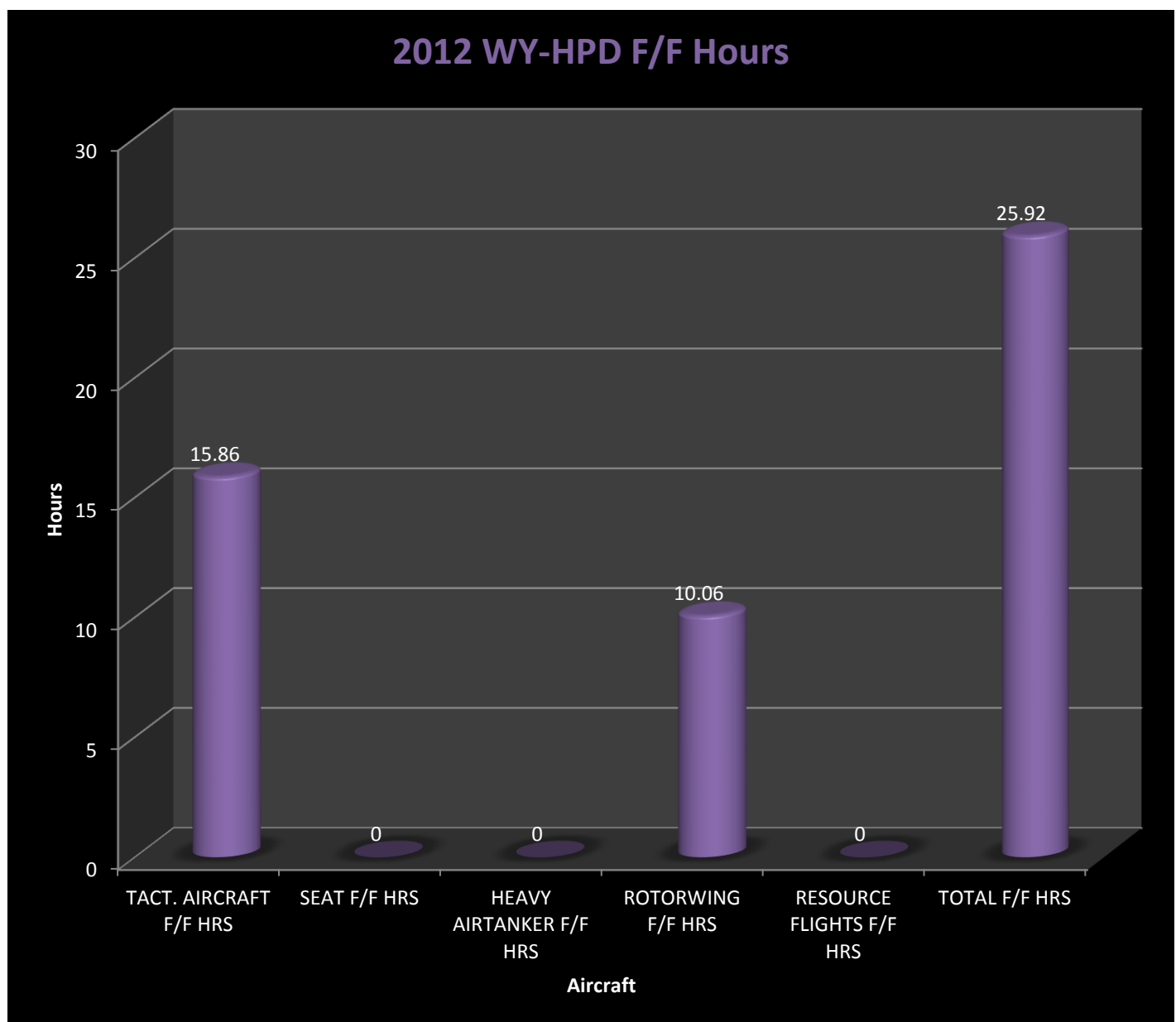
WY-MBF F/F hours 2012:

TACT. AIRCRAFT F/F HRS	135.04
SEAT F/F HRS	96.57
HEAVY AIRTANKER F/F HRS	32.08
ROTORWING F/F HRS	105.63
RESOURCE FLIGHTS F/F HRS	0
TOTAL F/F HRS	396.32



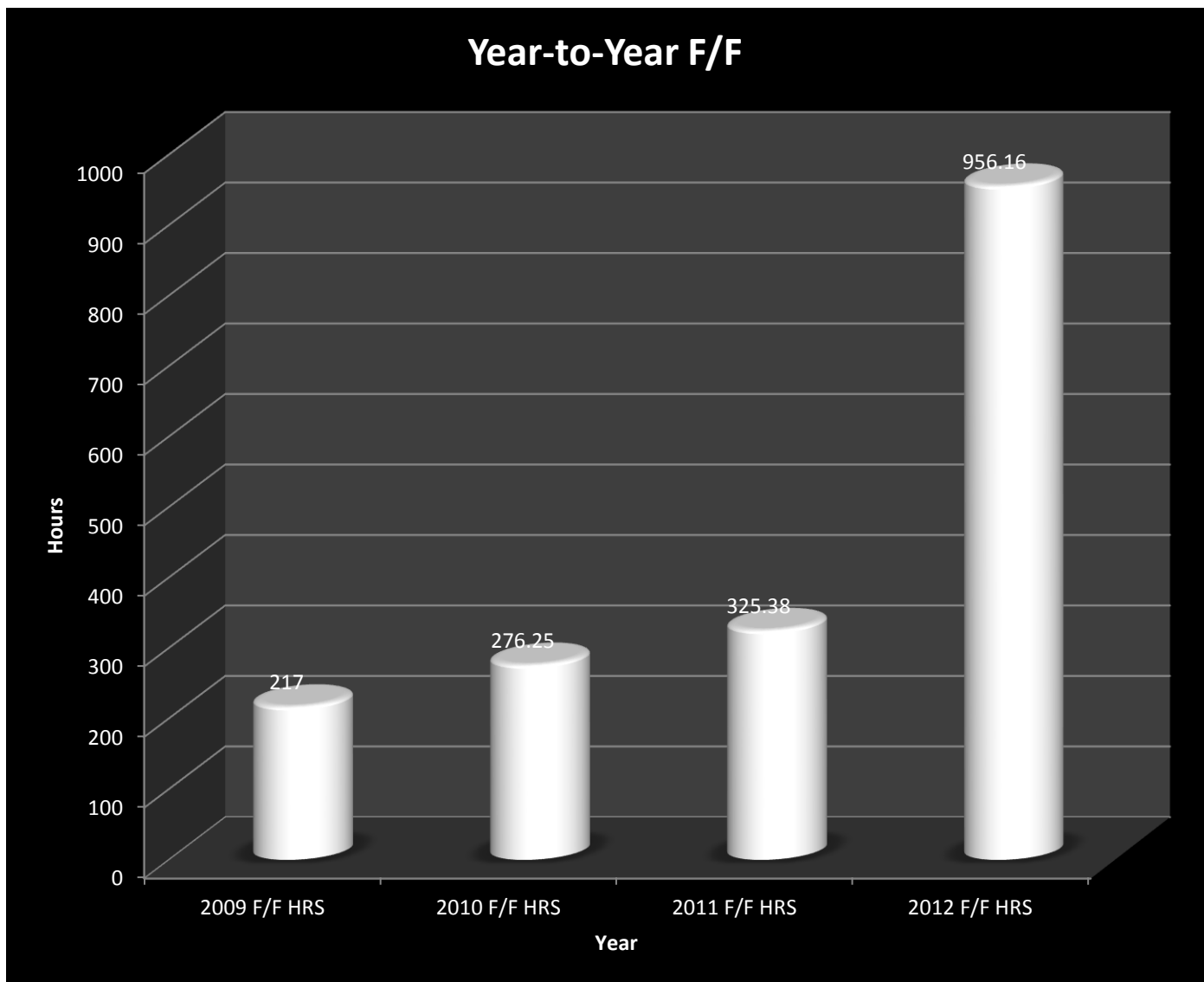
WY-HPD F/F Hours 2012:

TACT. AIRCRAFT F/F HRS	15.86
SEAT F/F HRS	0
HEAVY AIRTANKER F/F HRS	0
ROTORWING F/F HRS	10.06
RESOURCE FLIGHTS F/F HRS	0
TOTAL F/F HRS	25.92



4 Year Comparison F/F:

2009 F/F HRS	217
2010 F/F HRS	276.25
2011 F/F HRS	325.38
2012 F/F HRS	956.16



Casper SEAT Base



Casper SEAT base opened up on the 10th of June and closed down on the 5th of October. Part way thru the summer, the SEAT Base merged with the Tanker Base and all operations were run out of one Base.

2TJ Duncan Helibase 2012



Wyoming State Helitack Flew 54 fires this season for a total of 243.7 flight hours. The crew assisted and / or Initial Attacked 5 BLM fires (2 in Rawlins zone, 3 in Casper), 14 Forest Service fires (7 on the Medbow Route, 5 on the Big Horns, 2 in the Black Hills). The remaining 35 fires were on state or private Jurisdiction.

2TJ was staffed from 6/11/12-9/28/12 for a total of 110 days. The program ran 17 detailers thru and 19 total details with two individuals coming twice. The MBF gave us 8 detailers, BHF 4, High Plains BLM 2, WSFD 2, and Colorado Eagle River fire protection district 1. Wyoming Helitack assisted the DOC with one search for an escaped inmate. They also managed to fit in 7 live trainings consisting of long line and cargo training, bucket drills and water handling.

2TJ 9 Year Comparison:

	Missions	Flight Hours	Contract Length	Total Cost	
2004	11	19	90	\$167,967	
2005	32	125.4	90	\$293,428	
2006	20	206	90	\$379,490	
2007	28	107.3	90	\$291,900	
2008	21	87.7	105	\$267,309	
2009	35	79.8	120	\$328,119	
2010	29	120.8	118	\$343,416	
2011	31	188.7	105	\$448,223	
2012	55	243.7	110	N/A	

