

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

December 14, 2023

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Emergency Management was held on the above date in the Joint Operations Center located at 4300 Broadway, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members attending were:

Jeff Kelly, Coordinator
Tom Petrucci, Township Manager
Herb Bender, Public Works Deputy
Ricardo Diaz, Cetronia Fire Chief
John Frantz, Fire Marshal & Deputy Coordinator
Andrew Garger, Greenawalds Fire Chief
Russel Held, Fire/Rescue Deputy
Sandi Herman, Planning Deputy
Diane Kelly, Disaster Recovery & Long-Range Planning
Oliver Dokes, Dorney Park Public Safety
Tony Naradko, Parkland School District
Max Paine, Deputy Communications Officer
Tom Sparling, LVHN, Coordinated Health EM

Others attending were:

Kristin Ardizoni, Operations Director, Dorney Park
Jason Carita, Assistant Director of Operations, Cetronia Ambulance Corps
David Kennedy, Former Township Commissioner
Monica Hodges, Township Commissioner
Tanya Hook, Lehigh County EMA
Joseph Light, Lehigh County EMA
Brad Osborne, Township Commissioner
Chris Mariner, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - WELCOME RETIRING COMMISSIONERS

Coordinator Kelly extended congratulations and gratitude to retiring Township Commissioners Brad Osborne and David Kennedy. Commissioner Osborne a total of ten years as commissioner and Commissioner Kennedy served twenty-six years on the Public Safety Commission and years as commissioner.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Safety, Security & School Services Director Naradko indicated that the district has purchased an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system for weapons detection named ZeroEyes. It uses the building camera system to use AI to detect the presence of weapons. The presence is immediately reviewed by a constantly attended monitoring center who in turn would make 911 and school notifications if the presence of weapons is verified. The system should be up and running in January 2024 and will be tested to initiate lock-down drills.

New door locks are being installed at schools throughout the district at a cost of \$340,000. This will bring older buildings up to date with a code compliant means to secure classroom doors from unwanted entry.

The after-action report for the 2023 Active Aggressor Drill has been received and will be disseminated. The township fire police did simultaneously assist at a reunification drill conducted at the High School.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – PEMA TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Coordinator Kelly and Deputy Herman are certified in emergency management in accordance with PEMA requirements. Members wishing to obtain emergency management certifications should contact Coordinator Kelly for more information.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – UPDATE EOC EVENT LOGGING

With lessons learned from the storm event and EOC activation in August of 2023, the use of Google Maps to help track incident locations will be reviewed. Refinement of its use will happen at the March 2024 EMA meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – WINTER WEATHER 2023-2024 OUTLOOK

The outlook for the winter season is warmer than normal temperatures with more nor-easters and polar vortexes than normal.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – SHELTER AND WARMING CENTER LOCATIONS

The Parkland Troxell building continues to serve as our primary shelter location with other Parkland buildings serving as alternate location. Temple Beth-El, Asbury United Methodist Church, Jordan United Church of Christ, Luther Crest Retirement Community, and the Joint Operation Center may also be utilized,

AGENDA ITEM #7 – OPEN DISCUSSION

Assistance Director Carita reported that Cetronia Ambulance Corps responded to 14,454 calls in the year 2023, with 3506 calls in the Township. Seventy of the calls within the Township were handled by mutual aid providers. The average response time was 0:57 and the average on-scene time was 6:38. Copies of the Cetronia reports for 2023 are included as attachments to these minutes.

Director Ardizoni reported that there will be confined space training at Dorney Park on March 18, 2024, a technical rescue drill on April 29, 2024, a mass casualty drill May 13, 2024, and an ICS refresher drill on May 6, 2024. A company has been hired to assist with traffic control in the park for the 2024 season.

Director Bender requested that a meeting should be held with Park staff concerning traffic issues.

Coordinator Kelly requested that Park staff provide the Township with the anticipated 2024 high attendance dates. This information had historically been provided during the month of April.

The topic of residential group homes was discussed. These homes occupy former single-family dwellings and apartment units. They seldom have any delineated emergency plans in place for their facilities. The requirements for emergency plans for these homes will be researched.

The Lehigh County Emergency Management Conference will be held at DeSales University on April 5 – 7, 2023. The attendance fee is \$50.00, and the conference website is [lvemaconference.com](http://vemaconference.com).

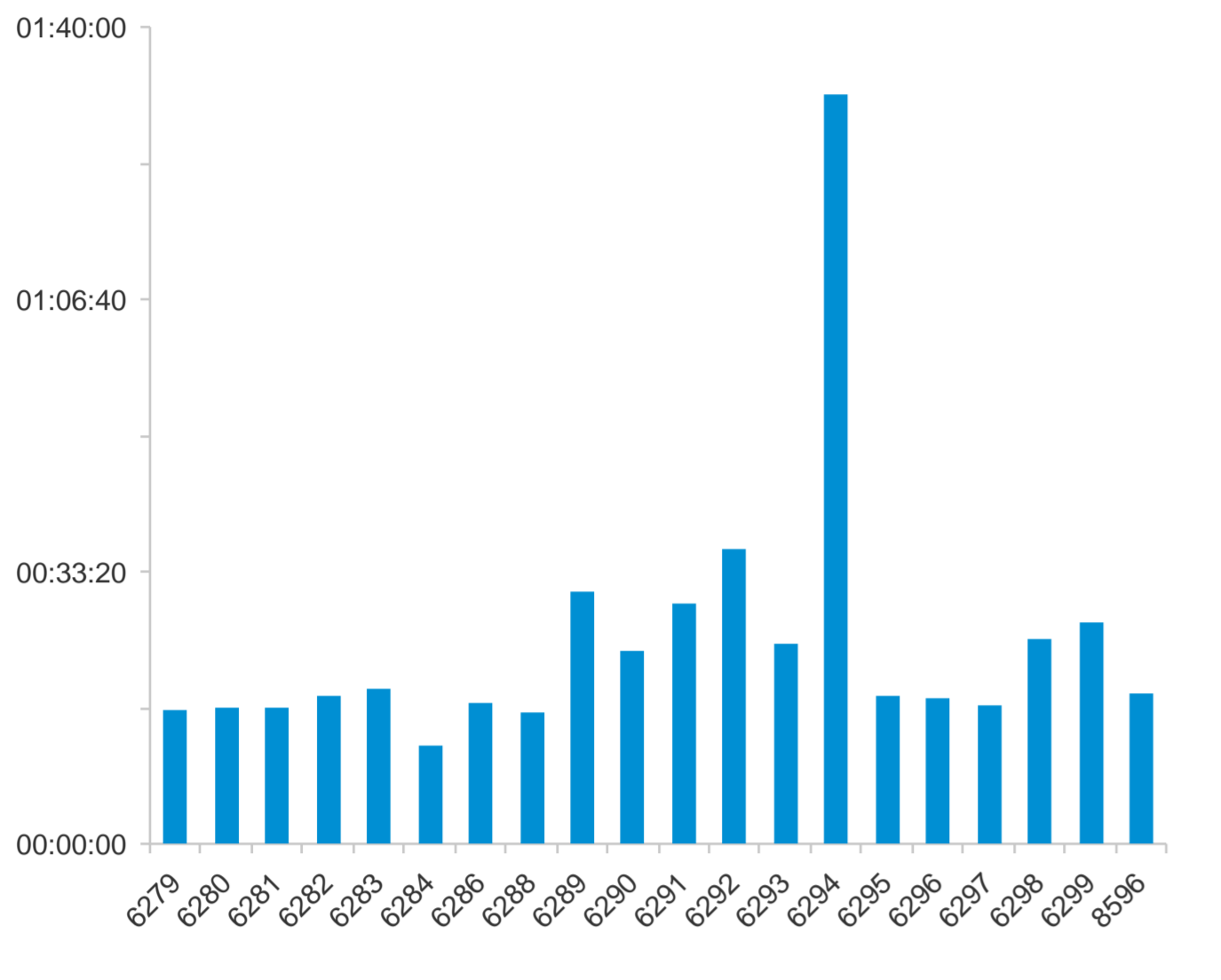
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The meeting was adjourned at Time p.m.

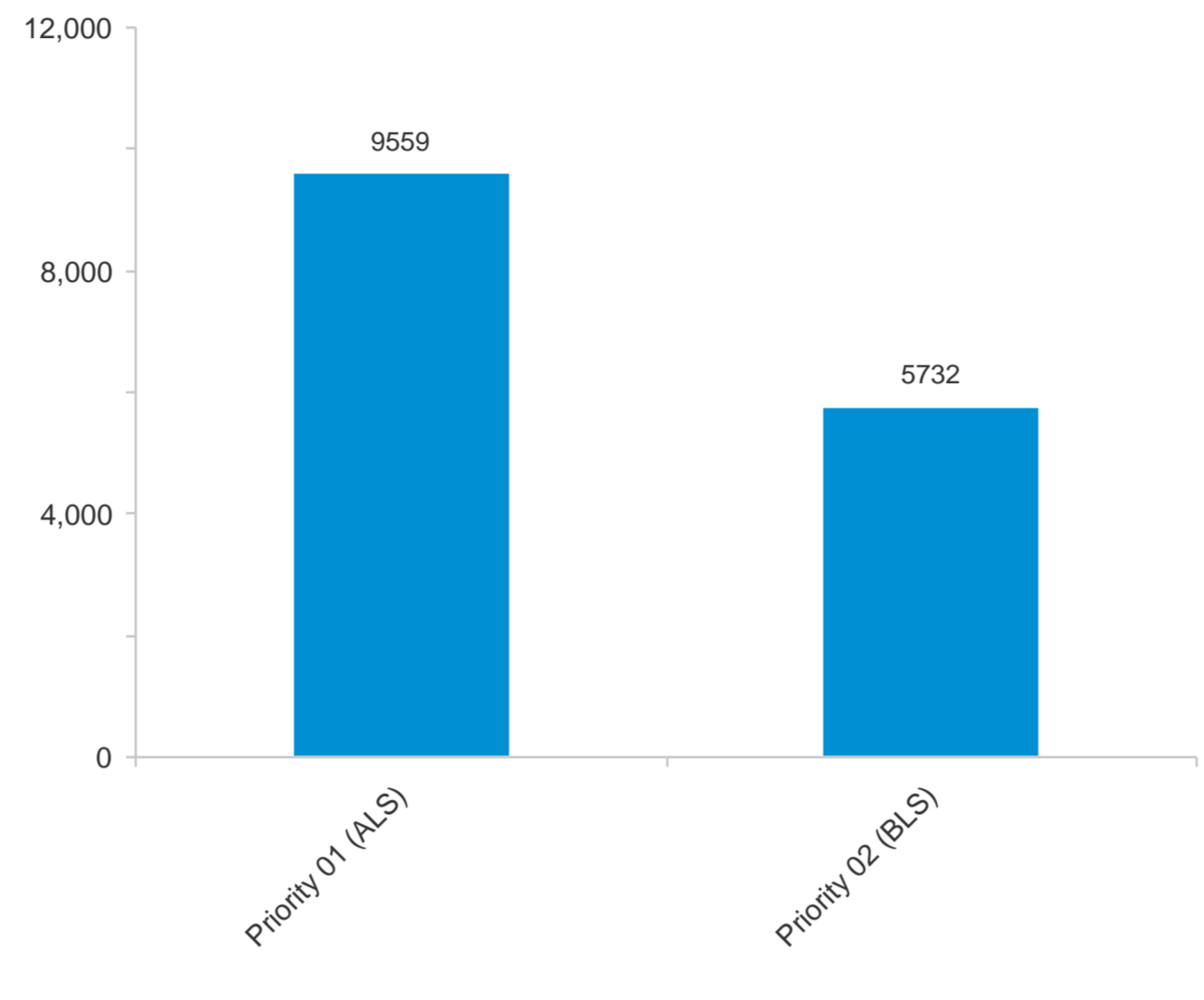
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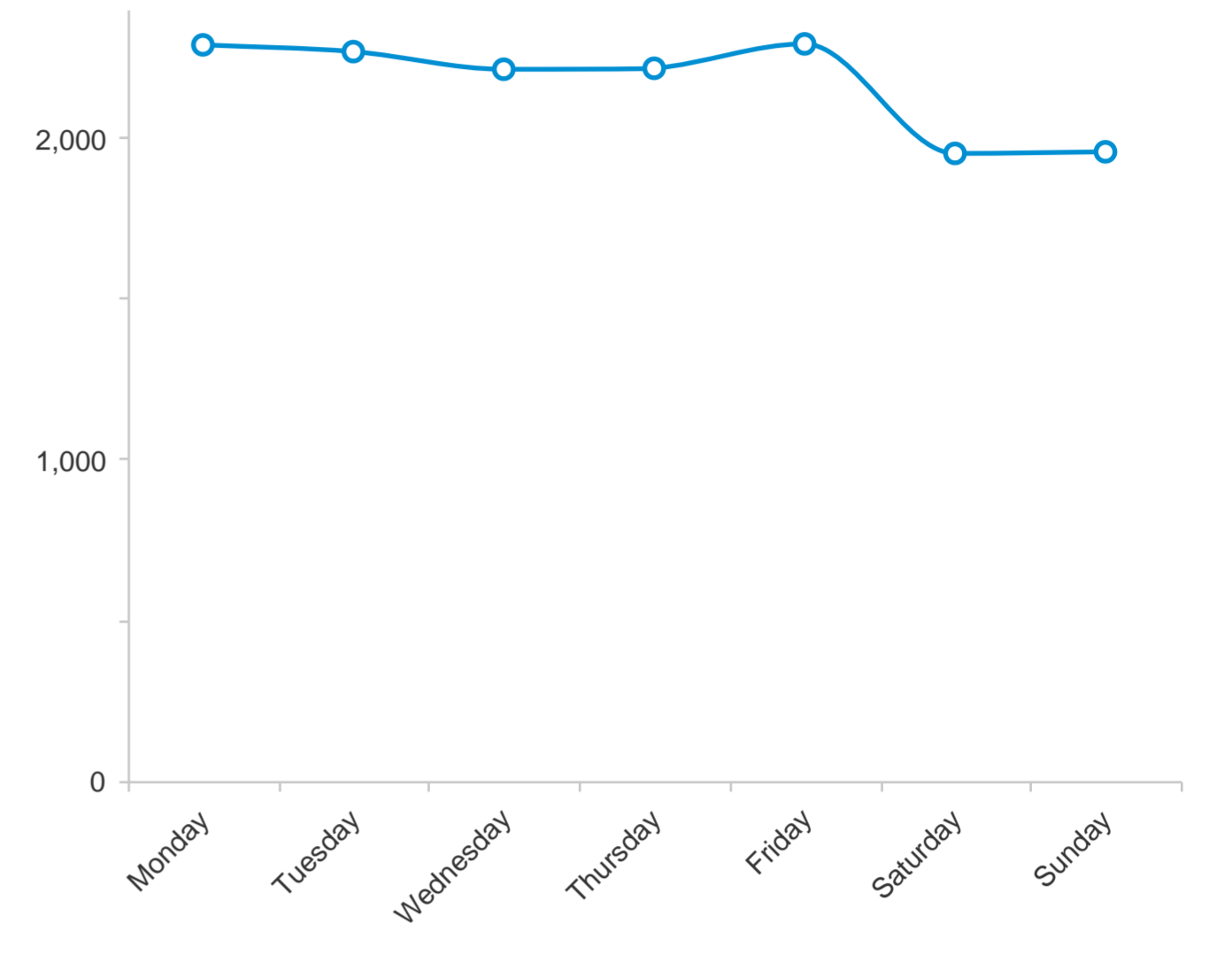
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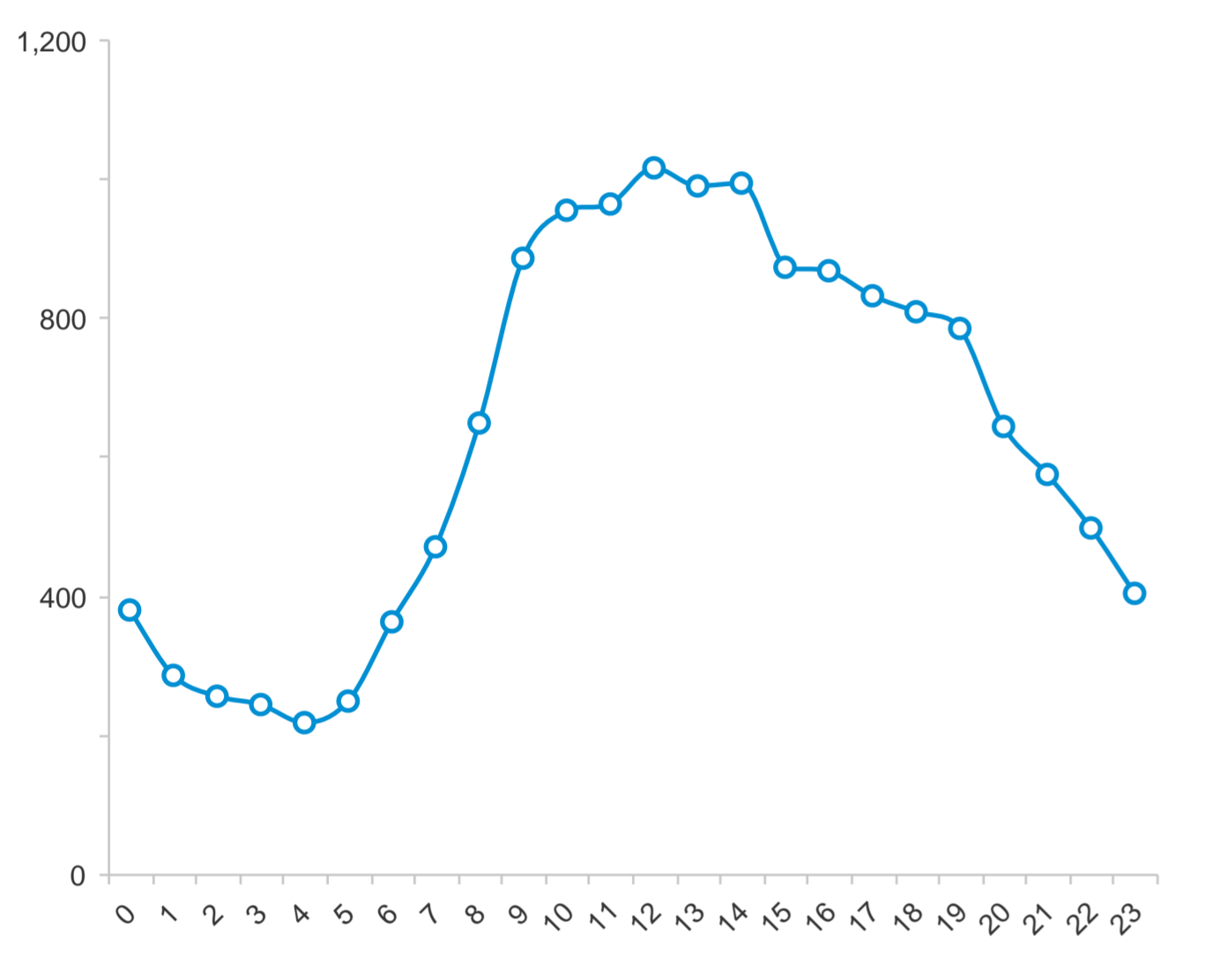
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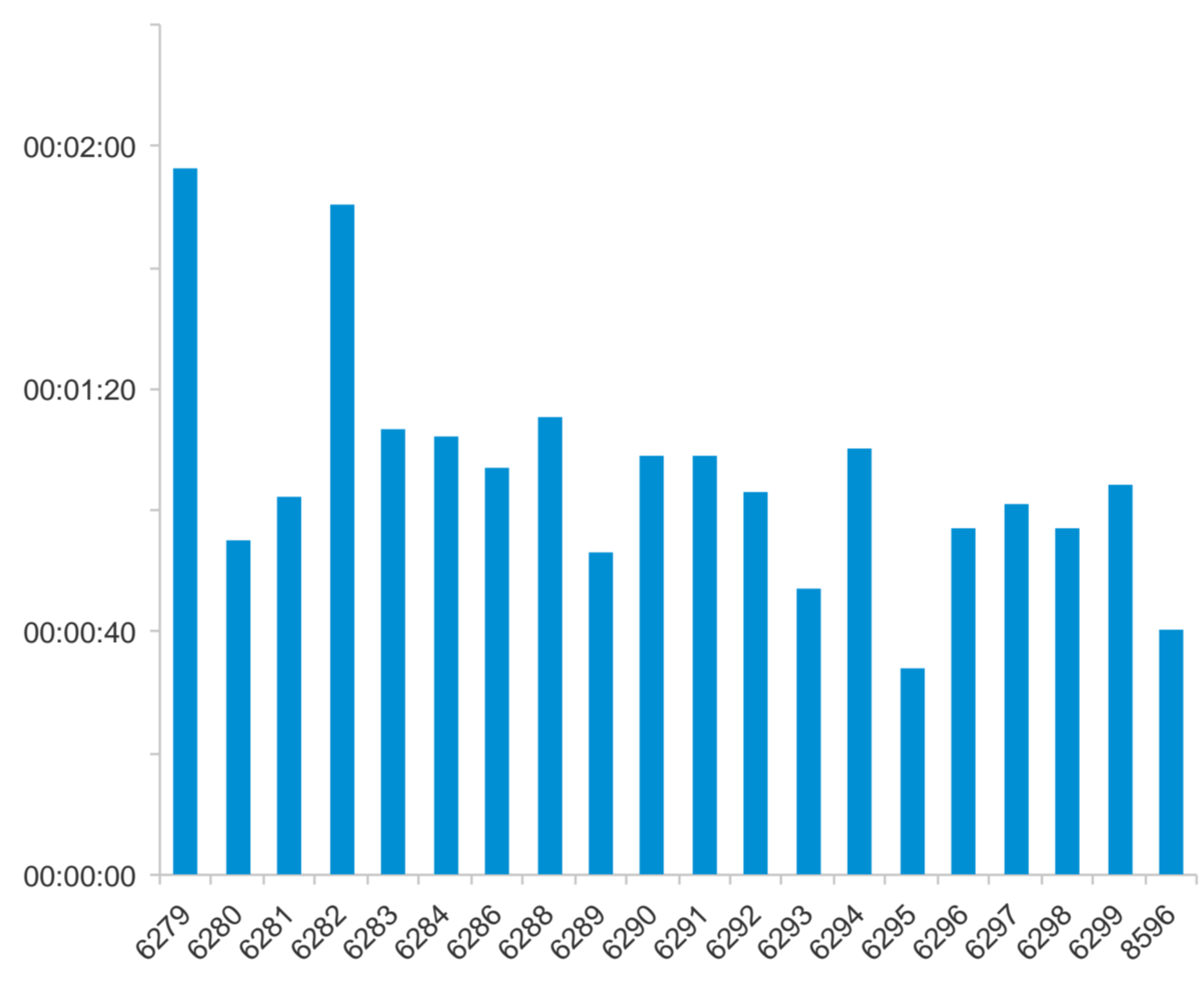
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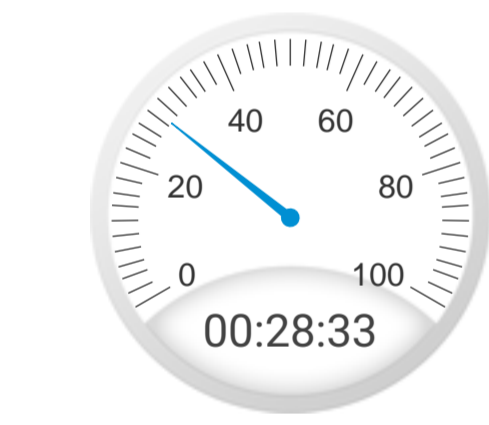
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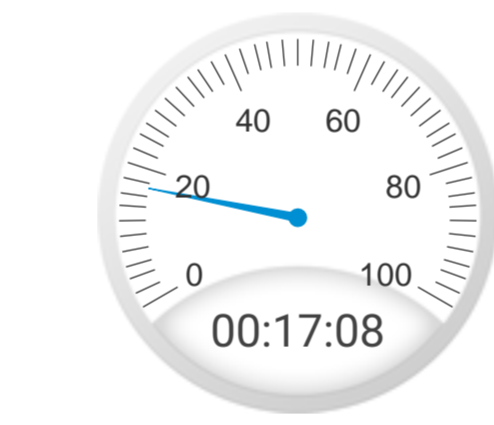
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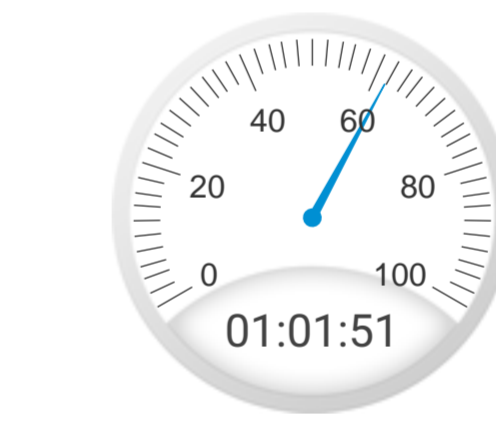
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Average Scene Time



Total Task Time



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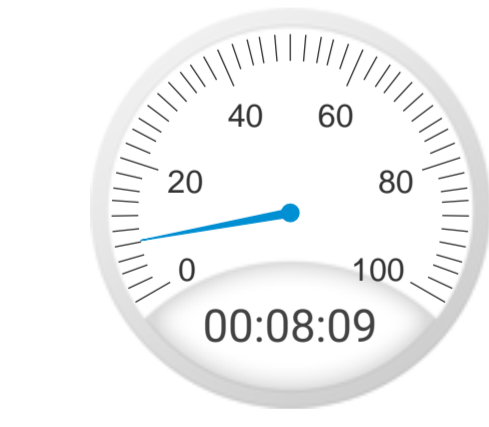
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Late For Pick Up

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Average of Enroute to Scene



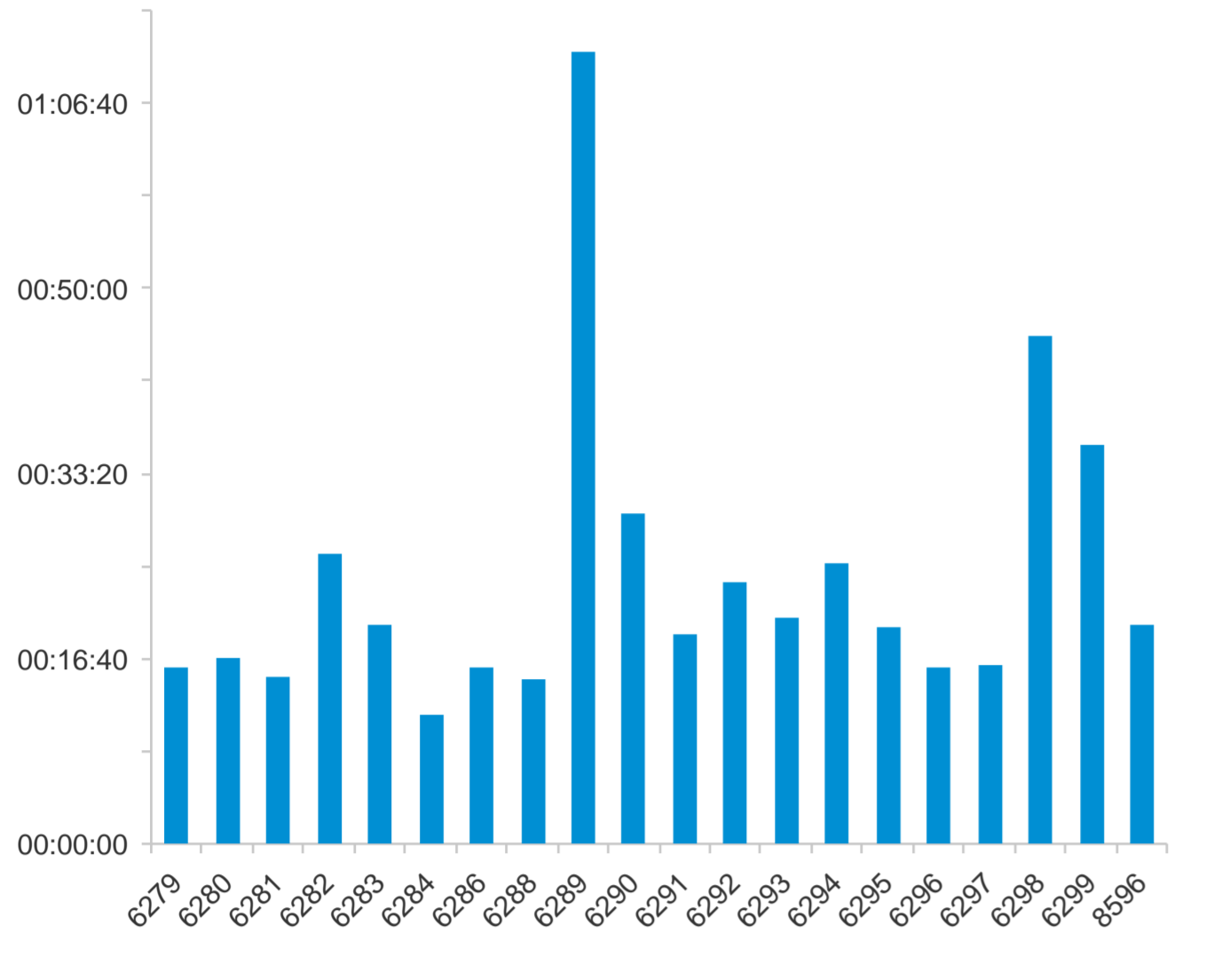
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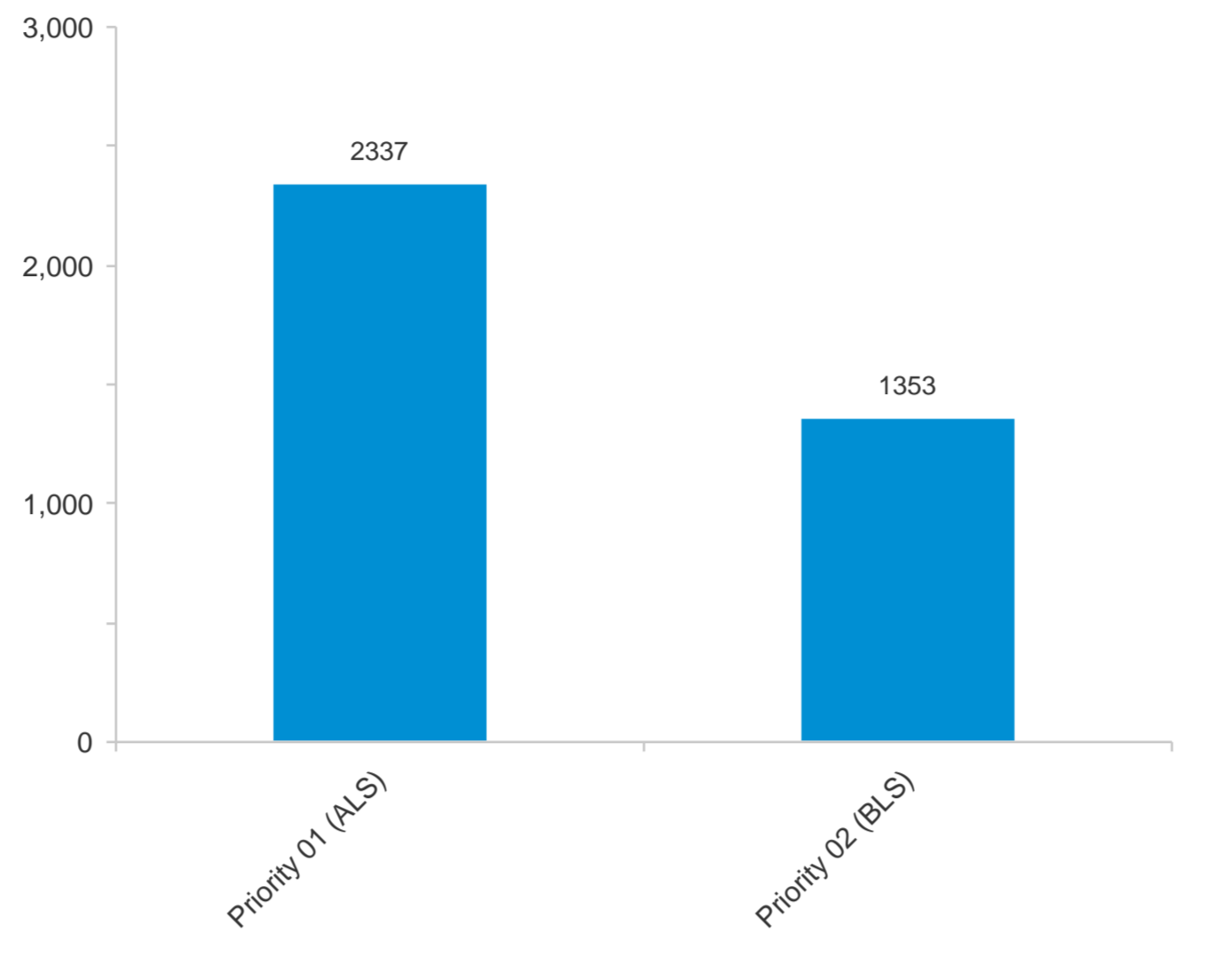
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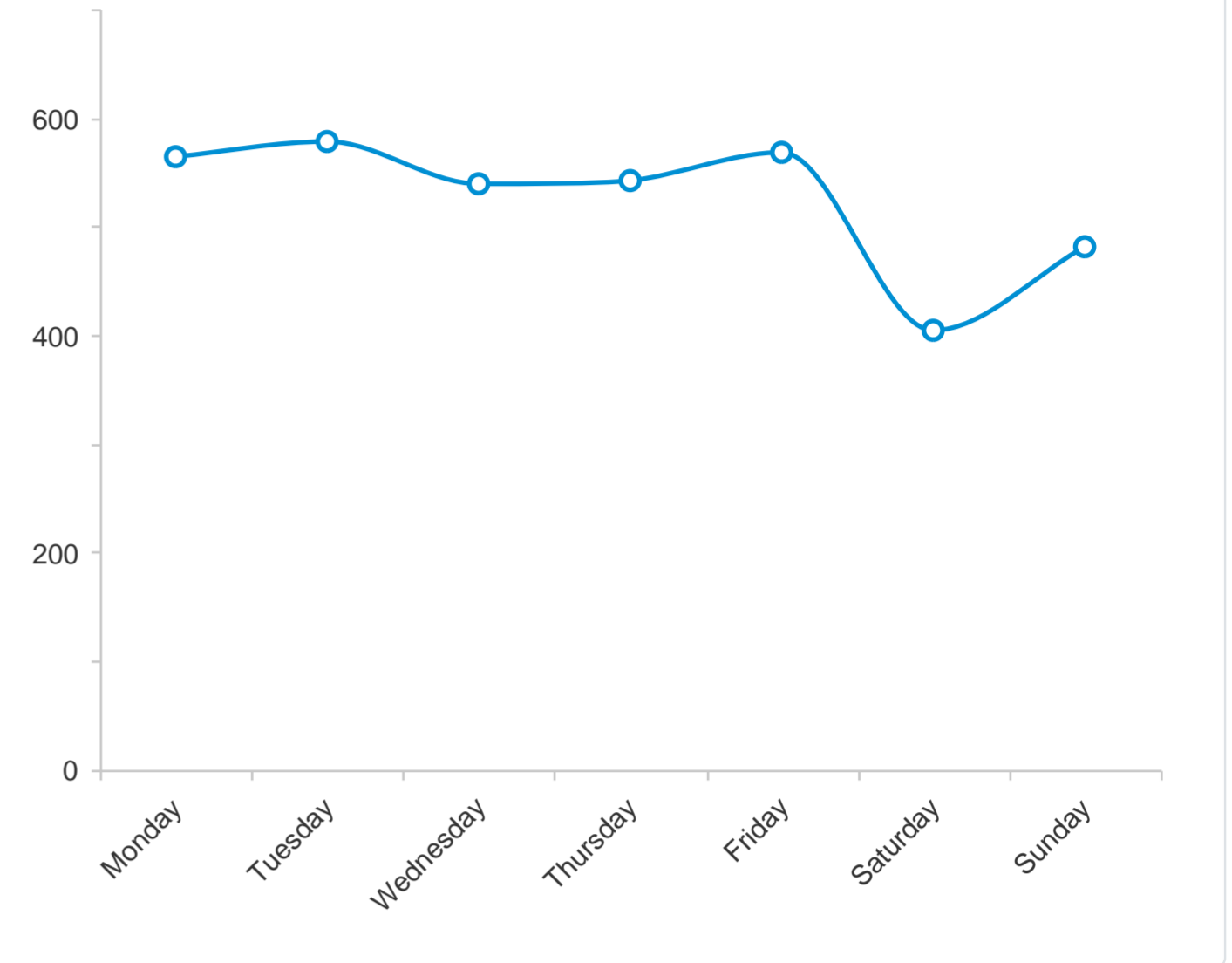
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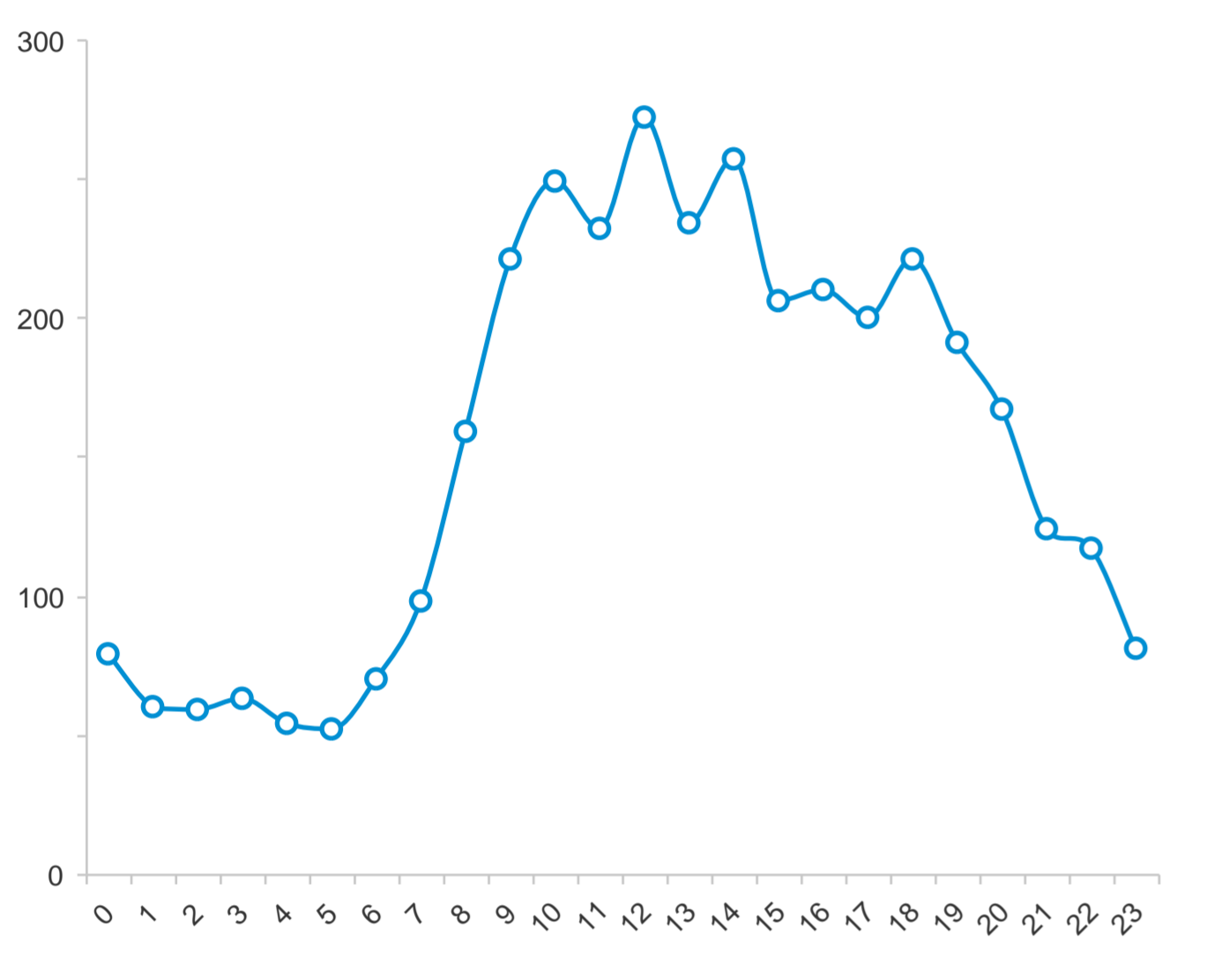
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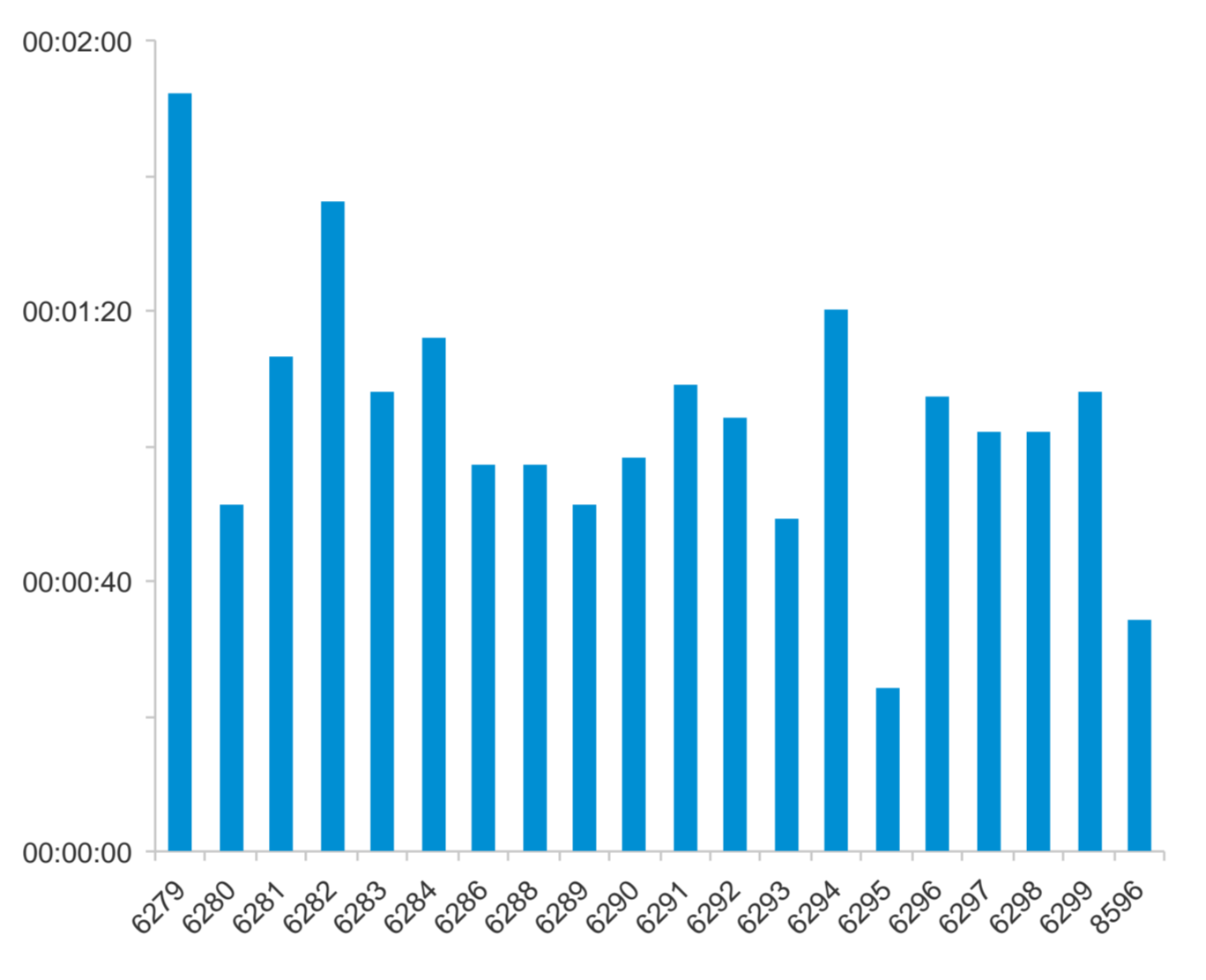
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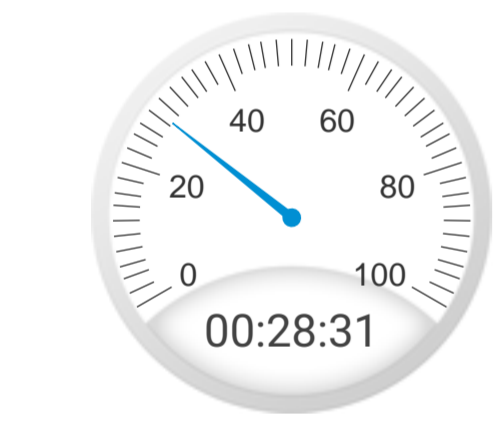
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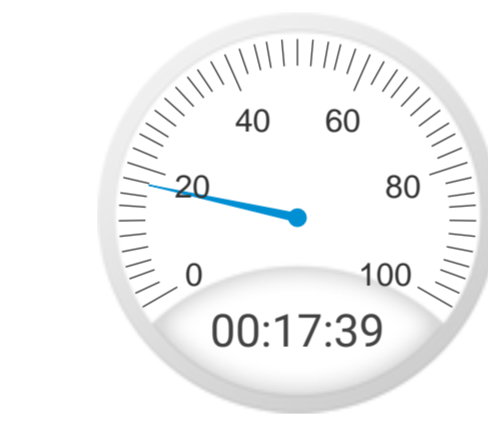
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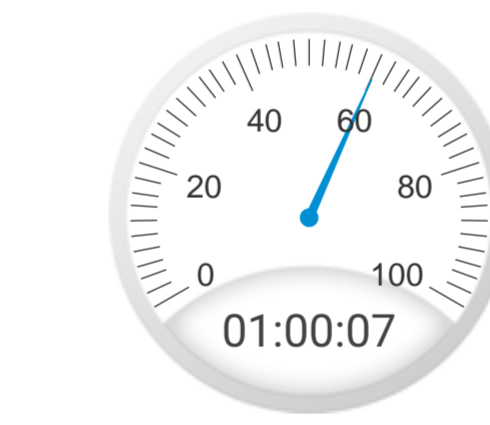
Average Offload Time



Average Scene Time



Total Task Time



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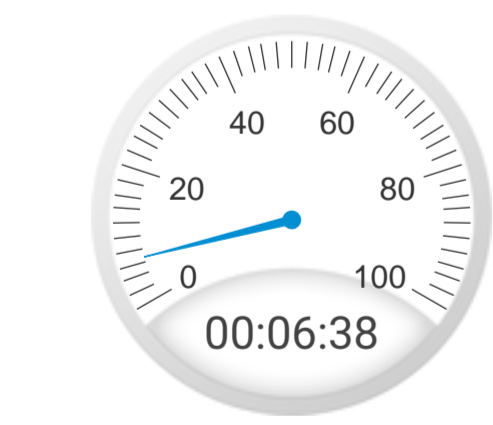
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Late For Pick Up

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Average of Enroute to Scene



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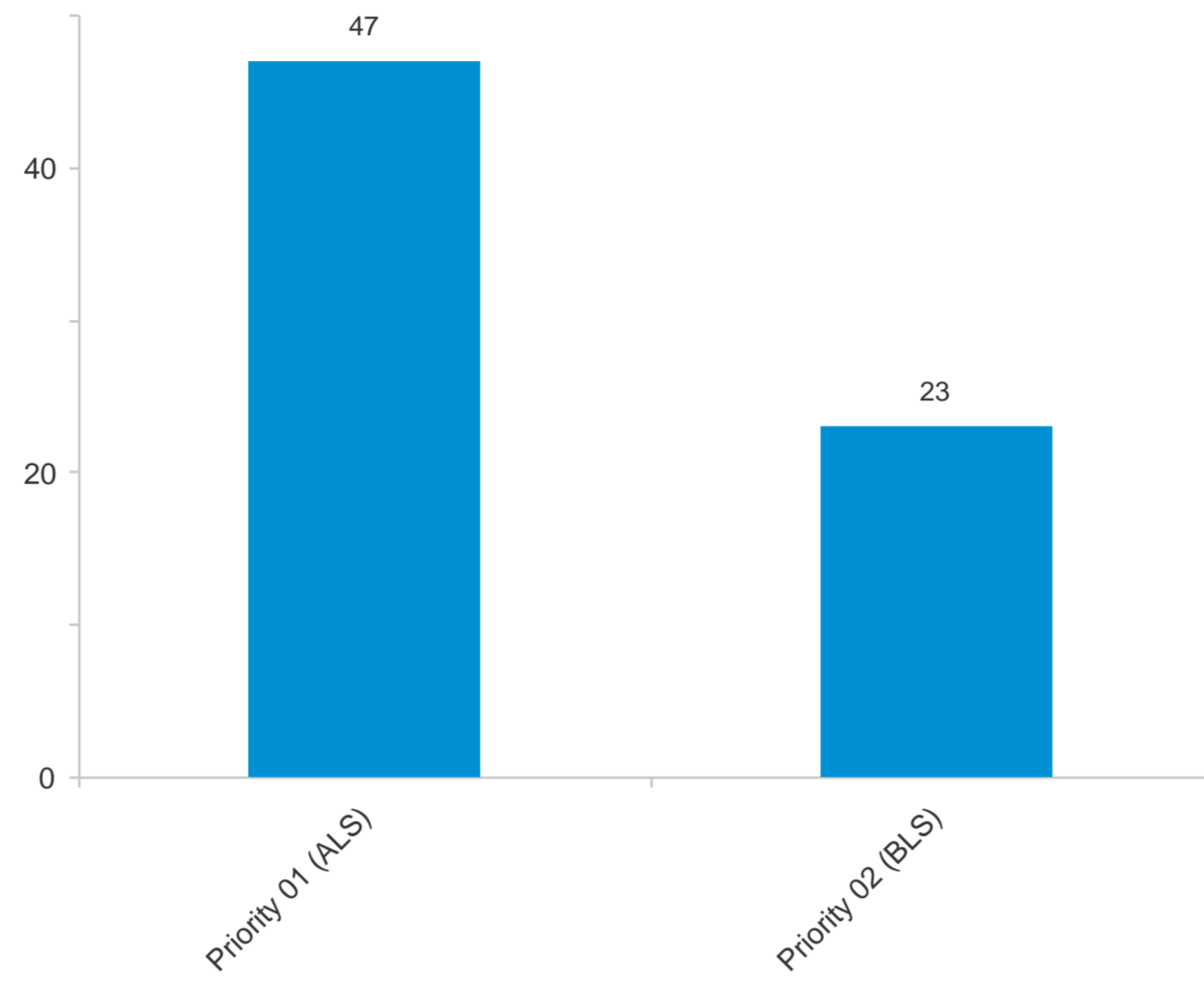
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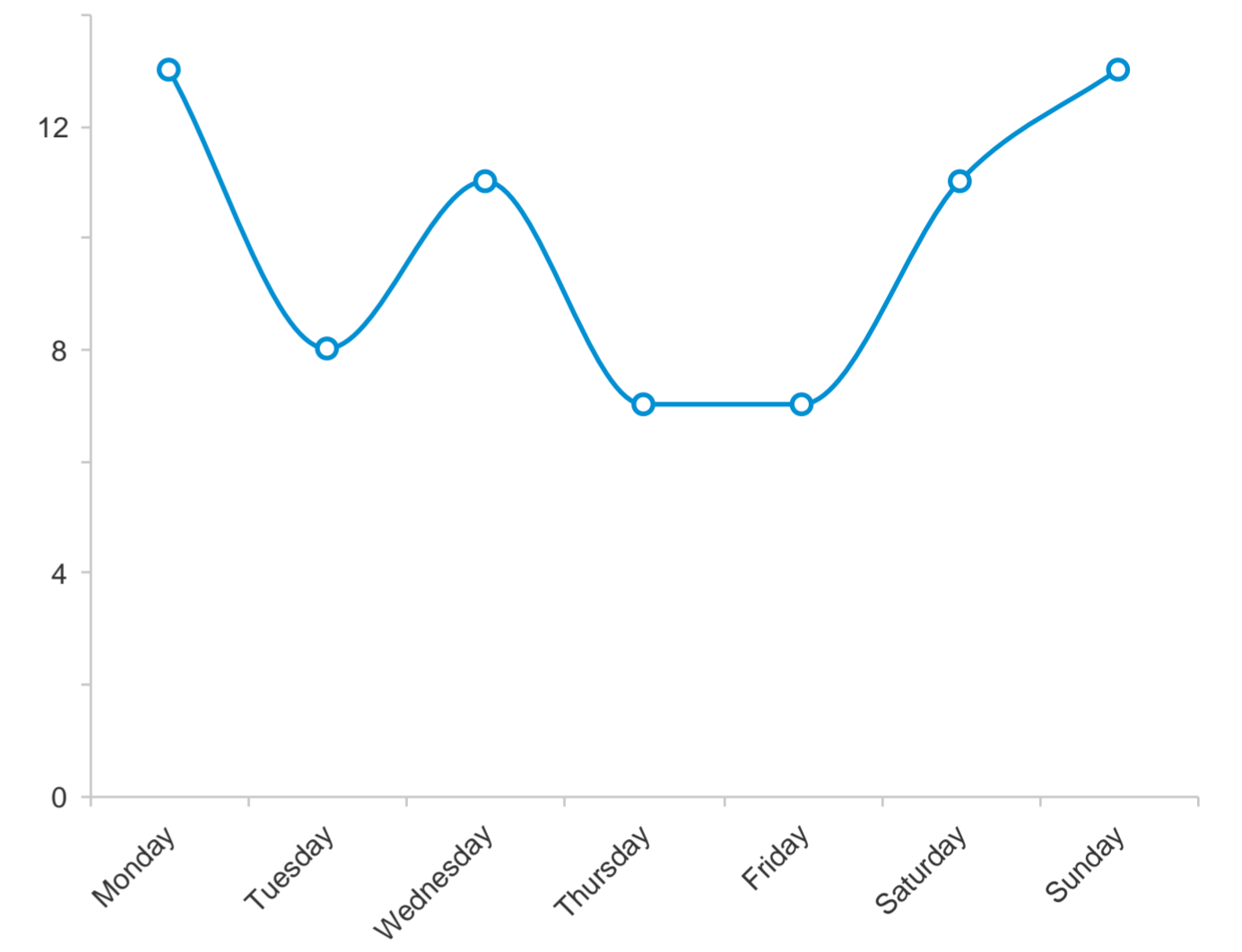
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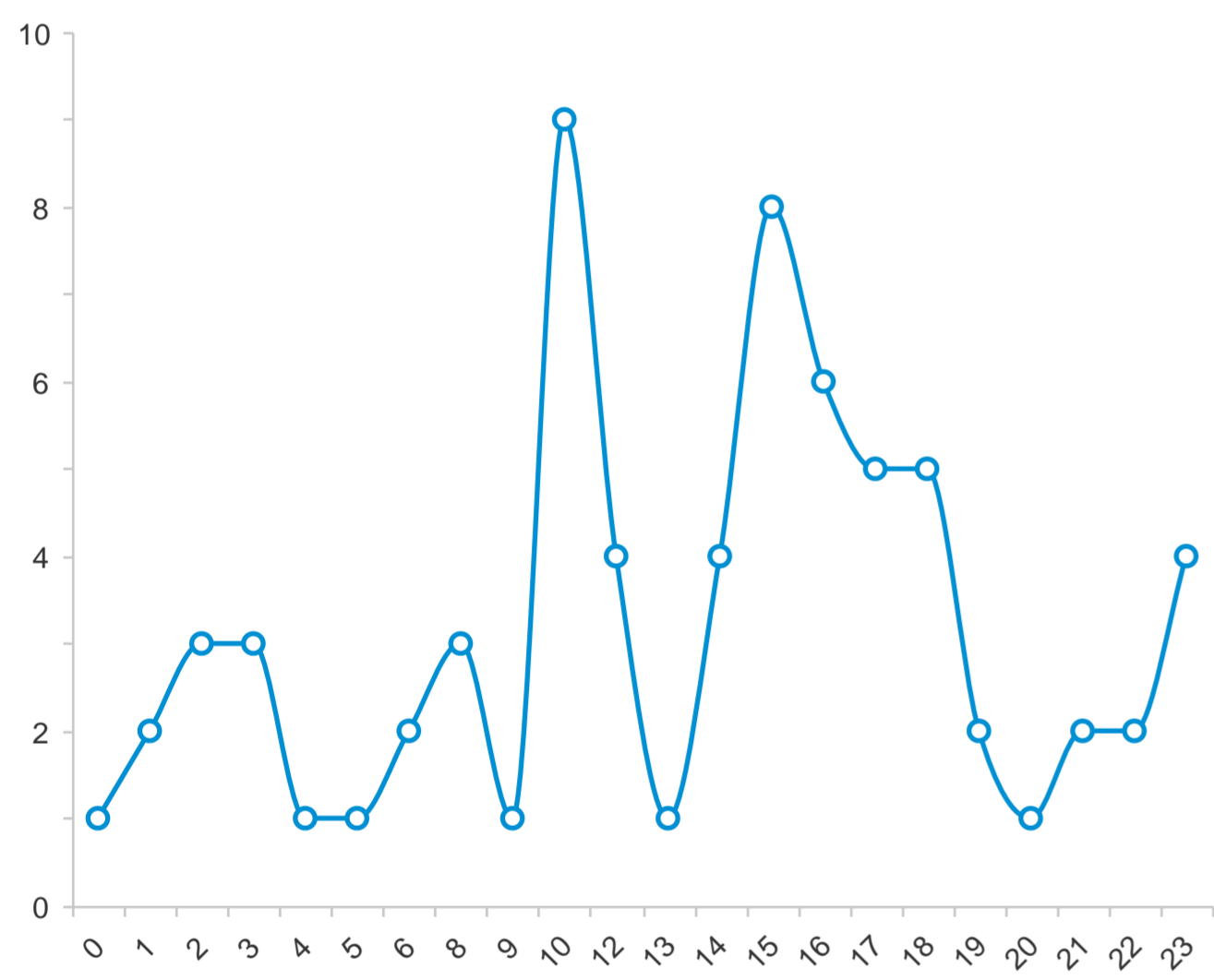
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Count of Incidents by DOW



Count of Incidents by HOD



Chute Time

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Average Chute Time P1 and P2



Average Offload Time



Average Scene Time



Total Task Time



Count Distinct of Run #

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Count Distinct of Incident #

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Late For Pick Up

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Average of Enroute to Scene



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- Priority: Priority 01 (ALS), Priority 02 (BLS)
- Unit / Vehicle: MTC