



FIRE
APPARATUS
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FAMA Industry Outlook Survey Results **(Winter 2017-18)**

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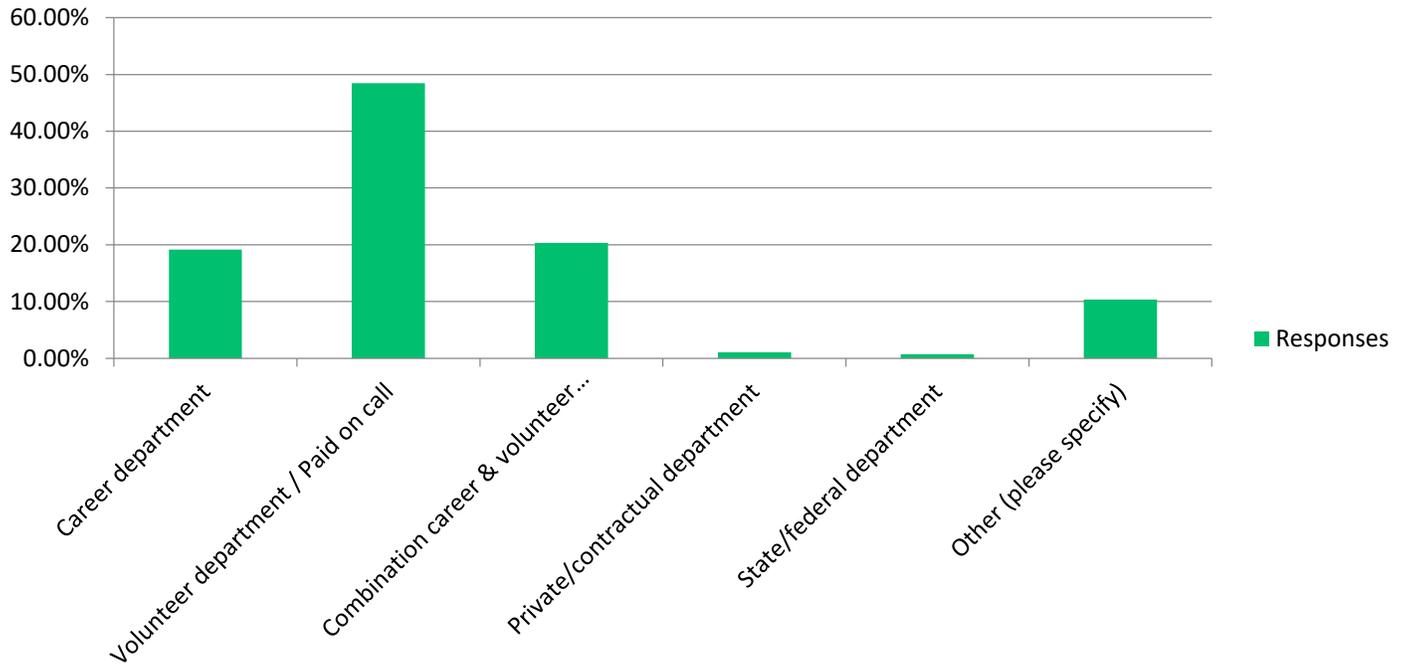


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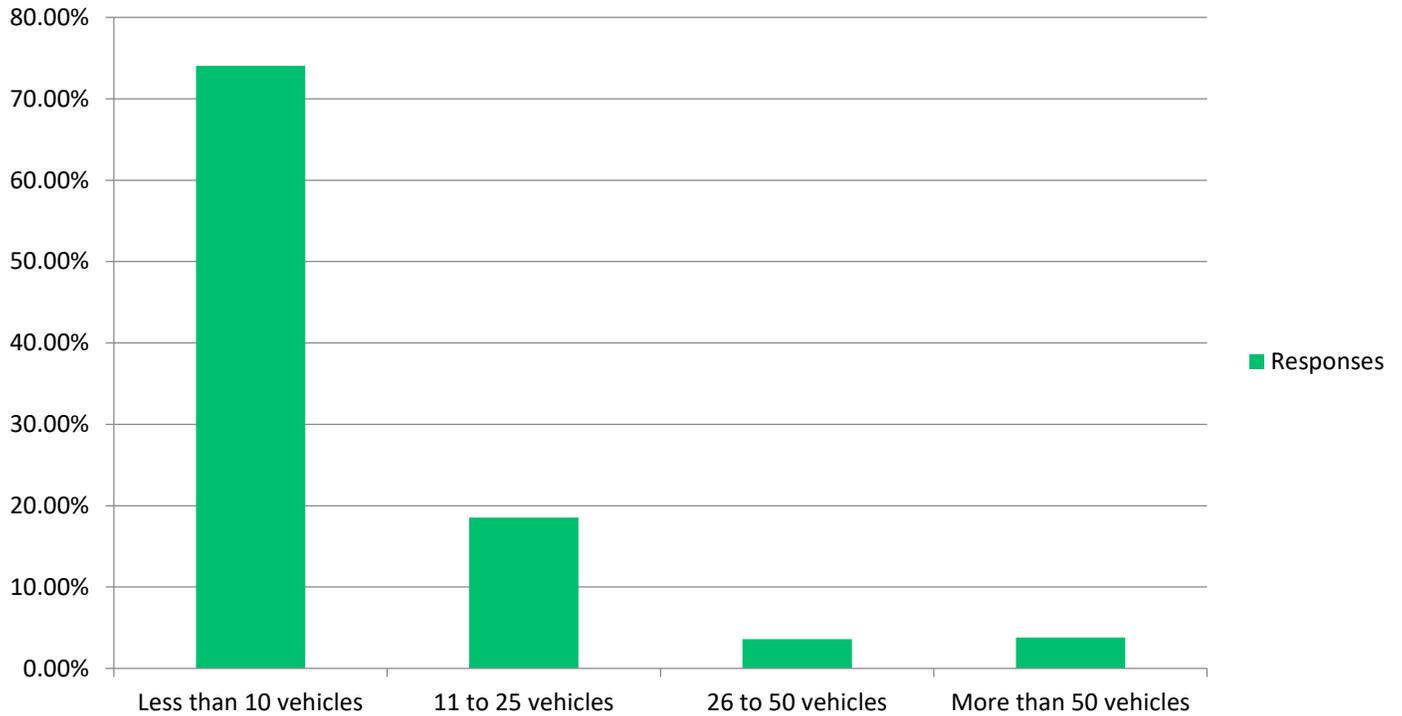
What type of organization is your fire department?



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Career department	19.17%	271
Volunteer department / Paid on call	48.44%	685
Combination career & volunteer department	20.30%	287
Private/contractual department	1.06%	15
State/federal department	0.71%	10
Other (please specify)	10.33%	146
Answered		1414
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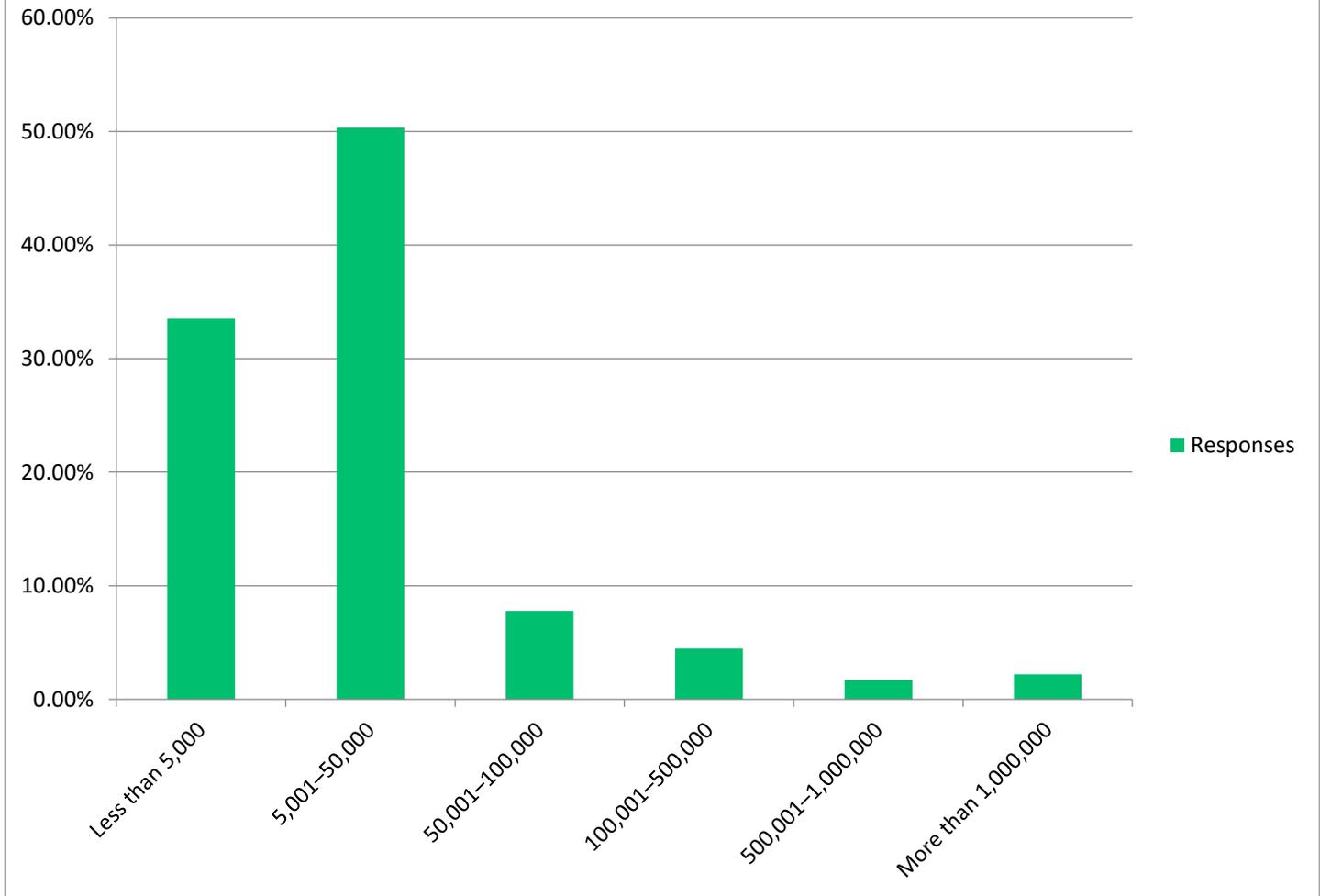
What is the size of your combined front line and reserve fire apparatus fleet (not including ambulance and automobiles).



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than 10 vehicles	74.05%	1047
11 to 25 vehicles	18.53%	262
26 to 50 vehicles	3.61%	51
More than 50 vehicles	3.82%	54
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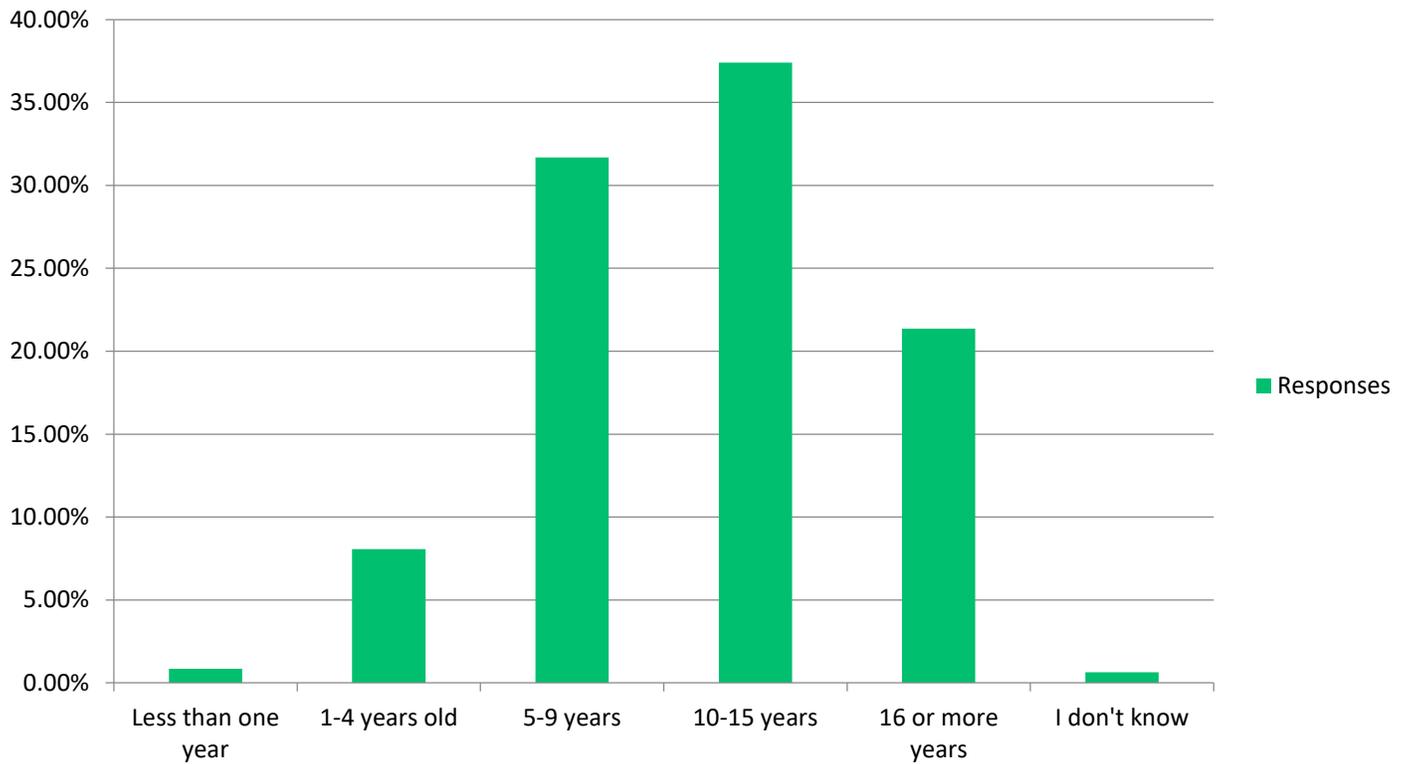
What size population does your department serve?

Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Less than 5,000	33.52%	474
5,001-50,000	50.35%	712
50,001-100,000	7.78%	110
100,001-500,000	4.46%	63
500,001-1,000,000	1.70%	24
More than 1,000,000	2.19%	31

Answered 1414

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What is the average age of your front line apparatus?



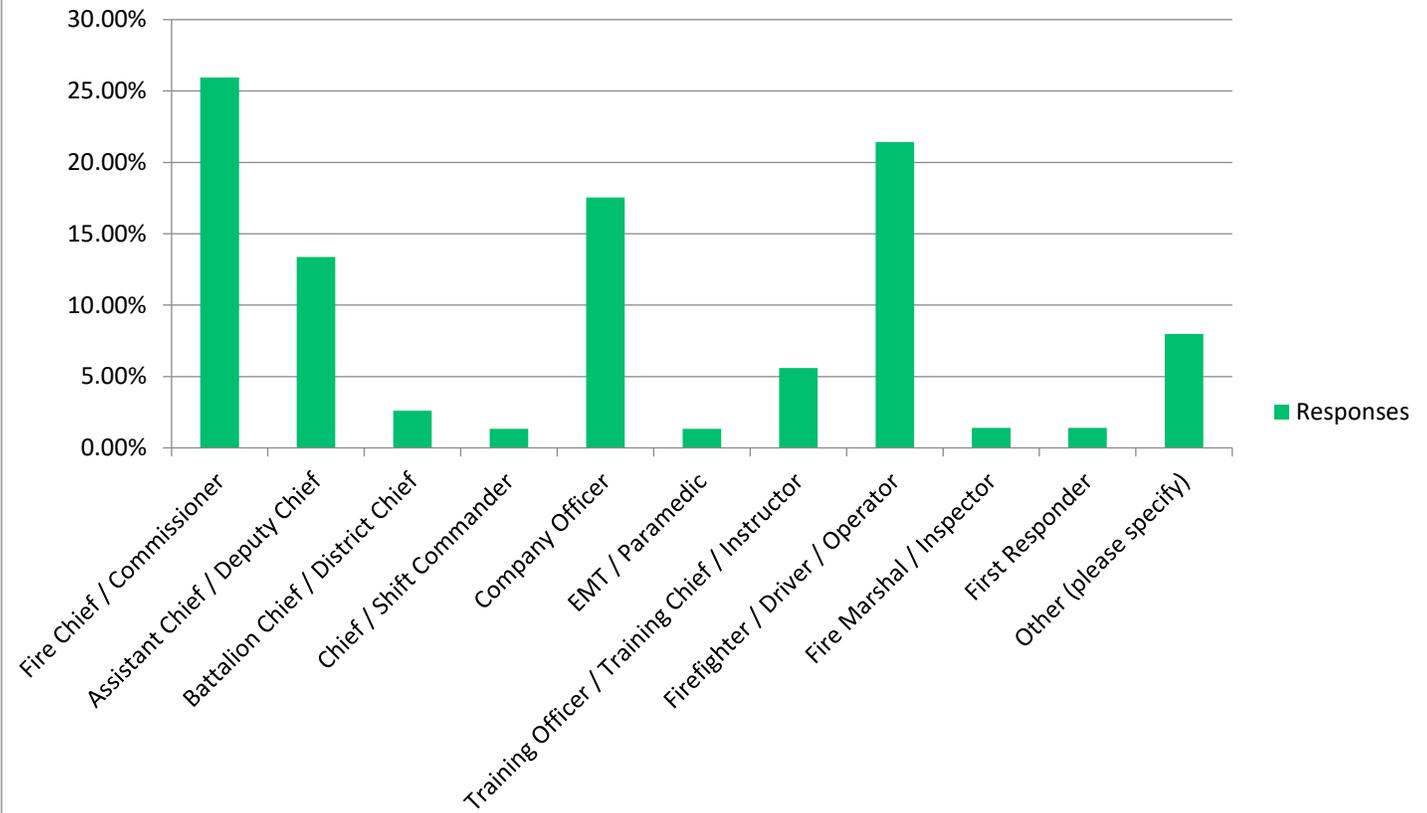
What is the average age of your front line apparatus?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than one year	0.85%	12
1-4 years old	8.06%	114
5-9 years	31.68%	448
10-15 years	37.41%	529
16 or more years	21.36%	302
I don't know	0.64%	9

Answered 1414

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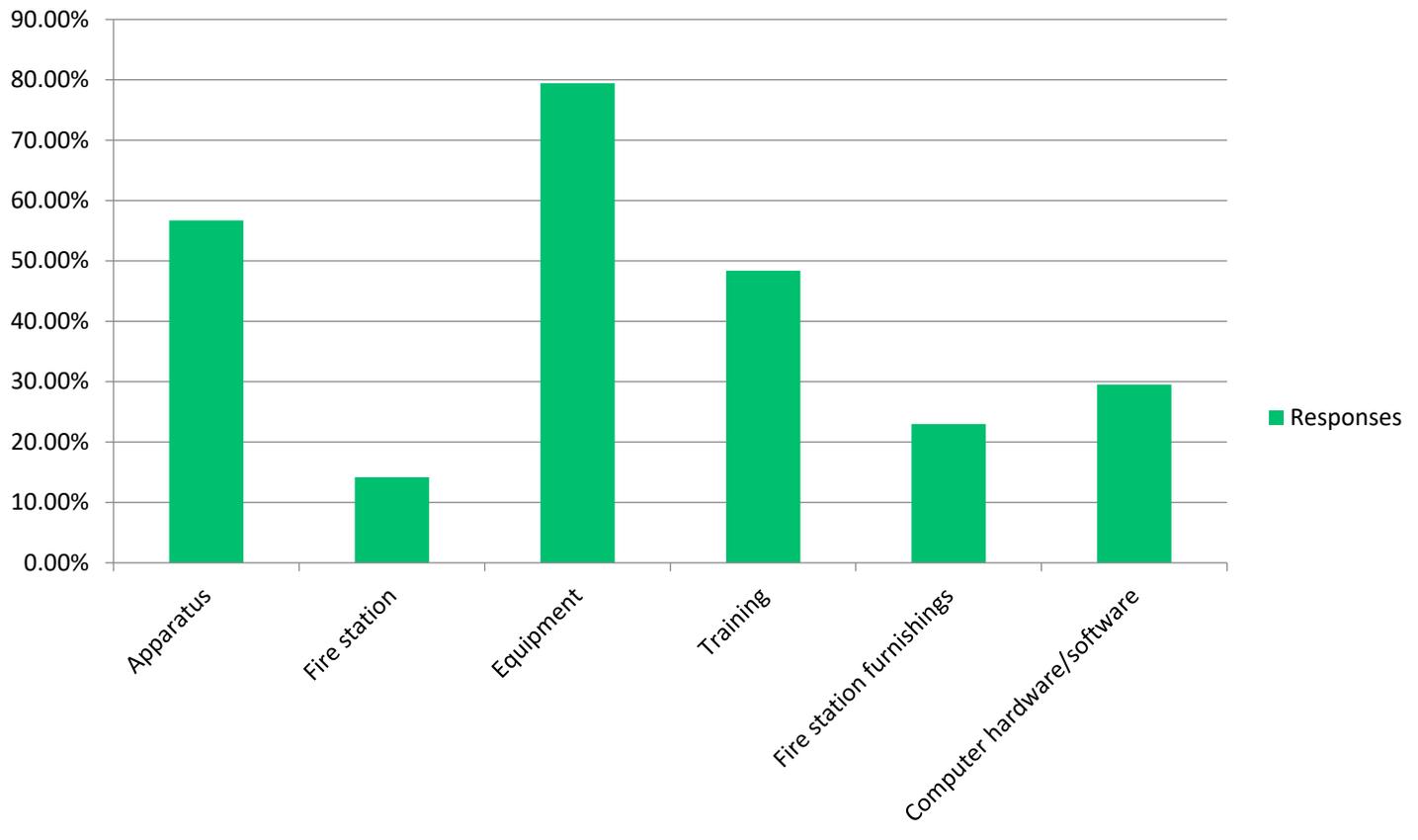
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Fire Chief / Commissioner	25.95%	367
Assistant Chief / Deputy Chief	13.37%	189
Battalion Chief / District Chief	2.62%	37
Chief / Shift Commander	1.34%	19
Company Officer	17.54%	248
EMT / Paramedic	1.34%	19
Training Officer / Training Chief / Instructor	5.59%	79
Firefighter / Driver / Operator	21.43%	303
Fire Marshal / Inspector	1.41%	20
First Responder	1.41%	20
Other (please specify)	7.99%	113
Answered		1414
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What do you anticipate purchasing in the next fiscal year? (Select all that apply.)



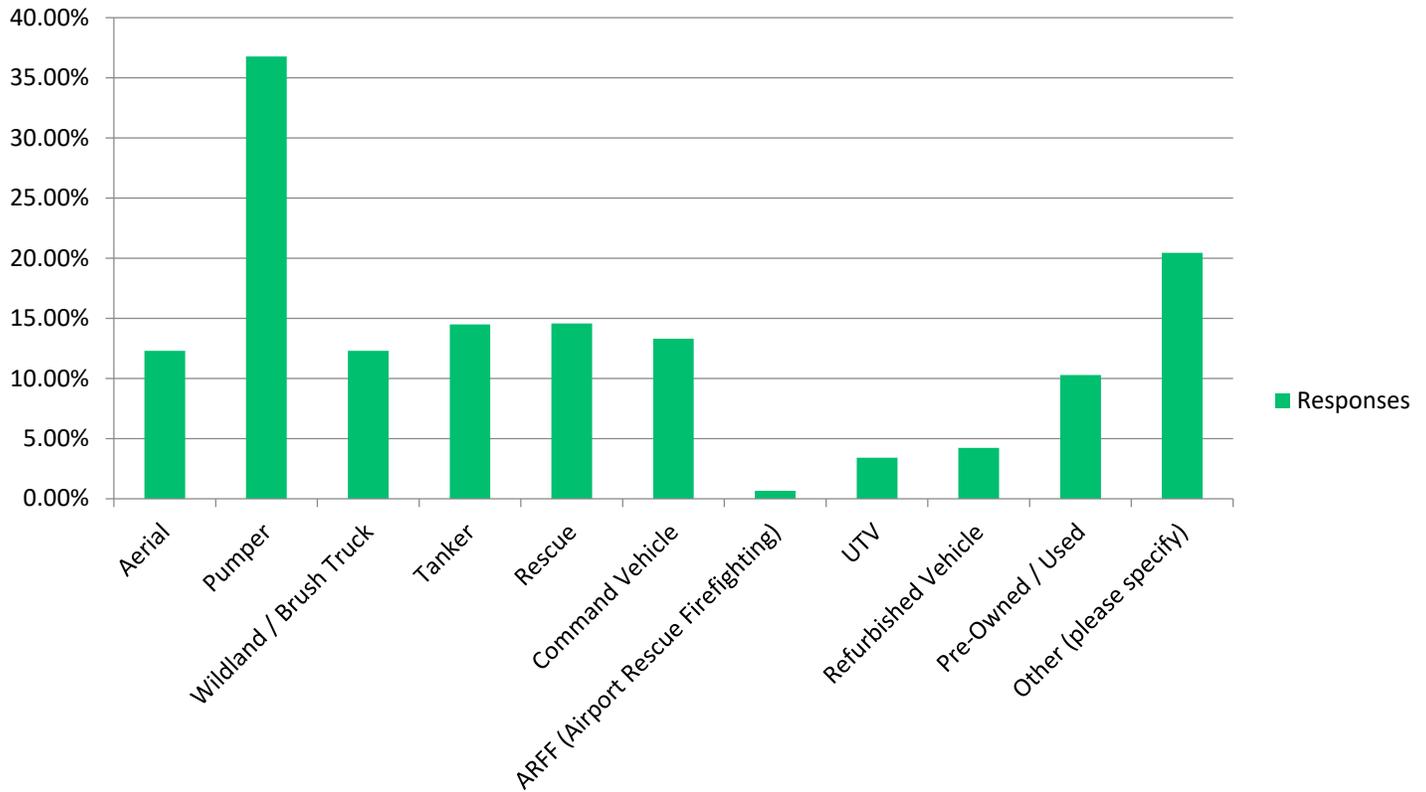
What do you anticipate purchasing in the next fiscal year? (Select all that apply.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Apparatus	56.73%	691
Fire station	14.20%	173
Equipment	79.39%	967
Training	48.36%	589
Fire station furnishings	22.99%	280
Computer hardware/software	29.56%	360

Answered 1218

Skipped 196

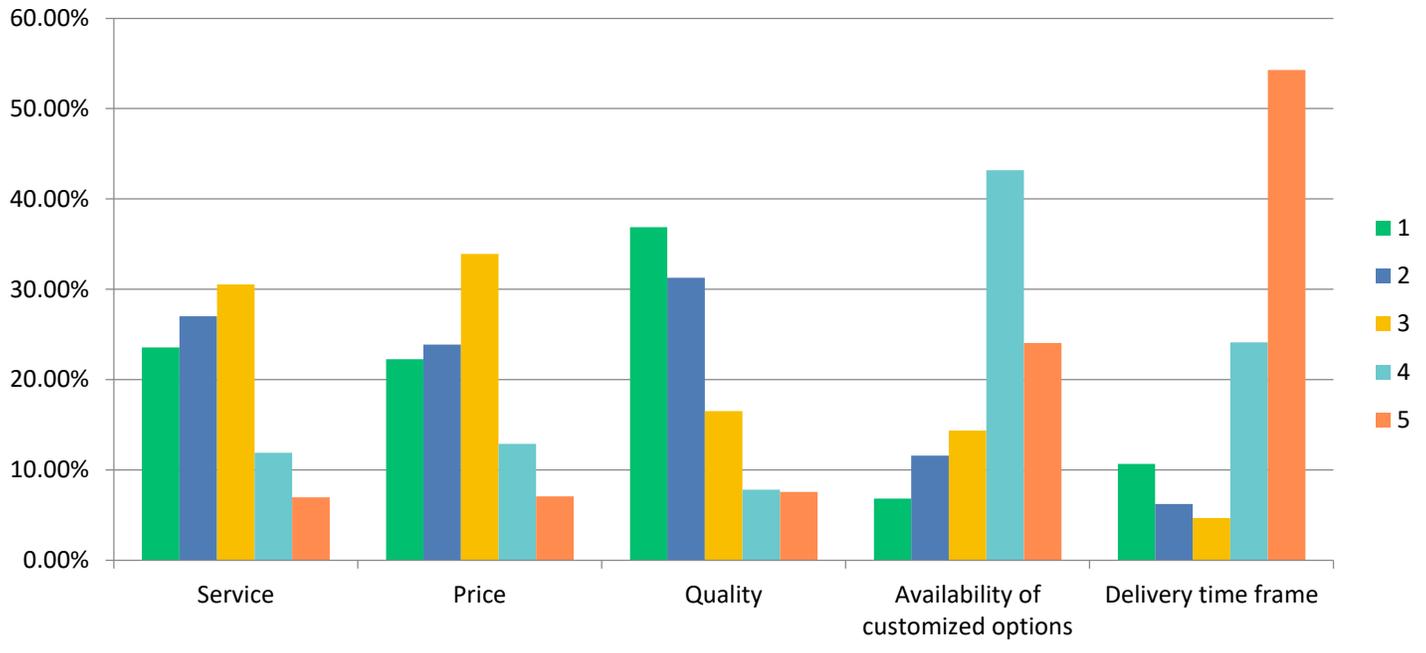
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Aerial	12.28%	134
Pumper	36.76%	401
Wildland / Brush Truck	12.28%	134
Tanker	14.48%	158
Rescue	14.57%	159
Command Vehicle	13.29%	145
ARFF (Airport Rescue Firefighting)	0.64%	7
UTV	3.39%	37
Refurbished Vehicle	4.22%	46
Pre-Owned / Used	10.27%	112
Other (please specify)	20.44%	223
Answered		1091
Skipped		323

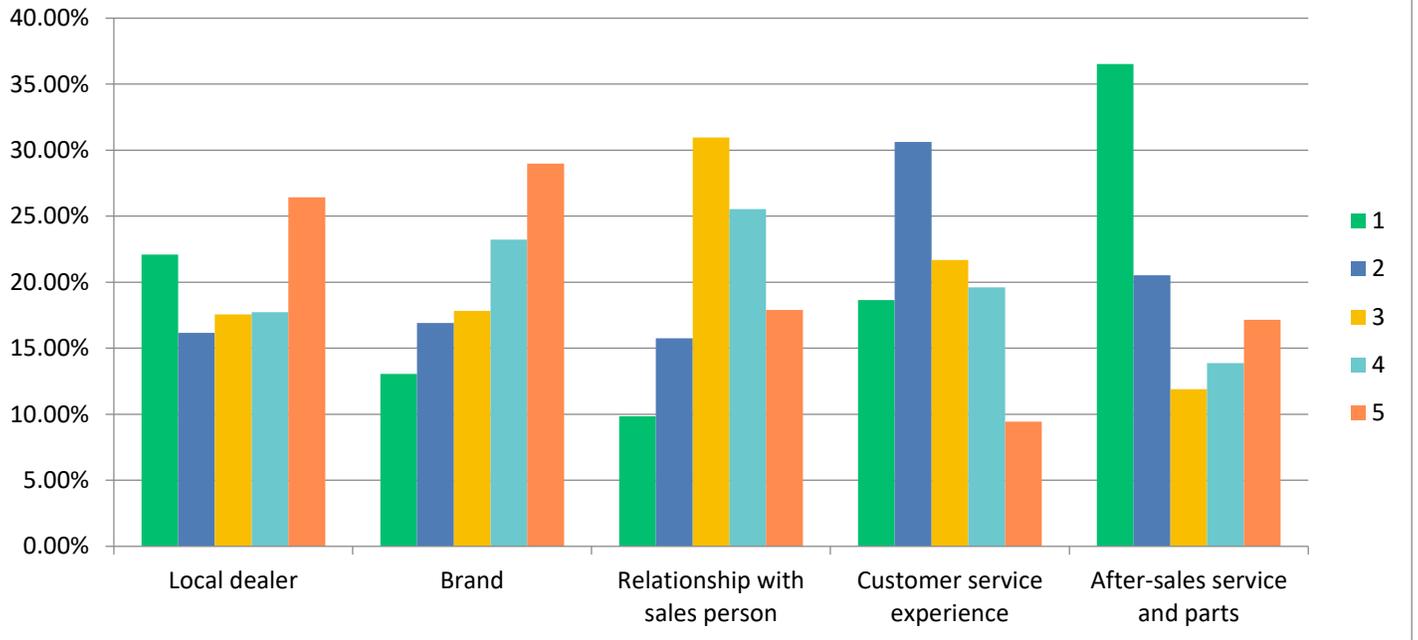
When purchasing a new piece of equipment, please rank how the following aspects relate to your brand loyalty, using 1 as the most important and 5 as the least important.



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	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Service	23.56% 287	27.01% 329	30.54% 372	11.90% 145	6.98% 85	1218
Price	22.25% 271	23.89% 291	33.91% 413	12.89% 157	7.06% 86	1218
Quality	36.86% 449	31.28% 381	16.50% 201	7.80% 95	7.55% 92	1218
Availability of customized options	6.81% 83	11.58% 141	14.37% 175	43.19% 526	24.06% 293	1218
Delivery time frame	10.67% 130	6.24% 76	4.68% 57	24.14% 294	54.27% 661	1218
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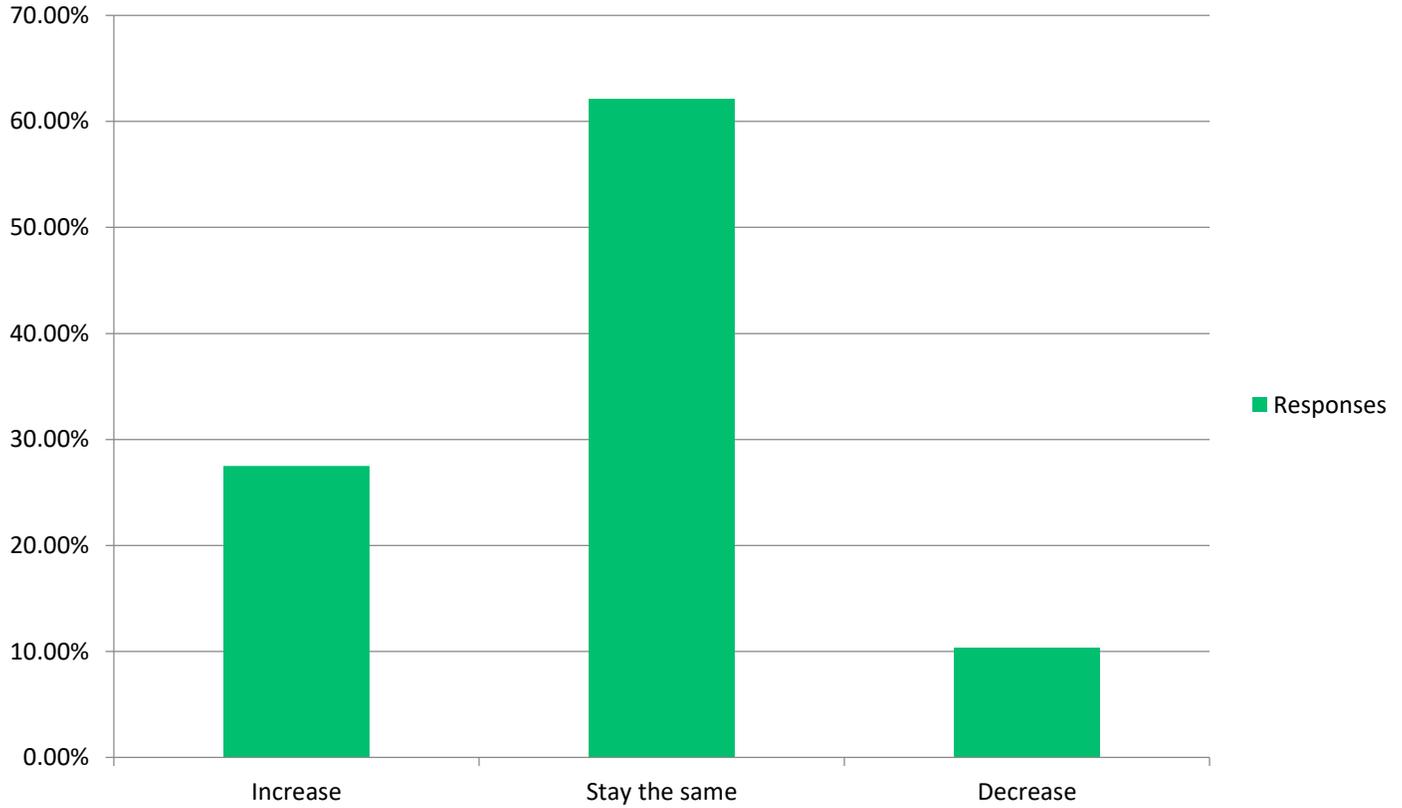
How important are the following service/manufacturer attributes in the purchase of new apparatus? Please rank the following attributes, using 1 as the most important and 5 as the least important.



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Local dealer	22.09% 269	16.17% 197	17.57% 214	17.73% 216	26.44% 322	1218
Brand	13.05% 159	16.91% 206	17.82% 217	23.23% 283	28.98% 353	1218
Relationship with sales person	9.85% 120	15.76% 192	30.95% 377	25.53% 311	17.90% 218	1218
Customer service experience	18.64% 227	30.62% 373	21.67% 264	19.62% 239	9.44% 115	1218
After-sales service and parts	36.54% 445	20.53% 250	11.90% 145	13.88% 169	17.16% 209	1218
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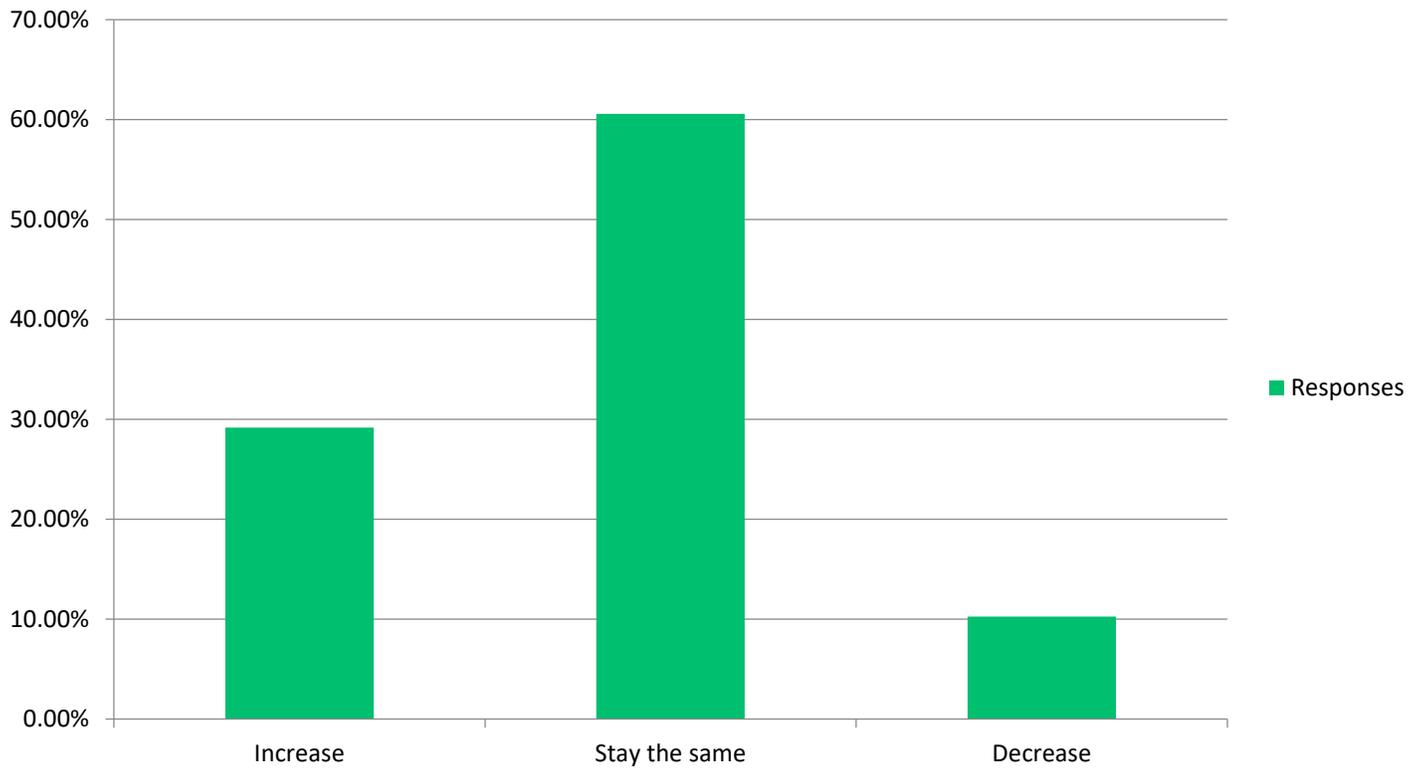
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Increase	27.51%	332
Stay the same	62.14%	750
Decrease	10.36%	125
Answered		1207
Skipped		207

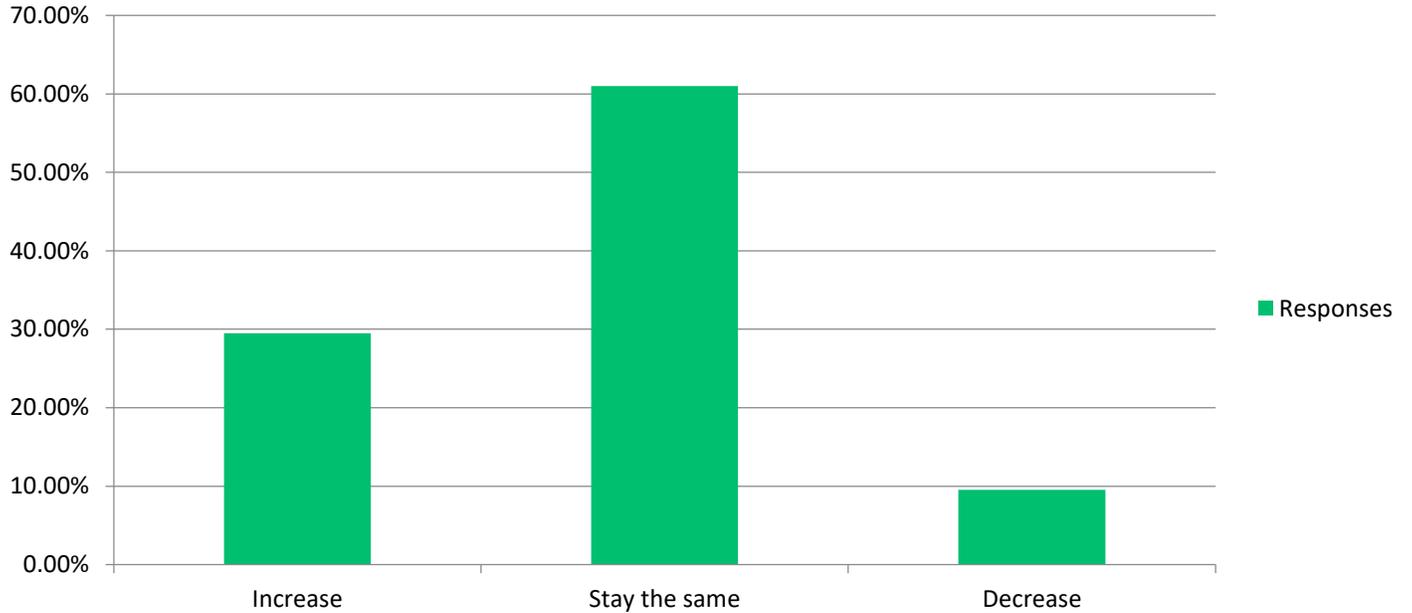
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Increase	29.16%	352
Stay the same	60.56%	731
Decrease	10.27%	124
Answered		1207
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Exclusive of capital purchases such as apparatus, how do you expect your equipment budget to change over the next two years (2018 and 2019)?



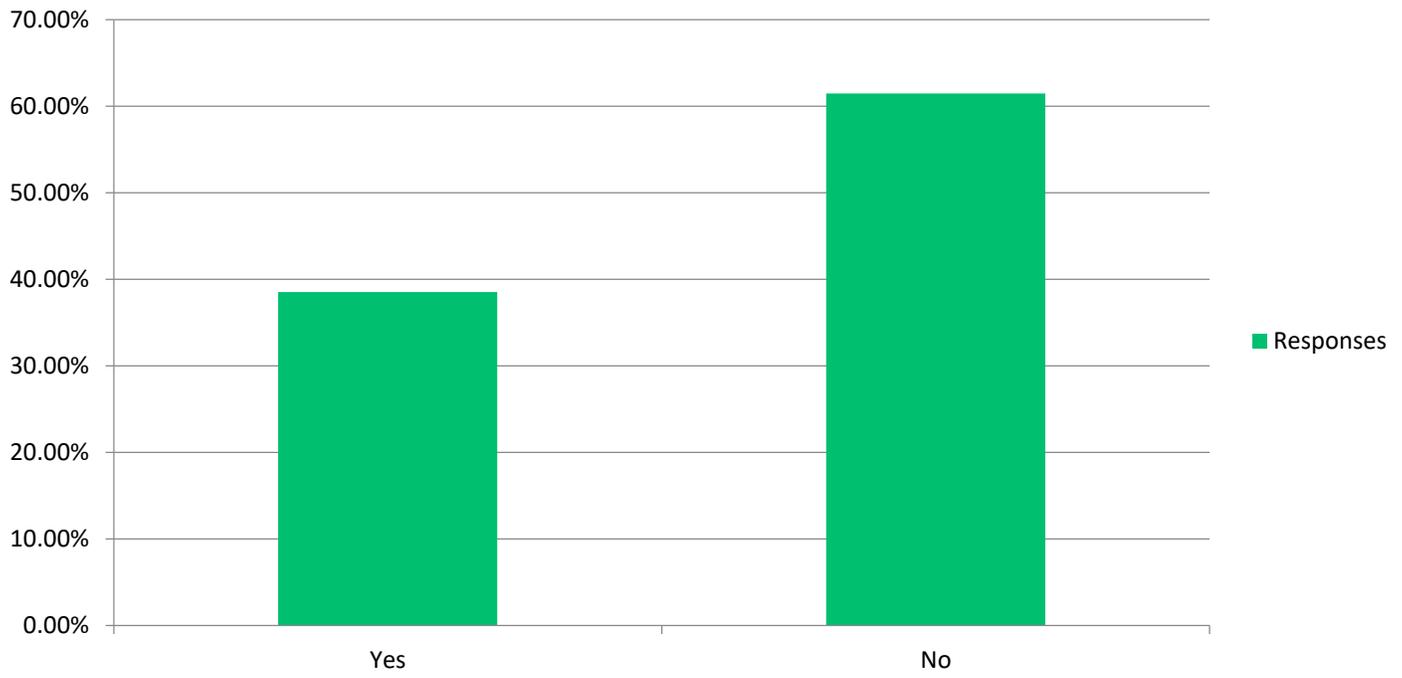
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Increase	29.49%	356
Stay the same	60.98%	736
Decrease	9.53%	115

Answered 1207

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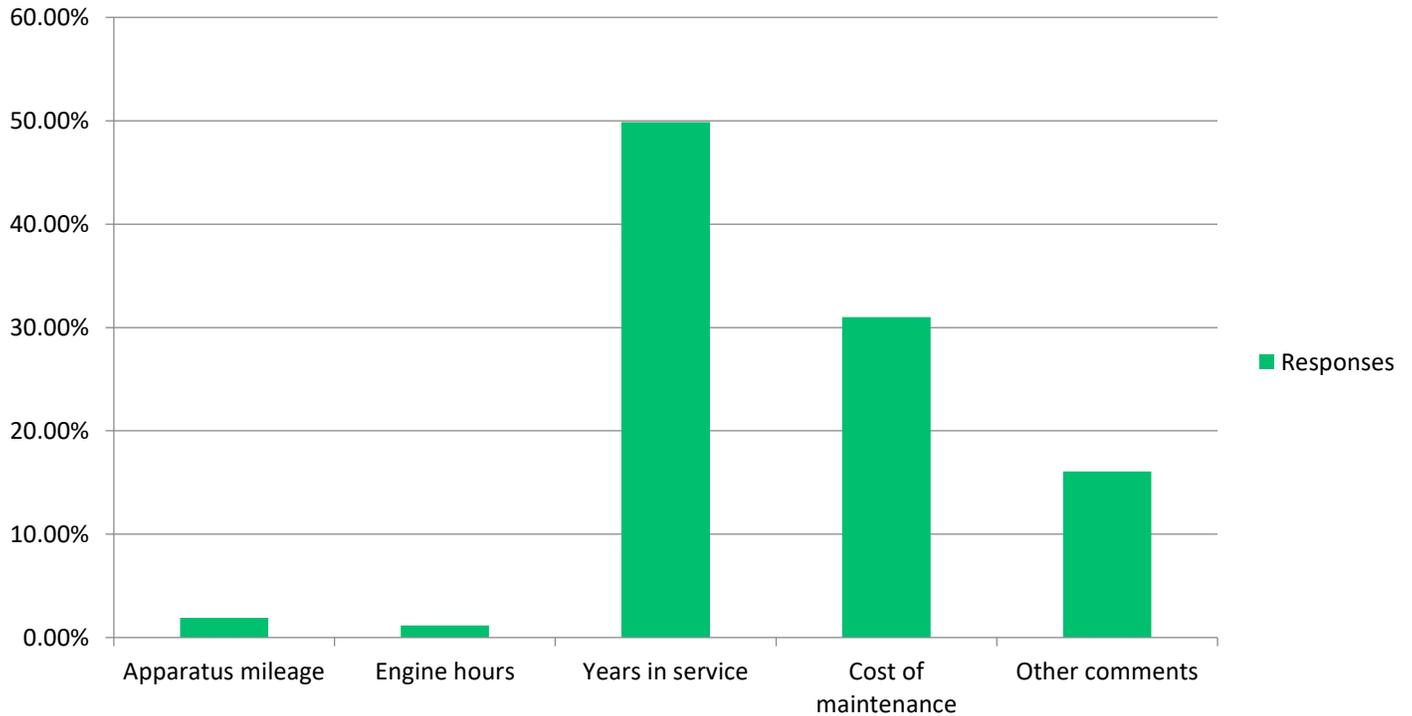
Does your fire department have a formal or written apparatus replacement plan or process?



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	38.53%	465
No	61.47%	742
Answered		1207
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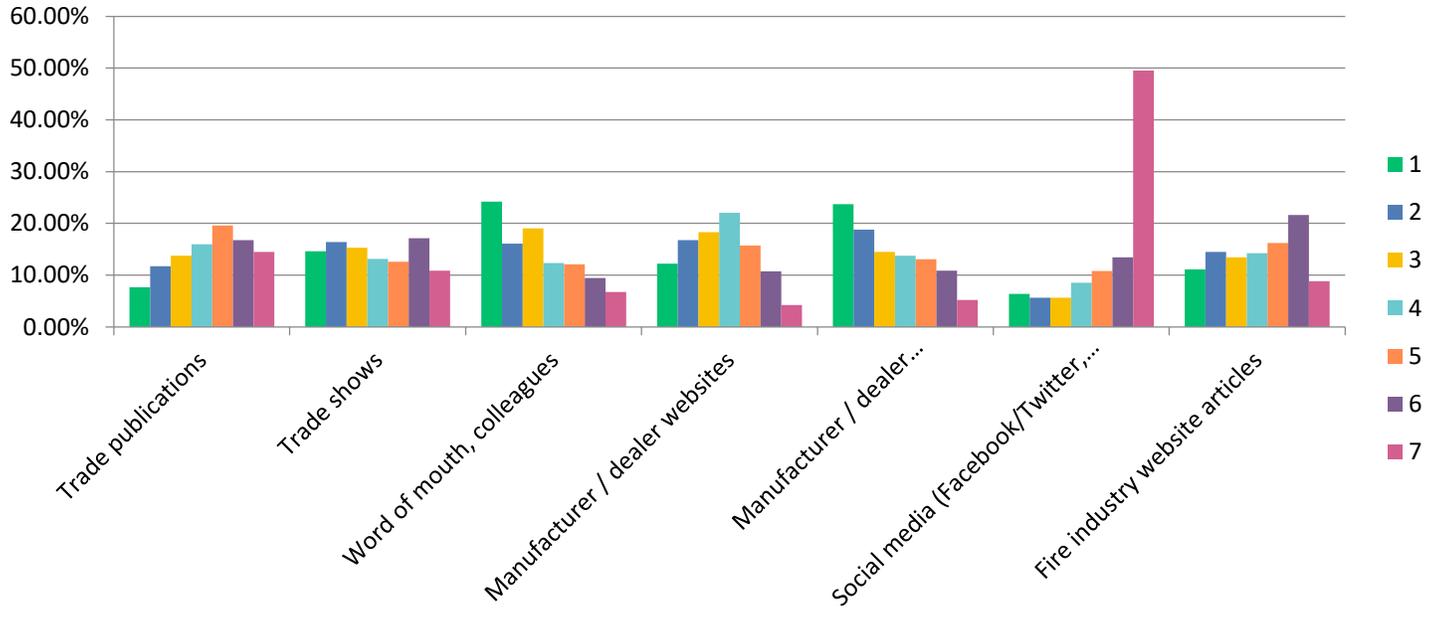
How does your department determine an apparatus is ready for replacement? (Please provide details in the comment section)



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Apparatus mileage	1.91%	23
Engine hours	1.16%	14
Years in service	49.88%	602
Cost of maintenance	30.99%	374
Other comments	16.07%	194
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Using 1 as the most important and 7 as the least important, please rank the importance of each of the following when seeking information on apparatus and equipment.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Trade publications	7.68% 91	11.73% 139	13.76% 163	15.95% 189	19.58% 232	16.79% 199	14.51% 172	1185
Trade shows	14.60% 173	16.37% 194	15.27% 181	13.16% 156	12.57% 149	17.13% 203	10.89% 129	1185
Word of mouth, colleagues	24.22% 287	16.12% 191	19.07% 226	12.32% 146	12.07% 143	9.45% 112	6.75% 80	1185
Manufacturer / dealer websites	12.24% 145	16.79% 199	18.31% 217	22.03% 261	15.70% 186	10.72% 127	4.22% 50	1185
Manufacturer / dealer salespersons	23.71% 281	18.82% 223	14.51% 172	13.76% 163	13.08% 155	10.89% 129	5.23% 62	1185
Social media (Facebook/Twitter, etc.)	6.41% 76	5.65% 67	5.65% 67	8.52% 101	10.80% 128	13.42% 159	49.54% 587	1185
Fire industry website articles	11.14% 132	14.51% 172	13.42% 159	14.26% 169	16.20% 192	21.60% 256	8.86% 105	1185
							Answered	1185
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