Project Mayday Synopsis - Pro 48/96

The math just doesn’t work. In The Project Mayday general report, it states that there were 2,179 maydays reported in 2015 and estimates roughly 2500 maydays occur per year. However, in Mayday by the Numbers Component 2 it states that of 293 maydays, 39% came from a 48/96 department even though 48/96 departments only account for 9% of the departments. If this was true we should definitely not go 48/96. However, there are some questions that have been raised by not just us but departments across the country. Initially the report states there are 2500 maydays a year. Then why and how did he choose the 293 specific maydays that gave the statistic of 39% for 48/96 departments. I have reached out to Don Abbott so that he could explain this unusual statistic with no luck. And I am not the only one. Fort Worth made attempts to contact him for roughly 14 months with no success. They did however talk to many other departments who stated that they too were unable to get answers from him.

Another unusual fact from the Project Mayday is that it contradicts the findings of many large busy departments across the country who say that they have either seen no rise in maydays injuries or LODDS or if they have it was varying from year to year. (Meaning maybe one year they had more maydays than on their old schedule but then the next year it was lower) There is absolutely no other article or study out there that backs up Don Abbotts findings.

I’ve tried to make since of the findings several times and spoken with several people but have just gotten more confused. I tried to look at which departments were surveyed but that info isn’t available. I know that orange county was surveyed so initially thought maybe they were the only large 48/96 department and possibly that could have skewed the numbers. However, Mr. Abbott does give the size of the departments that were surveyed. He states that of the 264 departments surveyed, 103 departments surveyed had between 1500-3000 personnel. This just confused me more, because there aren’t that many departments in the country with that amount of personnel. Best info I can find suggests that there are roughly 30 departments nationwide with over 1500 personnel.

I am not suggesting that Project Mayday does not have any good info because it absolutely does. But The 48/96 info is less than one page out of hundreds and it contradicts many other departments out there who have had great success with the 48/96 schedule.

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