

Burlington County  
Code Blue Program  
For  
Dangerous, Cold Weather Conditions

**Prepared by**

The Burlington County Human Services Advisory Council  
and The Burlington County Office of Human Services  
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## CONTACT CHECKLIST/REFERRAL

# CODE BLUE CHECKLIST

**Use this form (follow directions listed) for emergency shelter during a declared "Code Blue".  
(DO NOT CALL Community Services, DO NOT USE pink checklist during a declared Code Blue.)**

**All shelter restrictions are waived during designated "Code Blue" Days.**

Winter Weather Emergencies (Code Blue) are declared by the Burlington County Health Department based upon specific cold weather criteria. When Code Blue is in effect, staff posts it in the phonerroom on the "Urgent Board." Only CONTACT staff can post or change a Code Blue directive. If in doubt, call your SW Supervisor.

Date:	Time of Call: <span style="float: right;">AM or PM</span>
Helpline Specialist:	iCarol ID #:
Caller Name:	Caller Location (Town):

## FAMILIES (adult/s with child/ren under 18)

*Note: 18 years of age or older is considered an adult*

**Refer FAMILIES ONLY to: (PLEASE READ BELOW TO GIVE APPROPRIATE NUMBER)**

**Daytime: Sun thru Sat 9 AM-5 PM    856-638-0110** IHN Day Center Phone

**Nights: Mon-Thurs After 5 PM Only    856-505-9571** CS Code Blue Phone activated after 5 PM

**Nights: Fri-Sun After 5 PM Only    856-505-7923** CS Code Blue Phone activated after 5 PM

## SINGLES (adults without children)

**Shelter closest to caller's location would be optimal, but all options available to caller.**

<p><b>Day:</b> Christian Caring Center (open only during the day) 378 Lakehurst Road Browns Mills, NJ 08015</p> <p><i>Bus Line:</i> NJT 317, BurLink</p> <p><u>Handicap Accessible</u></p> <p><b>After 5PM:</b> Tabernacle of Praise (open only at night for CB) 71 Ridge Road Browns Mills, NJ 08015</p> <p><u>NOT Handicap Accessible</u></p>	<p><b>Beacon of Hope</b> (open only at night for CB) 700 Monmouth Road Mount Holly, NJ 08060</p> <p><i>Bus Line:</i> NJT 317, 413, BurLink</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church Building)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Handicap Accessible</u></p>	<p><b>No Greater Love</b> at New Life Church (open only at night for CB) 1106 Sunset Road Burlington, NJ 08016</p> <p><i>Bus Line:</i> NJT409, BurLink</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(shopping area next door to Metro PCS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Handicap Accessible</u></p>	<p><b>Extended Hand Ministries</b> (open only at night for CB) 275 Holman Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060</p> <p><i>Bus Line: NJT 317, 413</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOT Handicap Accessible</u></p>
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**Referral:     Accepted     Refused**

**PLEASE CIRCLE REFERRAL GIVEN**

## CURRENT CODE BLUE PROVIDERS

**FAMILIES (adult/s with child/ren under 18)**

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Daytime: Sun thru Sat 9 AM-5 PM 856-638-0110 **Interfaith Hospital Network (IHN)**

**Day Center Phone**

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Families sheltered in area motels as administered by Catholic Charities

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UNSHELTERED HOMELESS BY  
MUNICIPALITY

Below please find the breakdown of unsheltered respondents by the town they identified where they slept on the night of the count. There were a total of 44 unsheltered persons\* identified in 2017 and out of those, 39 respondents identified a town where they stayed the night of the count.

Beverly	2
Westampton	1
Willingboro	3
Maple Shade	1
Riverside	1
Southampton	1
Browns Mills	16
Hainesport	1
Mount Holly	8
Burlington	2
Edgewater Park	1
Pemberton	2

\*Information provided by Monarch Housing from Burlington County's 2017 Point in Time Count. Please be aware that although the PIT number referenced in the OPRA request was 604 persons, the majority of those enumerated were housed through the Board of Social Services. 44 persons were UNSHELTERED.

## 2016 CODE BLUE DECLARATION

### CONTACT

Theresa Tobey, Exec Director  
Office 856-234-5484 x201  
Home 609-654-0260 Cell 609-923-4691 (24/7)

Dori Audette, Office Manager  
Office 856-234-5484 x200 Cell 609-410-7648

#### Police Notification:

Central Dispatch 609-265-7113 Ask for supervisor a Code Blue sheltering situation has been declared. CONTACT can be called for directions to the open shelters (856) 234-8888.  
e-mail Jeff Johnson ([jjohnson@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:jjohnson@co.burlington.nj.us))

#### Shelters:

**Christian Caring Center**  
378 Lakehurst Road  
Browns Mills, NJ

**Madelyn Mears-Sheldon**  
609-893-0700 Center  
609-560-0743 Cell

**Extended Hand Ministries**  
275 Holman Street  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

**Cynthia Davis 609-724-8215**  
[davis\\_cyn622@yahoo.com](mailto:davis_cyn622@yahoo.com)  
Center's # 609-914-4270  
Mike Cell 609-200-9915  
[tehm@comcast.net](mailto:tehm@comcast.net)

**Emergency Services/  
Catholic Charities**

**Richard Ferrerira**  
856-764-6945 x 6128

**Cynthia Coleman**  
856-764-6940 ext.6122

**Beacon of Hope**  
700 Monmouth Road  
7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church Bldg.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
609-288-6517

**Pastor Darlene Trappier**  
609-923-1495/609-694-0883

**NO GREATER LOVE, CDC**  
New Life Cathedral Church  
1106 Sunset Road  
Burlington, NJ 08016

**Loretta Robinson 609-975-9706**  
[Loretta.Robinson@NGLCDC.org](mailto:Loretta.Robinson@NGLCDC.org)

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**

**Pat Lasusky**  
856- 638-0110 (7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
Pat's Cell 609-440-1238 (After 5 p.m.)  
[ihnbc@aol.com](mailto:ihnbc@aol.com)

**Eric Arpert (PIO)**  
**Cariie Maksin Legacy / PATH**

609- 265-5193  
609-261-7672

#### OVER FLOW ONLY:

**Word of Life Christian Center**  
2840 Monmouth Road  
Springfield Twp. NJ 08041

**Rose Thompson 690-954-0439**  
[firstladyrose@comcast.net](mailto:firstladyrose@comcast.net)

Emails are sent out to notify the providers of a CODE BLUE and followed up with a phone call.

Websites for Prior Day High/Low Temperatures:

[www.NOAA.gov](http://www.NOAA.gov)

Enter "08060" in 'Local Forecast' box {upper left}

For previous days: Click 'Past Weather Information' {bottom left}; Leave 1. Product set on 'Daily Climate Report;' select Trenton (2. Location) and Archived Data (3. Timeframe); click 'Go' (4. View)

For daily projection (current day plus next 5 days): Click "Hourly Weather Forecast"

<http://www.almanac.com/weather/history/zipcode/08641> (Farmer's Almanac)

Temperatures from JB-MDL (zip code 08641) weather station; can select date and change zip code setting

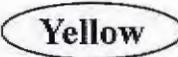
<http://weather.org> (Weather.org)

Enter zip code (location) and desired date(s)

## CODE BLUE 48-Hour Forecast (as of 21 Mar 17, 9:00 am)

-  **Temp < 25 ° F w/ winds  $\geq$  15 mph**
  -  **Temp < 32 ° F w/ snow and/or freezing rain**
  -  **Wind Chill < 20 ° F**
  -  **Other severe weather conditions posing urgent threats to health of the unsheltered population, which are of an acute nature and require immediate response**
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 **Green** Condition not forecast

 **Yellow** Condition forecast for less than twelve (12) hours within 24-hour period

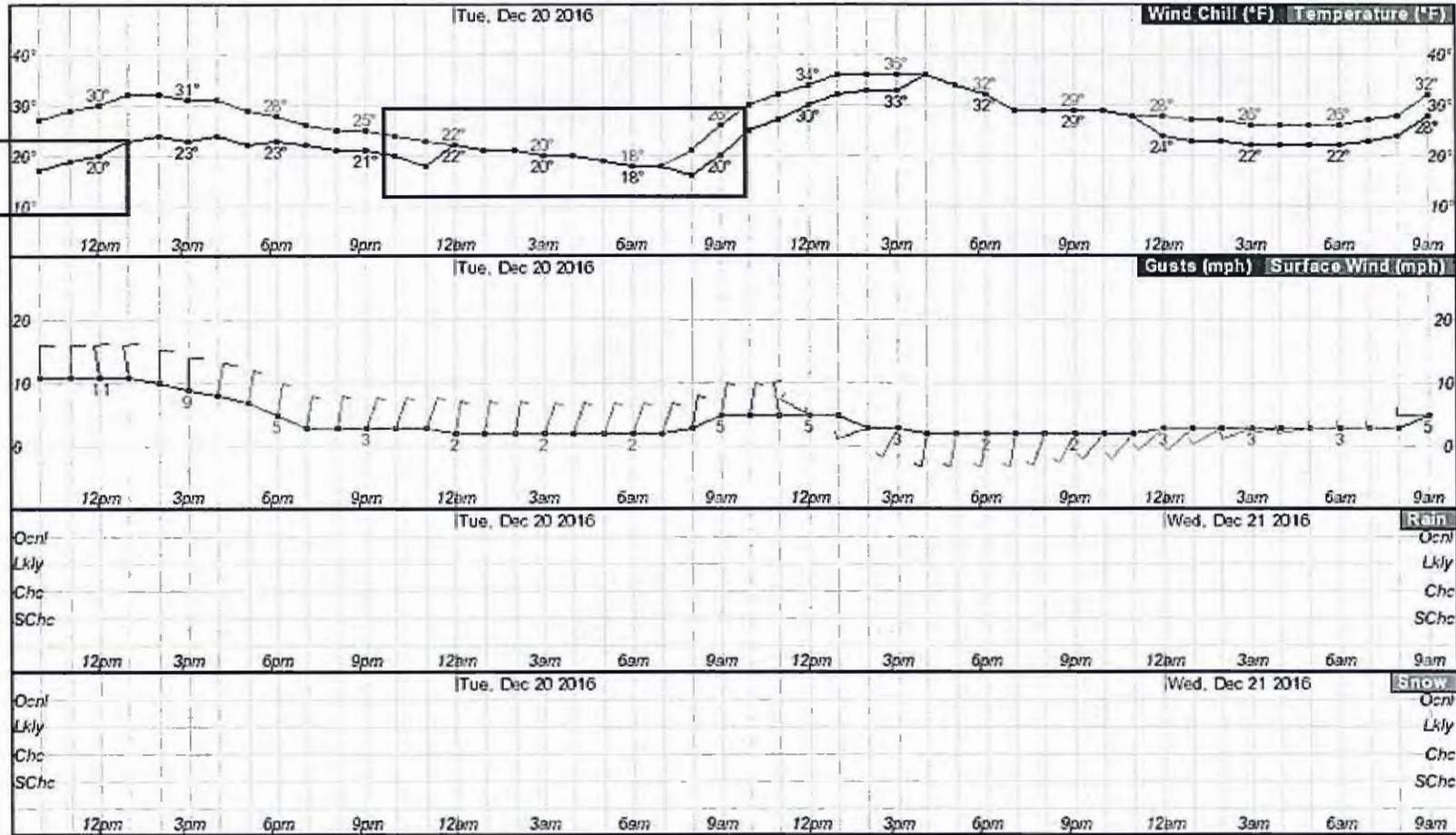
 **Red** Condition forecast for at least twelve (12) hours within 24-hour period

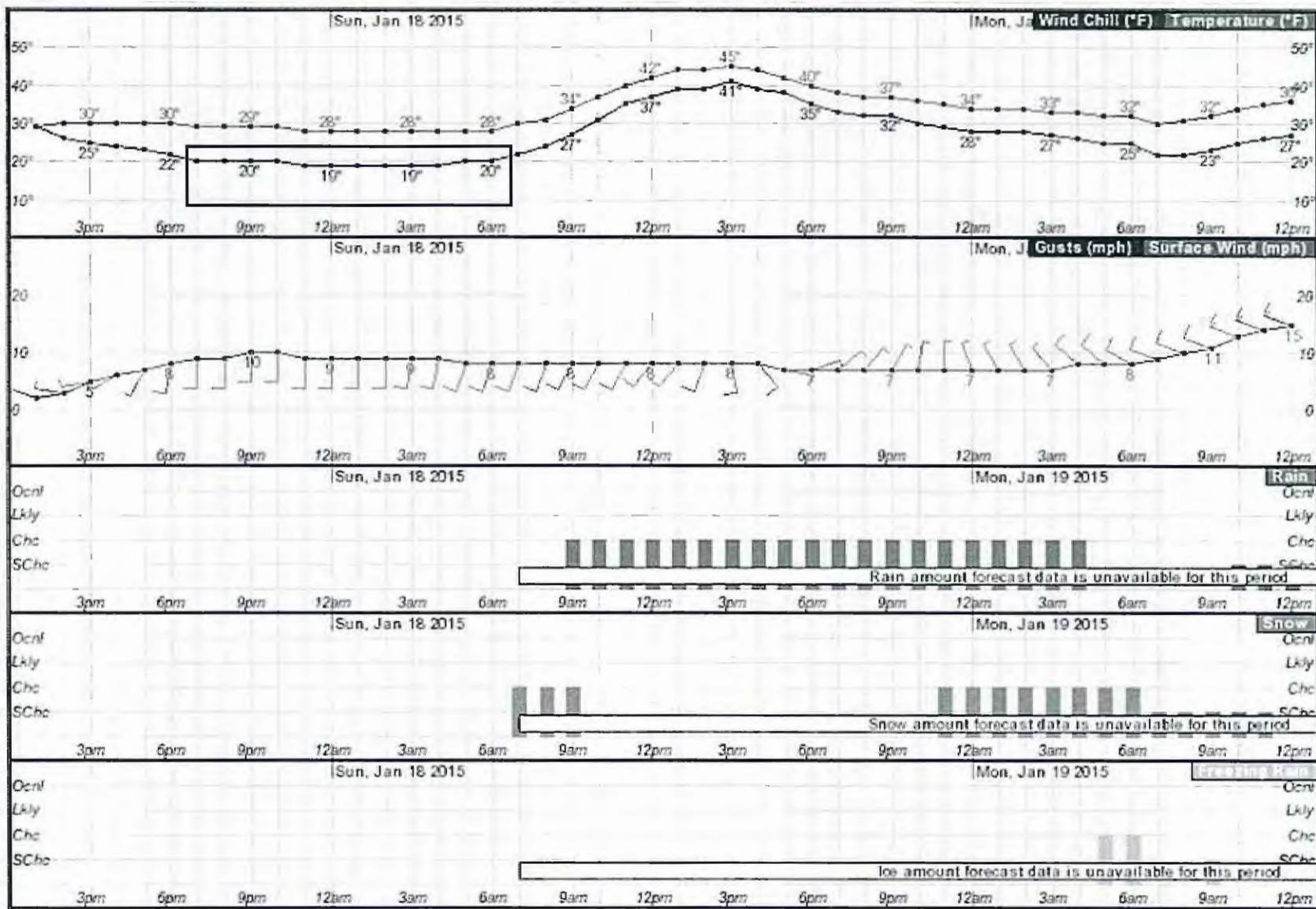
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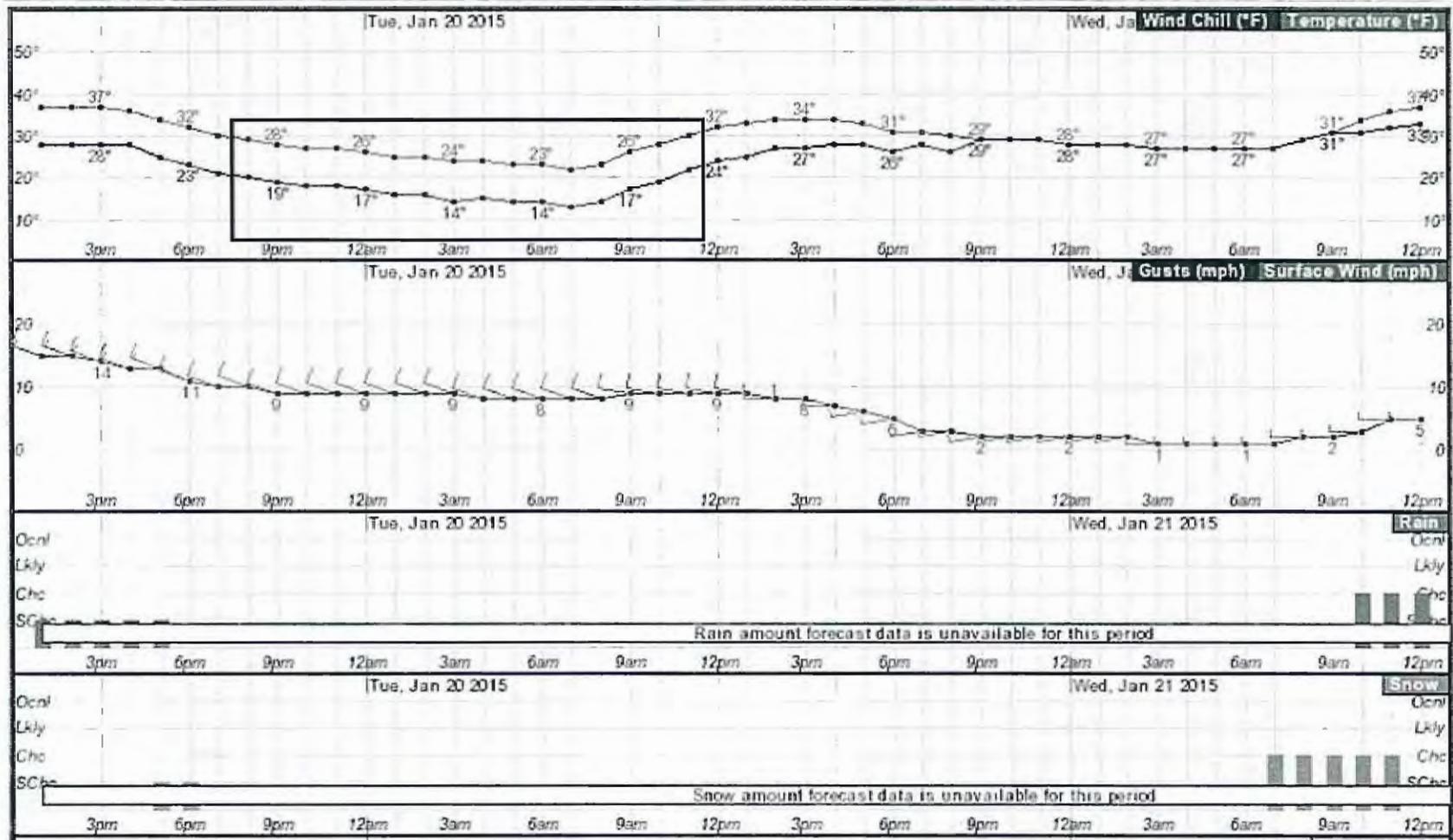
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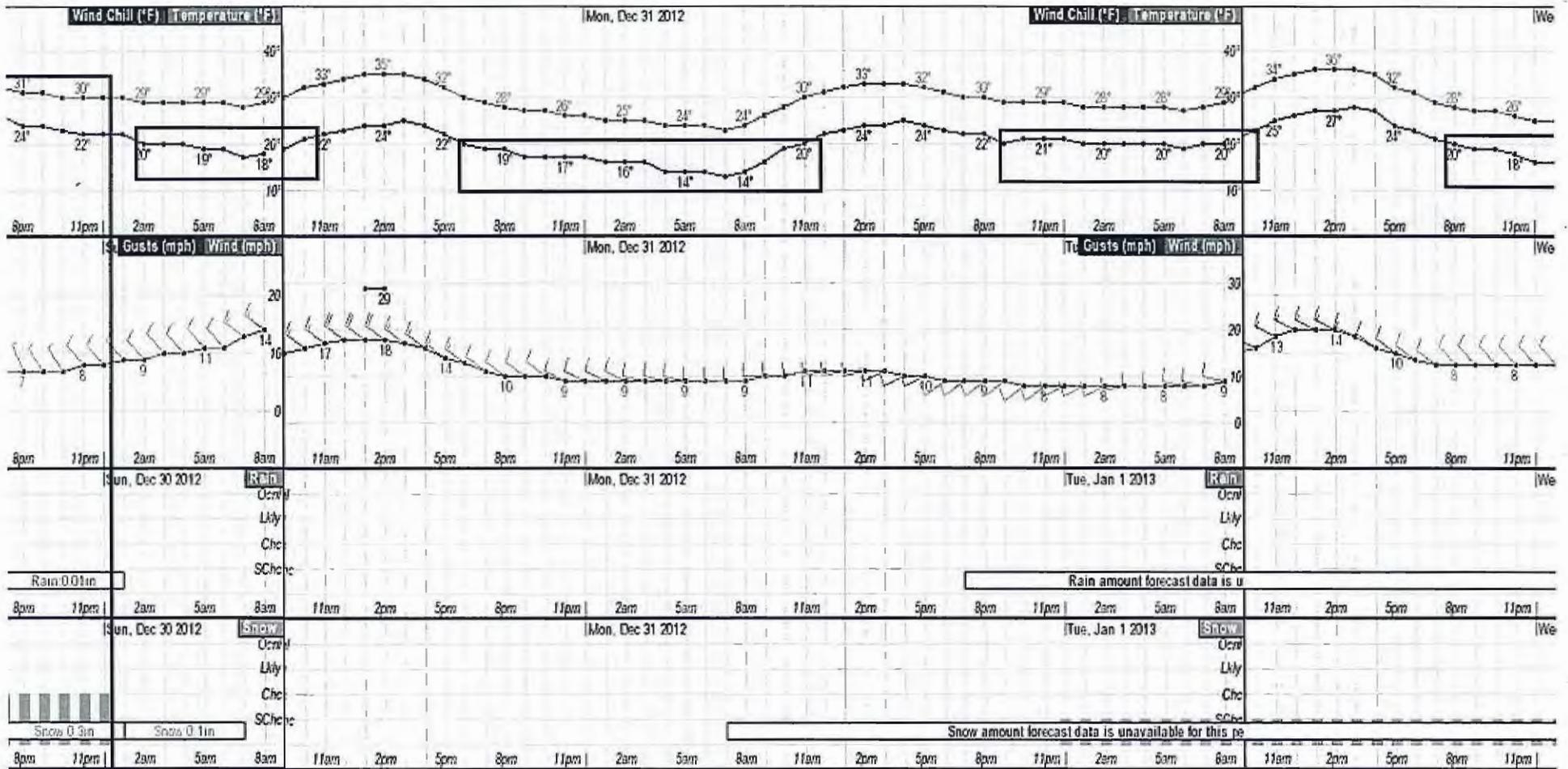
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**CODE BLUE:** When any of the following conditions are forecast to exist for at least 12 hours in any 24-hour period

- **Wind Chill < 20° F**
- **Temp < 32° F w/ snow and/or freezing rain**
- **Temp < 25° F w/ winds > 15 mph**
- **Other severe weather conditions as may occur posing urgent threats to the health of the unsheltered population which are of an acute nature and require immediate response**

## **Code Blue Shelter**

**Bureau of Rooming and Boarding House Standards, Department of Community Affairs/Division of Codes and Standards**

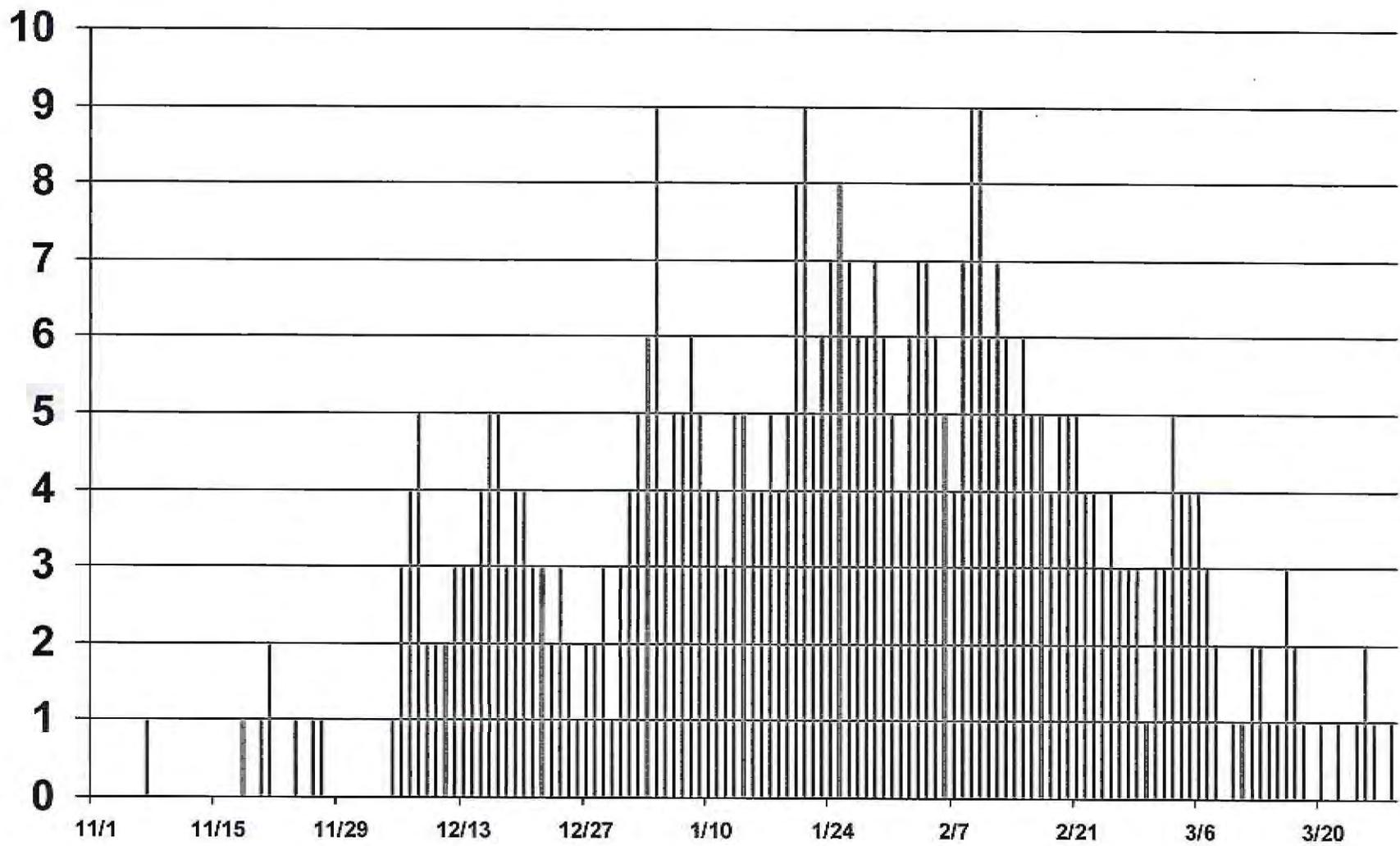
### **Houses of Worship (Incorporated Church) "Hospitality Room"\*\*\***

- **May shelter for no more than 14 consecutive days**
- **May not exceed 49 days of sheltering in a year**
- **May house 14 or fewer persons at a time (Can not house more than fire/building/health code allows)**
- **Inspections /No code violations**
- **Must maintain minimum health and safety standards**
- **American Red Cross Shelter Training**
- **Insurance**

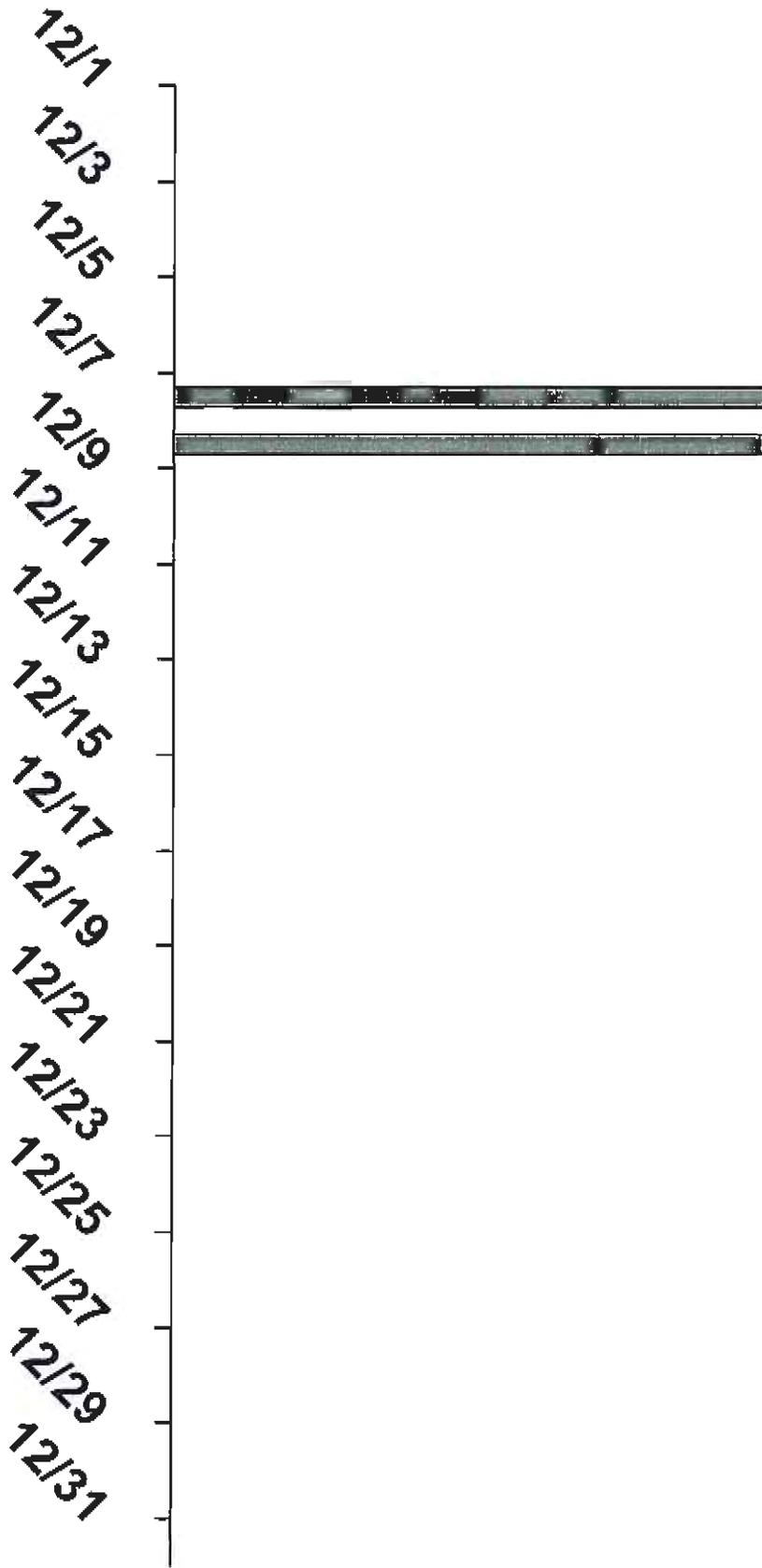
### **Hotel/Motel**

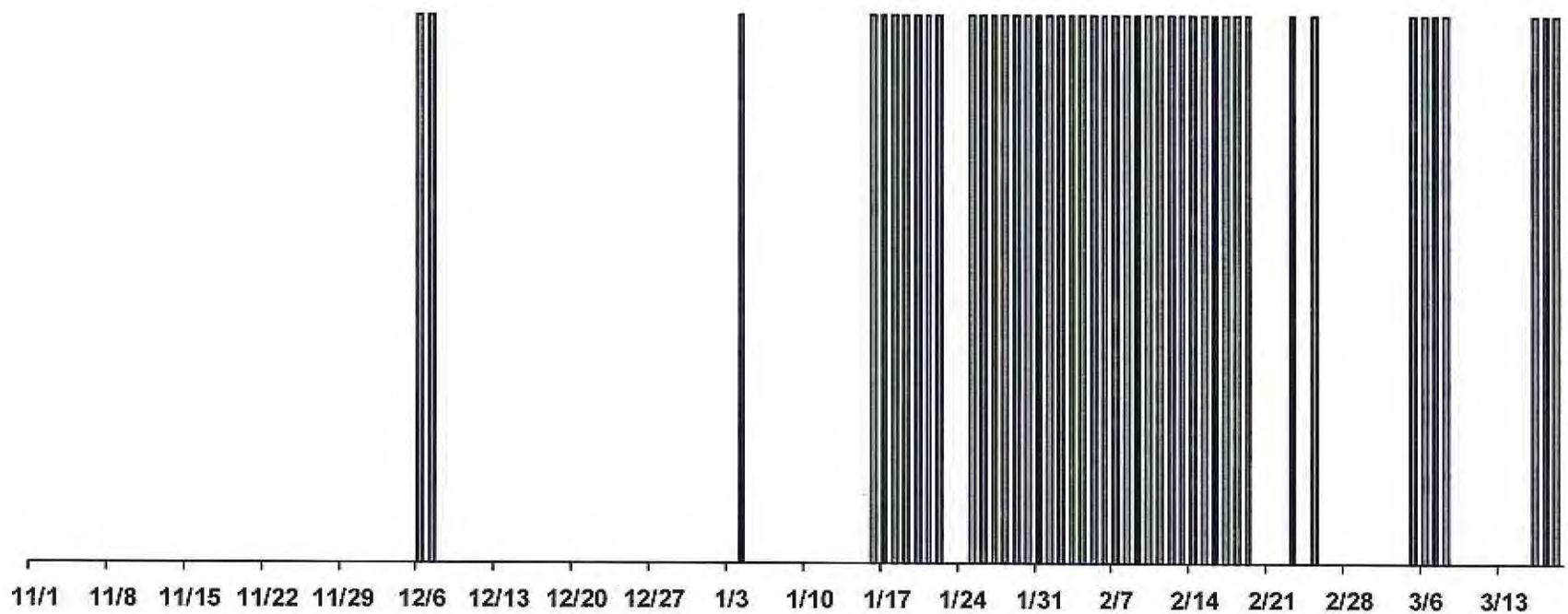
**If you do not fall under the parameters of the above regulations then you must have a DCA license to shelter in order to shelter using Code Blue Funding.**

**\*\* Hospitality Room means a room or space that is incidental to a religious use wherein 14 or fewer persons are provided shelter for 14 or fewer consecutive days for no more than 49 days in a year according to the Bureau of Rooming and Boarding House Standards, Department of Community Affairs/Division of Codes and Standards**

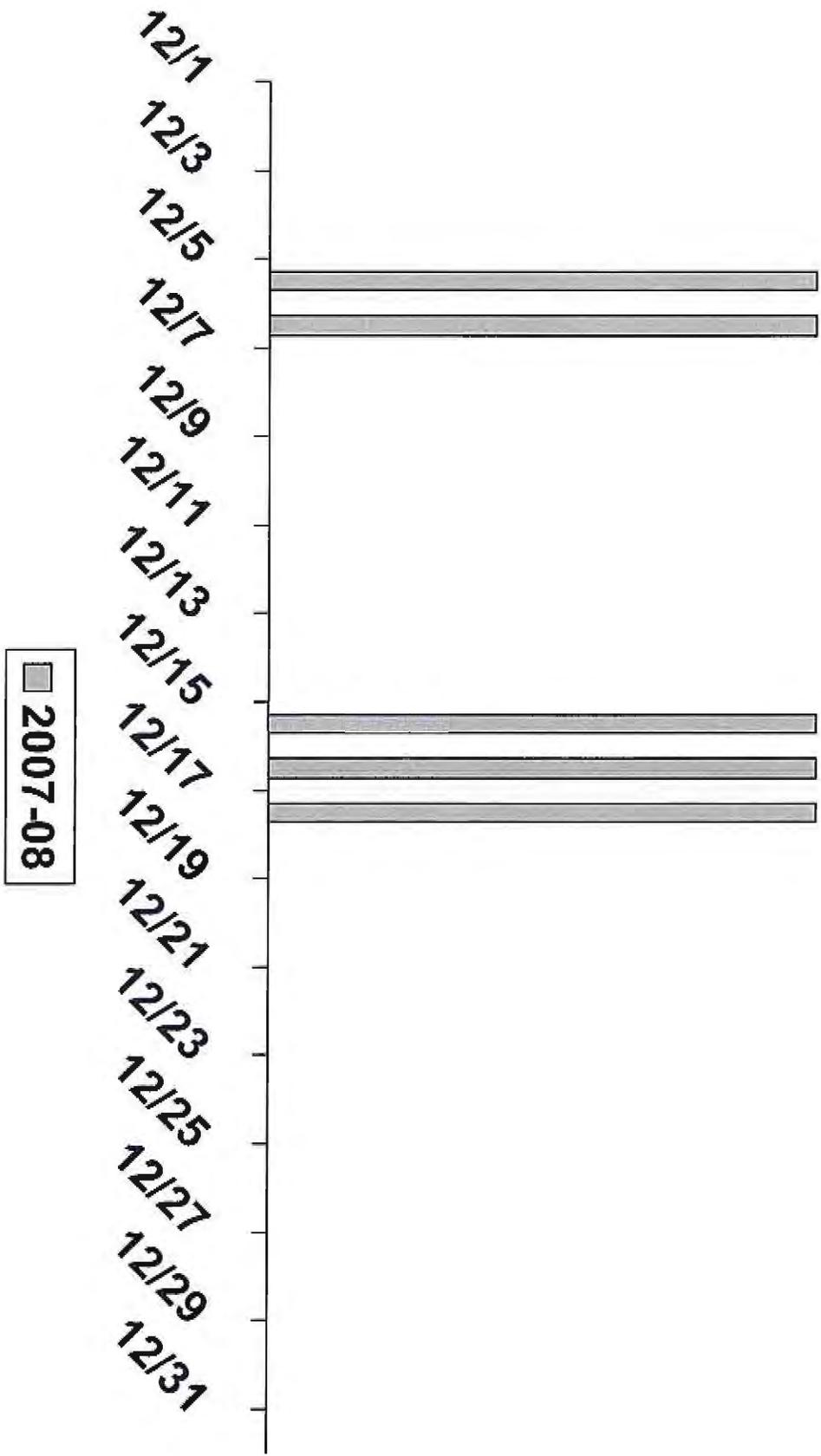


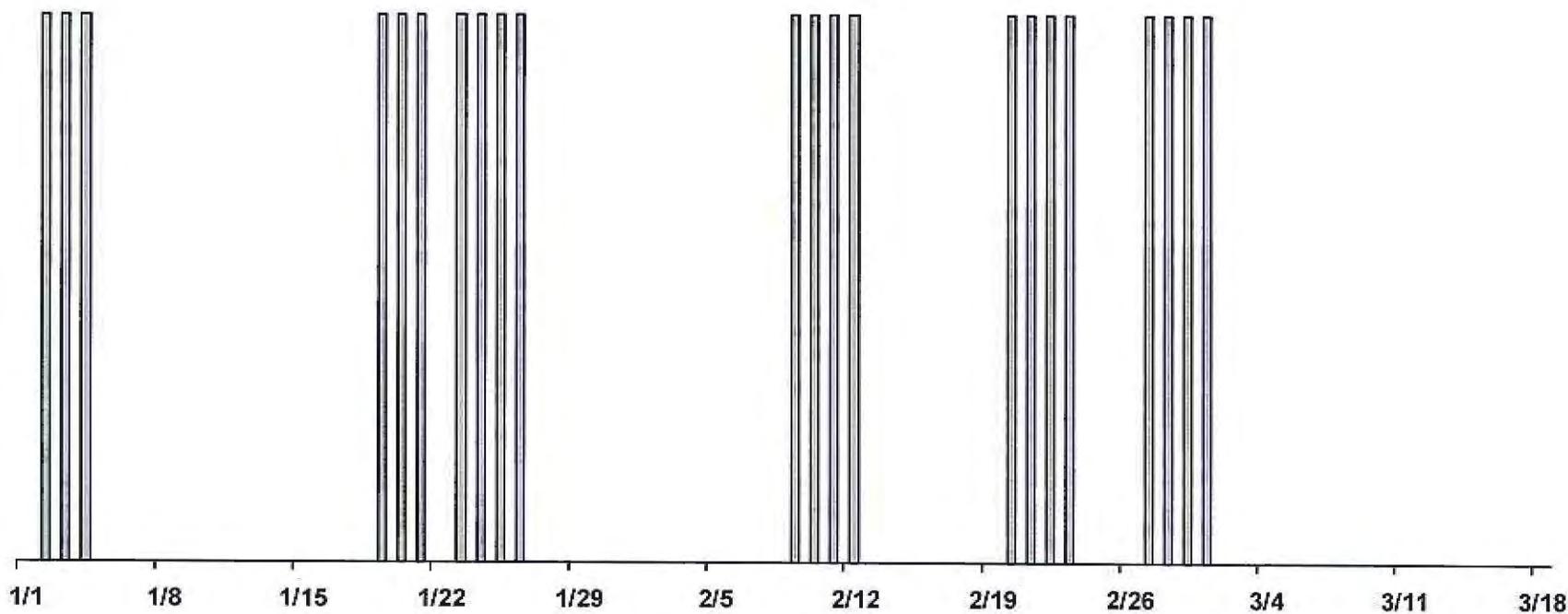
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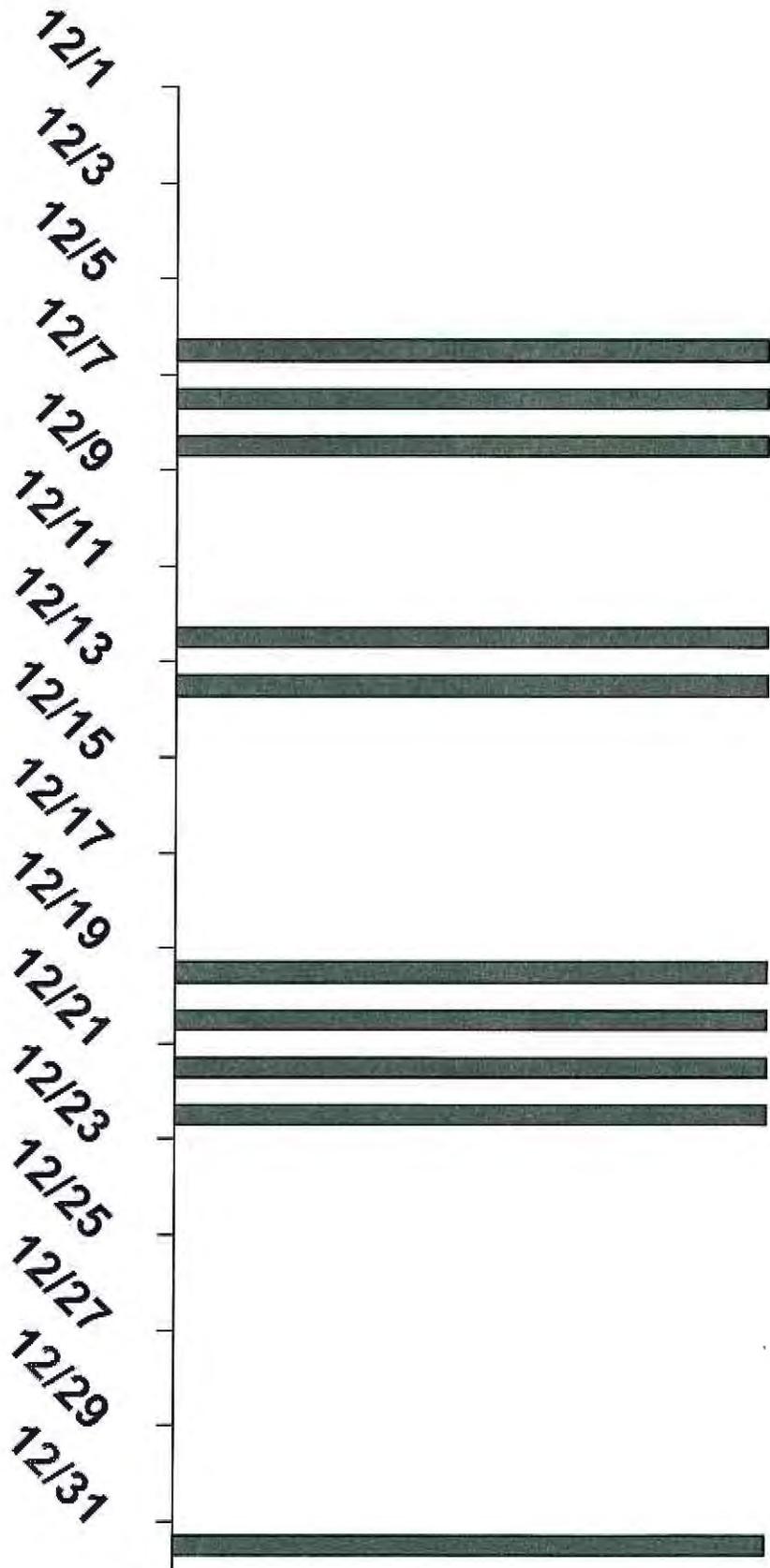
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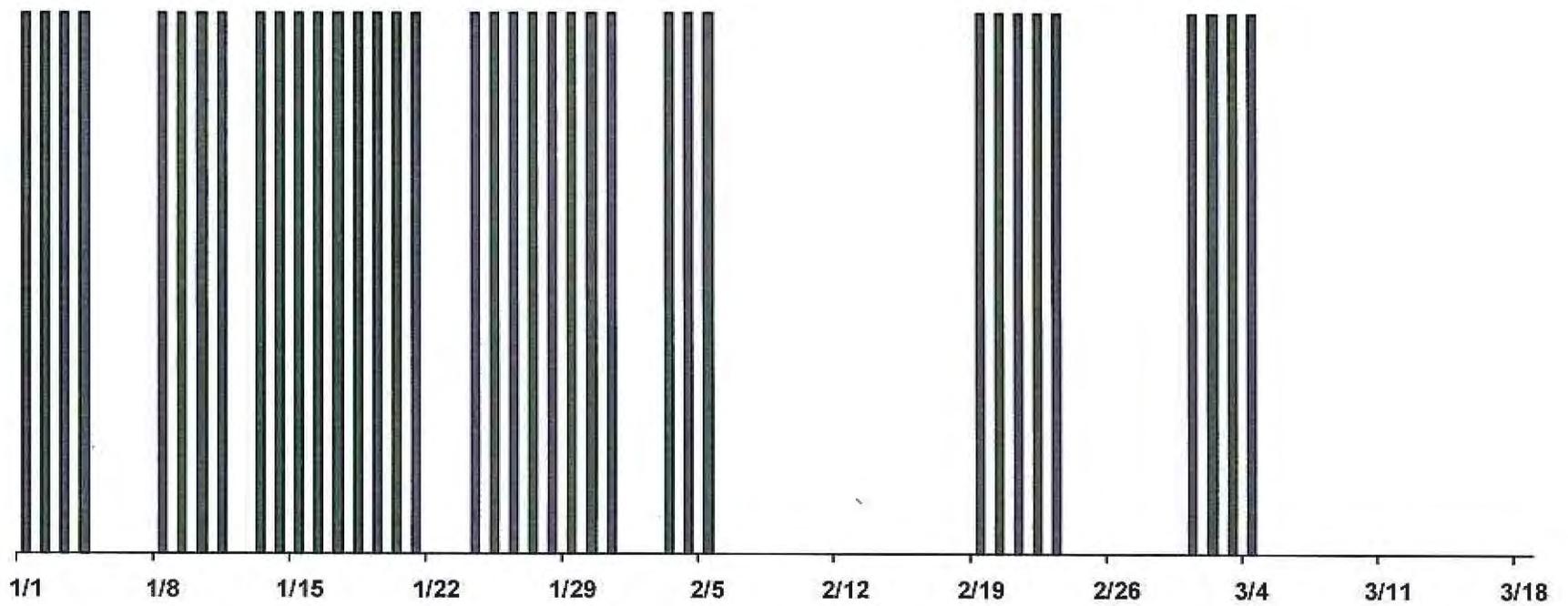




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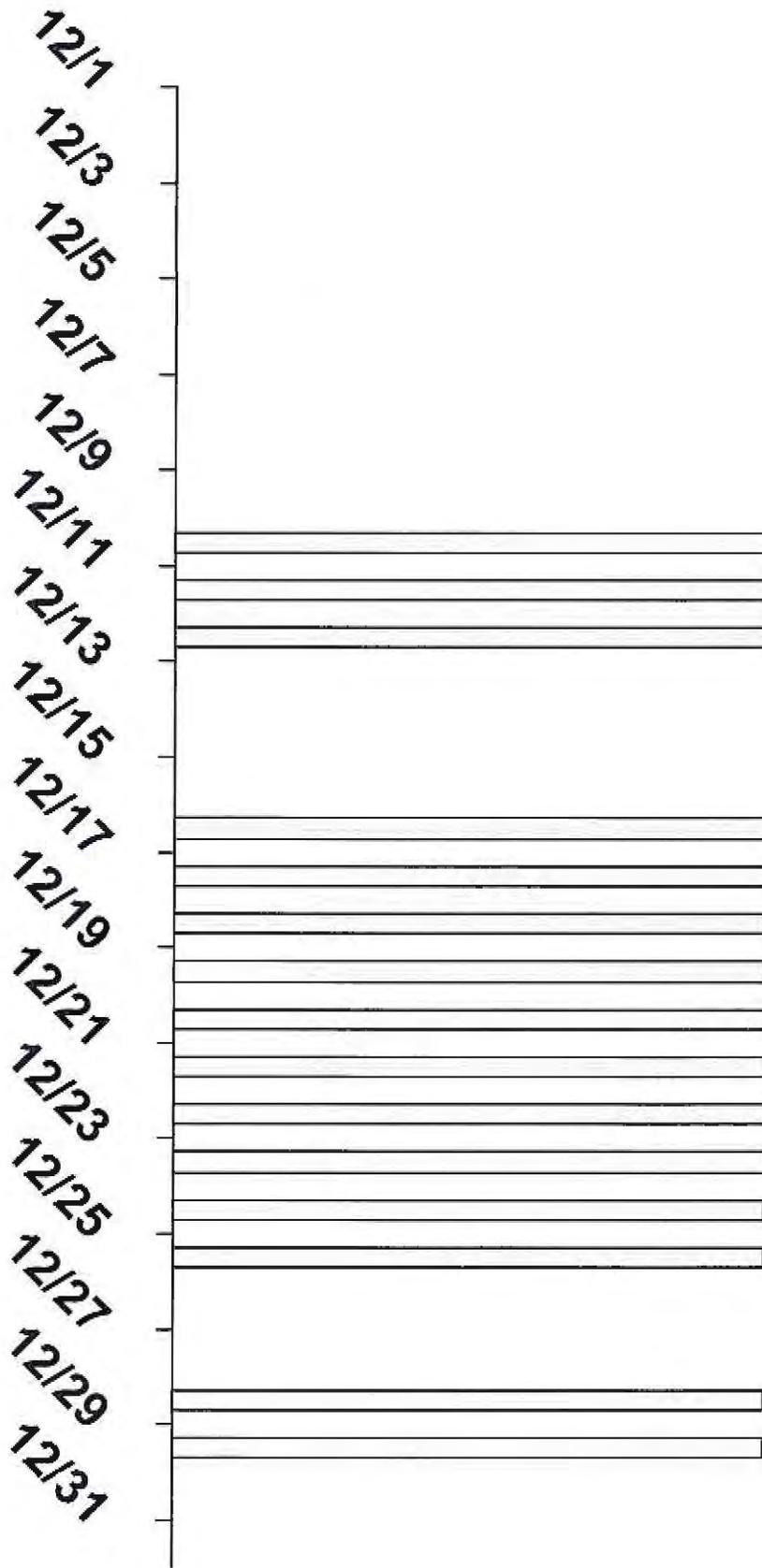
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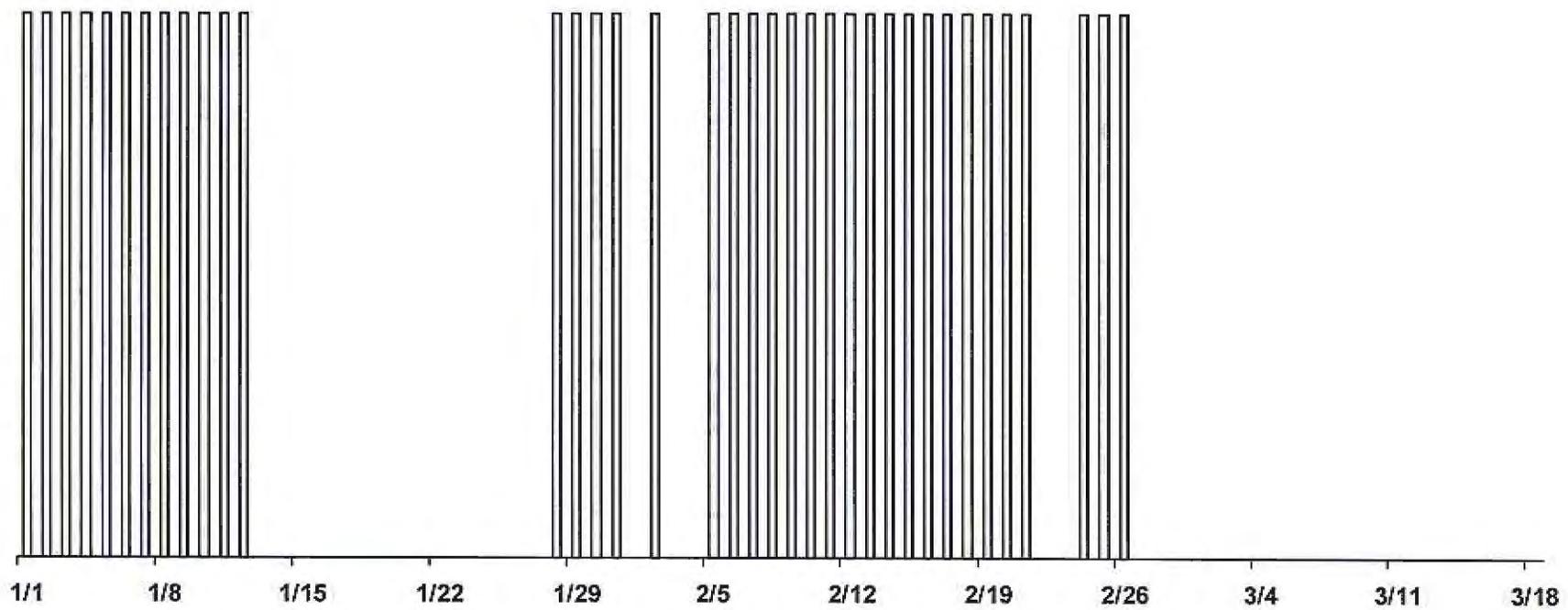




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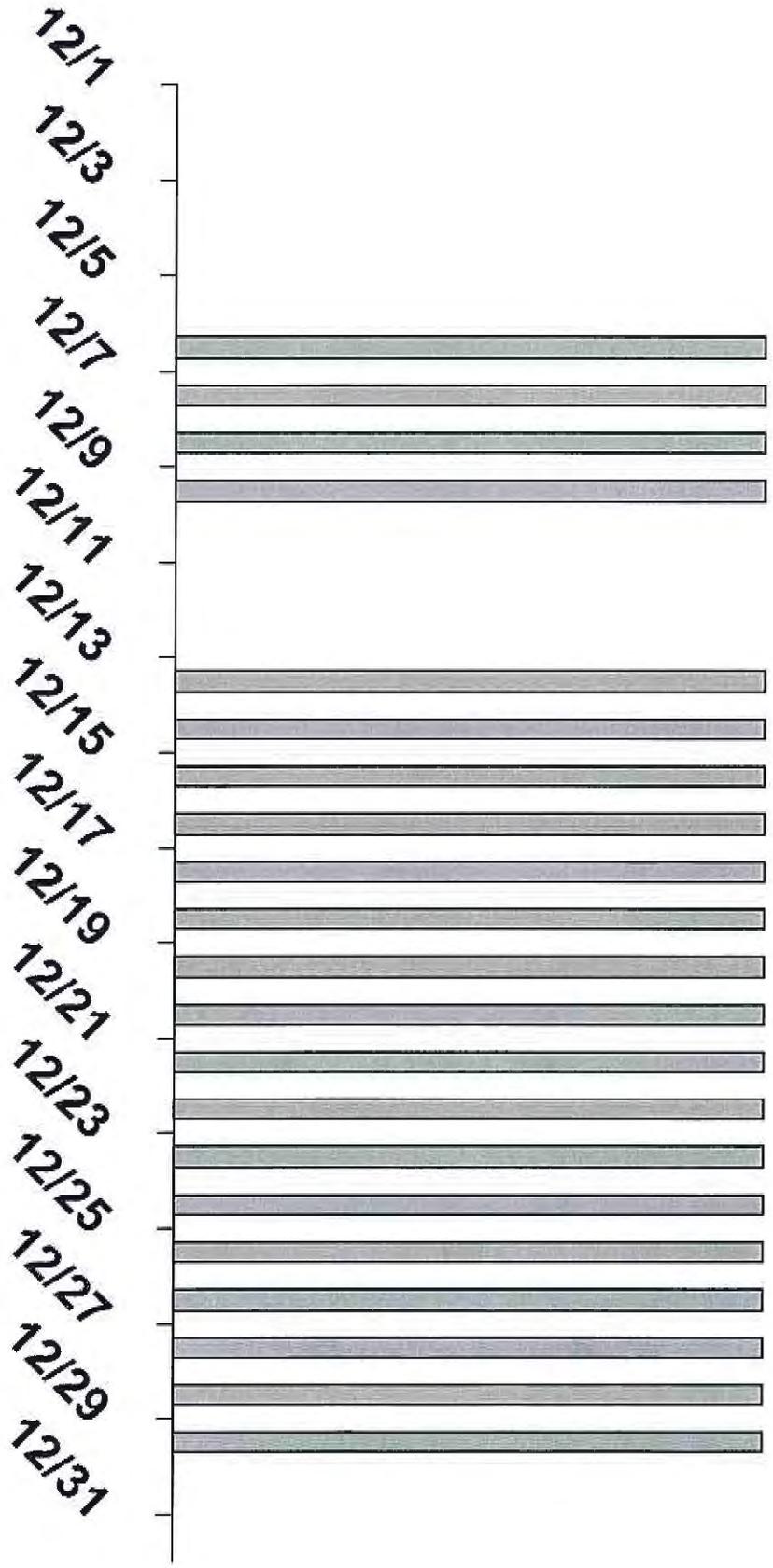
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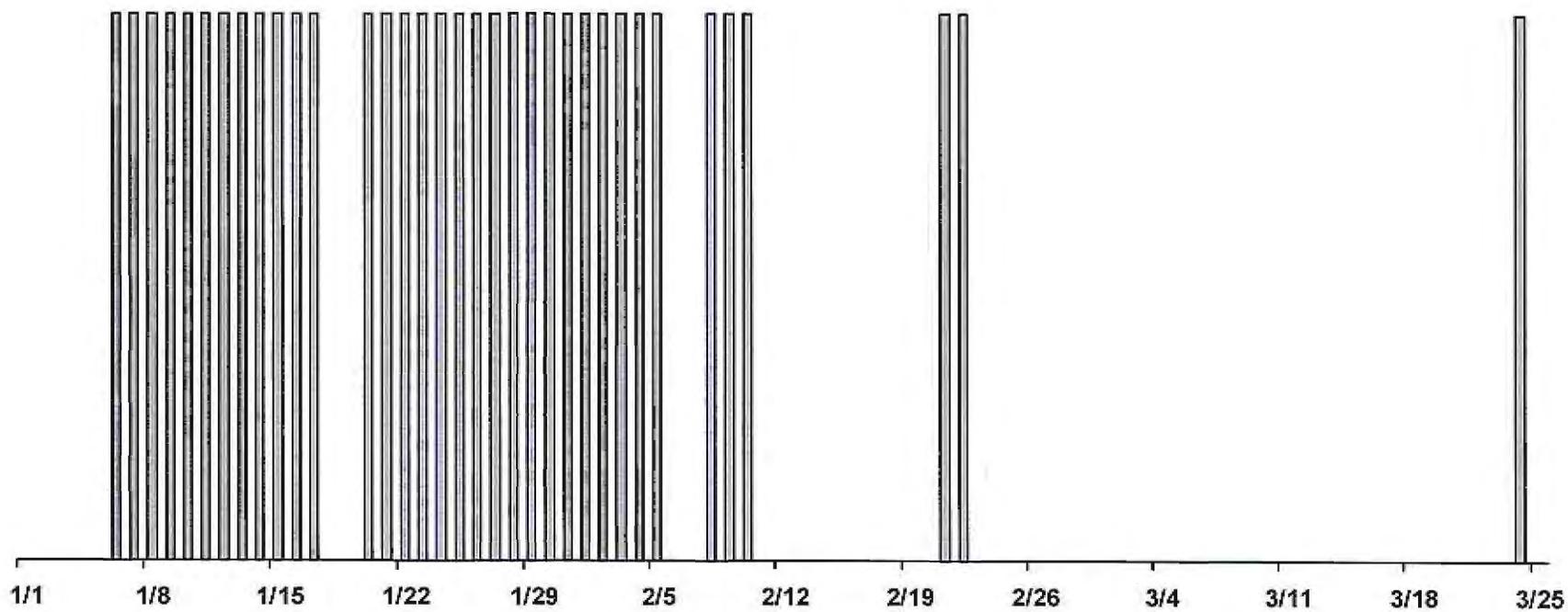




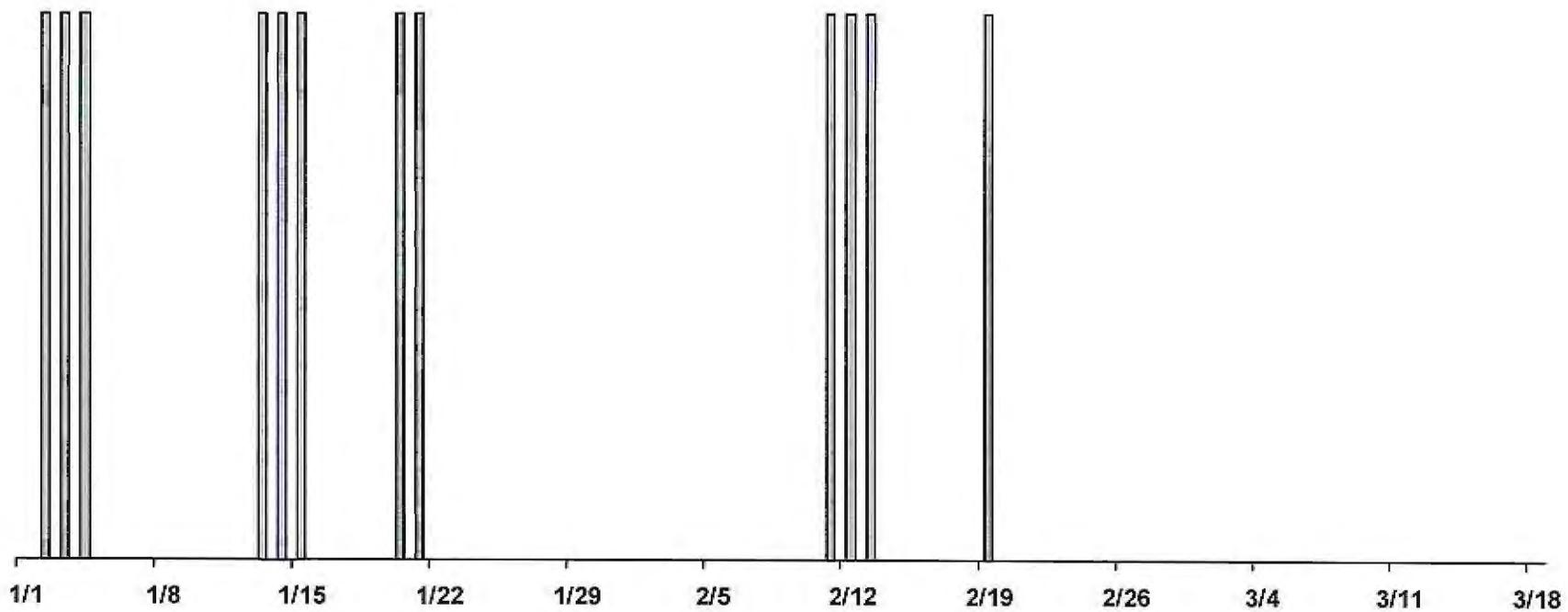
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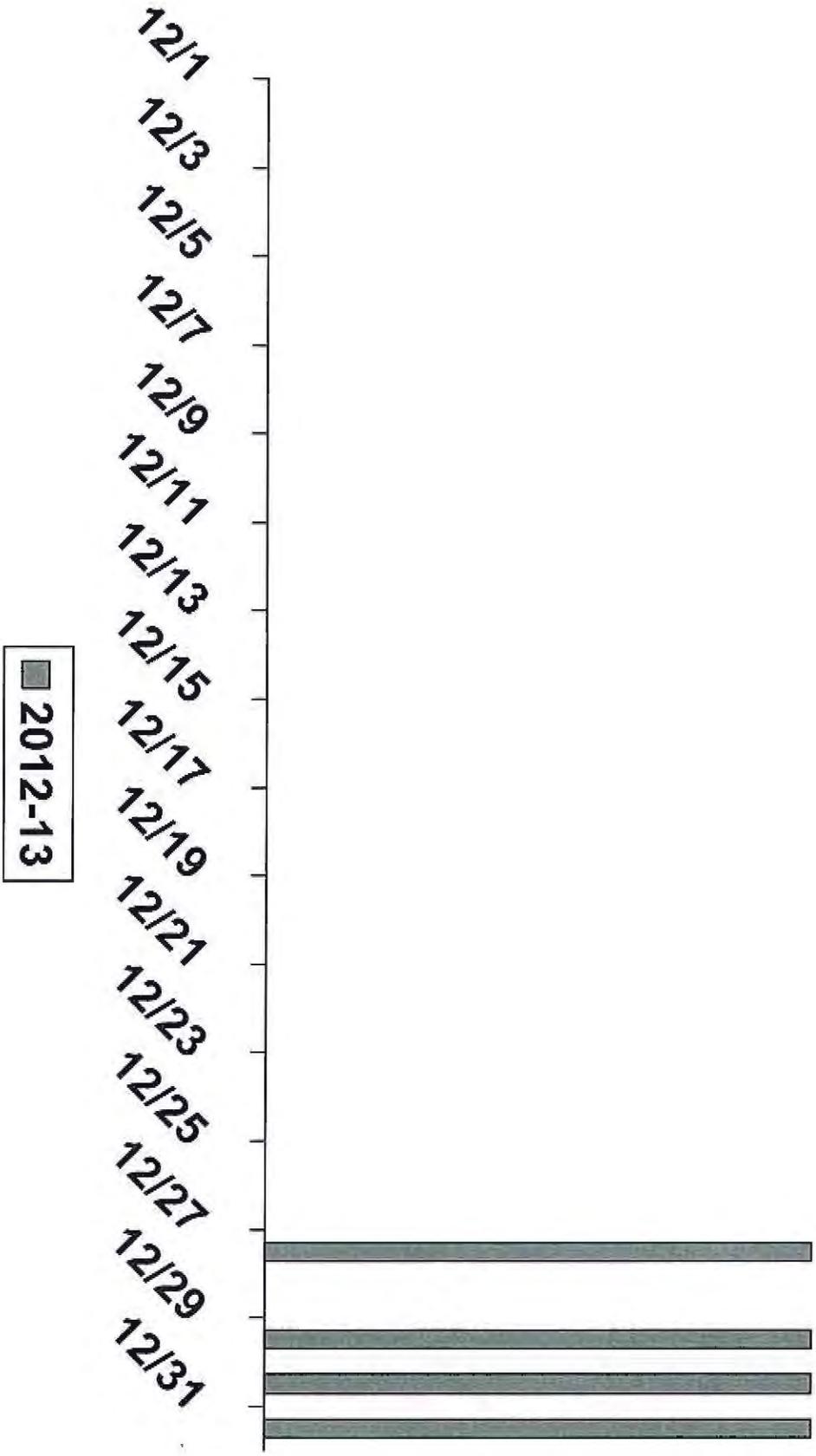


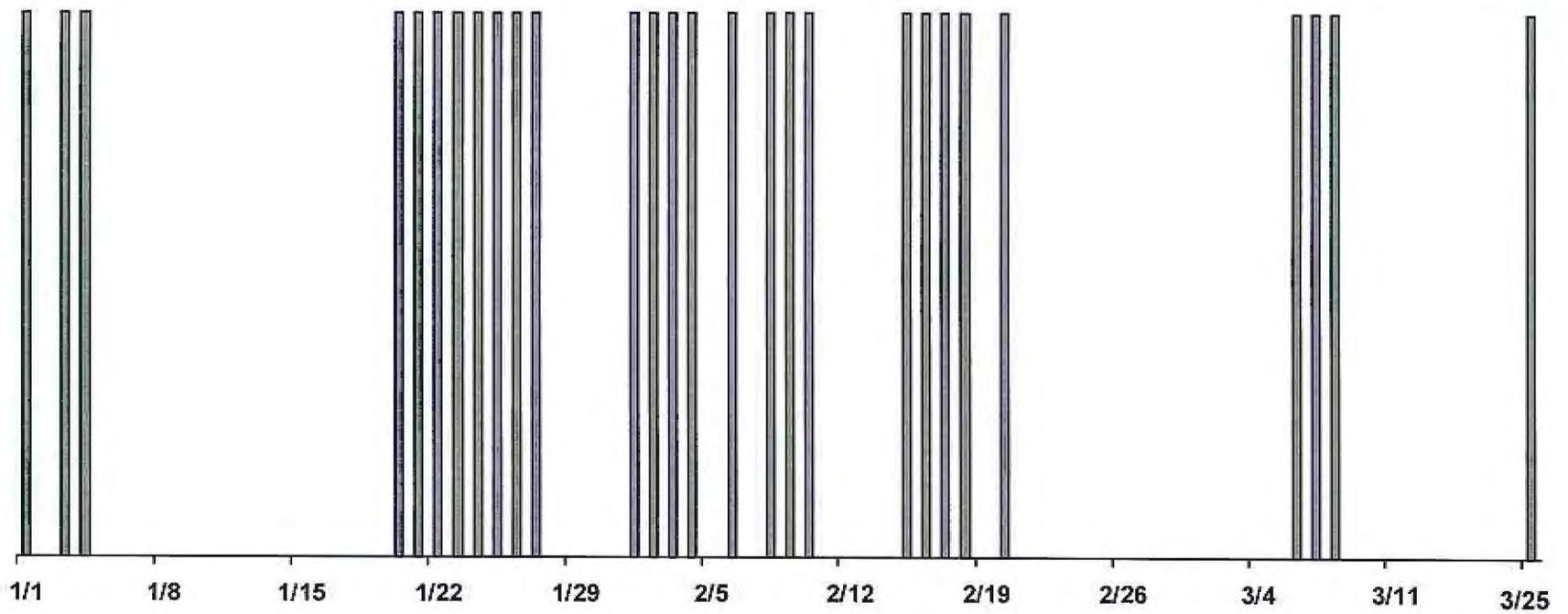


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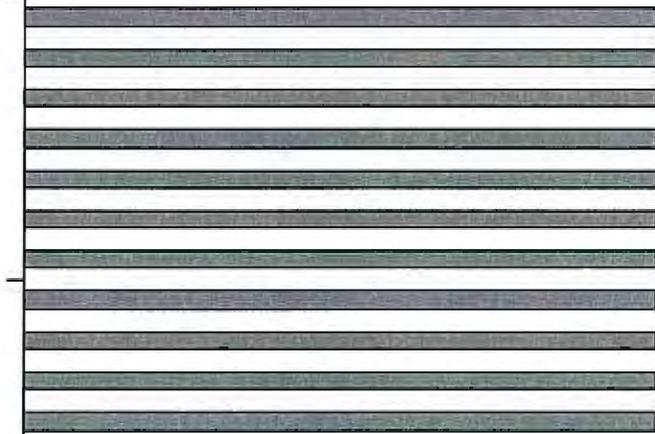
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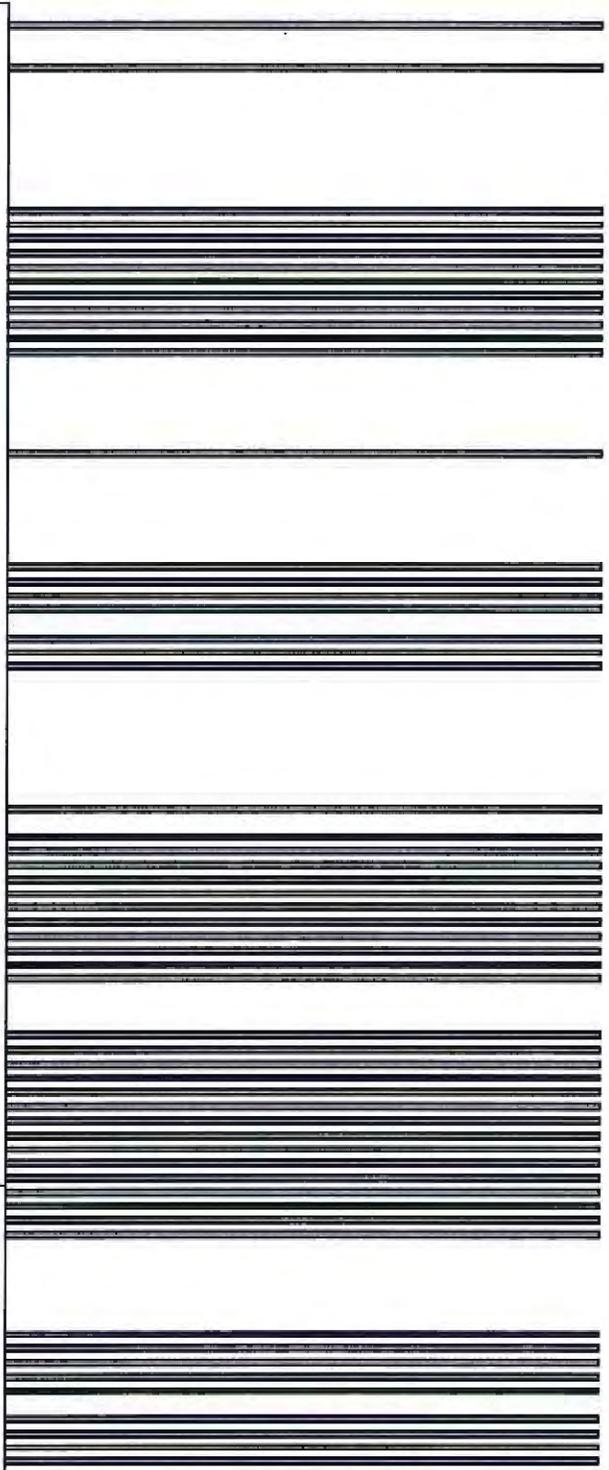
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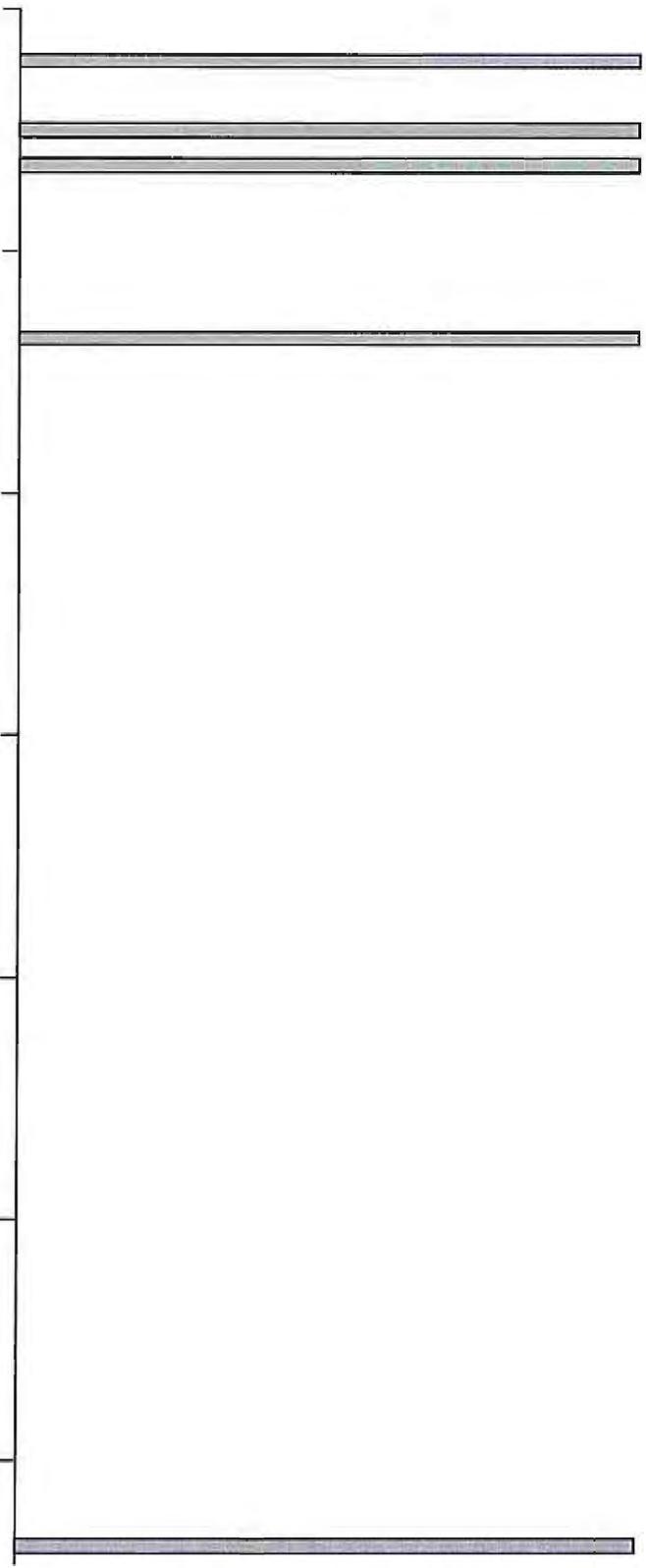
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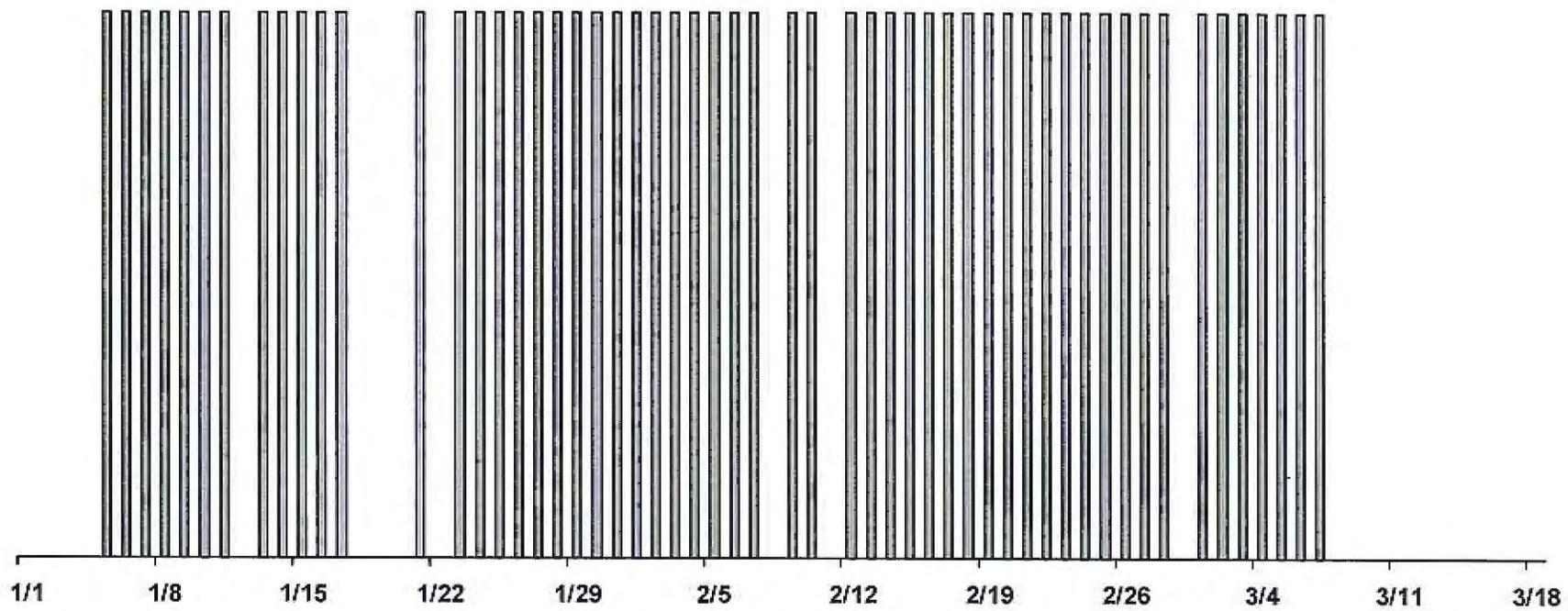
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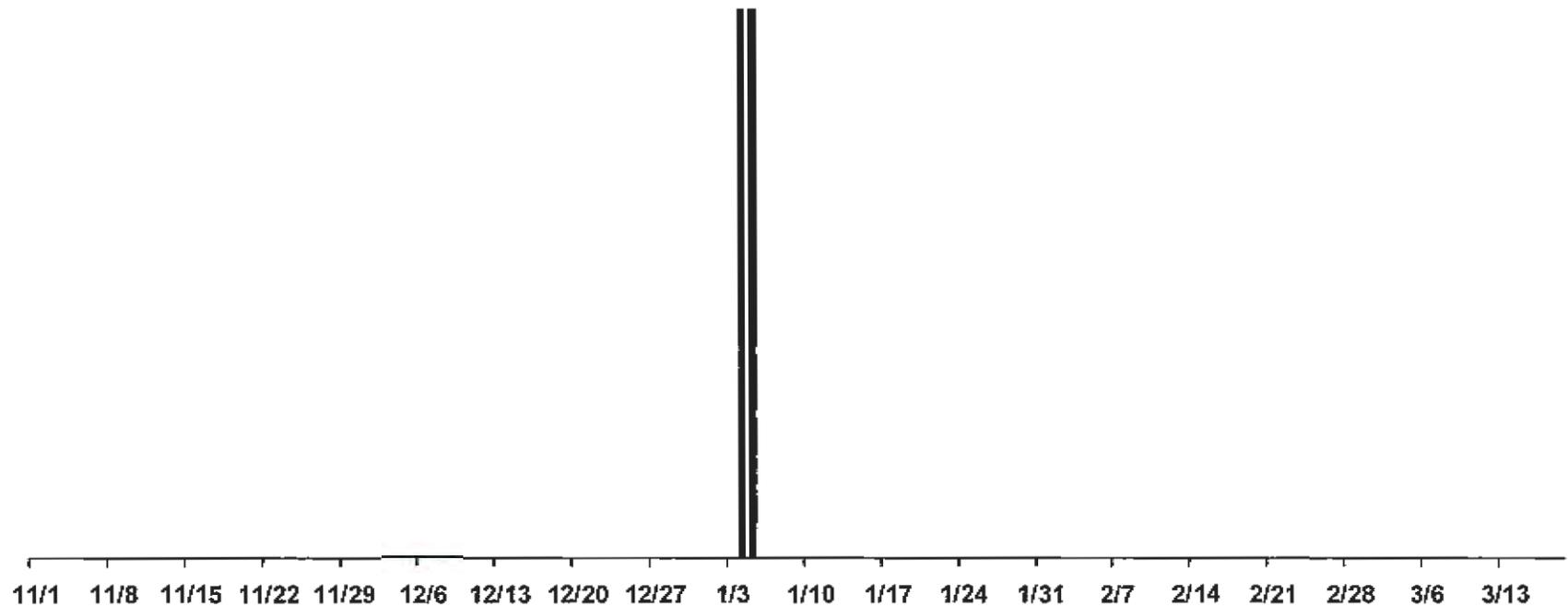
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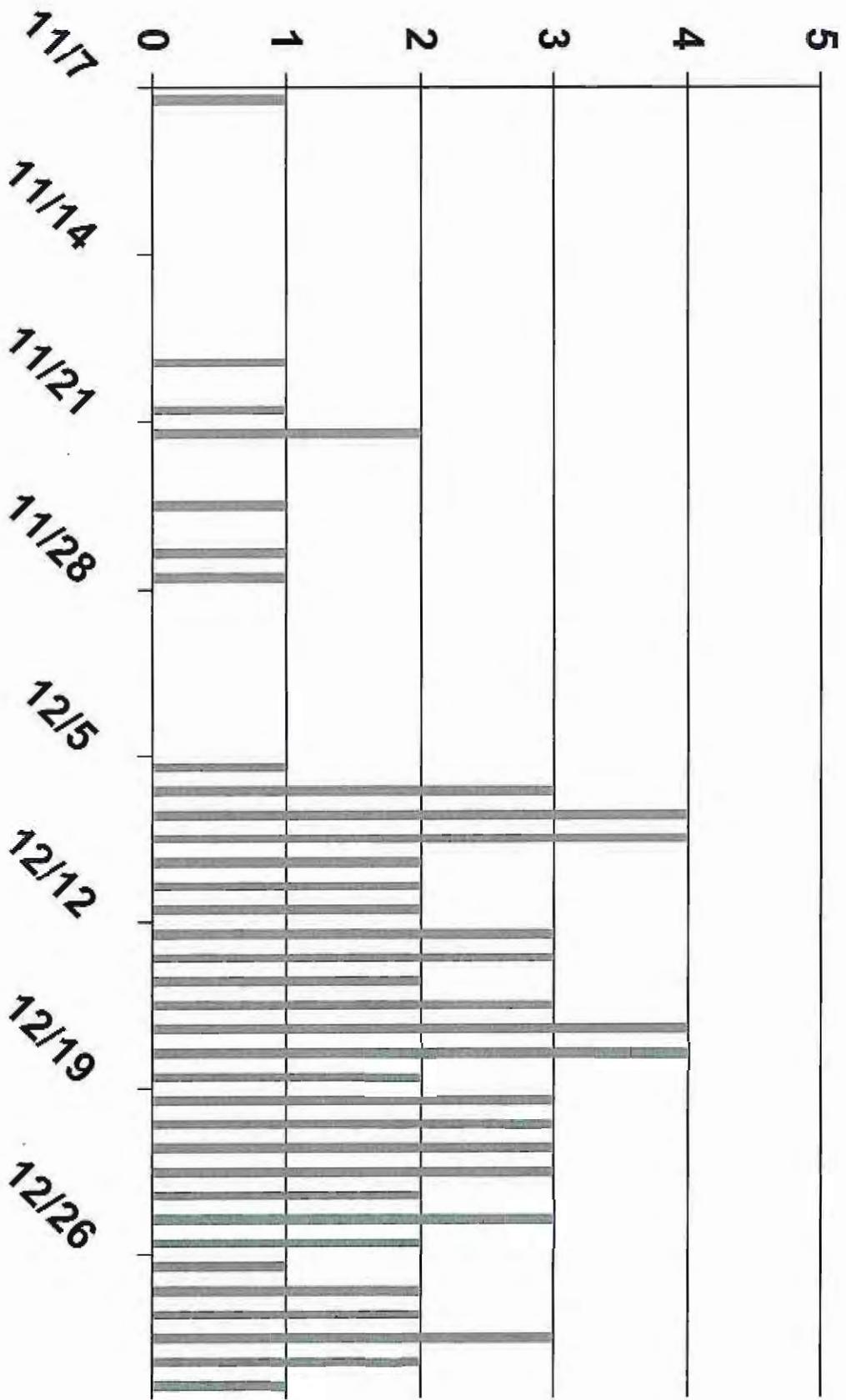


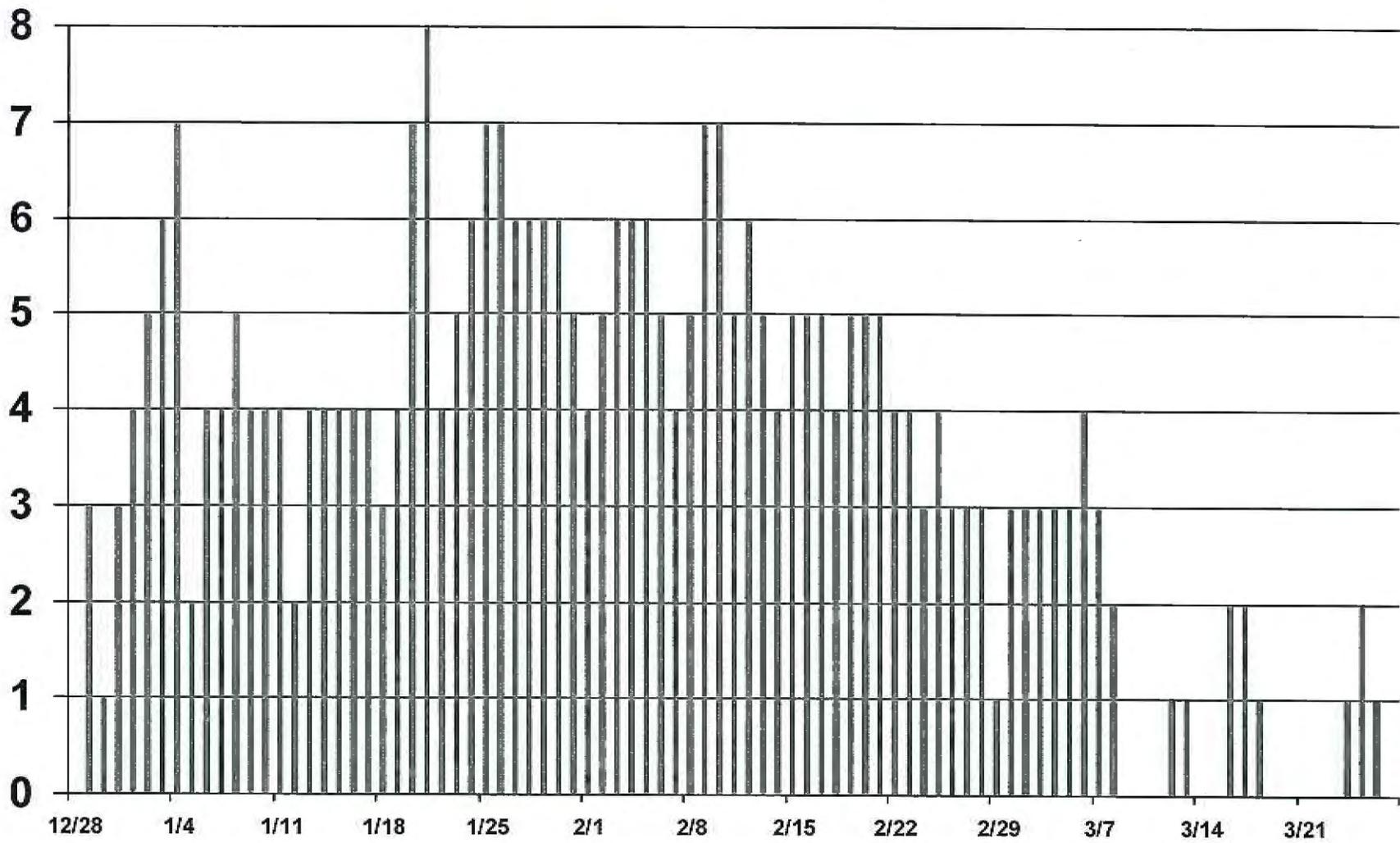


■ 2014-15



■ 2015-16





### **Code Blue Planning**

The following Agencies and representatives participated in drafting these guidelines, and are some of the resources for service delivery to the homeless in Burlington County:

#### **Burl Co Office of Human Services**

Gary Miller

Phone: 609-265-5545

Fax: 609-265-5382

#### **Burl Co Office of Human Services**

Jennifer L. Hiros

Phone: 609-265-5545

Fax: 609-265-5382

#### **CONTACT of Burlington County**

Theresa Tobey, Director

Lori Newkirk – designee

Phone: 856-234-5814

#### **Emergency Services of Catholic Charities**

Bonnie Jordan- designee

Phone: 856-764-6945

Fax: 856-7646948

#### **The Affordable Homes Group**

Kent Pipes, Director

Phone: 609-261-4585

Fax: 609-261-2147

#### **Christian Caring Center**

Madelyn Mears – Sheldon

609-893-0700

609-893 1880

#### **Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Pat Lasusky, Director

Phone: 856-638-0110

**United Way of Burlington Co.**

Dawn Rademan

Phone: 609-267-4500

Fax: 609-267-4146

**Burl Co Community Action Program**

Annette Thomas Allen

Phone: 609-239-4012

**Salvation Army**

Virginia Evans

Phone: 908-347-0172

**Burlington County Health Dept.**

Mike Jones

Phone: 609-265-5548

**Burlington Co. Office of Emergency  
Management**

Kevin Tuno

## GOALS

- This “Code Blue” Plan and declaration is designed to attempt to prevent hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather related injuries that could lead to death for the unsheltered population within the County of Burlington.
- Establish climatic thresholds for Code Blue situations.
- To provide direction, care and assistance that is needed in the event of a declaration of a “Code Blue” emergency.
- To help coordinate agencies and staff members at various County locations through implementation of a unified plan.
- To inform various emergency responders to when a Code Blue is declared.
- To readily identify the employees, agencies, clients, facilities and families who are affected in the case of a “Code Blue” declaration.
- To raise public awareness of the plight of unsheltered families and individuals.
- To enhance volunteerism and to increase and establish directed donations for sheltering activities.

## **Definition**

A “Code Blue” alert will be announced by the Burlington County Health Officer upon determination of a health emergency as defined below:

- Wind chill less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit
- Temperatures less than 25 degrees Fahrenheit with winds of 15 miles per hour or higher
- Temperatures less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit with snow and/or freezing rain
- Other severe weather conditions as may occur posing urgent threats to the health of the unsheltered population, which are of an acute nature and require immediate response.
- When any of the above conditions are anticipated to exist for at least twelve hours in any twenty-four hour period.
- Multiple Code Blue days may be declared if the weather forecast indicates the above conditions will occur and be sustained



# Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																	
		40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
Wind (mph)	Calm	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
	5	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
	10	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
	15	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
	20	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
	25	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
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	40	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
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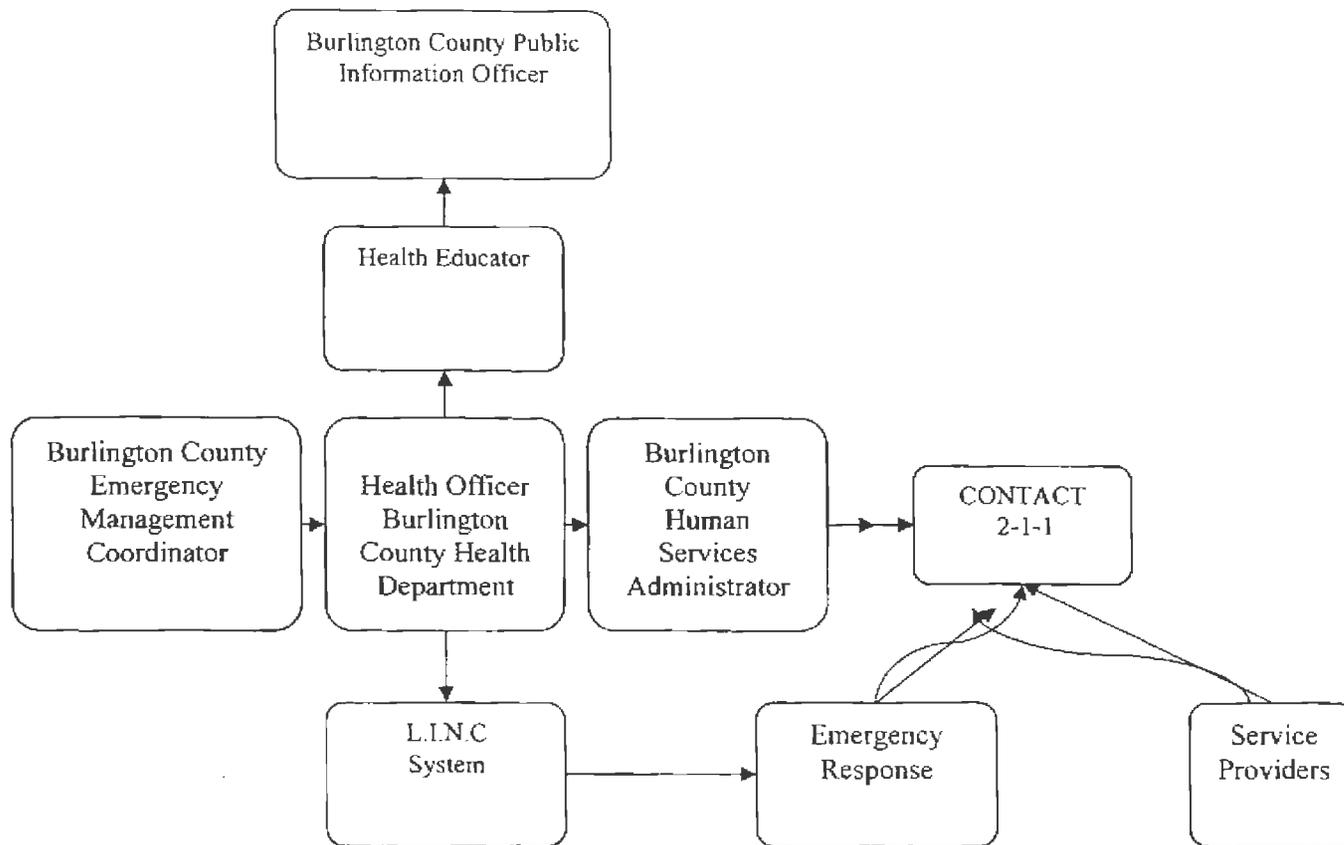
Frostbite Times  30 minutes  10 minutes  5 minutes

**Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V<sup>0.16</sup>) + 0.4275T(V<sup>0.16</sup>)**  
 Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph) Effective 11/01/01

\* Chart has been imported from the National Weather Service.

### Declaration Process

1. The Burlington County Health Coordinator shall, in concurrence with the Emergency Management, declare a "Code Blue" condition for the County or effected area of the County.
2. The Burlington County Health Coordinator will review on a daily basis emerging conditions for "Code Blue" from Federal, State or other privately recognized weather recording authorities.
3. Where possible, advanced weather forecasting information shall be utilized to assist with adequate notice for evening, weekend and holiday interventions. Where required, weekend notifications will be issued via Telephonic notification and/or e-mail notification with follow-up telephonic calls to designated officials.
4. Upon determination of an emerging "Code Blue" condition, the Burlington County Health Coordinator will advise the Emergency Management Coordinator.
5. Upon agreement and concurrence, the County Health Officer shall then advise the County Human Services Administrator, designated staff of the County Human Services Administrator, the Public Information Office, the Health Educator, and other officials as needed from time to time..
6. The Human Services Administrator will notify CONTACT of Burlington County at 2-1-1 and other service providers and officials participating within the program.
7. In the event of an absence of key personnel, authorized representatives, as may be designated from time to time, shall perform the functions as designated within the plan.
8. The Burlington County Health Department's Risk Communicator/Health Educator shall, in advance of a "Code Blue" declaration, pre-prepare DRAFT press releases for dissemination through the County Public Information Office for the purposes of informing the media and public at large of a "Code Blue" declaration. This is intended to inform the public of the situation and to be on the lookout for and to report unsheltered individuals.



**KEY:**  
 Black → denotes declaration process  
 Blue → denotes access to services during regular business hours  
 Red → denotes access to services after regular business hours

## Summary

These Code Blue Guidelines address the health and safety of persons subjected to severe cold weather. They put into place a mechanism for short-term emergency sheltering that uses existing certain 24 hr response services.

Code Blue in Burlington County is specifically designed to eliminate barriers that might interfere with someone accessing sheltering services. For this, it utilizes the strong, healthy partnerships that exist amongst and between public and private agencies concerned with protection of vulnerable citizens of Burlington County.

At this point, the scope of these Guidelines is limited as regards requirements for organizations to respond to a Code Blue situation in Burlington County. It does not mandate the participation of or action to be given by any entity other than those specifically identified on page 6 of these Guidelines or those otherwise contractually obligated to so do.

The overall matter of Code Blue is assigned as an ongoing concern to the Burlington County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) Committee of the Human Service Advisory Council. The CEAS Committee is charged with the review and update of these guidelines as needed.