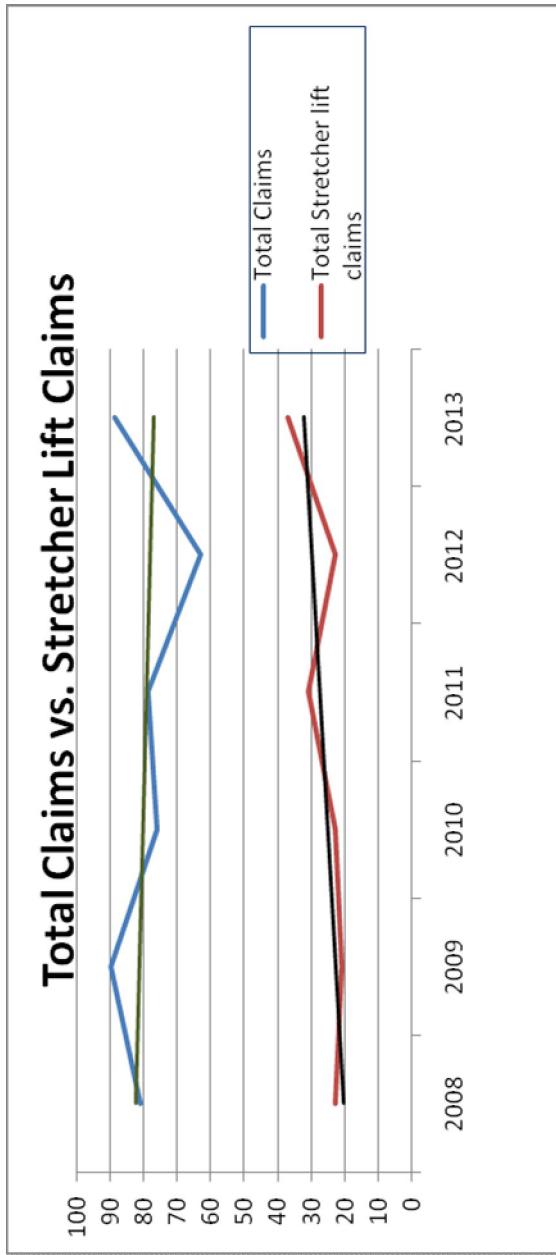


Attachment #1



The chart above demonstrates that although total injury claims are trending down slightly, the overall percentage of stretcher handling injuries (patient and equipment lifting) continues to trend up and has increased by 14% over the past six years, representing 42% of the total reported Paramedic injuries.