



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – January 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On January 3rd, Chief Langmaid and I shared our expectations with the fire academy cadre for the combined Pikes Peak State College recruit academy.

On January 12th, the administrative staff hosted a meet-and-greet event with the recruit firefighters and their family and friends.

On January 14th, the district held its annual awards ceremony.

On January 16th, staff met with OZ Architecture to discuss our facilities plans.

On January 22 and 30th, staff walked through our fire stations to perform a facilities inspection with the intent of using our findings to assist with capital facilities budgeting.

On January 23rd, several staff members attended a public information officer training session hosted by Colorado Springs FD.

On January 24th, I met with Monument PD Police Chief Reagan to discuss how the two agencies can align in the future.

On January 29th, administrative staff and the executive leadership from L4319 met to discuss goals and objectives for 2024.

I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national-level meetings:

- North El Paso County Fire Chiefs
- Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness
- Pikes Peak Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- MFD/Monument Police Department Command Staff
- Colorado State Fire Chief's Town Hall & Legislative
- Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Human Relations Committee
- Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) – peer reviewer
- Rocky Mountain Accreditation Consortium – co-chair
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – 2nd Vice-President



January Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
5	249	628	27
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MFD responded to an outbuilding structure fire on Stepler Road.• 2023 annual awards ceremony.• Nine new hires.• Three lieutenant promotions.• 2023 MFD Annual Report completed.• Type 3 engine and ambulance push-in ceremony held at Fire Station 1.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Nothing to report.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Lt. Kirkpatrick, Lt. Ragland, & Lt. Wakefield promoted.
- BC Coyle began an administrative assignment as the Executive Battalion Chief.
- Lt. Buckner began an administrative assignment as a Training Lieutenant.
- Carrie Fuller began an administrative assignment as an EMS Educator.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nine new hires onboarded.
- One employee resigned.

Local 4319:

- On January 29th, the Local 4319 Executive Board met with Chiefs Kovacs, Bumgarner, and Coyle for our annual Labor-Management Retreat. This was a very productive day, and we are happy to continue this annual gathering. Together, we work collaboratively to address staff and district goals and continue to make Monument Fire a great place to work!



Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended the Pikes Peak Mutual Aid meeting.
- Attended the Pikes Peak Regional Fire Academy expectations meeting.
- Participated in the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Chief Fire Officer interview.
- Attended the Wildland Fire Incident Management Academy.
- Hosted a family night to introduce the district to the new hires and their families.
- Participated in the training tower development meeting.
- Completed an annual fire station inspection for Fire Stations 1-5.
- Attended the Pikes Peak Fire Chief's meeting.
- Attended the CSFD PIO class.
- Attended the annual Labor-Management retreat.
- Logistics meeting with CSFD command staff to move Station 4 crew to Station 22.
- Attended Monument Fire & Emergency Management Meeting.
- Coordinated MFD Battalion Chief to assist with BFFD coverage.
- 24-01 joint Pikes Peak Regional Academy began with ten recruits from MFD.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- On 1/9, MFD responded to a cardiac arrest. Crews successfully regained pulses on scene and the patient was discharged from the hospital and is currently recovering in rehab.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 1/6, 584 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/6, MFD responded to a working structure fire that involved an outside building. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and there were no injuries from civilians or firefighters reported. Damage was estimated at \$35,000.
- On 1/12, crews participated in the recruit and family meet and greet dinner.
- On 1/19, 514 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/24 crews participated in annual ice rescue training.
- On 1/25, 584 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/30, MFD responded to a gas leak at Highway 105/Knollwood. The intersection was closed for 3 hours while crews mitigated the hazard.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- Crews trained on the new pre-planning software "First Due."
- On 1/5, Station 3 hosted a station tour.
- On 1/10, Station 3 completed a car seat check.
- On 1/10, crews participated in Social Media activities with the new Red Energy Company.
- On 1/10, crews reviewed and trained on "Nozzle Forward" tactics as a Battalion.



- On 1/15, MFD responded to a Chimney Fire. The fire was contained to the chimney and the homeowner was able to remain in their residence.
- On 1/22, 514 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/23, Station 4 hosted a station tour for 30 Cub Scouts.



Stepler Road Outbuilding Structure Fire.



Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Ice rescue training.
- EMS – Burns.
- Training Lieutenant and EMS Educator started.
- Fire Academy 24-01 started.
- Recruits completed hazmat and are learning fireground manipulative skills.
- Final design completed of the training tower.
- Coordinating shared training and instructors with Black Forest and Falcon.
- Planning upcoming MCI drill.

Summary of Training & EMS Events:

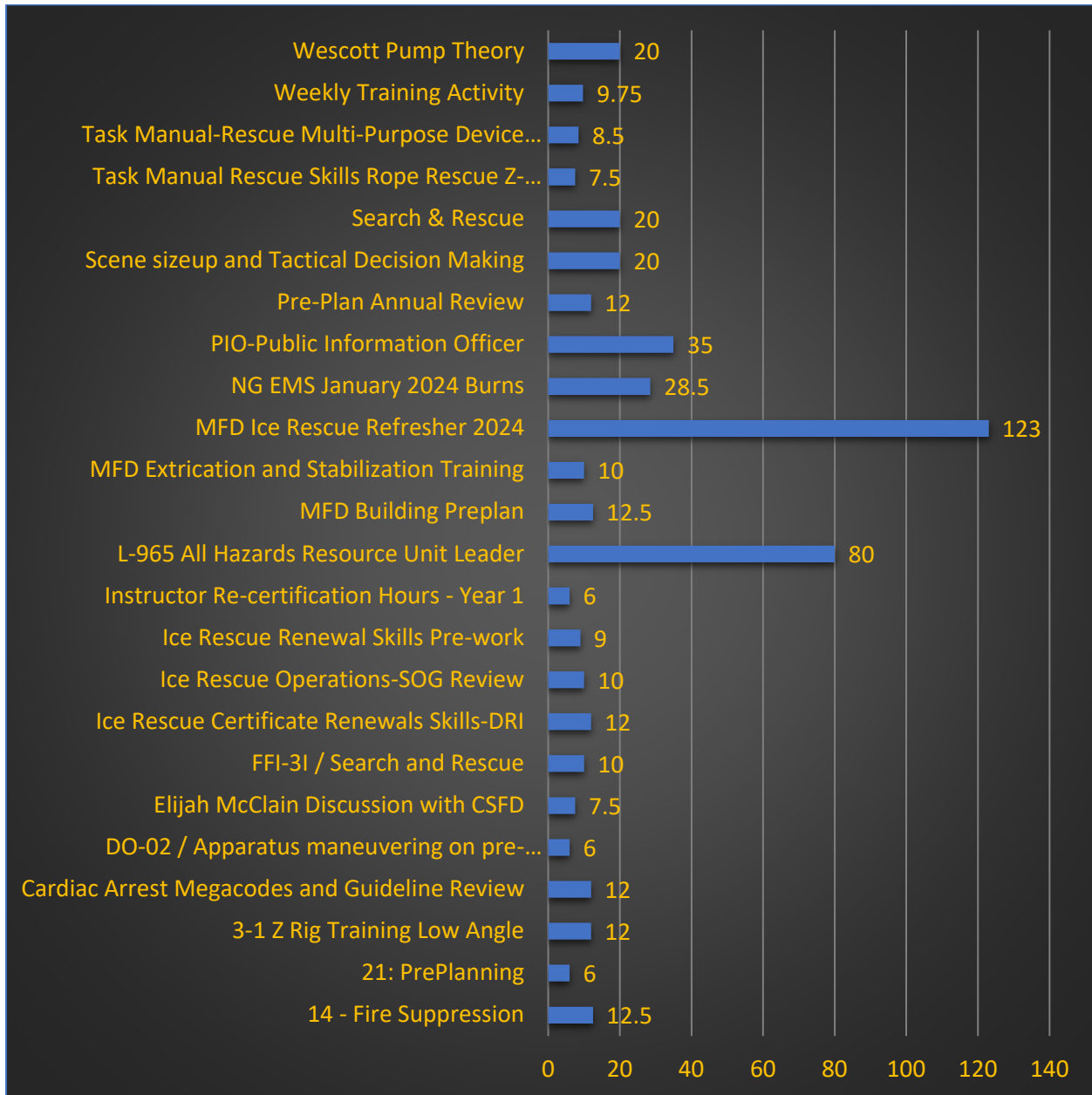
- We completed ice rescue refresher training. Thank you to Forest Lakes Metro District for the use of the lake. A-Shift had to reschedule due to the winter storm. Crews will complete it in February.
- EMS - Burns.
- Downed firefighter CPR training.
- Peer support meetings.
- Medicare audit due in May 2024. Audit paperwork is in progress.
- CPR provided for Lewis-Palmer Elementary 4th and 5th grades.
- 117 sympathy/survey cards were sent to patients our crews transported.
- Annual monitor maintenance was performed.
- MFD is now recognized as a training center with HSI.
- Visited three lift-assist patients in January. Assisted them with obtaining the appropriate help.
- Finalized CPR/ ACLS training schedule for 2024.
- Field training officer program is being updated.

Training Plan for the Month:

- Wildland refresher.
- Quick drills for crews.
- EMT/Paramedic refresher.
- CPAP training.

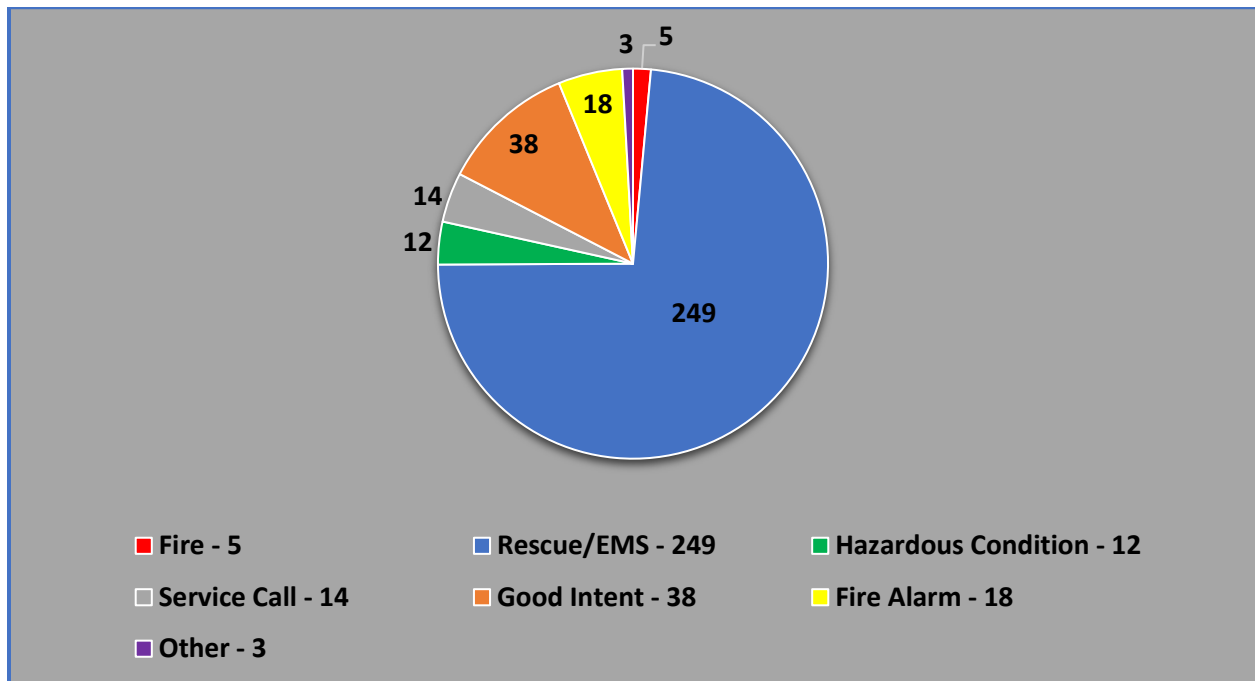


Training hours for January – 628 Training Hours.



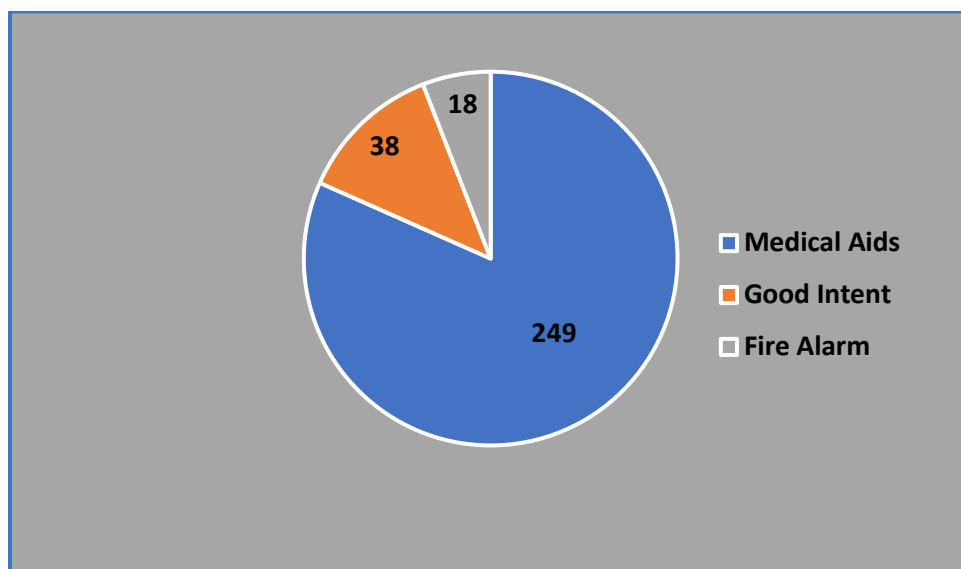


Incidents by Call Type – January



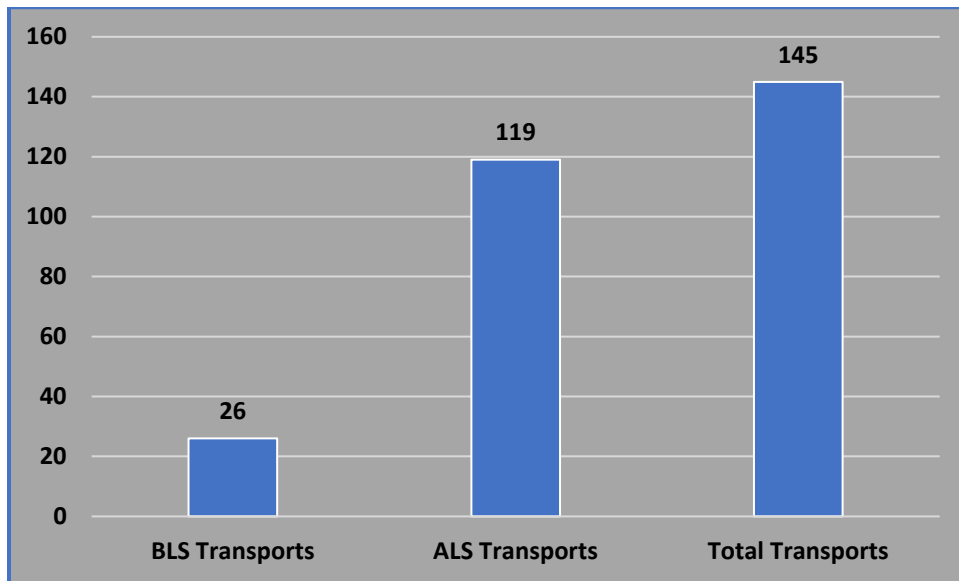
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency fund, and controlled burn.
- Fire alarms include false alarms, system malfunctions, and unintentional system activation.

Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – January

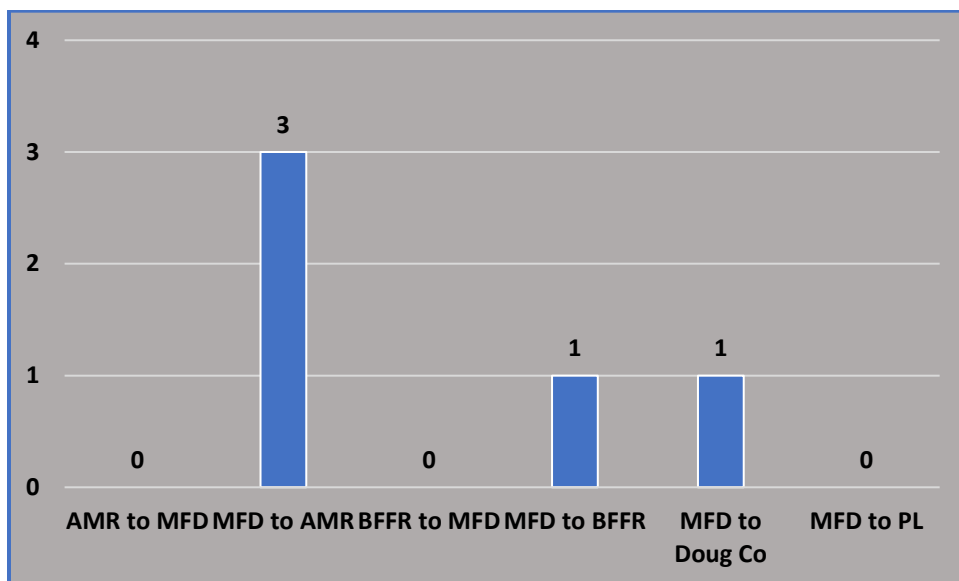




Ambulance Transports - January



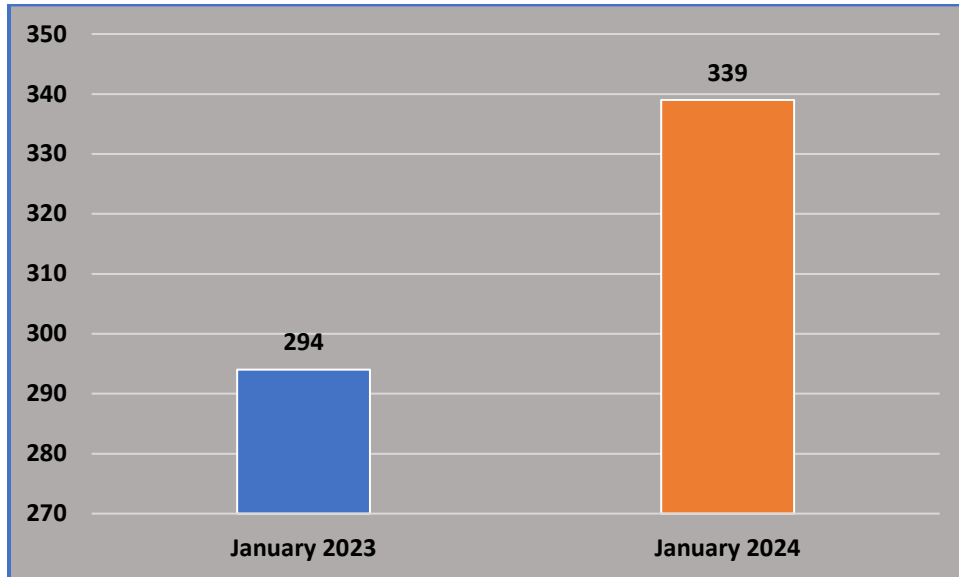
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid - January



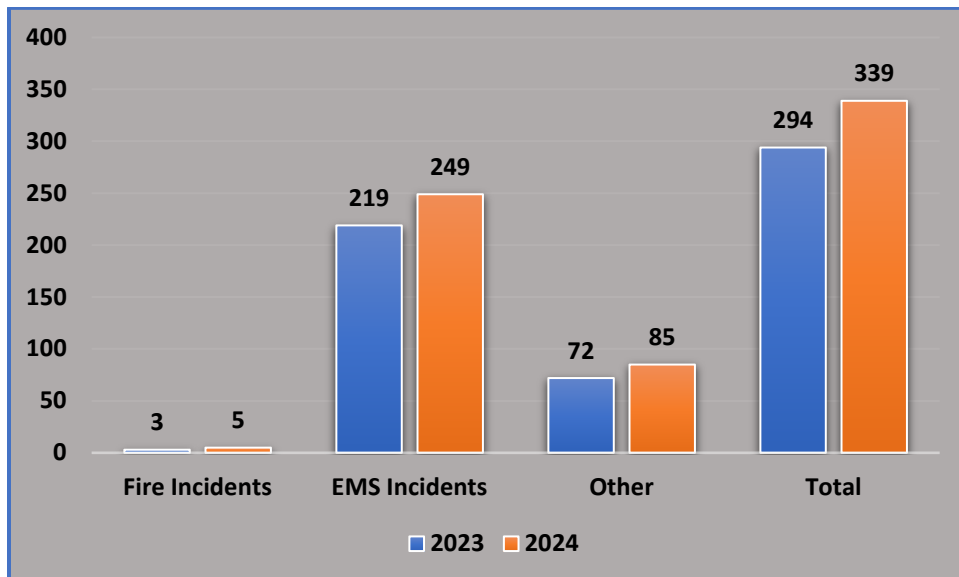
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 3 calls accepted.



Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – January



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023/2024 – January





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Completed the pre-construction meeting and documents for the new tower ladder.
- Completed the punch list walk-through on the remodel at Station 5 and prepared for the Station 4 remodel to begin.
- Complete the annual station and facility walk-through inspections.

Administrative Services:

- Completed the radio template for all district radios and worked with our vendor to schedule programming.
- Completed preventative maintenance on various apparatuses and made repairs as needed.
- Continued to meet with architects and owners to finalize the details of the land agreement for Station 3.
- We evaluated the best sites and locations for the temporary relocation of Engine 4 during construction.
- The weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects continue.
- We have completed several smaller facility projects, including Station 1's kitchen ceiling repair.
- Continued to install equipment and prepare the training plan on the Type 3 Engine.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- All category managers have started working on their assigned Self-Assessment (SAM) categories. I am having weekly meetings with everyone and am currently planning on a June 1st completion date.

Logistics – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt

Fleet:

- Preventative maintenance on most apparatus.

Facilities:

- Fire Station 1
 - Have the vendor remove old drums from behind the station.
- Fire Station 2
 - Plumber to repair leak and snake floor and shower drains in bathrooms.
- Fire Station 3
 - Moved newer lockers and desk into the officer's room.
- Fire Station 4
 - Moving out for the remodel to begin.
 - Supporting the logistics at CSFD Fire Station 22.
- Fire Station 5
 - Cleaned and organized the apparatus bay for crews to move back in.
- Fire Station 6
 - Nothing to report.



Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Attended First Due software inspection overview training.
- Attended a Public Information Officer course at CSFD.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Attended Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce and El Paso County Housing and Building Association meetings.
- Met with the SchoolSAFE communications integration company to discuss emergency communications with the school district personnel.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Fire companies began the commercial building pre-planning process using First Due software.
- Attended multiple inspections at Alta 25 apartment project.
- Attended multiple inspections at Eagle Rock warehouse project.

Fire Investigations

- Attended Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit meeting.