



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – February 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On February 6, I attended the CSFC legislative update.

On February 7, Jennifer Martin and I met with President Gunderman to discuss the DW volunteer pension fund.

On February 9, staff met with Front Range Fire about property in our district for them to build a southern Colorado location.

On February 14, I addressed CSFD Recruit Academy 23-01 (see picture below).

On February 27-March 4, several members attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence annual conference in Orlando, FL.

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 – Colorado representative





February Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	190	824	1
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We continue to work with the property owners to secure land for Fire Station 3.• We continue to meet with the architect for the remodeling of Fire Stations 2, 4, and 5.• We continue to investigate options for a training tower.• We are continuing our efforts to complete our Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover for agency accreditation.• The new engine and squad are nearing completion for outfitting and will be placed in service soon.• Several members attended the CPSE conference as we pursue agency accreditation.• Working structure fire on Rancho Drive.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Distinguished Service Award and challenge coin mailed to a bystander who was responsible for attempting to extinguish the structure fire on Rancho Drive.
- Planning process has begun for our annual family picnic.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Conditional offer extended for the Fire Technician position.
- Chief Dooley is retiring on June 28, 2023. More information to follow.

Local 4319:

- Union Steward Rauenzahn met with Palmer Ridge, Lewis Palmer, and Discovery Canyon High School staff to start the process of identifying student candidates for the inaugural L4319 Scholarship program.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Met with CSFD representative to discuss communications and automatic aid in the MFD/CSFD border areas.
- Regional fire dispatch steering committee - continued discussions about changes to unit IDs, radio templates, and dispatch procedures.
- 23-01 fire academy began with seven recruits from MFD.
- Discussed closest unit dispatching procedures with BFFR.
- Participated in the Regional Incident Management Team steering meeting.
- Attended CPSE Excellence Conference in Orlando, FL.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 2/1, MFD responded to Lewis-Palmer Middle School for a citizen assist. A student had a ring stuck on their finger and beginning to change colors. Crews attempted to cut the ring off using two different ring cutters unsuccessfully. Crews received the mothers' permission and utilized a Dremel tool to cut the ring off. No injuries were reported, and the patient was able to return to class.
- On 2/25, MFD responded to a fire alarm and the Hope Montessori School. On arrival, crews found an exterior bathroom water pipe that broke and had approximately 18" of water on the floor of the bathroom. Crews were able to turn off the water to the building and contact the property owner. Approximately \$10,000 of damage was reported.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- 02/28, MFD responded to a working structure fire on Rancho Drive. The incident made the local news cycle.
- 02/28, MFD responded to a reported brush fire on Leisure Lake Drive. The fire was contained to a slash pile and was intentionally set. MPD contacted the suspect.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Dooley

- Engineer Wakefield and Kirkpatrick and FF/PM Bruchis are interested in starting their LT task books.
- Chief Dooley and Engine 513 attended a neighborhood watch meeting for Jackson Creek.



Training – Battalion Chief Mola

Summary of Significant Events:

- USAFA 30th Annual National Character and Leadership Conference.
- 2023 wildland annual refresher.
- EMS MCI tabletop scenarios, RAMP review, PULSAR.
- MFD 23-01 orientation and the start of the recruit academy.
- EMS annual online/in-person refresher.

Summary of Training Events:

- EMS webinar week – Centura Health.
- EMS N95 and SCBA fit testing.
- Completed ice rescue training for new employees.
- EMS neuro case review.
- EPSO dispatch ride-a-long.

Training Plan for the Month:

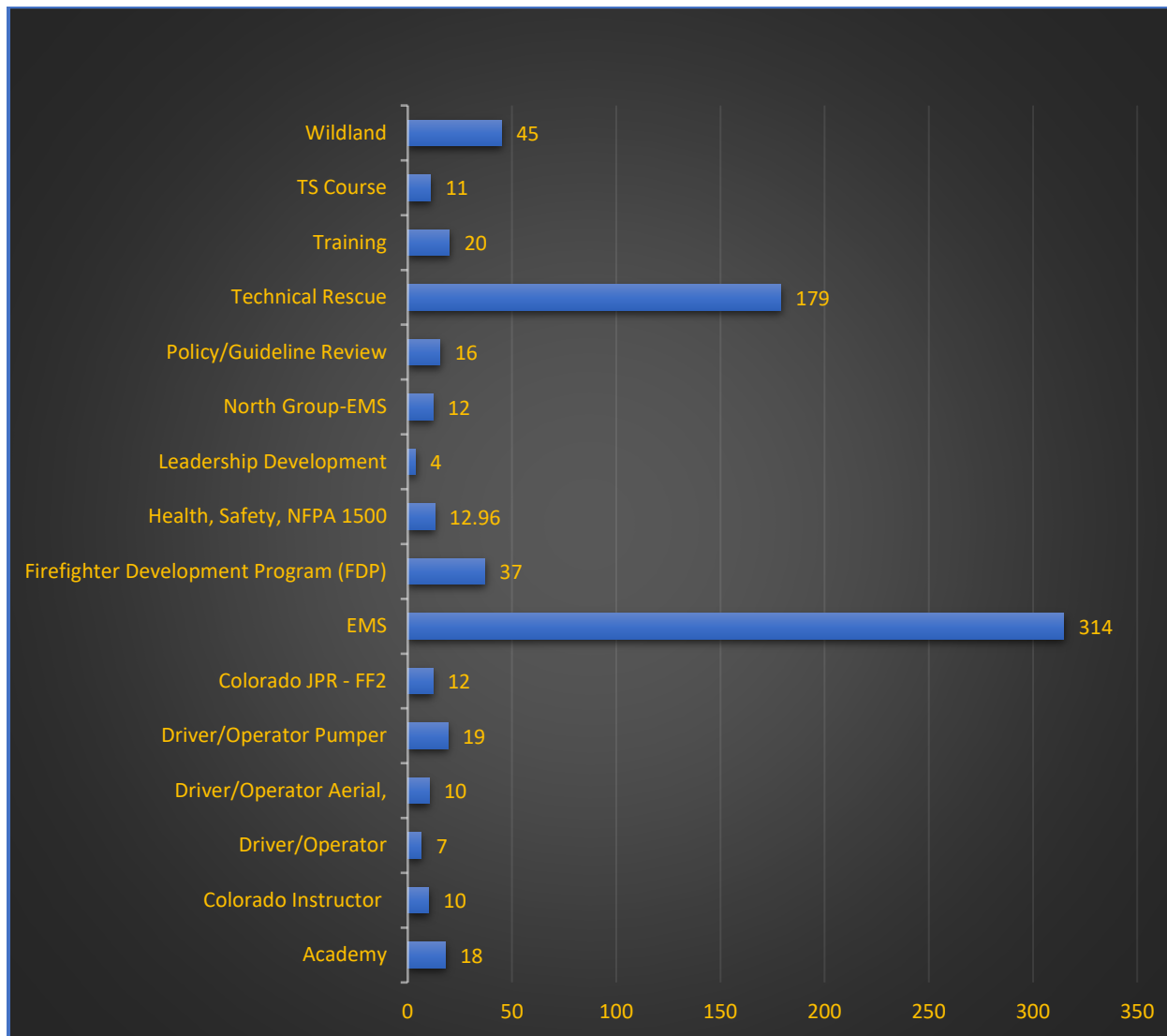
- EMS annual physician testing with the North Group.
- High voltage electrical training with Mountain View Electric.
- Peer support training and YFFR.
- CPSE Excellence Conference, Orlando FL.
- ACLS/PALS refresher training.



Structure fire on Rancho Drive.



Training hours for the month of January –824 Training Hours.



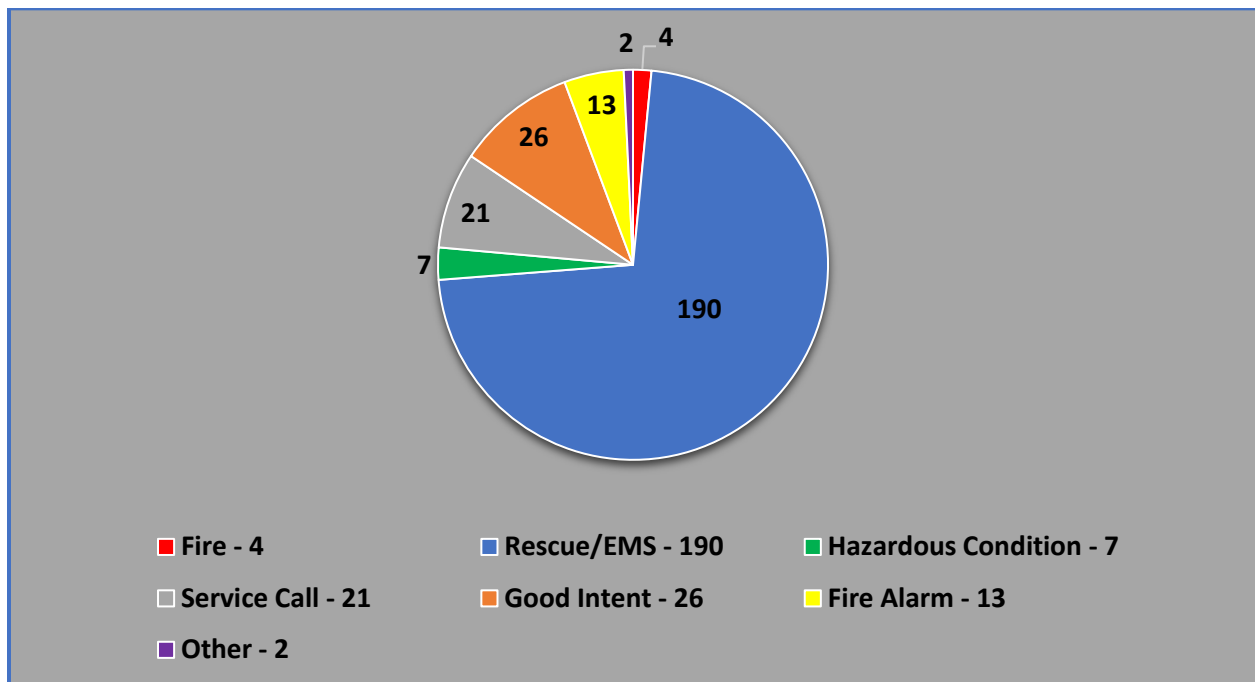


Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Pearson/EMS Coordinator Soll

Summary of Significant Events:

- Ambulance 584 passed the annual county inspection, and the new permit has been issued.
- Continue to attend regional meetings to include RETAC, Region IV Prehospital, Physician Advisory Group, and ESF-8.

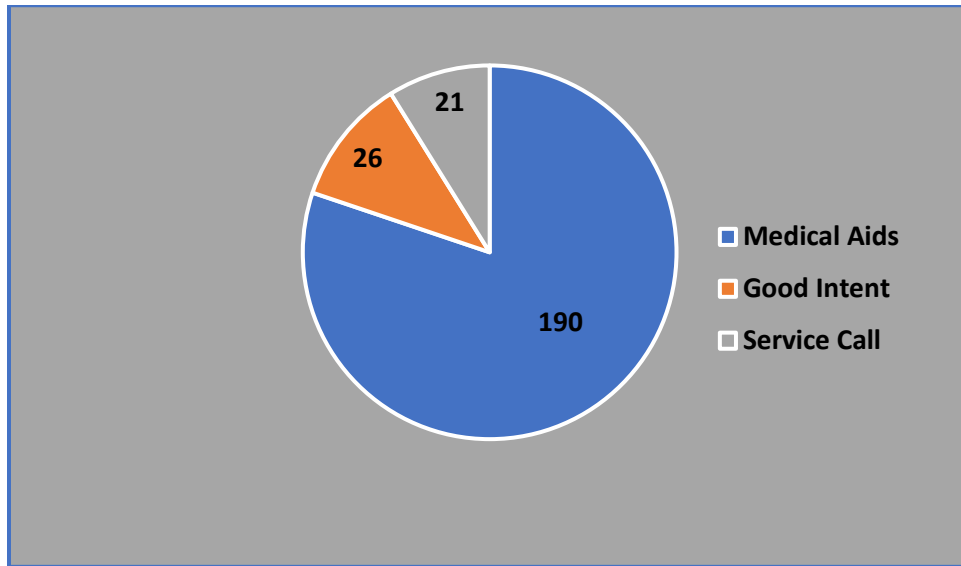
Incidents by Call Type – February



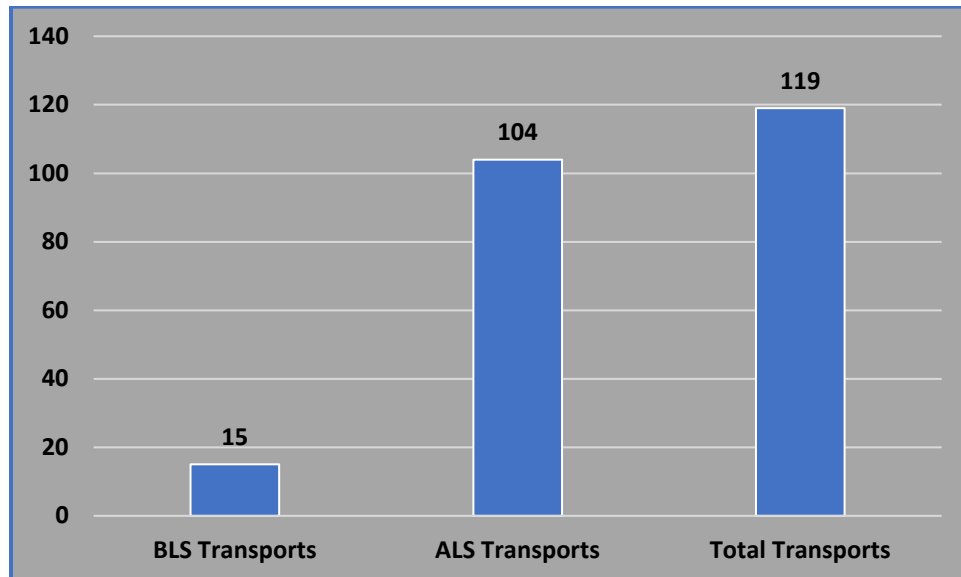
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and other.
- Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – February

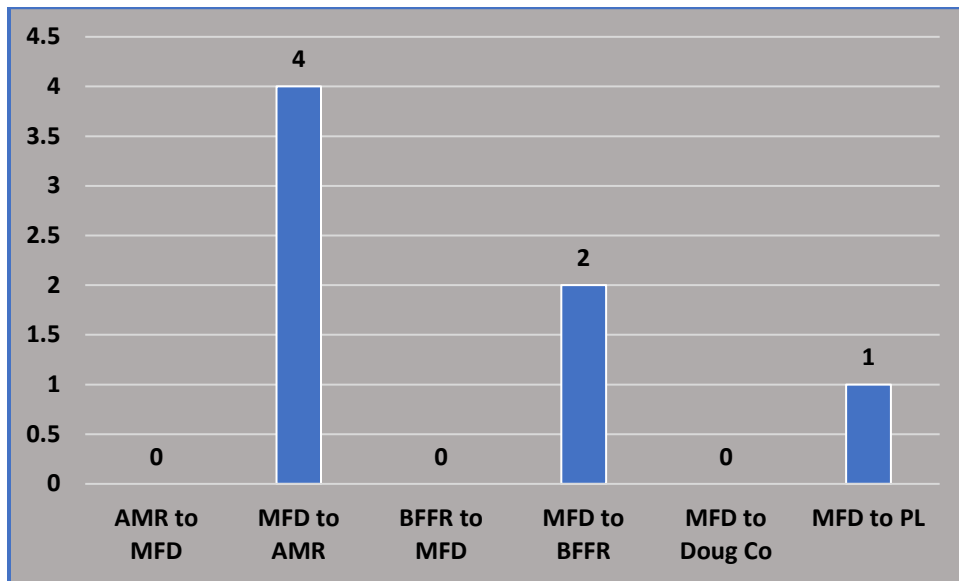


Ambulance Transports – February



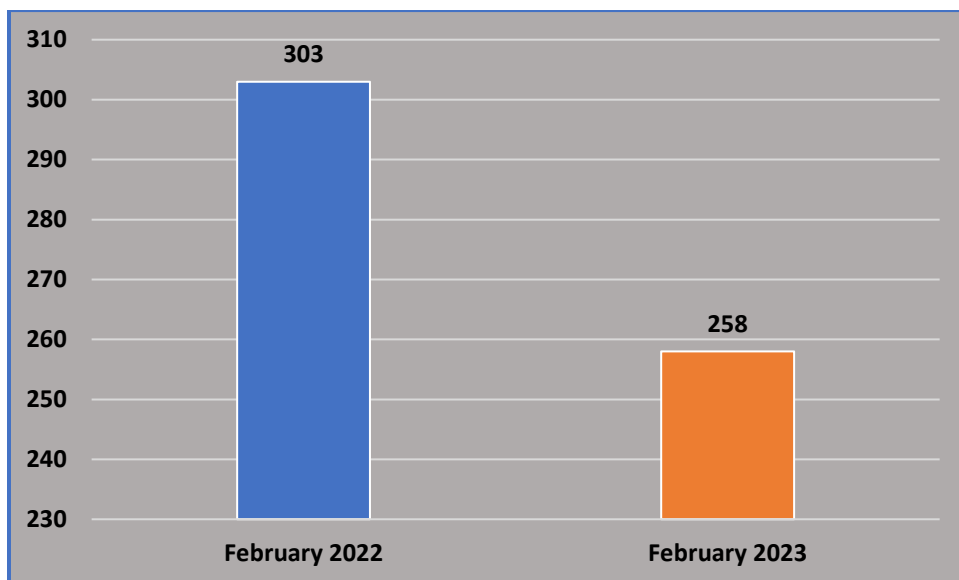


Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – February



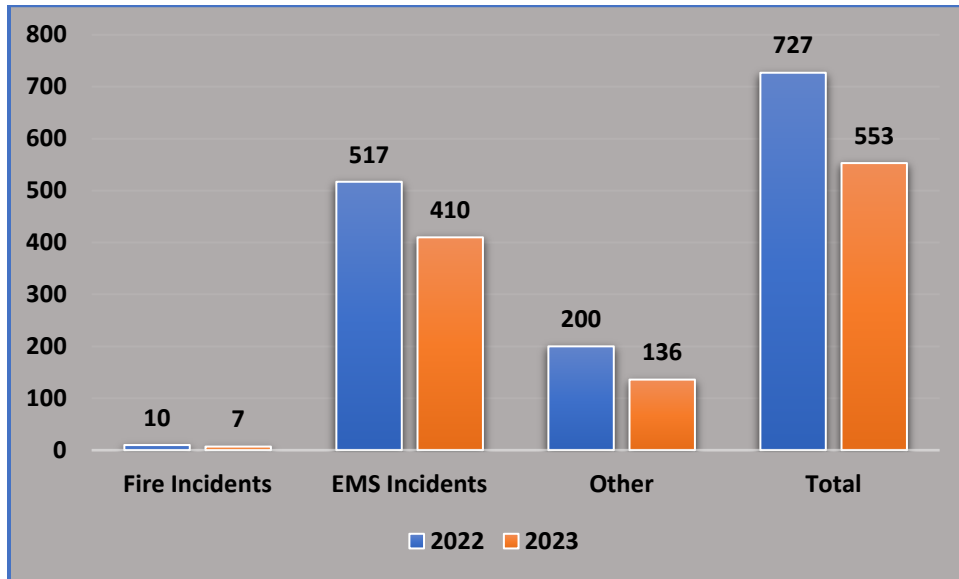
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 3 calls accepted.

Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – February





Year-To-Date Comparison – 2022/2023 – February





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Continuing to work with the architects on our facilities projects.
- Attended the 30th Character and Leadership symposium at the US Air Force Academy.
- Evaluated and conducted interviews for the Fire technician position.
- Completed the final inspection on the new engine in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- Completed my Peer Assessor training thru CPSE.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Met with LPES staff about hallway decorations.
- Continuing to work on fleet and facility acquisitions for 2023 and 2024.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Completed Fire Finals on one large multi-family building.
- Continuing to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.

Fire Investigations:

- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- Members attended the CPSE Excellence Conference. This conference is critical to our success in reaching an accredited status. It allows district personnel to learn about the accreditation process and network with other fire departments. Each day was busy attending training sessions and observing other fire agencies during their accreditation hearings. Next year we will plan to send three to four employees.
- We are sending three of our category managers to an upcoming CPSE Quality Improvement for the Fire and Emergency Services workshop. This is a three-day class where the student will learn about the steps in the self-assessment process and the building blocks of the accreditation process.
- We are collaborating with Firstdue™ to load the district operational data, for example, fire hydrants, hazard occupancies, solar panels, water districts, and any other specific areas or points for operational effectiveness. This will make the data, such as name, emergency contact, and location, more readily available to our operational personnel 24/7.

Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough

Fleet:

- Engine 514 is currently being outfitted. Awaiting a date for radio and MDT installations.
- Donald Wescott vehicles are being titled through the DMV.

Facilities:

- Fire Station 1
 - No current projects.



- Fire Station 2
 - Still awaiting parts for the garage door opener. The door is still functional.
 - “Monument Fire” signage installed.
- Fire Station 3
 - No current projects.
- Fire Station 4
 - Rooftop RTU 2 has been replaced.
 - Rooftop RTU 1 had repairs made to it.
 - The apparatus bay door opener has been installed and is working properly.
- Fire Station 5
 - Both hot water heaters were replaced.
 - “Monument Fire” signage installed.

Information Technology:

- Nothing to report.

Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:

- Nothing to report.