



# TRI-LAKES MONUMENT & DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Monthly Activity Report – March 2022

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs



## Chief's Remarks

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I am pleased to share that the unification of the Tri-Lakes Monument and Donald Wescott Fire Protection District has gone exceptionally well. In March, permanent assignments were made for personnel at our five fire stations. The crews have integrated well together.

There has been significant conversation surrounding an organizational name change to include a new Mission, Vision, and Values document. An internal and external survey was released to help brand the combined organization. Results will be forthcoming.

I am excited to announce that we have partnered with Colorado Springs FD to send one firefighter to participate in their summer recruit academy. The new hire is the result of retirements and promotions. The West Metro Academy was not available, as the academy was full.

I was honored to be published in Firehouse Magazine. The article focused on establishing relationships with stakeholders and partner agencies before a wildland-urban interface fire. You can find the article here: <https://www.firehouse.com/operations-training/wildland/article/21253919/fostering-bonds-for-fighting-wildland-fires>

In March, I met with the board presidents and legal counsel to discuss the IGA contract language.

On March 7, I attended a leadership brush-up class at Fire Station 1 facilitated by Dr. Anderson.

On March 8, staff met with Mark Young Construction and D2C to close out the Fire Station remodel project.

On March 8, operations staff met with the USFS staff to meet and greet.

On March 22, I met with the Fire Chief of Thornton, Westminster, and the Assistant Chief from South Metro Fire regarding a presentation we will be making at the 2022 CML Conference.

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

- North El Paso County Fire Chiefs
- Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness
- Pikes Peak Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- TLMFPD/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



### March Quick Facts

| Number of Fire Incidents  | Number of EMS Incidents | Training Hours Completed | Fire Inspections Completed |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6   | 193                     | 1022                     | 5                          |
| <b>Major Incidents, Projects, and Events</b>  |                         |                          |                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to work with the BODs and legal counsel to complete the full-services contract language.</li> <li>Internal and external surveys were distributed to help select the new organizational name and brand.</li> <li>Permanent station assignments were made this month.</li> <li>This summer, we will be sending one firefighter to the Colorado Springs FD recruit academy.</li> </ul> |                         |                          |                            |

### Administration – Jennifer Martin/Stacey Popovich

#### Summary of Significant Events:

#### Upcoming Events:

- Regional cancer seminar hosted by Local 4319 on May 13 at the Great Wolf Lodge.
- The district family picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, at Dirty Woman Park, Monument. Games, a bounce house and slide, food, and drink will be provided. Directors, RSVP to Jennifer or Stacey.
- The SDA is hosting its annual regional workshops. Topics will include conflict of interest, TABOR, notice of meetings, district powers, 2022 legislative updates, and more. In-person attendance is \$30 for the June 20 event in Fountain, or you can watch the presentation free after June 23. Please contact Jennifer for more information.
- New and re-elected Directors, please schedule a time after May 3 and before the May board meetings to be sworn in.

#### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Permanent station assignments were made this month.

#### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Three candidates have been given conditional offers of employment for one firefighter vacancy. Candidates are currently going through the background process. The selected candidate will attend the Colorado Springs FD academy this summer.



## ***Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley***

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### ***Summary of Significant Events:***

- Chaired the Pikes Peak Fire Chief’s Council working group to develop details for proposed changes to the unit and personnel identifiers in CAD to accommodate agency growth. The first meeting selected a naming framework and began mapping proposed changes.
- Completed unification shift orientation plan five weeks early.
- Developed and released the permanent crew and shift assignments for all DW/TLM personnel.
- Met with Castle Rock Fire to discuss operational updates.
- Conducted interviews to fill one entry-level firefighter position.
- Accepted to Colorado Springs Fire Academy for our new hire firefighter beginning in June.
- Continuing work on significant revisions to the acting officer training program.

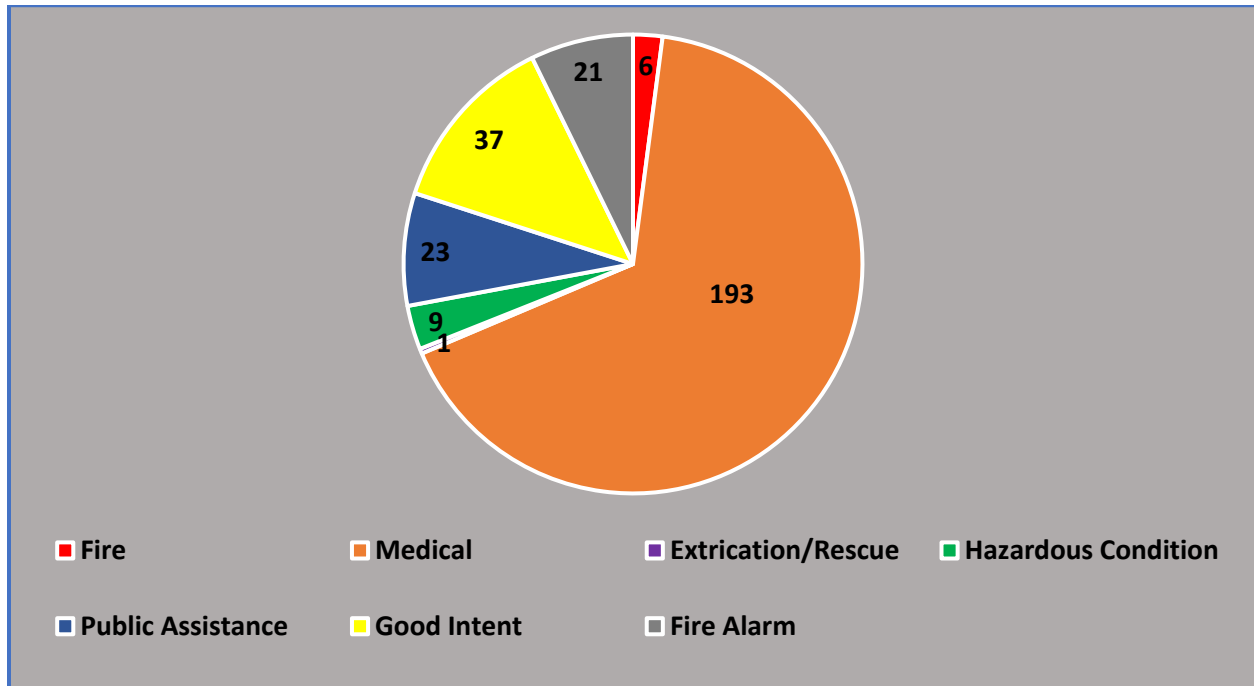
### ***Operations:***

#### ***Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Sean Pearson/EMS Coordinator Stephanie Soll:***

- Cardiac arrest save on 3/22 at the Centura urgent care at the YMCA. The staff was very complimentary of the professional demeanor of our personnel, including:
  - 2202 – Chief Dooley
  - 2213 – LT Buckner, Engineer Kirkpatrick, and Firefighter Metcalf
  - 2281 – Firefighter/Paramedic Boyce, Firefighter Owens
- An ESA grant was awarded \$4500 to purchase three pediatric restraint devices for the ambulances. The devices were researched and recommended by Firefighter/Paramedics Norman and Boyce.
- Chief Pearson visited Woodland Park Ambulance to glean ideas about the QA process and their community paramedic program.
- The EMS Division continues to meet with CSFD, AMR, UCHealth, and Centura to promote and improve our internal and regional CQI processes.
- The First Watch software is helping collect statistical information to help improve service delivery.
- EMS call volume is up 23% compared to this time last year.
- EMS revenue is up 19% compared to this time last year.



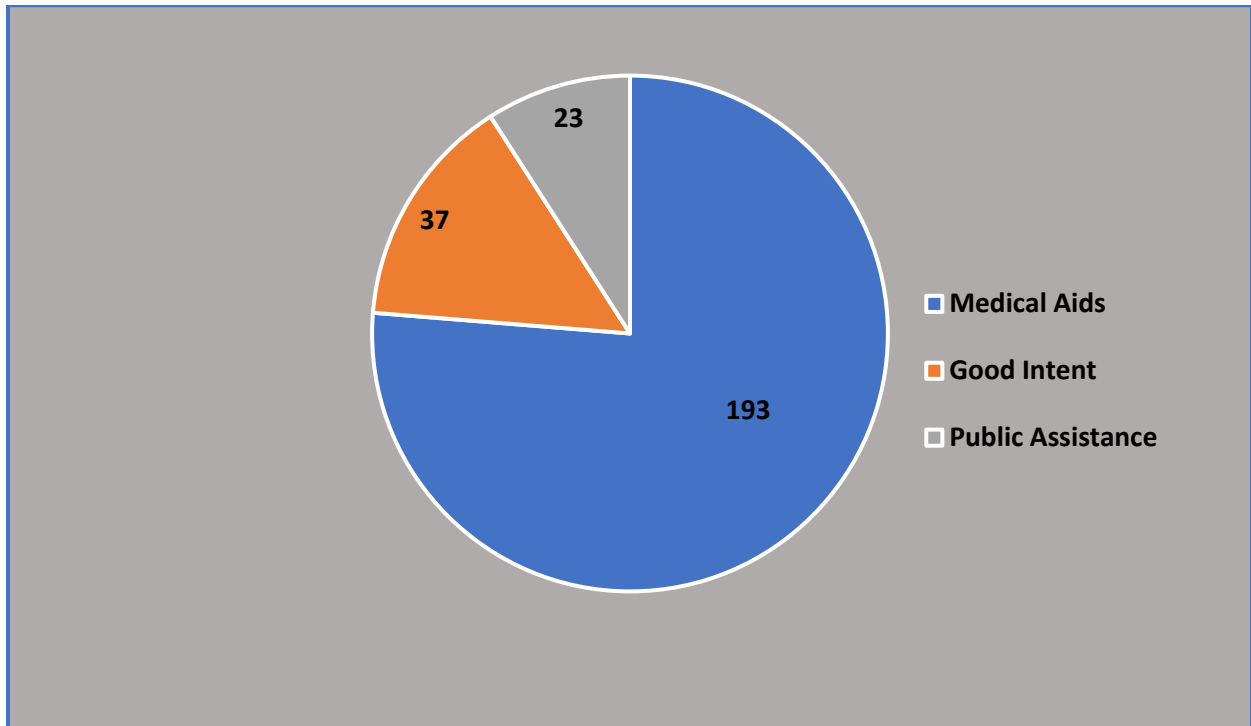
*Incidents by Call Type*



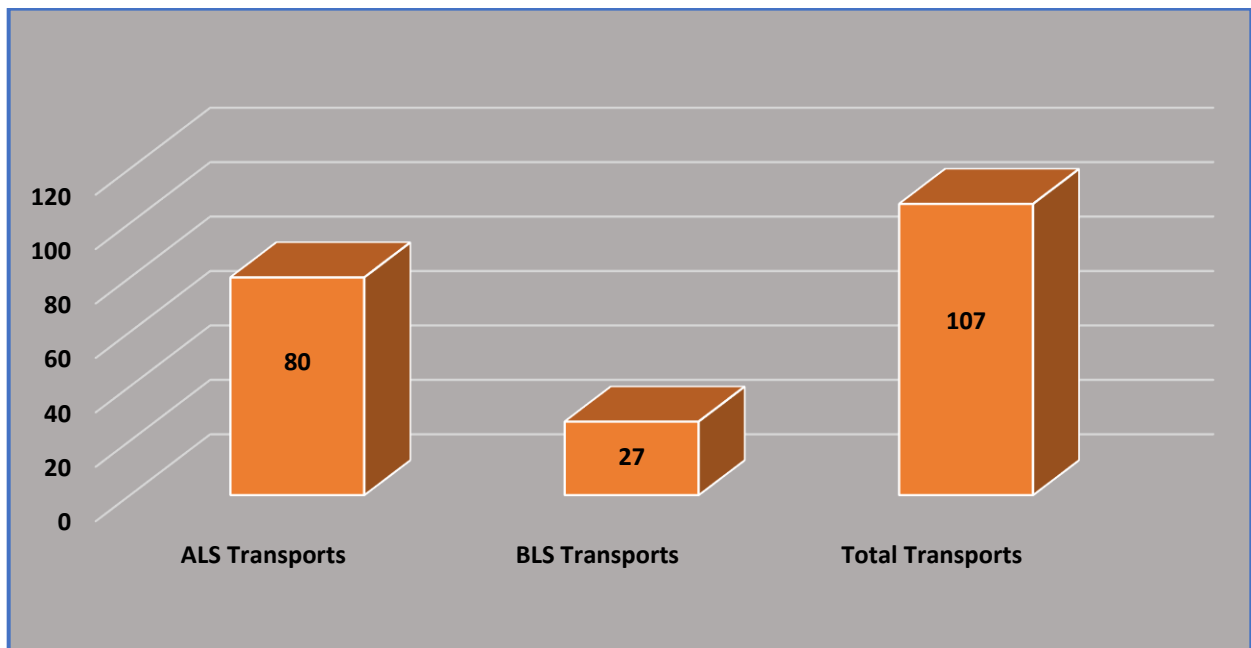
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, other
- Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
- Public assistance includes person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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



**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories**

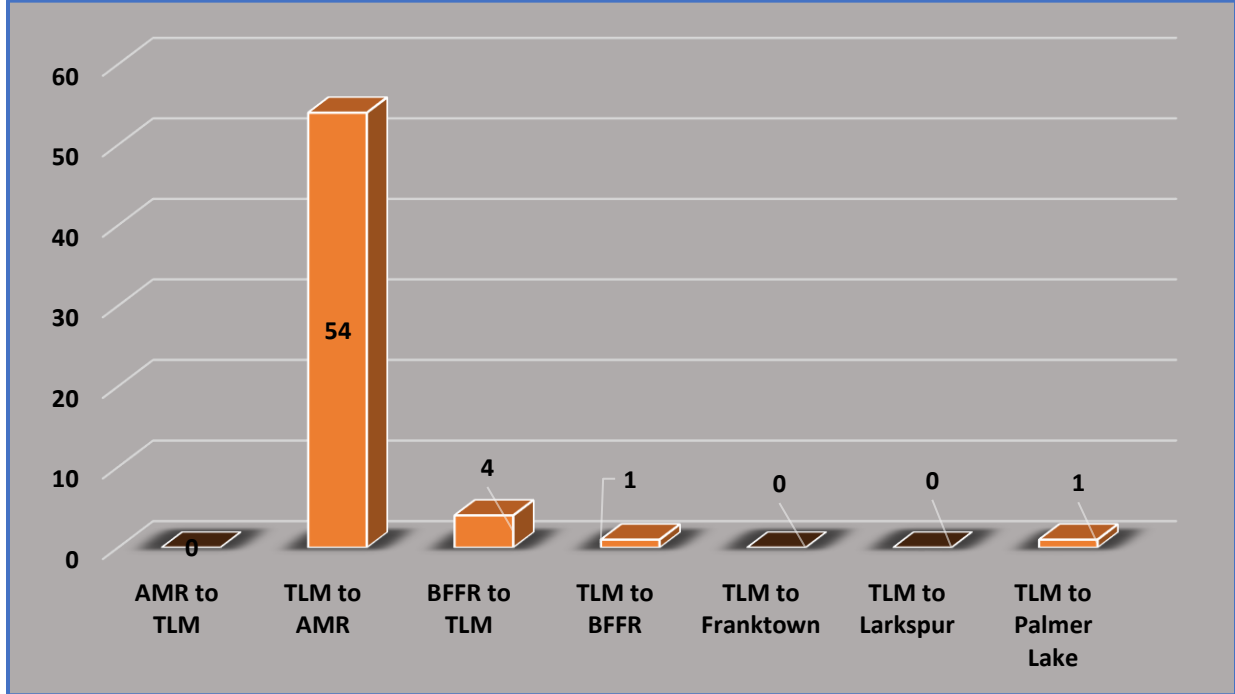


**Ambulance Transports**



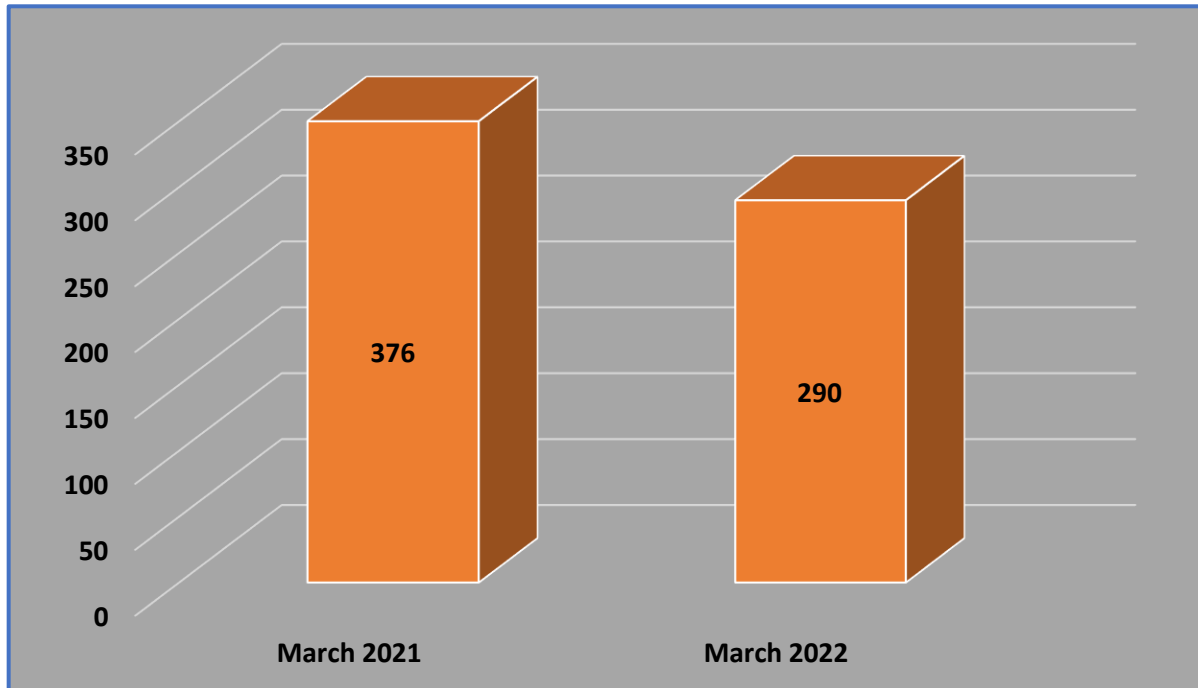


**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid**



Calls dispatched and enroute and do not consider cancellations.  
TLM to AMR – 26 calls accepted.

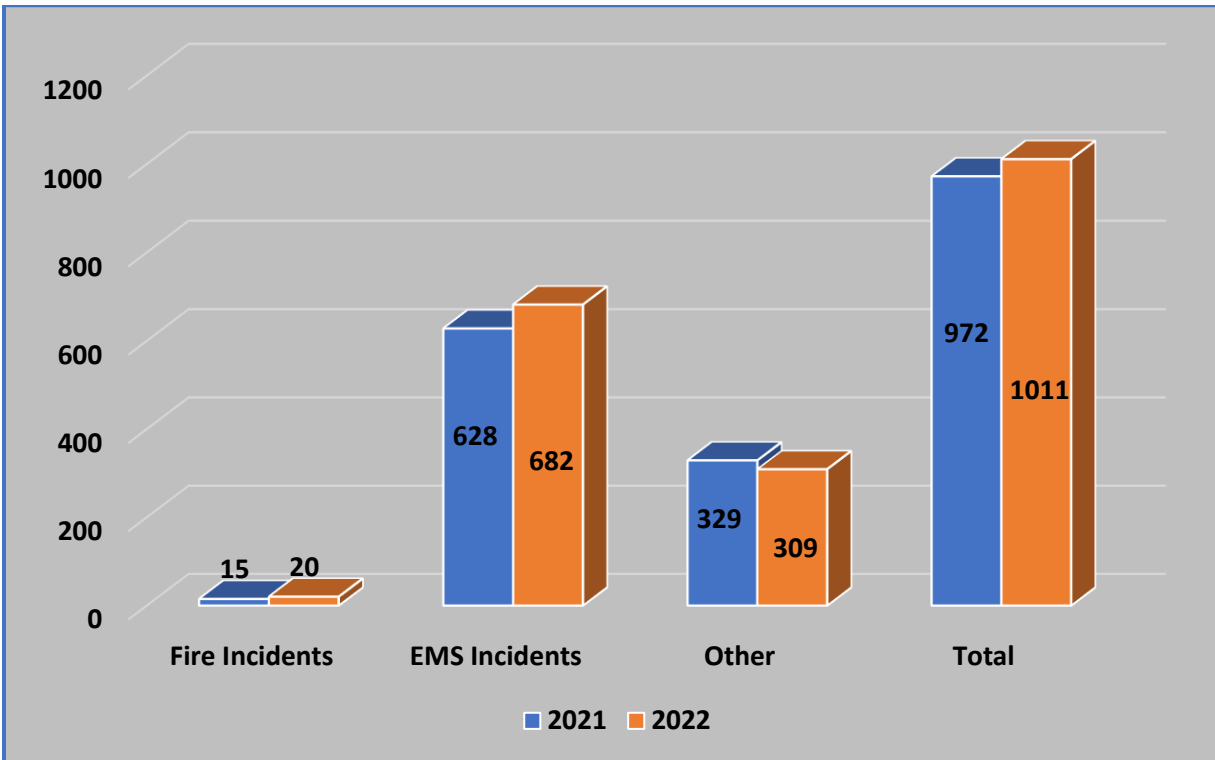
**Month to Month Comparison – Total Incidents**



*Note: Winter Storm of 2021 reflected in higher call volume.*



*Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022*







## **Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner**

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### **Summary of Significant Events:**

- Participated in the Town of Monument focus group to widen Jackson Creek Parkway.
- Conducted an on-site visit for the Promontory Point mitigation project.
- Met with the developers of several large-scale projects built within the fire district over the next two years.

### **Public Education / Community Outreach:**

- Worked with Pike Peak Regional OEM for the upcoming Wildfire Preparedness Day.
- Finalized and distributed the online 2022 community chipping calendar.

### **Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:**

- Continuing to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments
- Completed fire finals on five (5) townhomes and a system flush for a commercial project.
- Completed five (5) project reviews.

### **Fire Investigations:**

- Continuing to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force (PPFITF).

### **Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings**

- The Geographic Information System (ESRI Software™) is operational. We are gathering information about the district. This information will be added to the Community Risk Assessment. See Figure 1 for an example of the information we are gathering. The community risk assessment will be completed this year as part of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.
- I attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) annual conference in Orlando and gained vital information about our three-to-five-year first accreditation process. This included in-person classes and networking with other accredited fire departments. Through networking with the vendor ESRI, we are part of a trial workflow their product engineers have completed but have not yet released for other users. This will assist us in some vital portions of our CRA.



Tri-Lakes Monument

Tri Lakes Response Area

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

41,037 2.1% 2.89 28.6 43.7 \$129,657 \$568,502 \$715,121 23.6% 61.5% 13.8%

Population Total Population Growth Average HH Size Diversity Index Median Age Median HH Income Median Home Value Median Net Worth Under 18 Ages 18-65 Aged 66+



9.3%  
Services

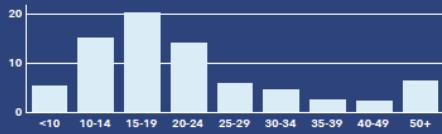


10.1%  
Blue Collar



80.6%  
White Collar

### Mortgage as Percent of Salary



### Age Profile: 5 Year Increments



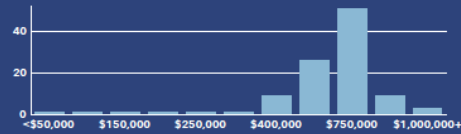
### Home Ownership



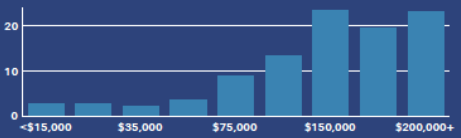
### Housing: Year Built



### Home Value



### Household Income



### Educational Attainment



### Commute Time: Minutes



Source: This infographic contains data provided by Esri, American Community Survey (ACS). The vintage of the data is 2021, 2015-2019, 2026.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2021 and 2026, Version 1.2

Figure 1



**Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough**

**Fleet:**

- Beginning the process of updating the specifications of our fire engines in anticipation of future purchases.
- The new ambulance was placed in service at Fire Station 4 with a push-in ceremony.
- The squad is currently under construction and is anticipated to be completed in June 2022.
- The Type 3 engine is under construction, but due to supply chain issues is delayed. Anticipated completion in mid-2023.
- The chipper has been serviced and is ready for use.

**Facilities:**

- Currently working with vendors to obtain pricing for work at Fire Stations 3,4 and 5.
- Fire Station 1
  - The remodel punch list is being completed.
  - The privacy fencing around the patio has been completed.
  - The carpeting in the dayroom and the dorms has been completed.
  - The landscaping and lighting have been completed.
- Fire Station 2
  - Still awaiting parts for the garage door opener. The door is still in service.
- Fire Station 3
  - Obtaining quotes to have the HVAC system repaired or replaced.
- Fire Station 4
  - The roof repair should be completed soon. The parts have arrived.
  - The garage door is still awaiting parts.
- Fire Station 5
  - Nothing to report.

**Information Technology:**

- Continuing to work on IT programs and their integration with both districts.
- Switched all staff to the Microsoft platform, which promotes and permits the sharing of documents and calendars.
- Continuing to work with El Paso Teller 911 to finalize the contract for station alerting.

**Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:**

- Nothing to report.



## ***Training – Battalion Chief Kris Mola***

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### ***Summary of Significant Events:***

- Orientation with apparatus is significantly improving through several multi-company drills.
- We will be hosting another initial Blue Card class late this year due to multiple personnel interested in the fire officer role as a component of our succession planning.
- We are in the process of creating a SOG for rural water supply terminology and other considerations.
- A new Safety Committee chair has been selected, Battalion Chief Branden. They will continue to help embrace a safety culture.

### ***Summary of Training Events:***

- Completed annual wildland refresher training.
- Completed a leadership “brush up” with Doctor Anderson.
- Completed Blue Card CE Lab-Certification Class for apartment/multi-family residences.
- Completed water tender operational drills.
- All suppression pieces have the new haz-mat monitoring units on them.

### ***Training Plan for the Month:***

- Reviewing Vent, Enter, Search (VES) training.
- Participating with CSFD for their spring wildfire training exercises.
- ESO/Pulsara review with all personnel.
- EMS airway and lung disorder scenarios.
- Man versus machine training in Black Forest.



**Training Hours: Total Hours for March – 1022 hours.**

