



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – August 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On August 7th, 9th, and 11th, On August 10th, the district hosted its monthly chief's meeting with operations staff.

On August 8th, attended a meeting to develop content for the Fire Leadership Challenge.

On August 10th, executive team members met with USFS representatives to discuss responses to the Pike National Forest.

On August 14th, met with L4319 to discuss the meet and confer plus agreement.

On August 23rd, I attended a fire code committee meeting with Chief Bumgarner.

On August 29th, I attended a Gleneagle annexation meeting with residents and the Town of Monument.

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



August Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	267	975	1

Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- 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 are moving forward with the site development for the training center property.
- We are continuing our efforts to complete our Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover for agency accreditation.
- The first draft of the budget is nearing completion for BOD review.

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- The district received a check for \$3,730 from the Colorado Special Districts safety grant. The proceeds will be used to fund a portion of the snowplow.
- High Forest Ranch donated \$1,092 to the district. Thank you for the generous donation!
- The district will meet with the brokers to discuss general liability insurance and healthcare for FY2024.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Neill accepted a job with Grand Junction FD. We wish Taylor and his family the best in his new endeavor.

Local 4319:

- Local 4319 unanimously voted to contribute \$10,000 for campaign materials for the Wescott ballot initiative.
- Local 4319 will host their annual pumpkin giveaway event on Saturday, October 14th, from 1100-1400 hours at the Monument Clocktower adjacent to Wal-Mart. Canned food donations will help support Tri-Lakes Cares.
- Local 4319 and the district negotiate financial/non-financial terms for FY2024.
- L4319 raised \$8,495 for the MDA Fill The Boot event.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Participated in the Pikes Peak Incident Management Team Exercise.
- West Metro Fire Academy 23-02 began with one firefighter/paramedic recruit.
- Continuing the training center planning process with a site plan meeting.
- Reached an agreement with Pike National Forest to provide automatic aid response in the mutual threat zone (1 mile beyond the MFD/USFS boundary).
- Attended the regional incident management team steering committee meeting.
- Discussed tender mutual aid ordering procedures between MFD and CSFD.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 8/1, MFD responded to a report of a lightning strike structure fire. Crews found a light haze and a lightning strike to a tree directly adjacent to the house, with a branch touching the roof. Crews found a shingle that had been burnt from the lightning strike.
- On 8/5, Crews attended the “2023 Backpack Bash.” The event provides free backpacks, physicals, haircuts, and school supplies to those in need throughout the El Paso County community.
- On 8/5, Crews attended the “2023 Hummingbird Festival” at 17435 Roller Coaster Road.
- On 8/5, Crews attended the Promontory Pointe Neighborhood party. Crews received a nice thank you email for their attendance and participation in the community.
- On 8/5, Crews responded to a reported tornado. Multiple RPs reported two separate funnel clouds around County Line/Thunder Road near Fox Run Park. Crews investigated the area, and no damage was found.
- On 8/5, MFD responded to a residential structure fire. Upon arrival, crews located a confirmed lightning strike on the roof. Crews investigated the attic and home and confirmed no heat, smoke, or fire. Crews successfully covered the hole in the roof for the homeowner with a tarp to prevent rainfall from causing any water damage to the home.
- On 8/12, E513 attended the Bent Tree Homeowners Association meeting to speak about fire mitigation.
- On 8/12, Crews attended the Gleneagle Homeowners Association annual picnic.
- On 8/17, personnel attended an electric vehicle and lithium battery training at Larkspur Fire.
- On 8/23, personnel attended Live Wires & First Responders training at Mountain View Electric in Falcon.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 8/9, MFD was dispatched to mutual aid on Mount Herman inside the USNF boundary for a single-vehicle rollover with no significant injuries.
- On 8/15, Tender 564 was dispatched to mutual aid to Falcon FD for a vehicle fire.
- On 8/27, crews responded to an elevator rescue at Woodmen Valley Church. 13 kids were trapped in the elevator. Rescue was achieved through the roof access using a ladder. No injuries were reported, and the kids were returned to their supervision at the church.



- On 8/28, MFD was dispatched to a commercial structure fire. Upon arrival, an exterior sign was on fire and spreading to the roof overhang. The fire was quickly extinguished.
- On 8/4, crews attended the annual Fox Run Park hummingbird festival.
- On 8/10, crews were present at the 2nd annual Brad's House Backyard Bash.
- On 8/27, crews attended the annual High Forest Ranch neighborhood first responder BBQ.
- On 8/27, crews attended the annual and judged the Monument Car Show.
- On 8/28, MFD and mutual aid crews rotated through CDFPC live fire training at Fire Station 1.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 8/13, Fire Station 4 personnel attended the annual Saint Peters Picnic at the Western Museum.
- On 8/13, Fire Station 1 personnel attended a block party at Forest Lakes.
- On 8/19, Fire Station 1 hosted a station tour.
- On 8/20, MFD responded to Monument Lake when a brief period of gusty winds was experienced. Several people were pushed across the lake. MFD personnel assisted the victims back to the east side of the lack. There were no reports of injuries.
- On 8/26, Fire Station 4 personnel attended “Party in the Park” at Sanctuary Point.
- On 8/26, Personnel attended the “719 Hot Days” at BFFD.



Training – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- CDFPC Mobile Live Fire Trailer Station.
- NG EMS cardiac skills.

Summary of Training Events:

- Lithium battery training – Larkspur.
- Mountain View Electric First Responder Day.
- Yoga for First Responders (YFFR) classes.

Training Plan for the Month:

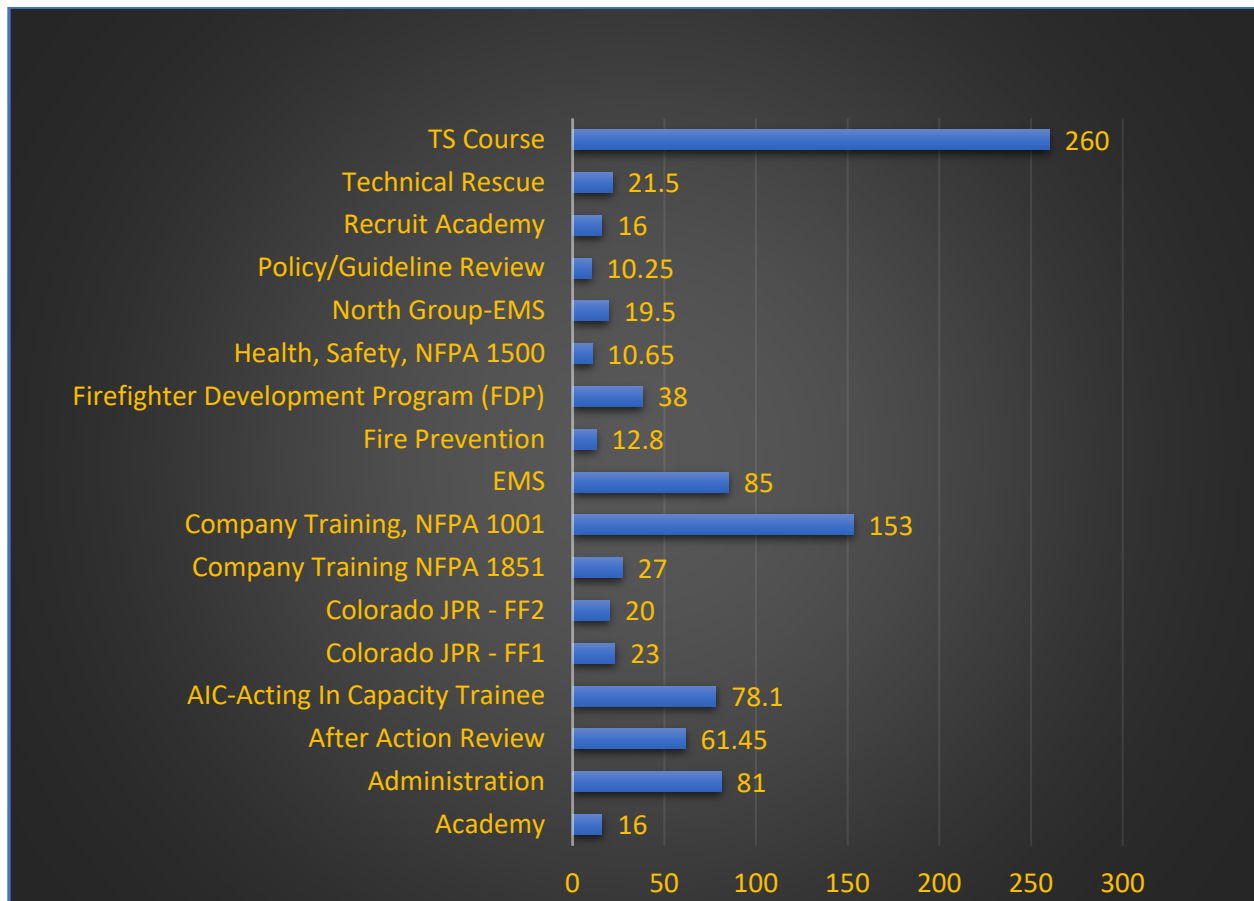
- Lithium and EV fires hosted by Monument FD.
- NG EMS – waived skills.
- Cardiology webinar hosted by Monument FD and Common Spirit.
- Code 3 Leadership Symposium hosted by Monument FD.



Mobile Live Fire Training – Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control.



Training hours for August –975 Training Hours.



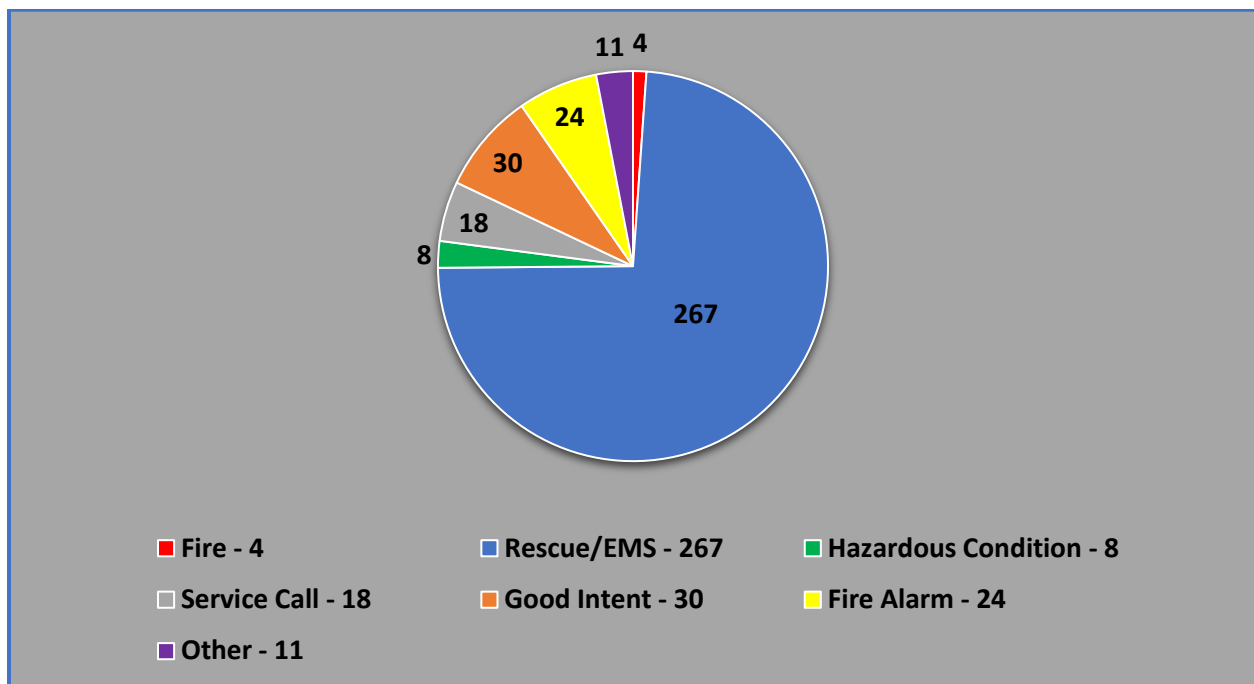


Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Pearson/EMS Coordinator Soll

Summary of Significant Events:

- The district will be receiving \$338,097 from the Colorado Ambulance Supplement. This is a \$31,000 increase from last year.
- The ESA board had its final meeting and voted to dissolve the ESA. PPROEM will oversee the county AMR contract.
- The MCI group training committee met and is looking to host classes after the first of the year to begin a county-wide MCI training effort.
- Chief Pearson made an MCI presentation at the UCHealth trauma conference at the Antlers Hotel.
- Chief Pearson attended a contract discussion meeting between AMR and the county EMS transport agencies.

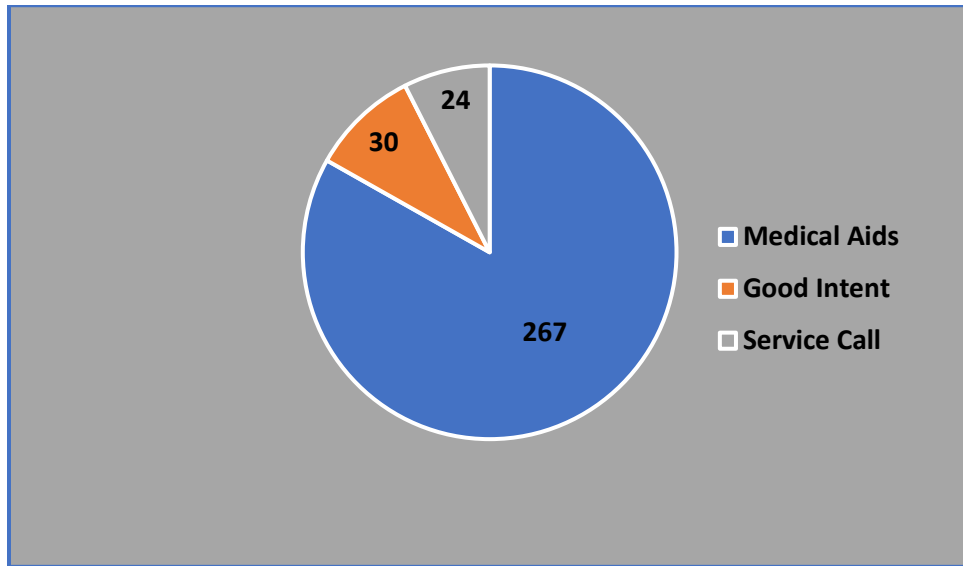
Incidents by Call Type



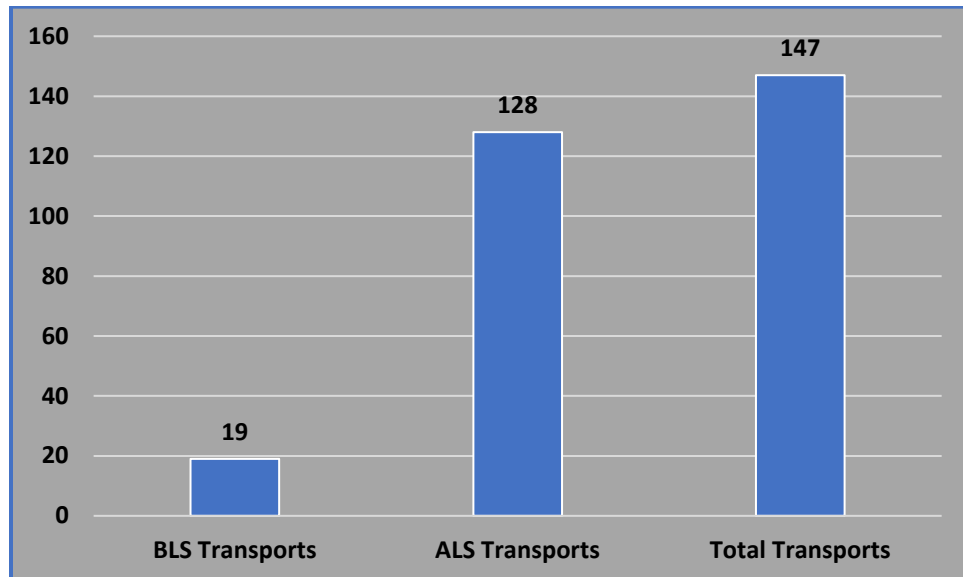
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories

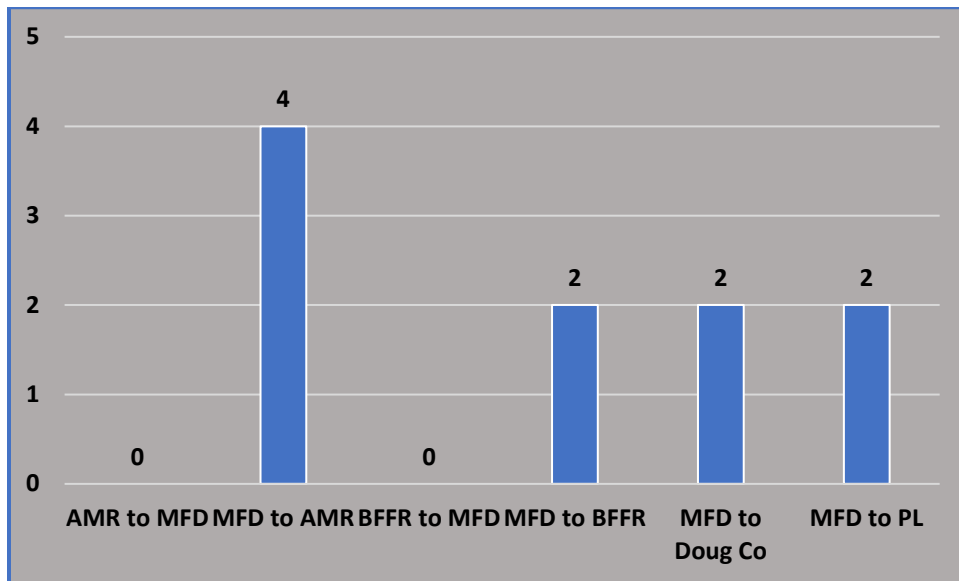


Ambulance Transports



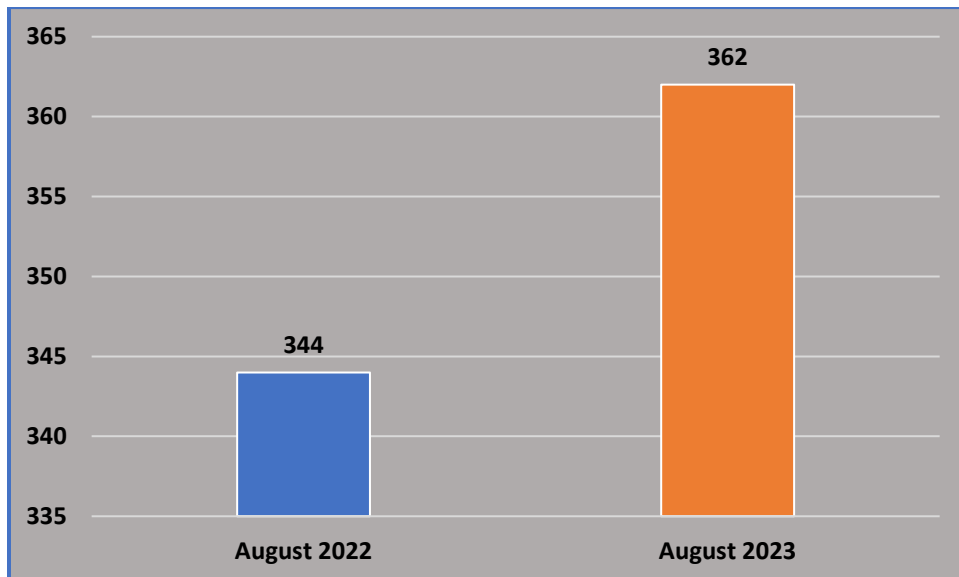


Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid



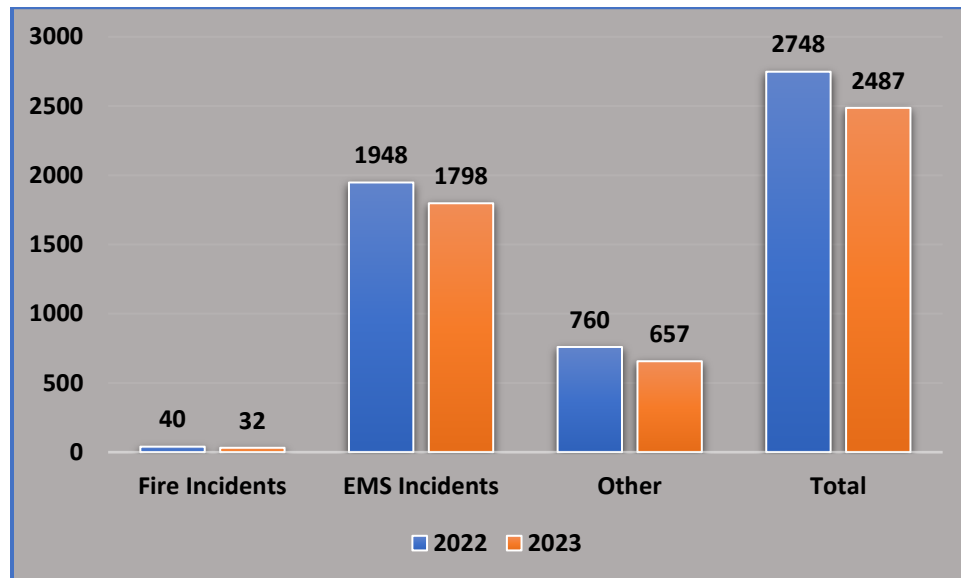
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 4 calls accepted.

Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents





Year-To-Date Comparison – 2022/2023



Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Assisting with the preparation of the 2024 budget.
- Completed the FEMA WUI Policy in the Fire Service Pilot Class.
- Working with the apparatus committee to complete the new engine specifications.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- 2023 community chipping program - completed the August events.
- Met with an area HOA to discuss wildfire preparation.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Continue to meet with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.
- Completed four planning reviews for the Town of Monument.
- Completed an inspection for one preschool.
- Finalized the 2021 IFC to be submitted for adoption later.

Fire Investigations:

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



Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- The wildland committee (Lt. Urban, Firefighter/Paramedic Horne, Ragland, and Armstrong) reviewed and implemented the new wildland deployment policy. Since the policy has been implemented, crews have been deployed to Texas and California. We currently have one member in California, three members with a type 6 engine (brush truck), and a single member in Texas.
- The goal of having a program like this is to gain wildfire incident experience. This will build the expertise within the department necessary to provide high-level services in the district for mitigation and emergency response.
- The Firstdue™ program has been released to all the members. It's currently being utilized to notify units of a response, pre-plan buildings within the district, and inspect occupancies. Special thanks to Lieutenant Jonathan Urban for his assistance.
- Firstdue™ Community Connect is operational. This allows community members, residential and commercial, to input their pertinent information. Personnel can review this during a response to the customer's address.
- The Community Risk Assessment Standards of Cover (CRA/SOC) document is out for review with the executive staff.

Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough

Fleet:

- The reserve ladder truck is back in the district with a new transmission/TCM.
- The water tender is back in the district after replacing a bad tank-to-pump valve.
- All frontline engines have had their preventative maintenance completed.
- The tower will be scheduled for preventative maintenance now that the reserve ladder truck is back in the district.

Facilities:

- Station generators will be serviced as we move into fall/winter.
- Apparatus bay doors continue to require service/maintenance.
- Fire Station 1
 - Continue working with the civil engineer to connect the water line to the station.
- Fire Station 2
 - Working with a vendor to provide curb stops and strip parking lot.
- Fire Station 3
 - A water leak was discovered in the roof. The district is having a roofer evaluate.
- Fire Station 4
 - No current projects.
- Fire Station 5
 - No current projects.
- Fire Station 6
 - Continue to improve the facility for vehicle and equipment storage.

Information Technology:

- Continue performing maintenance, testing, and reprogramming for all district 800 MHz radios.