



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – March 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On March 8, OZ Architecture hosted a design meeting for Fire Station 3 with representatives from the board of directors, staff, and operations personnel.

On March 13, staff attended the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management winter storm briefing.

On March 13-15, staff established North Area Command with our partner agencies for the winter storm.

On March 27, I traveled to Kansas City for the winter meeting of the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

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



March Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	213	783	44
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four Firewise inspections completed.• Two public education events attended.• During the March 13-15 snowstorm, staff established North Area Command with our partner agencies.• Battalion 502 and Brush 542 responded to Fort Carson for a wildfire.• Crews responded to a structure fire and quickly contained an oven fire with no extension.• Crews trained with Air Force Academy firefighters in hose management drills and tender/water shuttle operations.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- The court entered orders on seven properties for inclusion into the district. The properties have been recorded at the county offices and a copy has been sent to DOLA.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nothing to report.

Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.



Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle

Summary of Significant Events:

- Battalion 502 and Brush 542 responded to Fort Carson as a strike team for a wildfire.
- Attended the Training Center and Front Range planning meeting.
- Attended Labor Management meeting.
- Attended the CSFD promotional ceremony for Deputy Chief Wilch.
- Met with two staff members selected to demo an annual physical through a new provider.
- Participated in North Area Command with our partner agencies for the winter storm.
- Engineer promotional process opened. Testing will be held in May.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- On 3/2, Station 1 hosted a station tour for 20 people.
- On 3/27, 583 hosted a ride-along.
- BC Pearson attended the monthly El Paso County MCI committee meeting.
- Station 1 and Station 4 completed the annual arduous pack test.
- BC Pearson, Engineer S. Leonhardt, and FF/Medic Horne taught S-130/190 to the 24-01 recruit academy.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 3/30, Station 3 hosted a Cub Scout tour.
- On 3/31, 583 hosted a paramedic student.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 3/4, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 3/11, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 3/23, crews participated in a flag retirement ceremony at Jackson Creek Senior Living.
- On 3/28, crews quickly contained an oven fire with no extension into the kitchen.



Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Hose management at the Air Force Academy.
- Tender/water shuttle training with Air Force Academy Crews.
- EMS pediatric trauma.
- Instructed 24-01 S130/190 class and field day.
- Paramedic prep classes were held in preparation for two of our paramedic students beginning paramedic school on April 1st.
- The Pyxis machine contract has been signed. This will assist with ease in restocking narcotics and accountability.

Summary of Training & EMS Events:

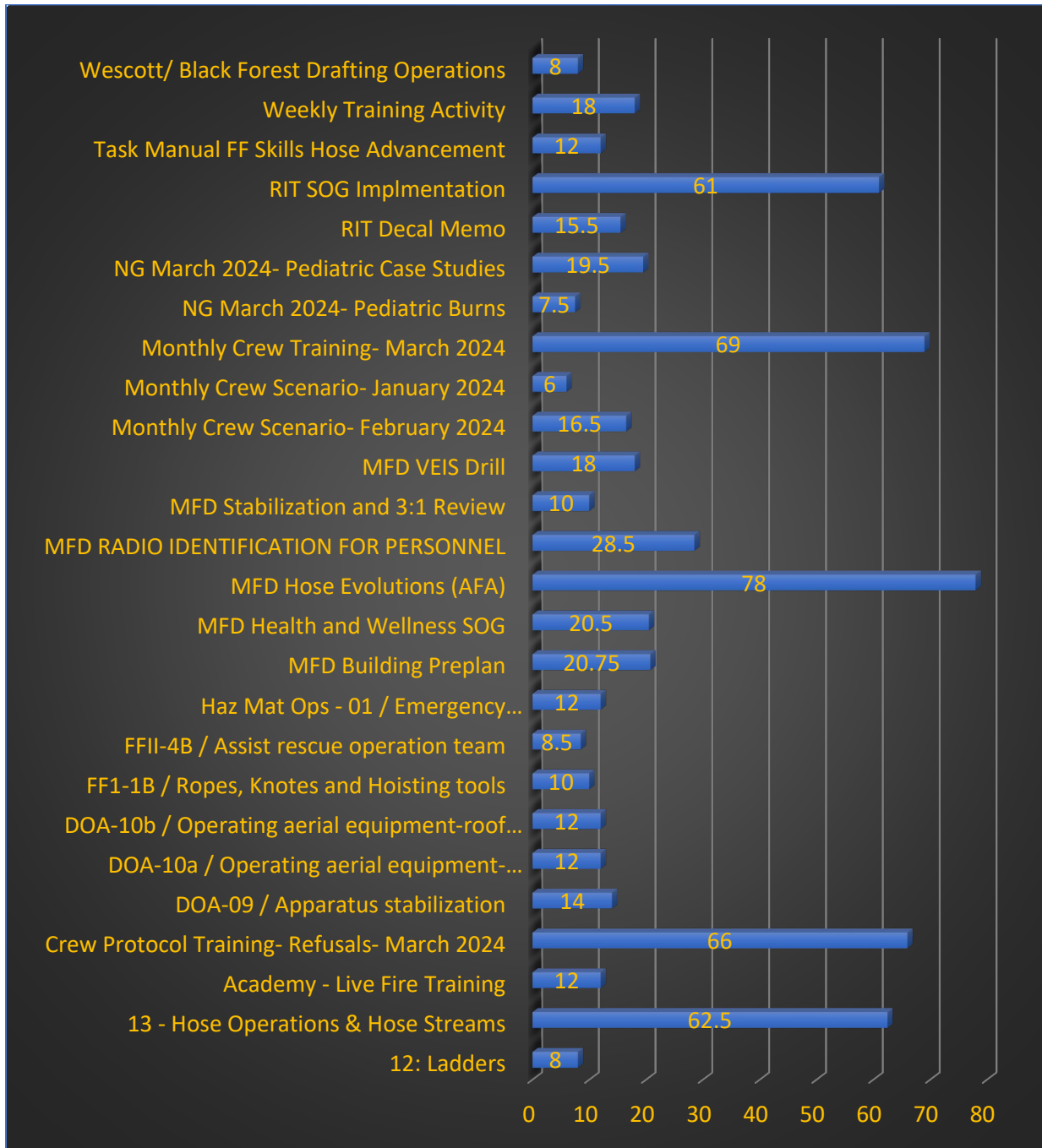
- Hose management drills and tender/water shuttle drills were successful. Thank you to the Air Force Academy for using the training tower.
- Common Sprit has approved our EMS division's ability to host our own EMS training each month with our neighboring agencies.
- Held first HSI ACLS class.
- Paramedic prep classes were held in preparation for two of our paramedic students beginning paramedic school on April 1st.
- All recruits passed Firefighter I and Hazmat Operations certifications.
- All recruits completed S-130/190.
- The Pyxis machine contract has been signed. This will assist with ease in restocking narcotics and accountability.
- Attended regional CQI meeting with CSFD/Common Spirit/UC Health to evaluate EMS data.

Training Plan for the Month:

- Airway training.
- Rapid intervention training.
- Teaching 24-01 Driver Operator at Station 1.
- Participating in Colorado State Aerial Class.

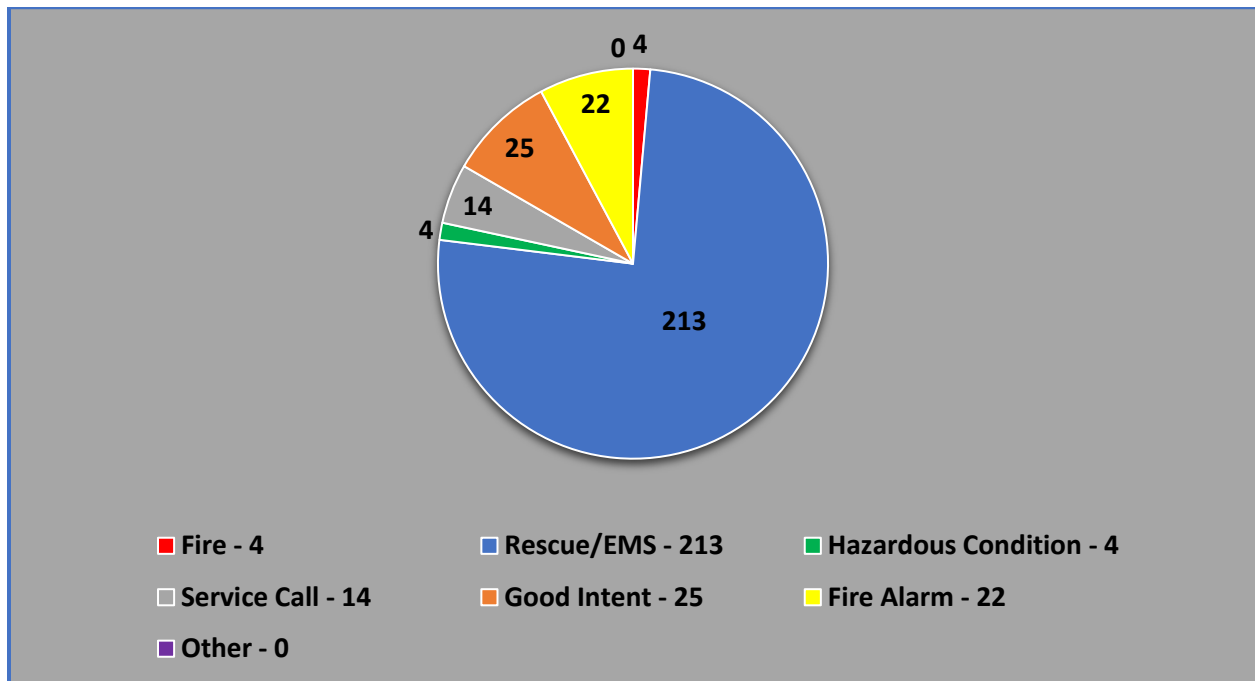


Training hours for March – 783 Training Hours.



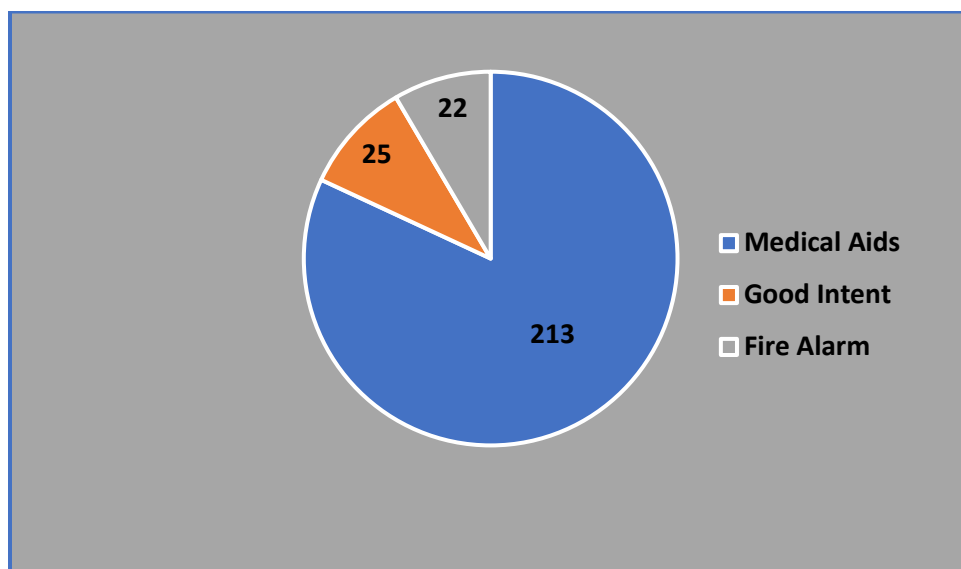


Incidents by Call Type – March



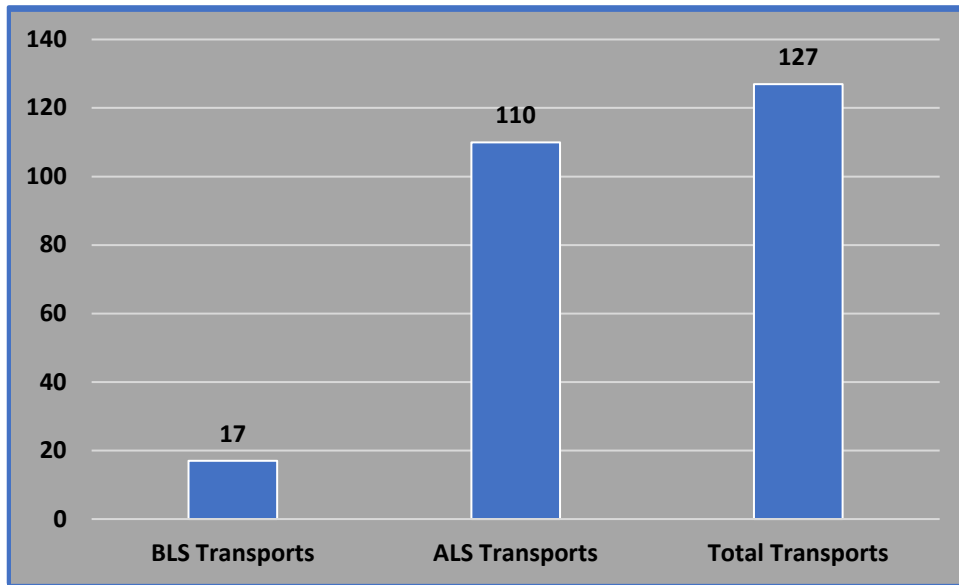
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – March

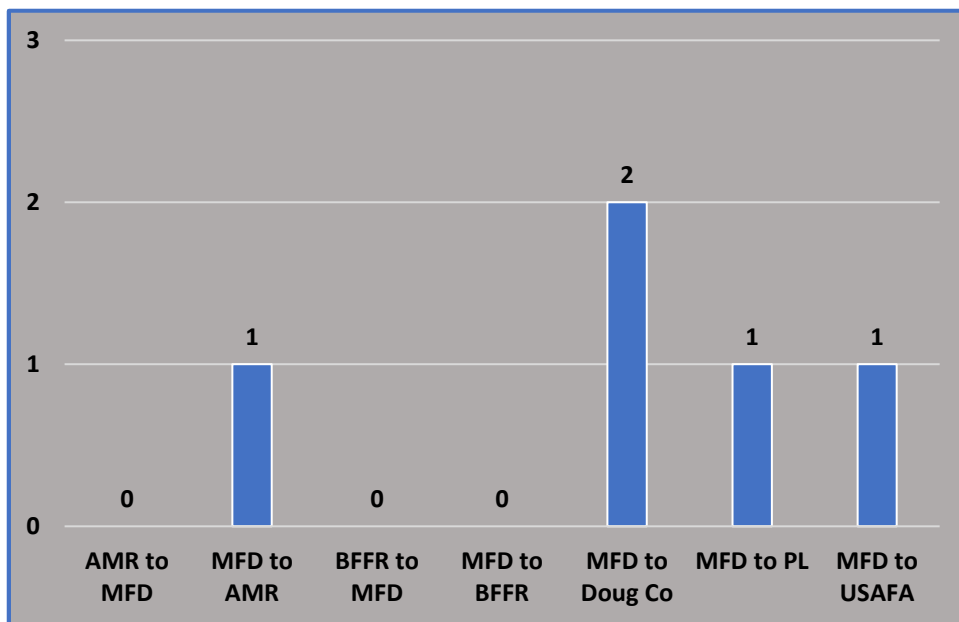




Ambulance Transports - March



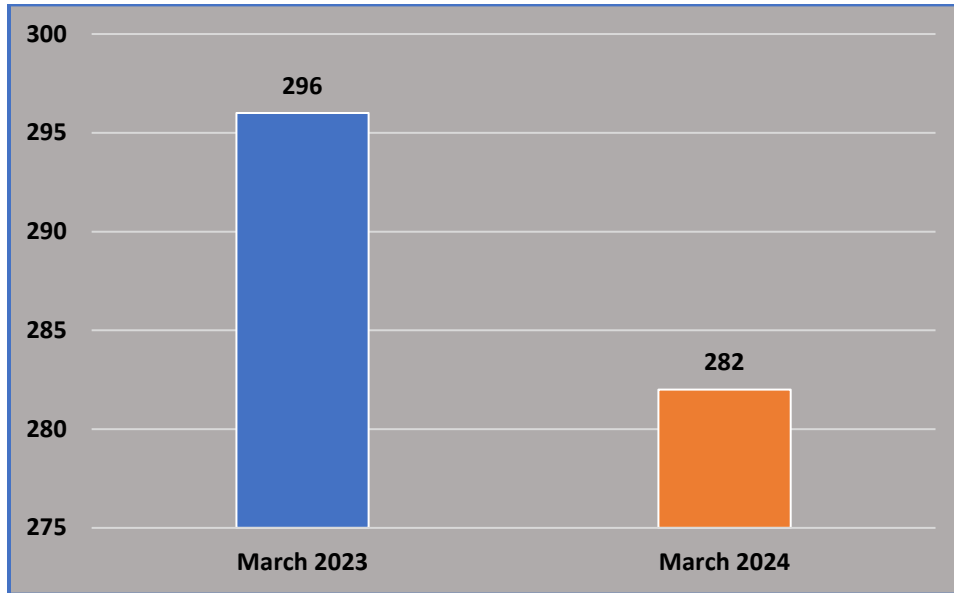
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid - March



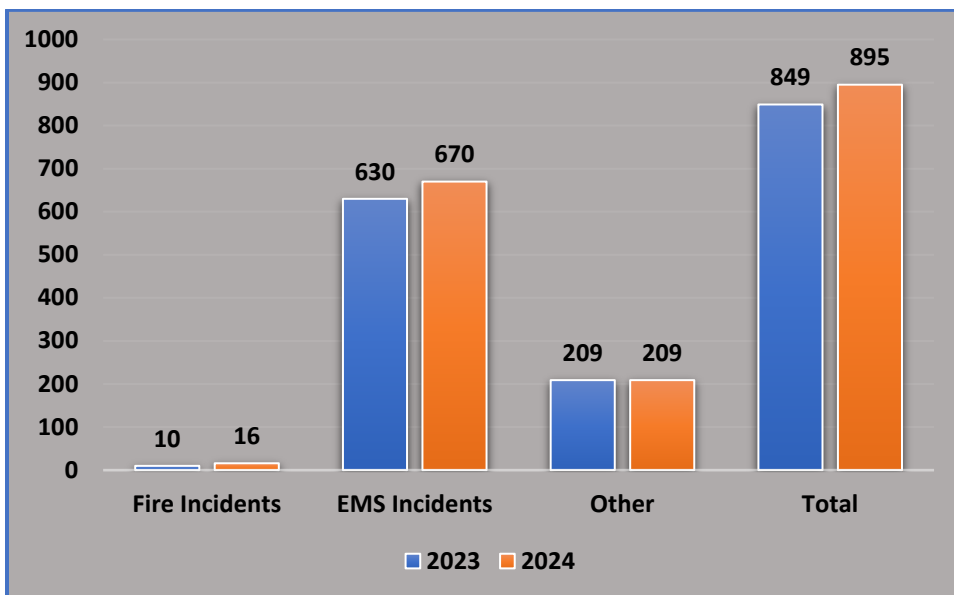
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 1 call accepted.



Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – March



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





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Finalize the land purchase agreement for Station 3.
- Completed the station design charette for Station 3.

Administrative Services:

- Attended the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects.
- Continued working through the remodel plans for Fire Station 2 to submit for permitting.
- Completed equipment installation and finalized the training plan on the Type 3 engine.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- The category managers are working hard to complete the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) Self-Assessments (SAMS), which covers 11 categories containing 46 criteria and 250 performance indicators. This should be completed by June 1st.
- The district received a thank you card from Bent County, thanking the crew deployed on the Type 6 engine during the Boggsville Fire.

Fleet and Facilities – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt

- Continued preventative maintenance and repairs on apparatus and facilities.
- Operated the snow for the March 13 and 14 snow events. The snowplow assisted crews in responding to three emergency calls.
- Station 1 - repaired flagpole lights.
- Station 2 - continued to work on roof repairs.
- Station 3 - replaced the dishwater and provided materials for training props.
- Station 4 - supported the construction by securing all supplies in storage areas.
- Station 5 - finalize the few remaining punch list items with Flintco.



Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Released the annual Community Chipping program schedule.
- Met with the El Paso County planning department to discuss project approval processes.
- Met with educational services provider for fire inspector training.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Attended El Paso County Housing and Building Association code review and Tri-Lakes chapter meetings.
- Discussed wildfire mitigation program with Canterbury HOA president and board member.
- Met with community representatives for neighborhoods adjacent to the planned prescribed fire project near the Monument Fire Center.
- Met with local insurance agents to discuss wildfire mitigation standards.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Fire companies continued the commercial building pre-planning process using First Due Software.
- Provided Wildfire Safety and Home Ignition Zone inspections for multiple properties.
- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Provided plan review services for fire department access and water supply for multiple projects.

Fire Investigations

- Attended Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit meeting.



Monument Fire,
Our Community + First Responders want to say
Thank You once again for coming out & helping us
with the Boggsville Fire on March 2, 2024. Your
Support made a difference in shutting down this fire
quickly

Thank You Again
Bert County