



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – May 2026

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Fire Chief's Remarks

- On May 7th, I presented an incident safety officer (ISO) class to MFD and BFFR chief and company officers. Formalizing the district's safety officer program was among the accreditation recommendations. The class was the first step in the process.
- On May 8th, I attended the Pikes Peak State College Recruit Academy 26-01 graduation at Woodmen Valley Chapel.
- On May 11th, executive staff met with PPROEM to draft the district's first Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- On May 12th and 13th, the district participated in a community meet-and-greet and oral interviews to select the next Fire Chief.
- 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 Fire Chiefs Council
 - MFD/Monument Police Department Command Staff
 - Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Town Hall & Legislative
 - Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
 - International Association of Fire Chiefs, Missouri Valley Division – President



Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
5	212	1533	20
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026-01 Fire Academy graduation.• Four recruits onboarding, HR, EMS, fire orientation, and physician testing.• Mitigation crew started.• The 4th annual Monument Fire Youth Camp was held on the 28th, 29th, and 30th.• On 5/31, MFD responded to a multi-vehicle traffic accident in Larkspur; several patients were transported.• On 5/31, multiple MFD units responded to automatic aid to Palmer Lake for a residential structure fire.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Fire Chief Andy Kovacs' retirement and change of command ceremony on 8/3.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Hiring process for the 2026 mitigation crew completed.
- Hiring of Fire Chief Colin Fitzgerald.

Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.

Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

Significant Events:

- On 5/7, I met with EPSO dispatch to complete the annual dispatch performance appraisals.
- Annual CFAI compliance report is scheduled for submission at the end of June.
- Quality Improvement Workshop hosted by Monument Fire from December 2nd through 4th has been announced.



Operations – Division Chief Janaka Branden

Summary of Significant Events:

- On 5/7, I attended the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) training.
- On 5/8, I attended the 2026-01 Fire Academy graduation.
- On 5/11, I participated in the joint MFD and PPROEM Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) planning meeting.
- On 5/12, the 2026 Engineer promotional testing process was completed, establishing a one-year promotional list.
- Completed testing process for new AIC Lieutenant Godson.
- On 5/15, BC Coyle and I met with a representative from a military unit for a future recruitment pipeline.
- The 4th annual Monument Fire Youth Camp was held on the 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- On 5/4, 512 completed a wildfire home inspection on Colonial Park Drive.
- On 5/9, Station 1 gave a station tour for 10 children.
- On 5/15, 554 participated in an east group Hazmat and MCI exercise in Falcon.
- On 5/15, Station 1 and Station 3 hosted a ride along.
- On 5/20, 512 completed a wildfire inspection on Mustang Way.
- On 5/22, Station 3 and Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 5/28, all stations participated in a rural water operations drill with CSFD E-24.
- On 5/28, 531 and 513 assisted with the 2026 Monument Fire Camp.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 5/1, crews responded to mutual aid to Larkspur for a traffic accident at MM167.
- On 5/1, crews responded to mutual aid to Larkspur for a second traffic accident at MM167.
- On 5/2, Station 1 hosted a station tour for six adults and three kids.
- On 5/2, Engine 19 and AMR backfilled Station 4 so that the on-duty crews could attend the annual awards ceremony.
- On 5/7, crews completed a Wildland Home Assessment.
- On 5/8, crews attended the 26-01 academy graduation ceremony.
- On 5/14, crews completed a fire inspection at King Soopers.
- On 5/19, crews completed a Wildland Home Assessment.
- On 5/20, 581 responded to a mutual aid request to Palmer Lake.
- On 5/25, Station 1 hosted a ride along.
- On 5/26, Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 5/31, multiple MFD units responded to an automatic aid to Larkspur for a multi-vehicle traffic accident. Several patients were transported to the hospital.



- On 5/31, multiple MFD units responded to automatic aid to Palmer Lake for a residential structure fire. Crews arrived and found heavy fire on the Charlie side of the structure. Crews made an aggressive interior attack while searching the structure. One firefighter injury was reported. The damage to the home exceeded \$500,000.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 5/5, 514 did a fire safety presentation at Antelope Trails Elementary School.
- On 5/6, Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 5/23, Station 1 hosted Boy Scout Troop 17 for a US flag retirement ceremony.
- On 5/29, Crews assisted with the Monument Fire Youth Camp.

Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Training Events: May

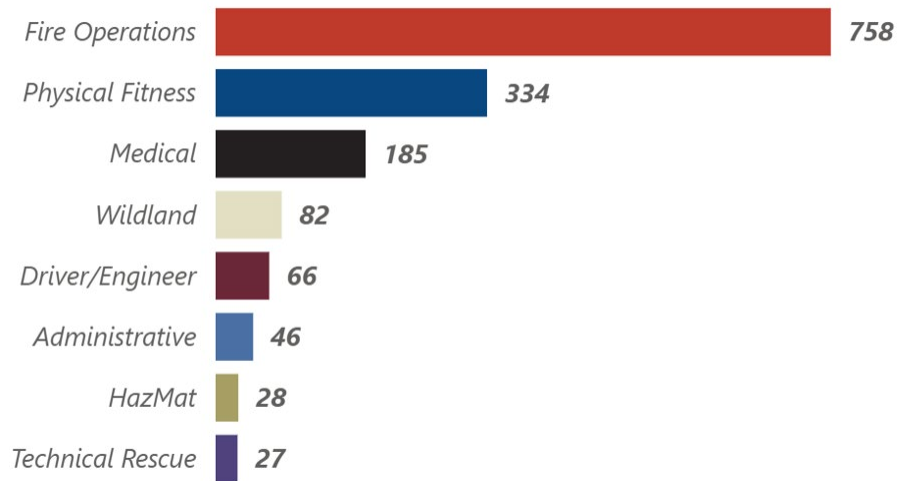
- North Group EMS – Airway – Dr. Hurtado will be testing medics' airway skills.
- ISO class completed for all company officers and battalion chief ranks.
- Hazmat 554 participated in a regional “East Group” MCI/Hazmat scenario.
- Fire- Fire attack and search at Grace Best.
- Specialty – Rope rescue with an aerial device.
- Four recruits onboarded - HR, EMS, fire orientation, and physician testing.
- Completed battalion training on the new Type 6 brush truck.

Training Plan for the Month: June

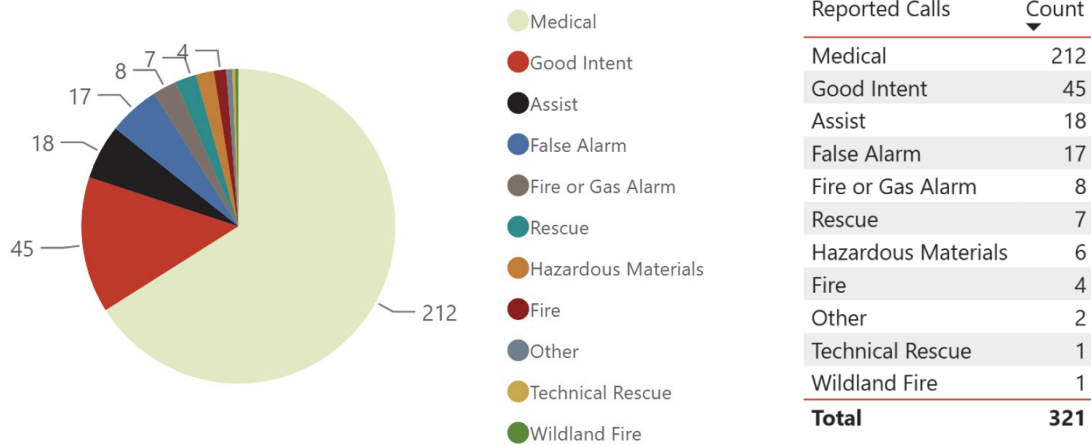
- EMS – Toxicology
- Fire – Center Hallway Fire Attack
- Hazmat – Decon Drill



Training hours for May – 1133 Training Hours



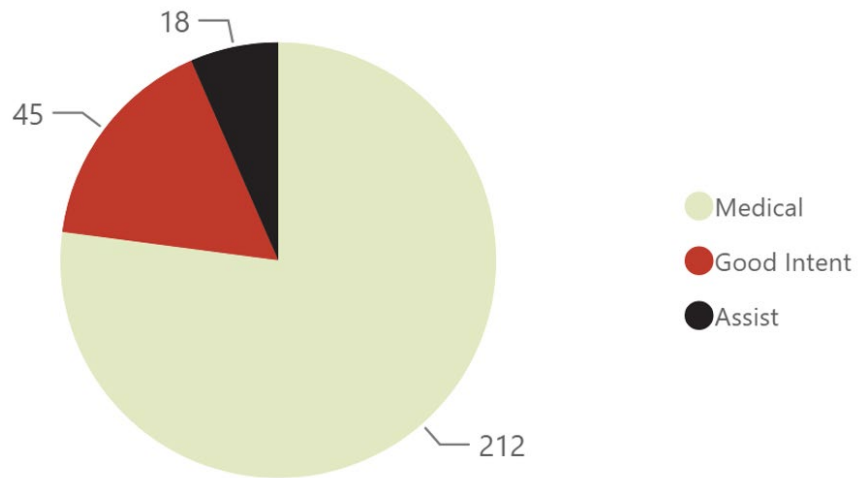
Incidents by Call Type – May



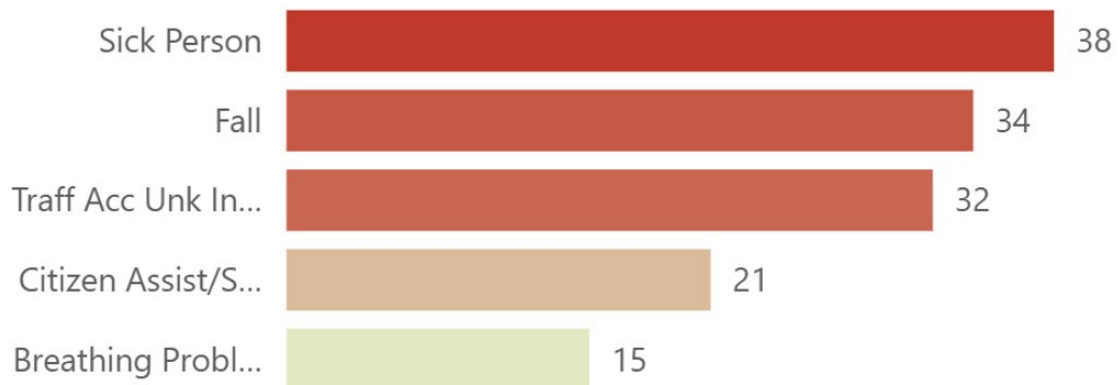
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled en route, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – May

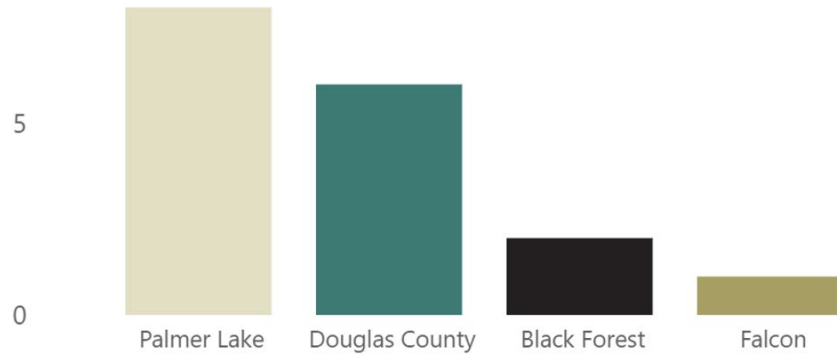


Top 5 Calls by Subclass

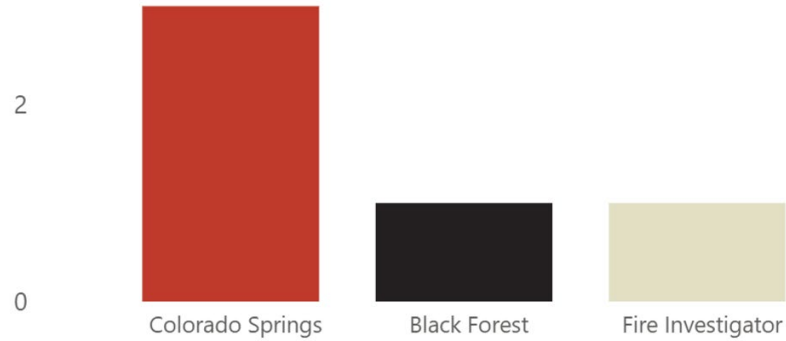




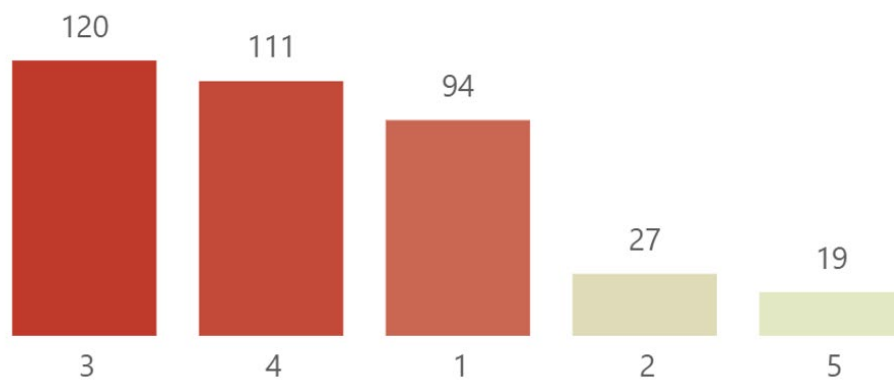
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid Given – May



Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid Received – May

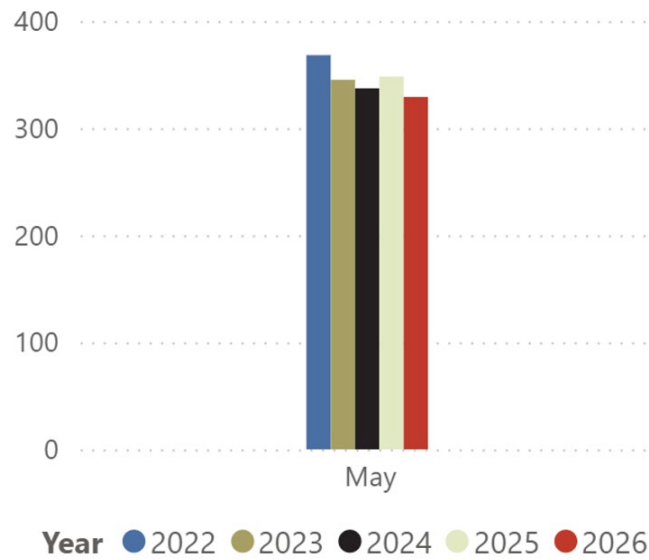


Calls Per Station May 2026

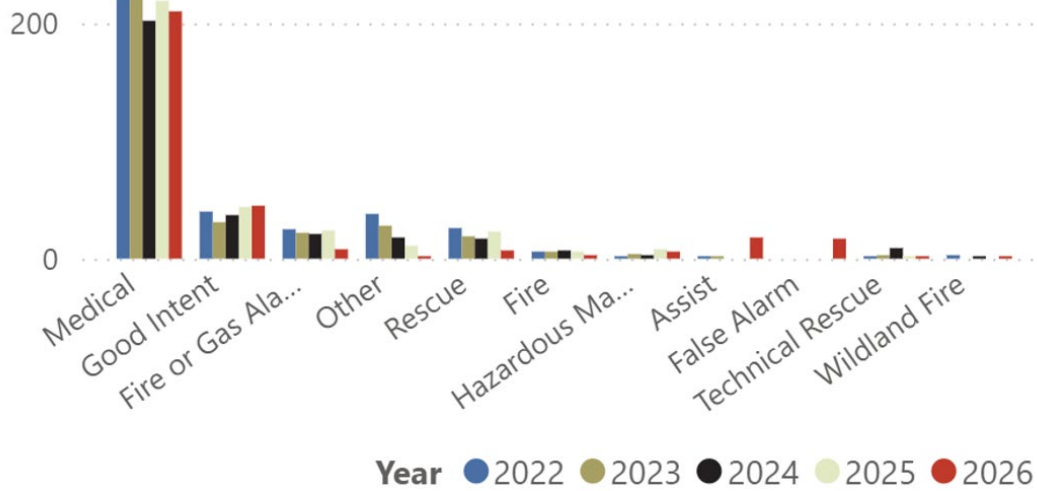




Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – 2023 - 2026 May



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023 - 2026 – May





Support Services – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended the Fire Station Design Conference.
- Participated in a preliminary meeting with two other partners for a joint usage fleet maintenance facility.
- Met with CDOT concerning improvements to the Stagecoach Road and Highway 83 intersection.

Support Services:

- Continued the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractors (OAC) meeting for Fire Station 3.
- Initiated the Phase 2 upgrades to Mitchell Avenue.
- Finalized the construction documents for the Training Center.
- Scheduled the final inspection trips for our two engines for the week of June 8th in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Fleet and Facilities:

- Placed the Type 6 in service.
- Continued upfitting the new tender and started the upfit for the new ambulance.
- Ordered lawn equipment for various stations.
- Completed multiple recall repairs on district vehicles using Ford mobile service.

Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) Implementation Peer Exchange.
- Completed the 2026 mitigation crew onboarding process.
- Completed FEMA Public Information Officer Basics course.
- Participated in the El Paso County Land Use Code review working group.
- Provided emergency decision-making training for the Walmart management team.
- Provided direction for multiple firefighting cistern construction projects.
- Attended Paradise Villas HOA meeting to discuss emergency communication systems.
- Participated in a media campaign highlighting Arrowood 1 and 2 wildfire mitigation efforts.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Commercial inspections continued with MFD staff.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument and El Paso County.
- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended HBA Tri-Lakes chapter meeting.
- Participated in CWRC ground truthing workshop with the development community.
- Participated in the regional rural firefighting water supply standards development process.



Fire Investigations

- Investigated one accidental outside fire with PPRFIU in the MFD jurisdiction.