



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – July 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



## ***Chief's Remarks***

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On July 1<sup>st</sup>, we conducted our first monthly “Leadership Lessons” discussion at Fire Station. Approximately 30 people attended.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, I met with the C-Shift budget coordinators to assist in preparing for the 2025 Budget.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Town of Monument’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and activities.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the officer’s meeting at Fire Station 1.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Hildebrant, Fire Chief Andrew York (Cimmaron Hills), staff, and I met with state legislators to continue discussing the impact of property tax revenue on the fire district.

From July 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, I was on vacation with my family.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, Chief Coyle and I met with L4319 to outline our meeting schedule for the 2025 negotiations.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, I attended the introduction and meet and greet of the Colorado State Fire Chief’s keynote speaker.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Chief Coyle and I presented Monument Police Department Officer Hoeh with a Chief’s Coin for assisting the district with medical aid before crews arrived on the scene.

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President



## June Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
7	241	690	29
<b>Major Incidents, Projects, and Events</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Six Firewise inspections were completed.</li><li>• Five public education events attended.</li><li>• Participated in the Town of Monument's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.</li><li>• Presented a Chief's Coin to Monument Police Department Officer Hoeh for providing medical aid before crews arrived.</li><li>• Regional electric vehicles/Lithium-Ion battery fires.</li><li>• Hosted a specialty education series on neonatal resuscitation.</li><li>• Four car seat checks completed.</li><li>• One car seat check public education event with CSPD.</li><li>• Crews responded to a small wildland fire at Red Rocks and Mt. Herman Road.</li><li>• Crews responded to a structure fire in Palmer Lake.</li><li>• Crews responded to over 100 gas leak calls and coordinated with Black Hills Gas.</li></ul>			

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Nothing to report.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nothing to report.

### Local 4319:

- The Local 4319 Executive Board has started Meet and Confer negotiations with the Executive Staff. Meetings are scheduled through September, and the Local looks forward to productive conversations.



## ***Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle***

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

- Met with the C-Shift budget coordinators to prepare for the 2025 budget.
- Met with L4319 to outline the meeting schedule for the 2025 negotiations.
- Attend the Pikes Peak Mutual Aid meeting.
- Attended the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program for two weeks.
- Participated in the Town of Monument's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
- Presented a Chief's Coin to Monument Police Department Officer Hoeh for providing medical aid before crews arrived.

### ***Operations:***

#### ***A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson***

- FF/Medic passed his Fire Officer I written test.
- On 7/13, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 7/25, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 7/31, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 7/31, 513 attended the Palmer Ride High School football camp.

#### ***B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden***

- On 7/4, crews assisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and street fair.
- On 7/4, crews responded to a UTV rollover with ejection on Mt. Herman.
- On 7/11, crews responded to a wildland fire around Red Rocks and Mt. Herman Road. The fire was contained to 1.25 acres.
- On 7/11, crews assisted Black Forest Fire with a wildland fire.
- On 7/28, crews assisted Larkspur Fire with a nine-car traffic accident.
- On 7/29, crews responded to an auto vs pedestrian traffic accident.

#### ***C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola***

- On 7/3, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 7/8, crews responded to a commercial tractor-trailer fire near the Pilot.
- On 7/9, Station 1 hosted a station tour.
- On 7/14, crews conducted annual ladder testing for the district.
- On 7/14, crews responded to over 100 gas leak calls and coordinated with Black Hills Gas.
- On 7/26, Station 1 hosted a birthday party for an MPD Officer's child.
- On 7/26, crews responded to a structure fire in Palmer Lake.
- On 7/26, crews did a church visit off Furrow Rd.
- On 7/26, crews attended a Pub Ed at the Mining Museum.



## ***Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz***

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

- Active shooter review.
- Search lecture.
- Geography test for the probationary firefighters.
- Helicopter training.
- Regional electric vehicles/Lithium-Ion battery fires.

### ***Summary of Training & EMS Events:***

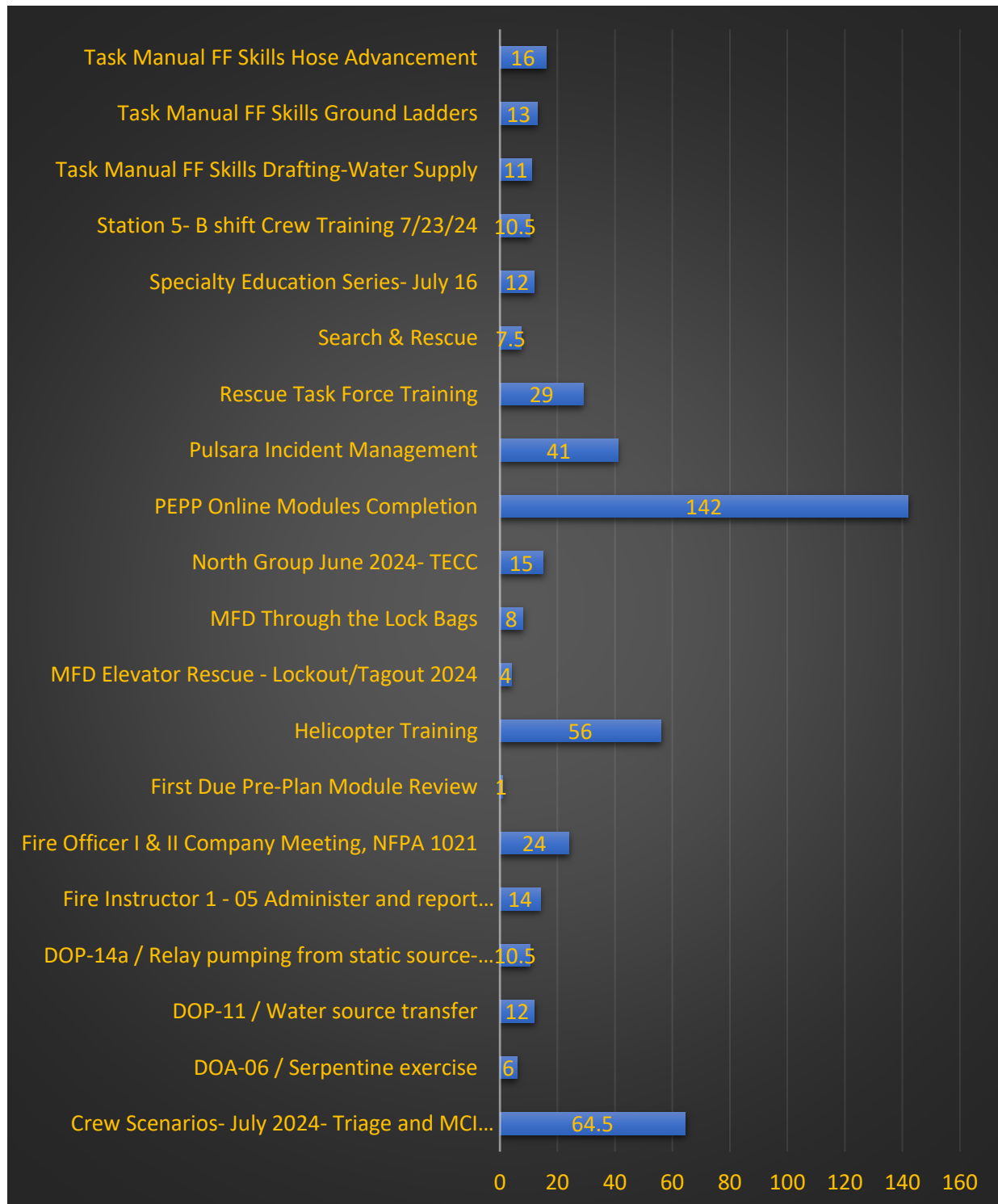
- Helicopter training with Lifeline.
- Pulsara incident management training.
- Rescue task force training with Monument PD.
- Crew scenario training on MCI responses.
- Hosted a specialty education series on neonatal resuscitation.
- Elevate Healthcare demonstration on new simulation manikins.
- Four car seat checks.
- Attended one car seat check event.

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

- Chop Shop.
- Cardiology.
- Search drills.
- Wildland triage course.
- Heavy rescue extrication.

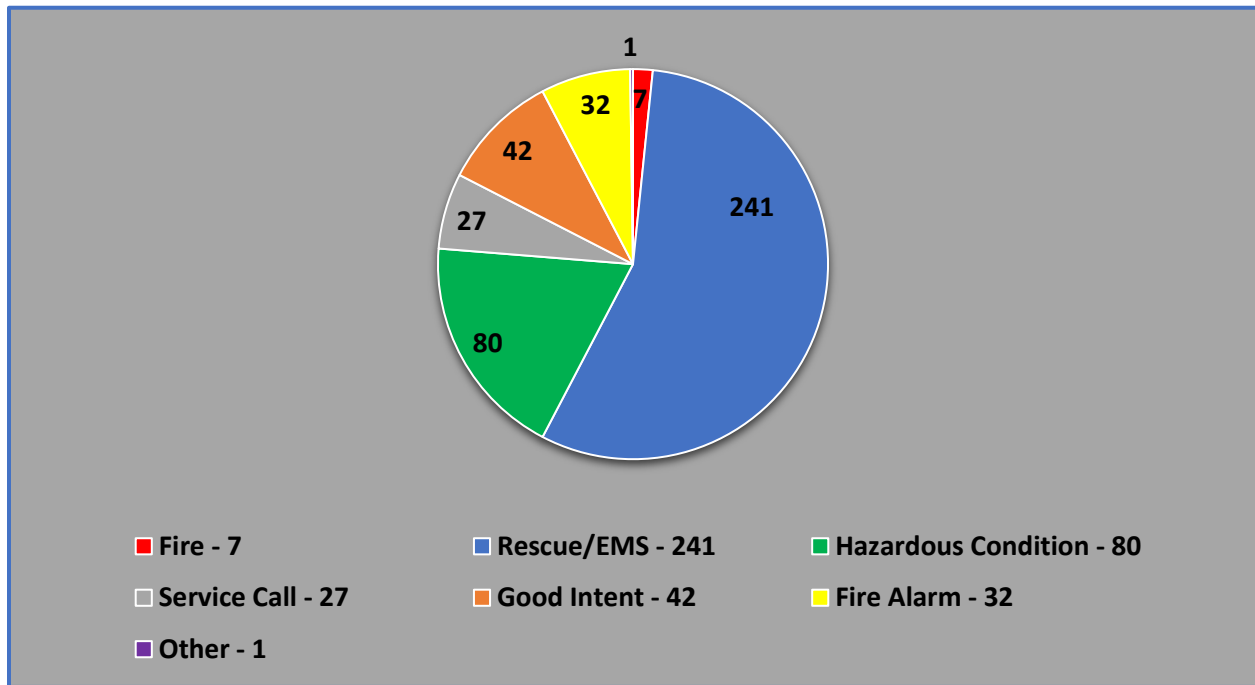


**Training hours for July – 690 Training Hours.**



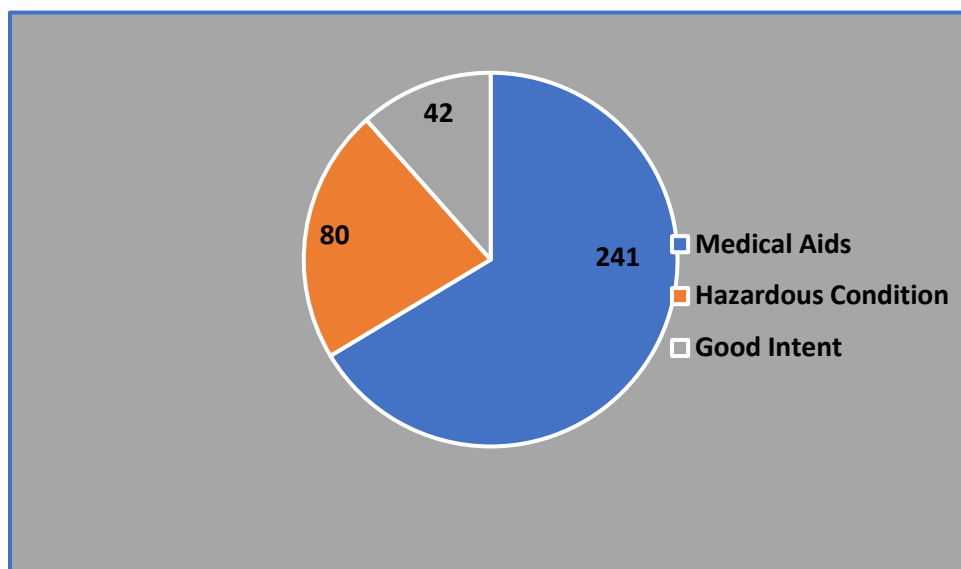


**Incidents by Call Type – July**



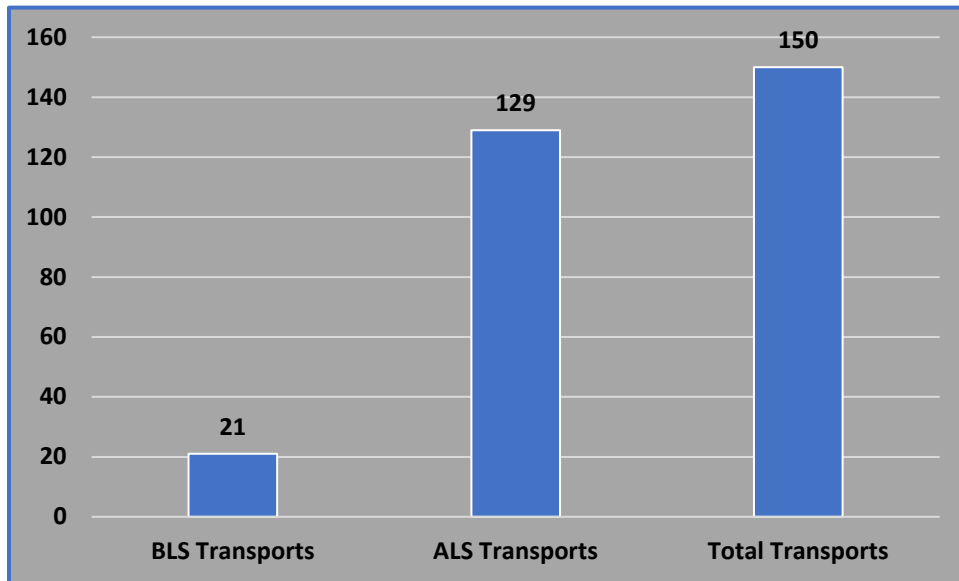
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – July**

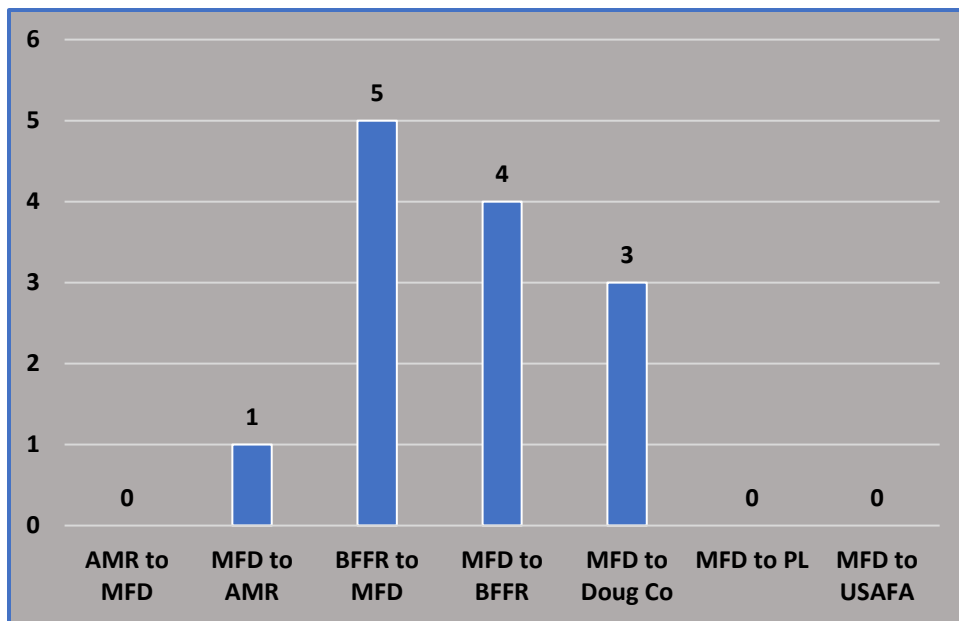




**Ambulance Transports - July**



**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid - July**

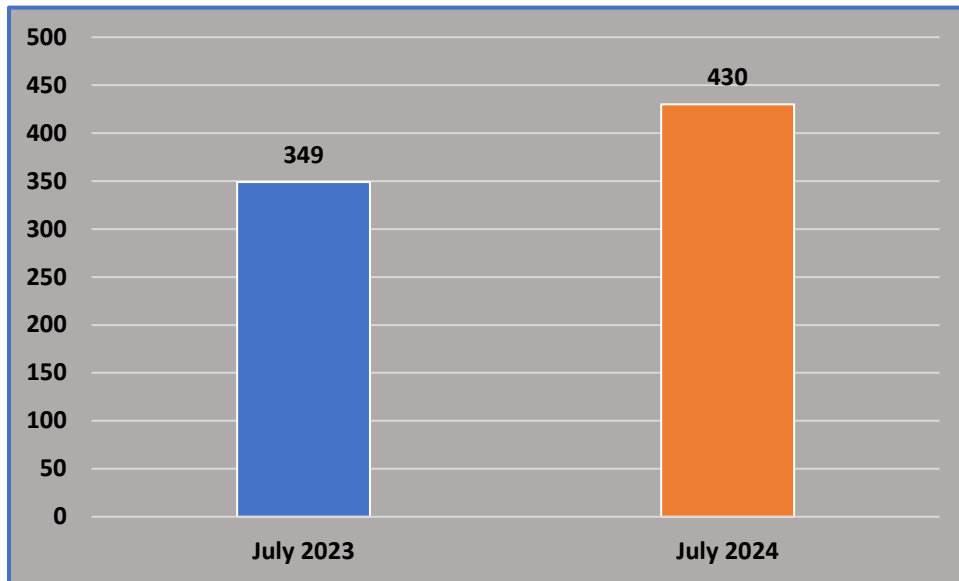


Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 3 calls accepted.

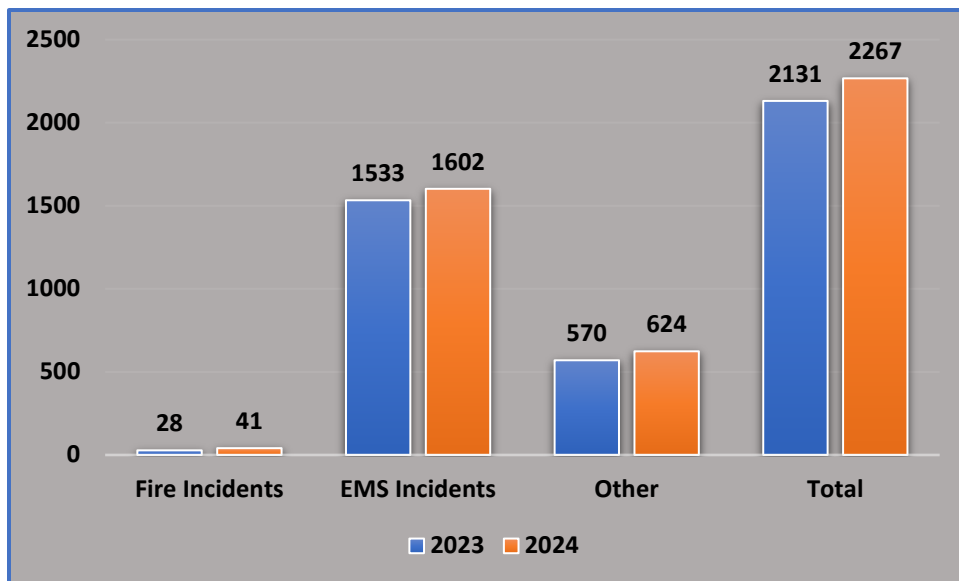




*Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – July*



*Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023/2024 – July*





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

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

- Completed the pre-construction conference for the replacement of the water tender expected in 2026.

### ***Administrative Services:***

- Attended the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects.
- Worked with consultants to review and prepare our comments on the planning documents for the training center. These have been submitted to the Town of Monument.
- Worked on the station design for Fire Station 3 to begin the construction document phase.
- Initiated the land purchase process for Fire Station 6.

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

- Nothing to report.

### ***Fleet and Facilities – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt***

- Repaired reserve ambulance suspension.
- Replaced three vehicle tires due to damage at the Mt. Herman Fire on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed body damage reports on the primary ambulance at Fire Station 1.
- Conducted general maintenance, including weeds, grass, and other items, at all stations.
- Cleaned carpets at Fire Station 1, including the training and day rooms.
  - Station 1 - Cleaned carpets inside the training and day rooms.
  - Station 2 - Noting to report.
  - Station 3 – Cleaned the dayroom chairs.
  - Station 4 - Noting to report.
  - Station 5 - Noting to report.



## ***Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley***

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

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Met with Shield 616 representative for a proposed donation of body armor for firefighters.
- Met with Brycer Compliance Engine representative to review a proposal to track fire protection systems software.
- Attended Sun Hills HOA annual meeting.
- Met with the BFFR wildland coordinator to share mitigation information.
- Continued to provide data to consultants for the CWPP process.
- Met with Firewise Consulting to review fire inspection training options.
- Met with Town of Monument parks staff and CWPP contractor to develop a scope of work for the Wildfire Mitigation Demonstration site.
- Attended CDOT Terrazzo/Baptist roundabout construction planning meeting.

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

- Attended El Paso County Housing and Building Association code review and Tri-Lakes chapter meetings.
- Presented the wildfire mitigation information at the Bent Tree HOA meeting.
- Conducted wildfire safety community walk-throughs with Colorado Estates and Bent Tree.
- Attended School Pillars regional safety meeting.

### ***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.
- Hosted site plan meeting for the proposed Monument Ridge East development.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument.
- Participated in the final fire inspection of the Eagle Rock Distribution project.

### ***Fire Investigations***

- Attended Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit meeting.