



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – March 2026

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



## Chief's Remarks

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- On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chief Branden and I met with BFFR to discuss operational issues.
- On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, Chief Branden and I hosted our bi-monthly Chief's Meetings.
- On March 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, several district members attended the CPSE conference in Orlando, FL.
- On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the district hosted its strategic plan community workshop. Approximately 35 residents, business owners, and community partners attended.
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Accreditation Manager Furman and I attended a PPROEM meeting to discuss the expectations for the emergency manager position.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup>, district staff attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 3.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the district hosted the badge pinning ceremony for Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Benson.
- 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



*Fire Station 3 Groundbreaking Ceremony.*



## Quick Facts

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Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
5	234	808	40
<b>Major Incidents, Projects, and Events</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed the purchase of two acres for a future fire station at Baptist Road and Terrazzo Drive.</li><li>Groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 3.</li><li>The district took delivery of the new water and Type 6 wildland vehicle.</li><li>On 3/6, MFD responded to 30+ snow-related incidents, including numerous traffic accidents.</li></ul>			

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

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### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MFD Awards and Recognition Ceremony at the Hearth House.
- May 8<sup>th</sup>, Pikes Peak State College Recruit Academy Graduation.
- May 12, 13<sup>th</sup>, finalists for Fire Chief will be invited to participate in interviews, a district tour, and a meet-and-greet.
- May 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> annual Monument Fire Youth Camp.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Administrative Assistant Courtney Florquist starts on April 6th.

### Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.

## Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

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### Significant Events:

- CRA update – Critical Task Analysis.
- CRA update – Area Characteristics.
- Benchmark updates – revised performance benchmarks pending data integration.
- NERIS data integration in process.



## **Operations – Division Chief Janaka Branden**

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

- On 2/2, Attended Colorado State Fire Chiefs Critical Issues Brief and Legislative Update in Denver.
- On 2/4, I attended classes for annual paramedic refresher training.
- On 2/4, Fire Station 1 hosted the El Paso County Search and Rescue new member class.
- On 2/26, I met with USAFA Fire Chief Prettyman and the USAFA Emergency Manager to discuss improving coordination during large events.
- On 2/23, Chief Kovacs and I met with BFFR Fire Chief Rocco and DC Serrone to discuss operations.

### **Operations:**

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

- On 3/4, Fire Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 3/4, BC Pearson and Lieutenant Ragland conducted a district-wide Engine Boss meeting to prepare for the upcoming wildland season.
- On 3/10, Fire Station 3 hosted a ride along.
- On 3/10, Haz Mat 554 went to Falcon Fire to show off the new truck and its capabilities.
- On 3/10, BC Pearson went to the UCHealth standalone ER on Meadowgrass to evaluate its MCI preparedness as part of a regional UCHealth MCI exercise.
- On 3/24, Lieutenant. Smith and Engineer Edmonds conducted a Driver Operator practical for members getting their state certification.

#### **B Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle**

- On 3/9, MFD responded to Franktown to assist with a traffic accident.
- On 3/14, MFD responded to Mount Herman for a reported fire. Crews coordinated with the Forest Service and Palmer Lake FD resources but were unable to locate any fire.
- On 3/15, crews responded to I-25 and Baptist for a mass casualty incident. Ten patients were transported to the hospital.
- On 3/20, crews completed their annual SCBA fit testing.
- On 3/20, crews responded to Franktown to assist with a medical aid.
- On 3/21, crews responded to the 24 Fire on Fort Carson. Crews spent 15 hours assisting with burn operations.
- On 3/26, Fire Station 2 hosted a ride along.
- On 3/26, Fire Station 2 completed a wildland assessment.
- On 3/26, Hazmat 554 went to Falcon FD for a show and tell of the apparatus capabilities and equipment carried.
- On 3/27, Fire Station 4 hosted a tour.

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

- On 3/6, MFD responded to 30+ snow-related incidents, including numerous traffic accidents.
- On 3/12, MFD participated in the Lewis Palmer HS Boys Basketball sendoff.
- On 3/18, Fire Station 4 assisted Red Energy with social media curation.



- On 3/18, MFD responded to a structure fire.
- On 3/19, HazMat 554 went to Falcon Fire to familiarize their hazardous materials technicians with the unit.
- On 3/19, MFD assisted Fort Carson with the 24 Fire.
- On 3/24, Fire Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 3/25, Fire Station 3 hosted a ride along.
- On 3/25, Crews participated in the Fire Station 3 groundbreaking ceremony.
- On 3/25, Personnel attended the board meeting for a life-saving award recognition.
- On 3/30, MFD responded to a small outside fire near MM 163 N.B.

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

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

- EMS – Respiratory.
- Fire – Forcible Entry.
- Specialty – Water Tender Operations.
- Fire in the Sky Conference – Five personnel attended the three-day conference.

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

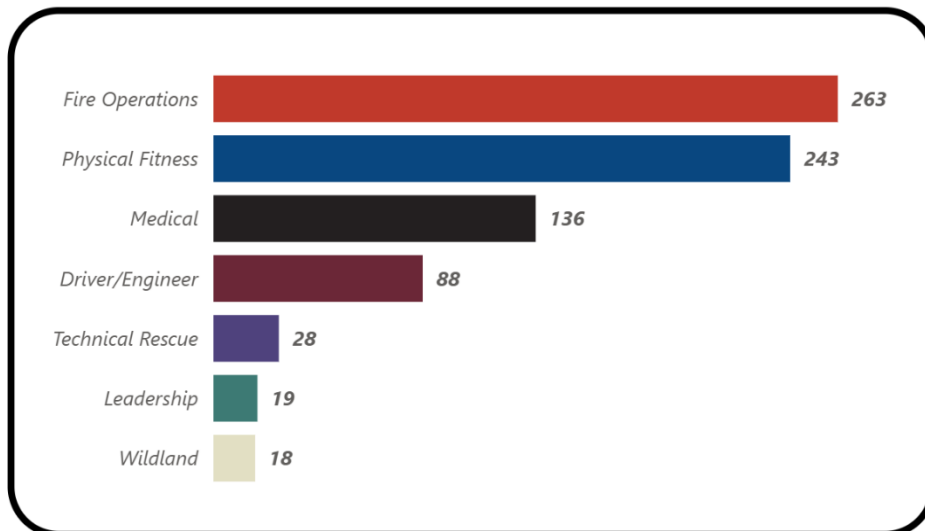
- EMS – OB Emergencies.
- Fire – Horizontal Standpipe.
- Specialty Training – Rope.
- Assisting the 26-01 recruit academy with S130/190 and L180.



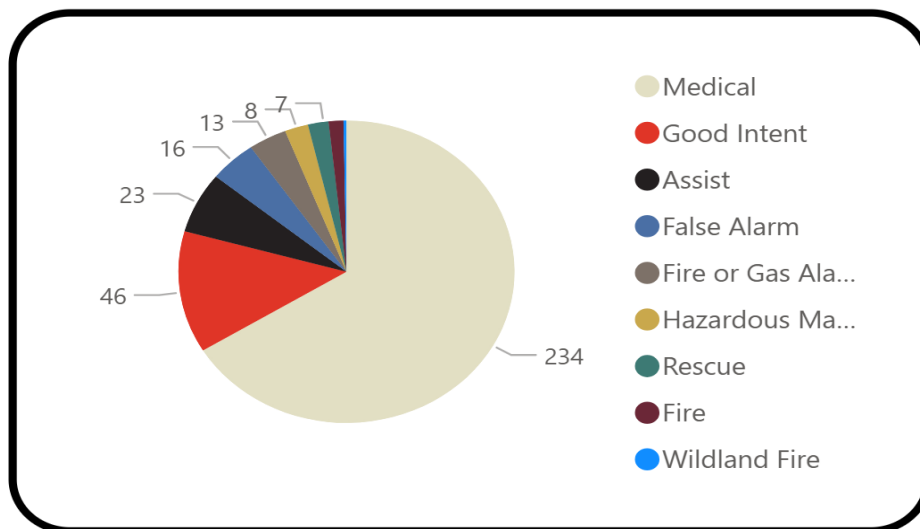
*24 Fire – Fort Carson.*



### Training Hours for March – 808 Training Hours



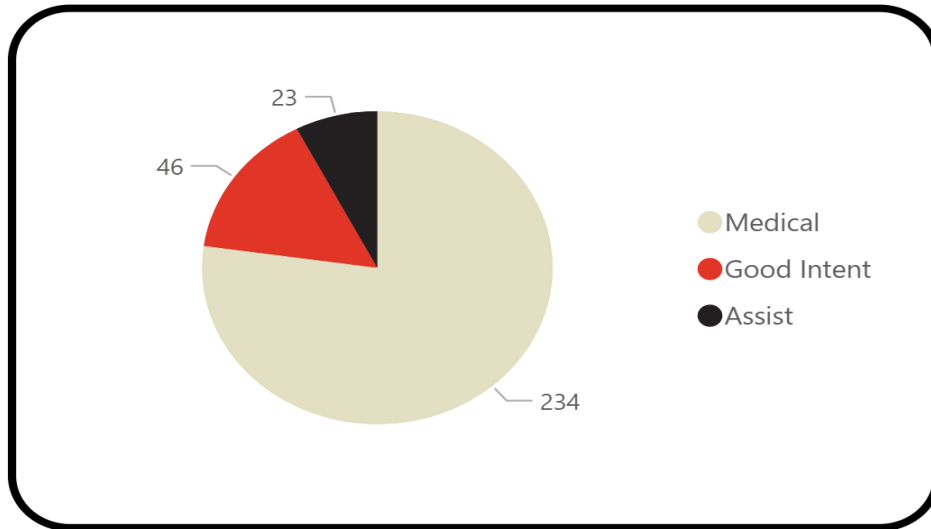
### Incidents by Call Type – March



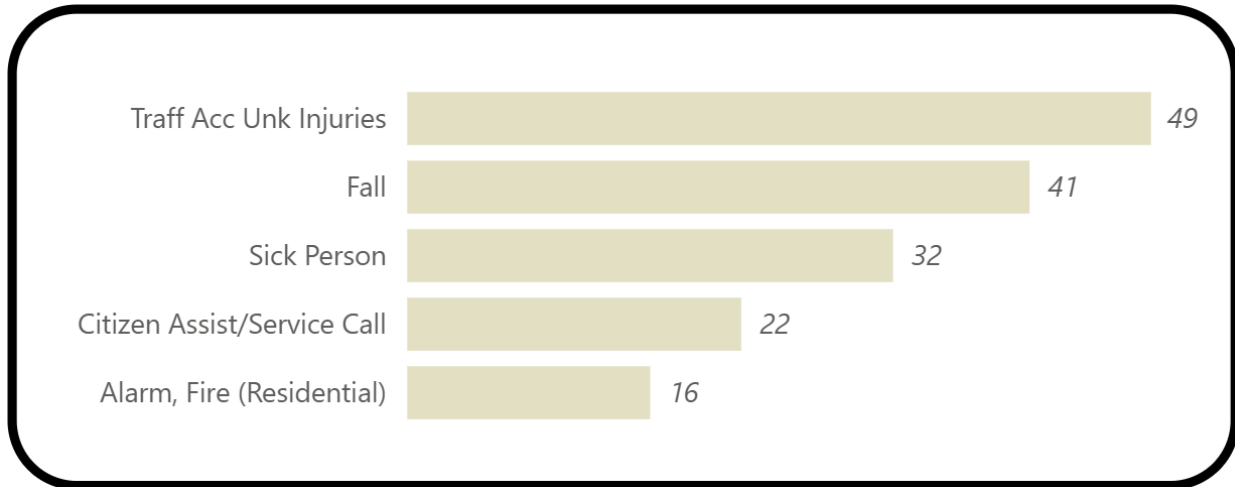
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – March**

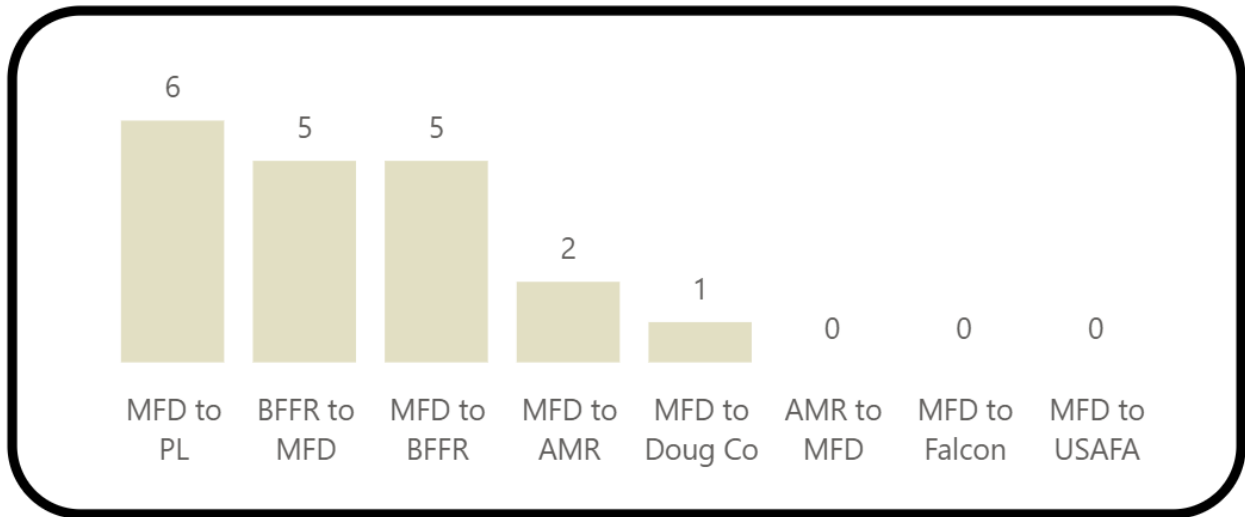


**Top 5 Calls by Subclass**



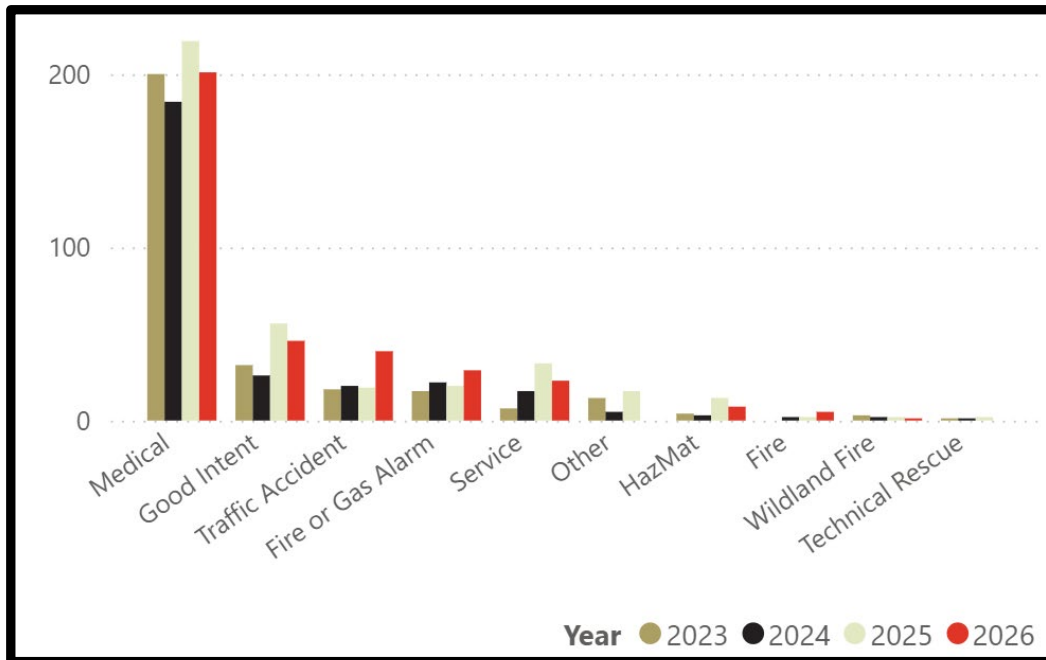


**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – March**



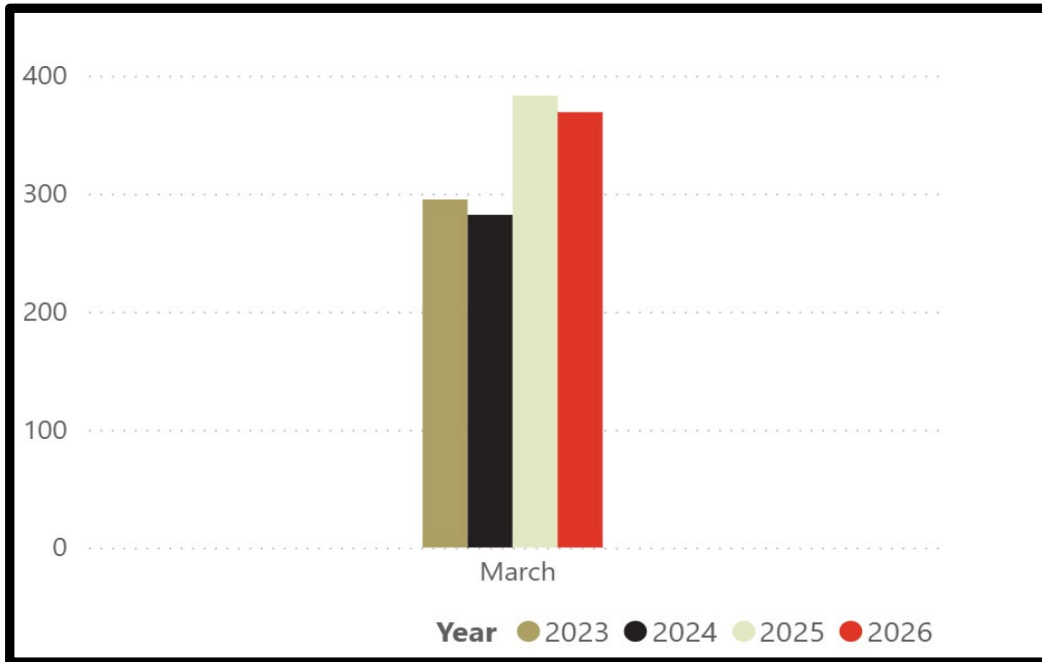
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.

**Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents –2023 - 2026 March**

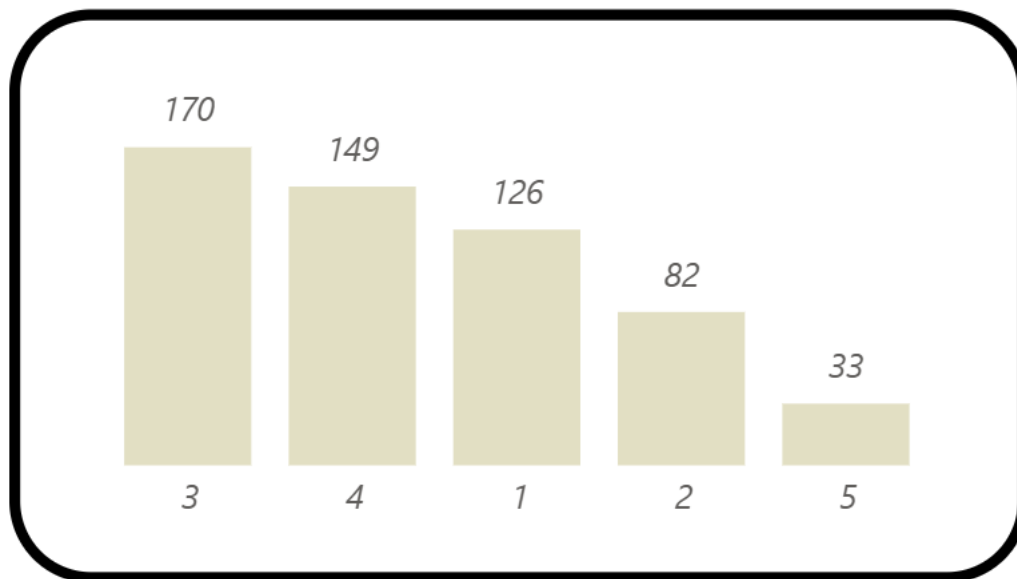




**Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023 – 2026 – March**



**Calls Per Station March 2026**





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

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

- Inspected and accepted the water tender from Midwest Fire Apparatus in Synder, Minnesota.
- Inspected and accepted the Type 6 brush truck from Boise Mobile Equipment in Boise, Idaho.
- Completed the land purchase for future Fire Station 6 on Baptist Road and Terrazzo Drive.
- Hosted the groundbreaking for Fire Station 3.

### ***Support Services:***

- Continued the weekly Owners, Architect, and Contractors (OAC) meeting for Fire Station 3.
- Completed MDT upgrades on two apparatus.
- Continue to work with the IT administrator to strengthen the IT network against outside attacks.

### ***Fleet and Facilities:***

- Continue to supervise repairs to the Sunhills property.
- Completed general preventative maintenance on several vehicles.
- Completed preventative maintenance on the new Pierce tower ladder, which included the 10-hour aerial service.
- Began upfitting the new water tender.

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

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

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) Implementation Peer Exchange.
- Partnered with Mountain View Electric to plan a chipping event in Monument.
- Attended MFD/BFFR Enhanced Rural Water Supply Regulations feedback meeting.
- Panelist for UCCS wildfire mitigation strategies research series.
- Attended PPROEM Multi-Agency Coordinating Group meeting.
- Attended BOCC workshop to craft rural firefighting water supply standards.
- Participated in the El Paso County land development code review committee.
- Attended Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council meeting.
- Attended Higby Road construction kick-off meeting.
- Assisted Wissler Ranch with firefighting cistern testing and maintenance schedule.

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

- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- 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.



- Continued development of local CWRC ground truthing process to include weather and fire behavior modeling.
- Completed annual school fire inspections with D-38.

***Fire Investigations:***

- Completed configuration of First Due software fire investigation module.

Inspections/Pre-Plans-Building	Inspections-Firewise	Public Education Event
40	4	2