



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – October 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

- On October 2, Chief Bumgarner, Bradley, and I met with L4319 for our scheduled labor-management meeting.
- On October 5, I met with the Keystone Conference planning committee.
- On October 11, I participated in CPC peer reviewer continuing education training.
- On October 14, I attended the annual pumpkin giveaway and food drive hosted by L4319.
- October 16-20, I attended the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone, CO. I presented along with Chief Royal (CSFD), Chief Sendelbach (Loveland), and Chief Caughey (Laramie, WY) on a variety of leadership topics specific to the role and responsibilities of the Fire Chief position.
- On October 25, Jennifer and I met with our insurance broker to review our insurance coverage for FY2024.
- On October 27, President Schmidt, Jennifer, and I met with our medical insurance provider to review health insurance, dental, and vision plan options for FY2024.

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



October Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
2	271	770	1

Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- We continue to work with the property owners to secure land for Fire Station 3.
- The Fire Station 5 remodel has begun. The anticipated completion date is December 2023.
- 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 district expects to take delivery of the Type 3 engine and the ambulance before the end of the year.

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Open enrollment is scheduled to begin on November 3rd and end on the 17th.
- Two petitions for inclusion into the district have been received.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Lieutenant Keough resigned from the district. The district will actively work to identify his replacement through internal recruitment.

Local 4319:

- L4319 members have been working diligently to educate voters in the Donald Wescott district to vote yes on 6A and 6B. In addition to financial support, many members have knocked on doors, hung flyers, and met with HOAs and other community groups. We especially want to recognize Roger Lance Jr., Corey Trottier, Justin Myers, Justin Chavez, and Rachael Peters for stepping up and leading the effort.
- The local also made donations in memory of Bobby Keese (CSFD) and Bonnie Culpepper (Ute Pass Paramedics), who both recently passed away while off duty.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Participated in the Pikes Peak Incident Management Team Steering Committee Meeting.
- Continuing to develop a career fire academy with Pikes Peak State College and Black Forest Fire Rescue set to begin with class 24-01.
- Discussed training building options with a potential vendor.
- Participated in a multi-agency response discussion with AFA Deputy Chief.
- Attended the Wildfire for Law Enforcement pilot course in Castle Rock.
- Attended the Pikes Peak Fire Chief's Council meeting.
- Completed the new hire interview process for the 24-01 academy.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On October 22, MFD participated in a joint training with Search and Rescue at Fire Station 1. Approximately 45 SAR members attended. Crews simulated a vehicle over the side. Responders worked to extricate a trapped patient and bring them to the road using a hauling system.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On October 2, members attended peer support training.
- On October 9, members attended behavioral health training.
- On October 21, crews trained on ropes and rigging systems.
- On October 20, MFD assisted with the Red Ribbon Experience at Ray Kilmer and Prairie Winds Elementary (a DEA program to keep kids away from drugs).
- On October 21, MFD participated in the Monument Academy East Trunk or Treat.
- On October 26, Firefighter Andrew Dore completed his probationary year and was presented with a personal radio strap and a firefighter helmet shield.
- On October 27, MFD participated in the annual YMCA Trunk or Treat and St. Peters Church Trunk or Treat events.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On October 7, Fire Station 4 hosted a "Meet Monument Fire" open house.
- On October 8, Engine 4 went to CSFD FDC for "1st Alarm Strategies and Tactics" Class.
- On October 10, MFD responded to the Woodmoor area for a significant water main break. The utility company, MPD, and MFD mitigated the emergency.
- On October 31, MFD participated in numerous Halloween festivities across the district.



Training – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Rope rescue training.
- Hose testing.
- Joint training with El Paso County Search and Rescue.

Summary of Training Events:

- 2024 Recruit Fire Academy planning meetings.
- NG EMS Zoom on behavioral health.
- Auto extrication training.

Training Plan for the Month

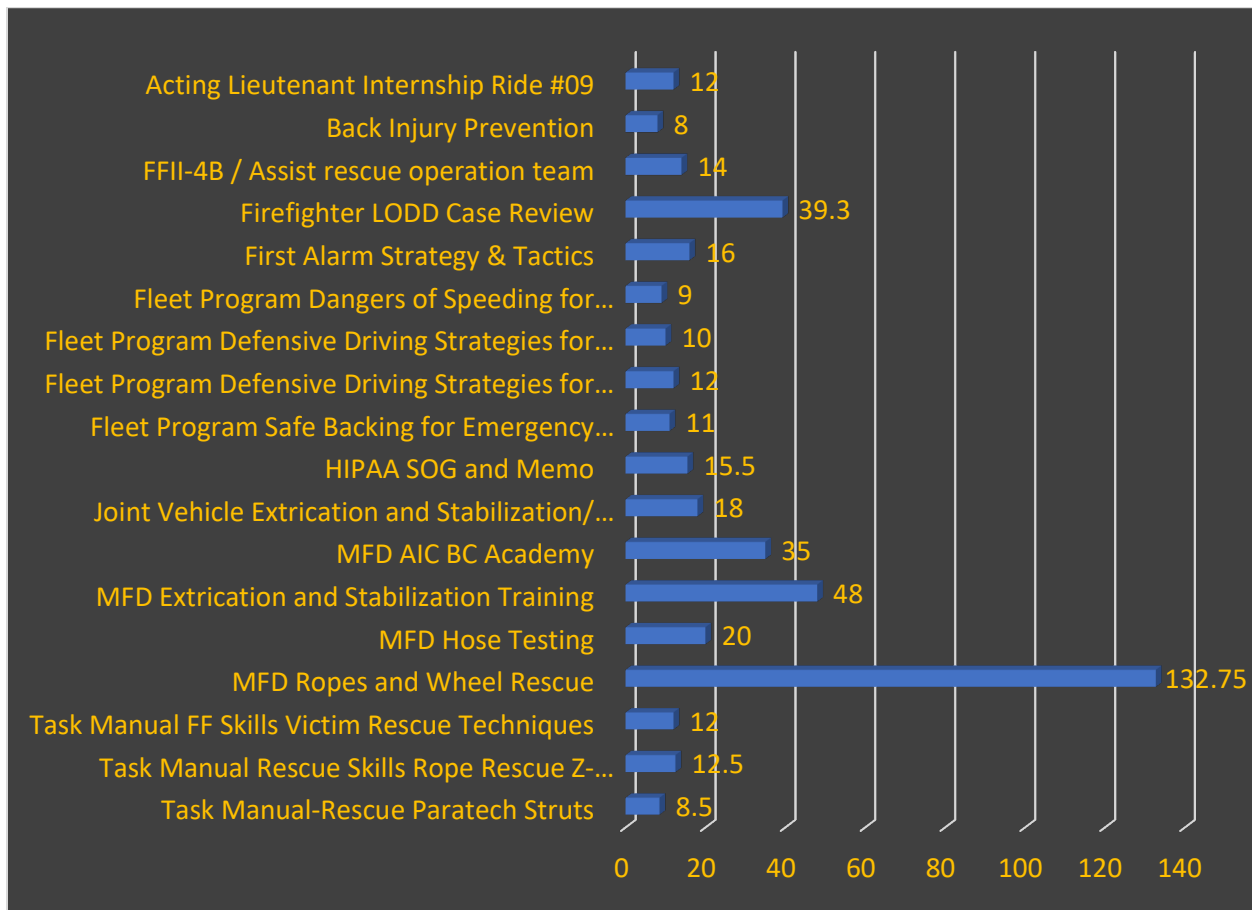
- Large vehicle extrication.
- Complete hose testing.
- Planning with SME groups for 2024.
- LODD case reviews.



Local 4319 Pumpkin Giveaway.



Training hours for October-770 Training Hours.



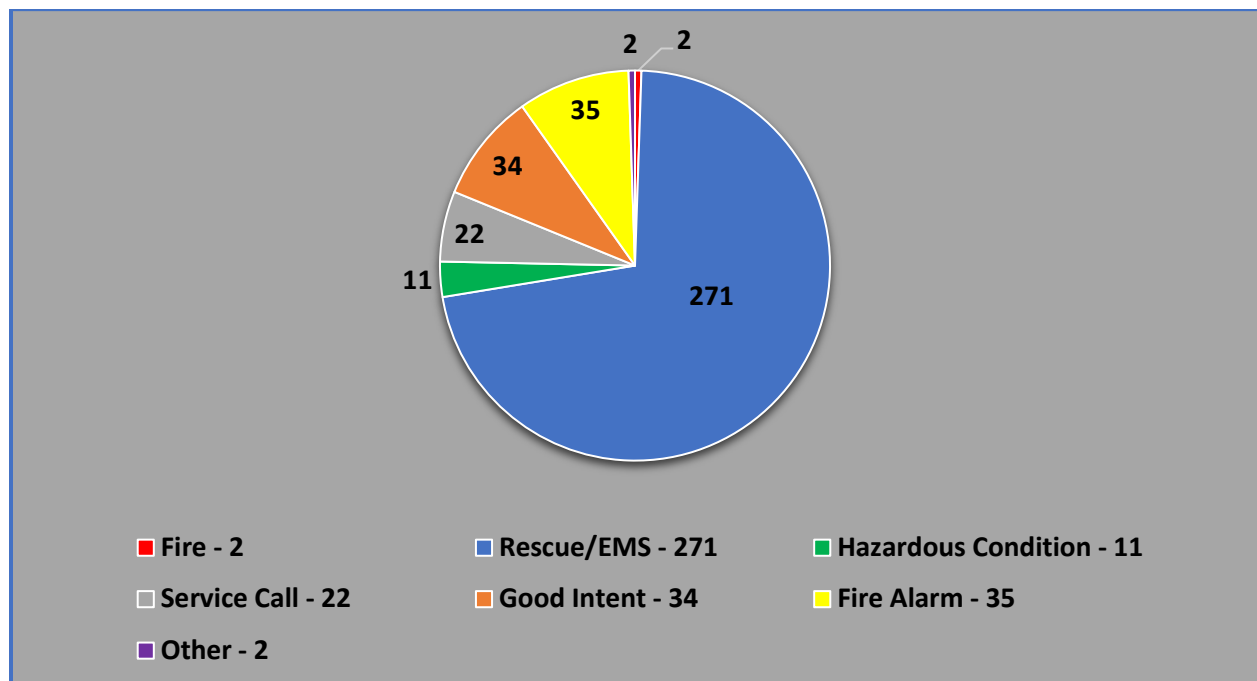


Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Pearson/EMS Coordinator Soll

Summary of Significant Events:

- Fire Station 1 hosted a hands-only CPR class for the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. Lt. Bodinsky and BC Pearson helped with the instruction along with instructors from the UCHealth Cardiology Department.
- BC Pearson attended the Plains to Peak RETAC’s annual EMS Financial Symposium.
- BC Pearson, Dr. Bronski, and members from Pulsara hosted a team from the Queens Medical Center in Hawaii to show how Monument utilizes Pulsara in its day-to-day operations and the plans for utilizing the platform during MCI events.

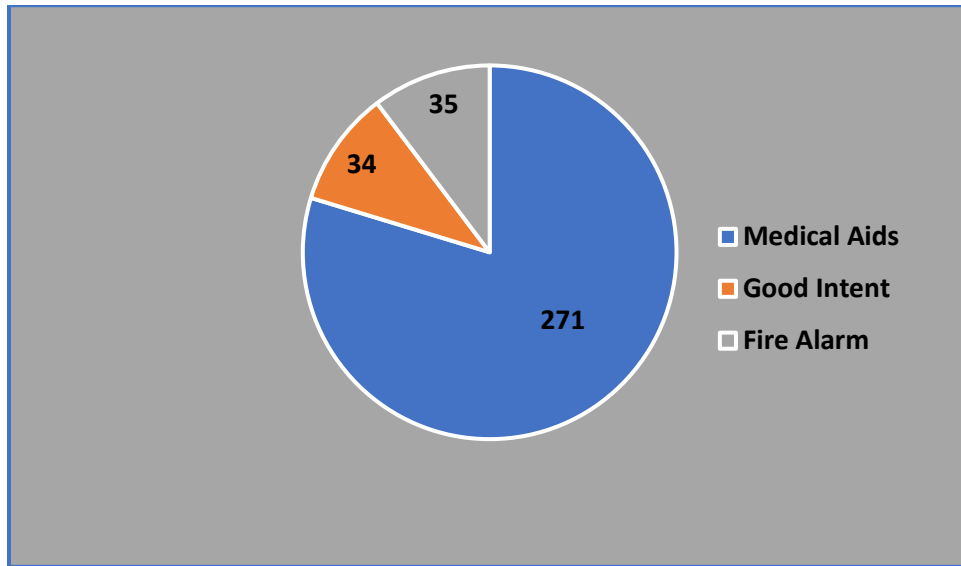
Incidents by Call Type



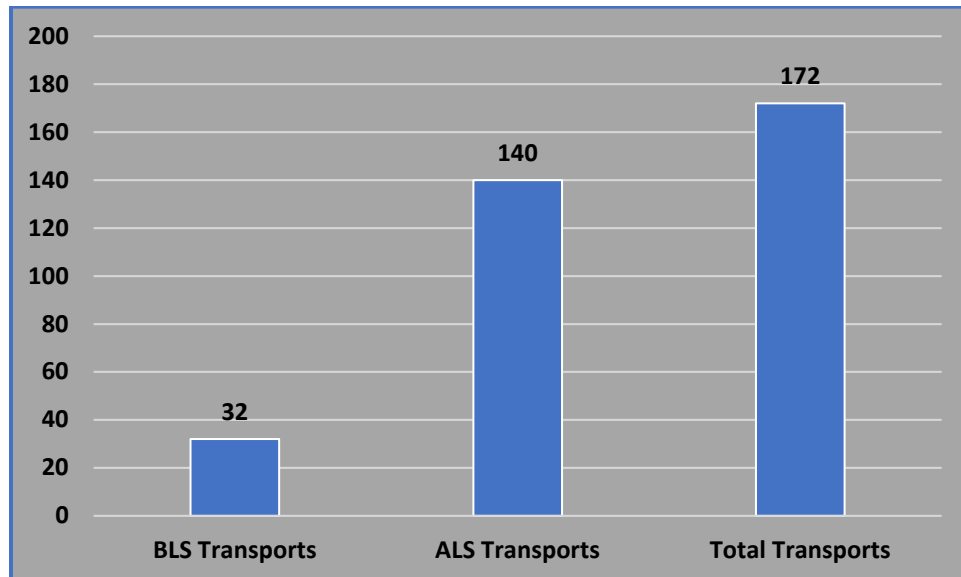
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories

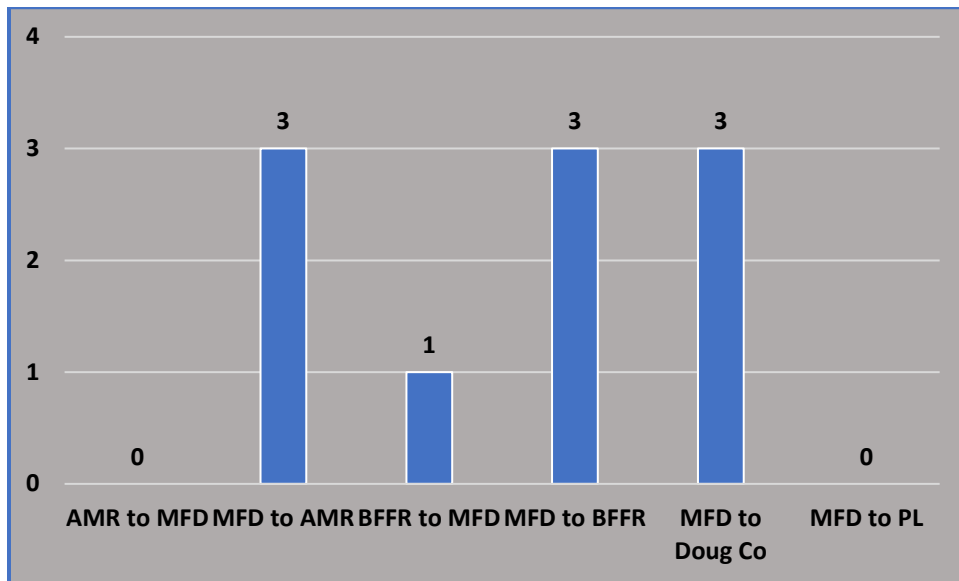


Ambulance Transports



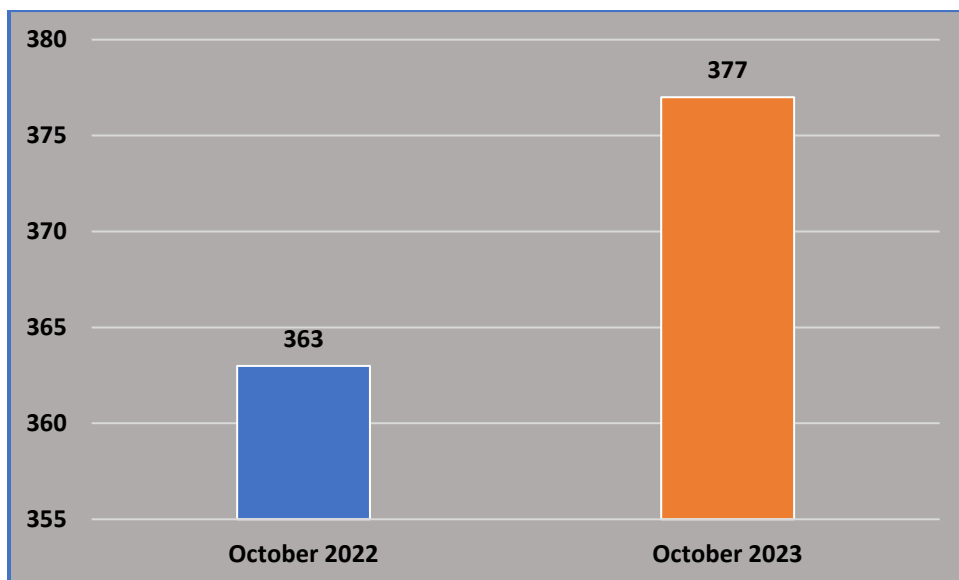


Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid



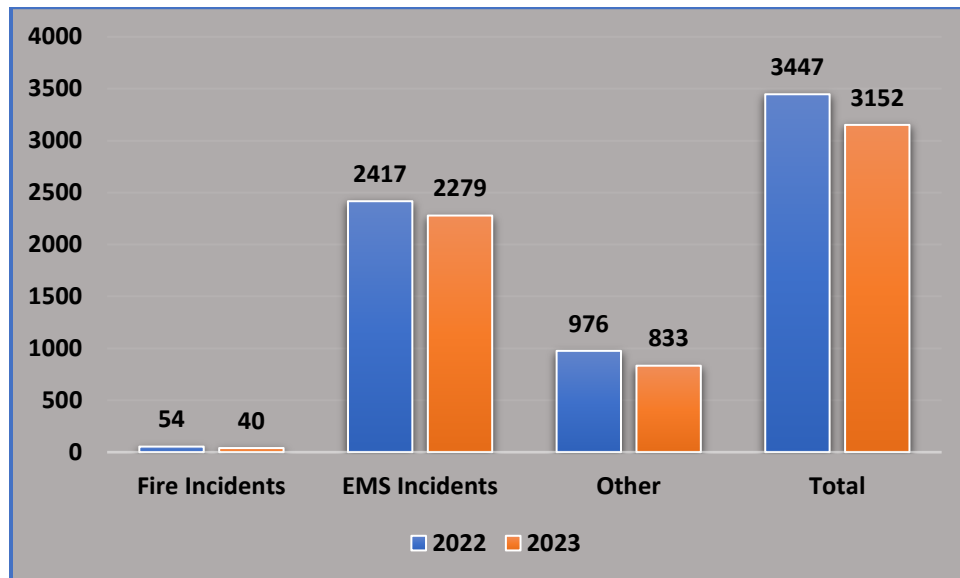
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR –3 calls accepted.

Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents





Year-To-Date Comparison – 2022/2023



Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Finalized the 2024 Budget.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Completed 26 community chipping events for 2023.
- Staff delivered fire prevention programs to 328 students.
- Supported the Colorado National Guard and DEA with Red Ribbon Week activities.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Continue to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.
- Completed three planning reviews for the Town of Monument.
- Completed one in-process inspection at Eagle Rock Distribution.

Administrative Services:

- Weekly meetings continue with the architects for the district’s facilities projects.
- Continue to work on the template for reprogramming all district 800 MHz radios.

Fire Investigations:

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

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- Continuing to participate in the Colorado Division of Public Safety evacuation working group.



- Applying for a grant to send two people to the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Fire Department Exchange (FDX) Program, Wildfire Program Division, in-person exchange training in Orange County, California, February 5 - 9, 2024.

Logistics:

Fleet:

- Continue to perform maintenance on our ambulance fleet.
- Finalized the graphics for the new ambulance and Type 3 engine.
- Prepared the fleet for cold weather.

Facilities:

- Prepared all facilities for the winter weather, including sprinkler blowouts.
- Continued the repairs and maintenance on our apparatus bay doors.
- 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
 - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 4
 - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 5
 - Remodel is currently underway.
- Fire Station 6
 - Continue to improve the facility for vehicle and equipment storage.



Type 3 engine under construction.