



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – October 2025

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

- On October 5th, the district met with L4319 to continue labor negotiations for FY2026.
- On October 11th, the district participated in the 9/11 ceremony at Fire Station 1.
- On October 15th, I met with the town manager to discuss the ongoing partnership with the Town of Monument.
- On October 19th, the district hosted a class on *Elected Officials' Roles and Responsibilities in Major Emergencies*. PPROEM, Town of Monument, and district staff attended.
- I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national-level meetings:
 - Fire Station 3 OAC
 - Training Center team meeting
 - 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 Chiefs' Town Hall & Legislative
 - Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
 - Rocky Mountain Accreditation Consortium – co-chair
 - 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
3	228	1524	24
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
- MFD personnel participated in Fire Prevention Month, educating elementary school children. - On 10/25, Local #4319 and MFD held the annual pumpkin giveaway and food drive at Monument Market Place. - On 10/31, crews participated in the annual YMCA Trunk or Treat event. - On 10/31, crews participated in the Town of Monument downtown Safe Trick or Treat event.			

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:

- 10/25/25 -Local #4319 annual pumpkin giveaway and food drive for Tri-Lakes Cares.

Accreditation – Victoria Slater

Significant Events:

- Met with Accreditation Managers from South Metro Fire Rescue, Colorado Springs Fire Department, and Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District to strengthen local partnerships and share best practices.
- Participated in the RMAPCC Quarterly Meeting in Keystone to stay engaged with regional planning and collaboration efforts.
- Served as a Controller in the SIMCell during PPROEM's Functional Exercise, continuing to build a strong working relationship with PPROEM.
- Attended multiple CPSE Webinars, notably the "11th Edition Changes Webinar.

Projects:

- Conducted a district tour with Chief Branden and attended the Chief's Meetings to enhance district familiarization and engage with frontline crews.
- Reviewed 16 peer assessment recommendations and developed program appraisal templates to address many of them in preparation for MFD's first Annual Compliance Report, due July 15, 2026.



- Collaborated with two MFD program leads to identify Key Performance Indicators and Outcome Assessment Measures for tracking in 2026 annual appraisals.
- Advanced the integration of FirstWatch (data analytics) with FirstDue, MFD's new Records Management System (RMS), scheduled to launch on January 1, 2026.



Operations –Division Chief Janaka Branden

Summary of Significant Events:

- On 10/8, crews had a multi-car/multi-patient TA on the I-25 S.B. that was spread out a ½ mile long with full closure.
- On 10/15, crews responded with Larkspur Fire for a vehicle fire on I-25. Crews extinguished a tractor fire and prevented the fire from spreading to the trailer.
- On 10/15, B-shift crews attended Chief Rocco's swearing-in ceremony at Black Forest Fire.
- On 10/25, we held the #4319 Annual Pumpkin Giveaway and food drive at Monument Marketplace.
- On 10/31, crews participated in the annual YMCA Trunk or Treat.
- On 10/31, crews participated in the Town of Monument downtown Safe Trick or Treat event.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- On 10/1, Squad 575 crew assisted DC Bradley with a wildfire community education event at Arrowwood II.
- On 10/17, Station 1 hosted an EMS student
- On 10/17, Station 3 hosted a presentation from the Braincode Center.
- On 10/17, Medic 584 provided medical standby for the Lewis Palmer Varsity football game.
- On 10/18, Squad 575 and Engine 513 attended a trench rescue class hosted by CSFD.
- On 10/23, BC Pearson and the Wildland committee conducted an end-of-season AAR.
- On 10/24, Medic 585 provided medical standby for the Lewis Palmer varsity football game.
- On 10/30, Engine 512 gave a fire safety talk to Prairie Winds Elementary 1st grade as part of fire safety month.
- On 10/30, BC Pearson conducted an MCI alert test with CSFD, dispatch, and the area hospitals.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 10/2, crews responded and mitigated an oil spill on Second Street.
- On 10/9, crews responded to a fuel leak on the roadway. Crews mitigated the leak from the container and the resulting spill on the roadway.
- On 10/10, crews responded to Grease Monkey for a carbon monoxide incident with illness to two employees. Crews evacuated the business, treated the employees, and found the leak from a copper pipe related to the furnace.
- On 10/10, Medic 584 hosted an EMT student ride-along.
- On 10/10, crews provided ambulance coverage for the Palmer Ridge High School football game.
- On 10/15, Medic 581 hosted an EMT student ride-along.
- 10/15, crews provided a Fire Safety Talk to first grade at St. Peter's.
- On 10/15, B-shift crews attended Chief Rocco's swearing-in ceremony at Black Forest Fire.
- On 10/15, crews responded with Larkspur Fire for a vehicle fire on I-25. Crews extinguished a tractor fire and prevented the fire from spreading to the trailer.
- On 10/28, crews provided a Fire Safety Talk to first graders at Monument Academy West.



C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 10/1, we had a ride along at Fire Station 1.
- On 10/2, Fire Station 3 participated in a fire safety talk with Lewis Palmer Elementary.
- On 10/2, St.1 participated with Cub Scout Pack 70 in an event.
- On 10/7, Fire Station 3 participated in a fire safety talk with Monument Academy West.
- On 10/8, crews had a multi-car/multi-patient TA on the I-25 S.B. that was spread out over a ½ mile long with full closure.
- On 10/8, Fire Station 4 participated in a fire safety talk with Bear Creek Elementary.
- On 10/10, Fire Station 4 participated in a fire safety talk with Bear Creek Elementary.
- On 10/19, we hoisted an EPSO SAR Snow Cat Training.
- On 10/25, we held the #4319 Annual Pumpkin Giveaway at Monument Marketplace.
- On 10/25, we had an electrical ground transformer on fire in South D1/D4.
- On 10/31, crews participated in the annual YMCA Trunk or Treat.
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Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Training Events: October 2025

- EMS: Burns and IO training.
- Fire: Acquired structure training.
- Specialty: Hazmat truck familiarity.

Training Plan for the Month:

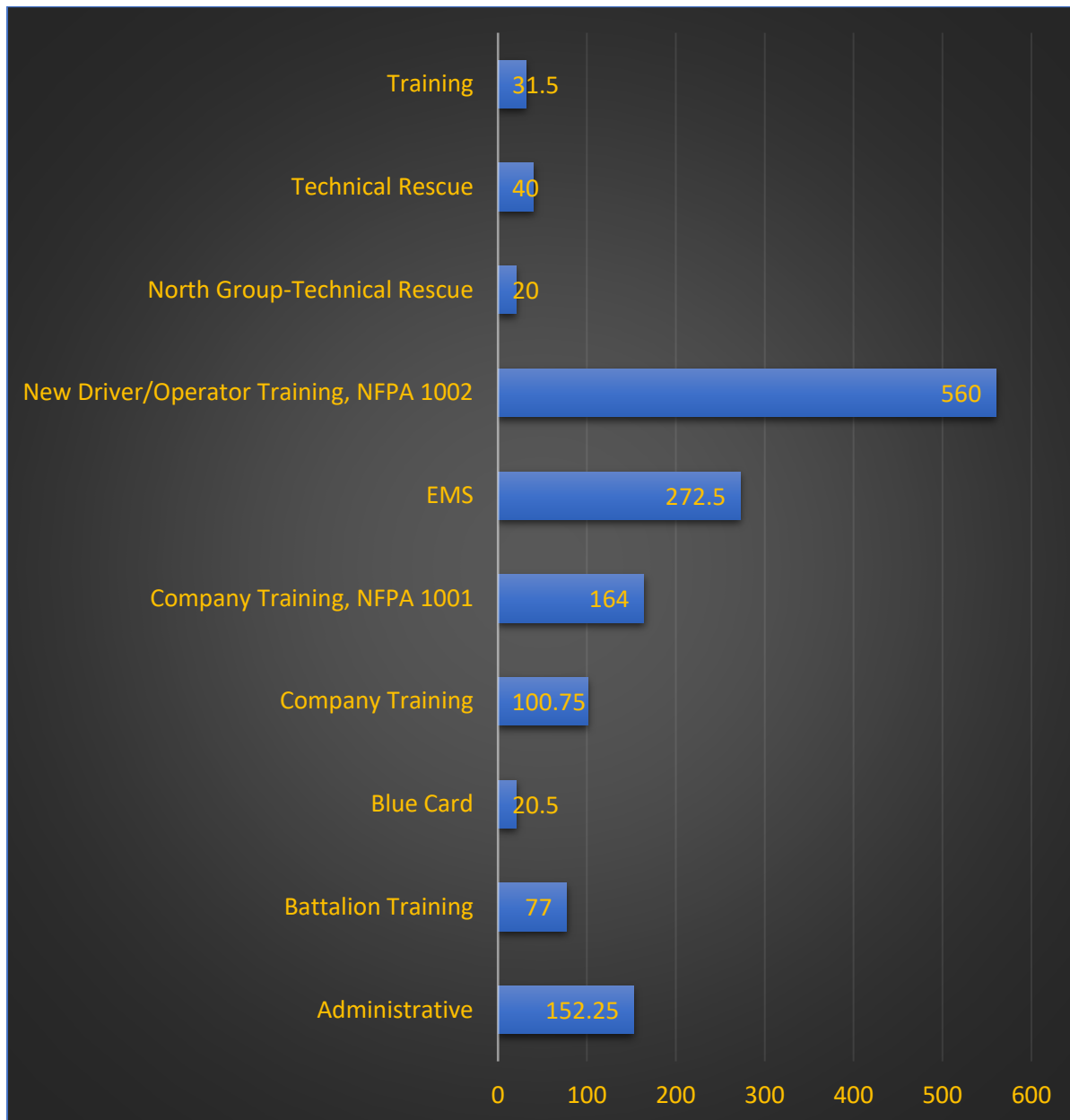
- EMS: Stroke and Seizure.
- Fire: RIT and Firefighter Survival.
- Specialty: Hazmat.

Conference Attendees:

- Mile High Fire Conference: BC Balvanz, Lieutenant Ragland, FF/Medic Bauer, FF Harrison, FF Paige, and FF/Medic Griggs.
- Fire Leadership Challenge: Lieutenant Buckner, Lieutenant Wakefield, FF/Medic Godson
- Ropes Class at TEEX: Lieutenants- Barker, Buckner, Hankins.

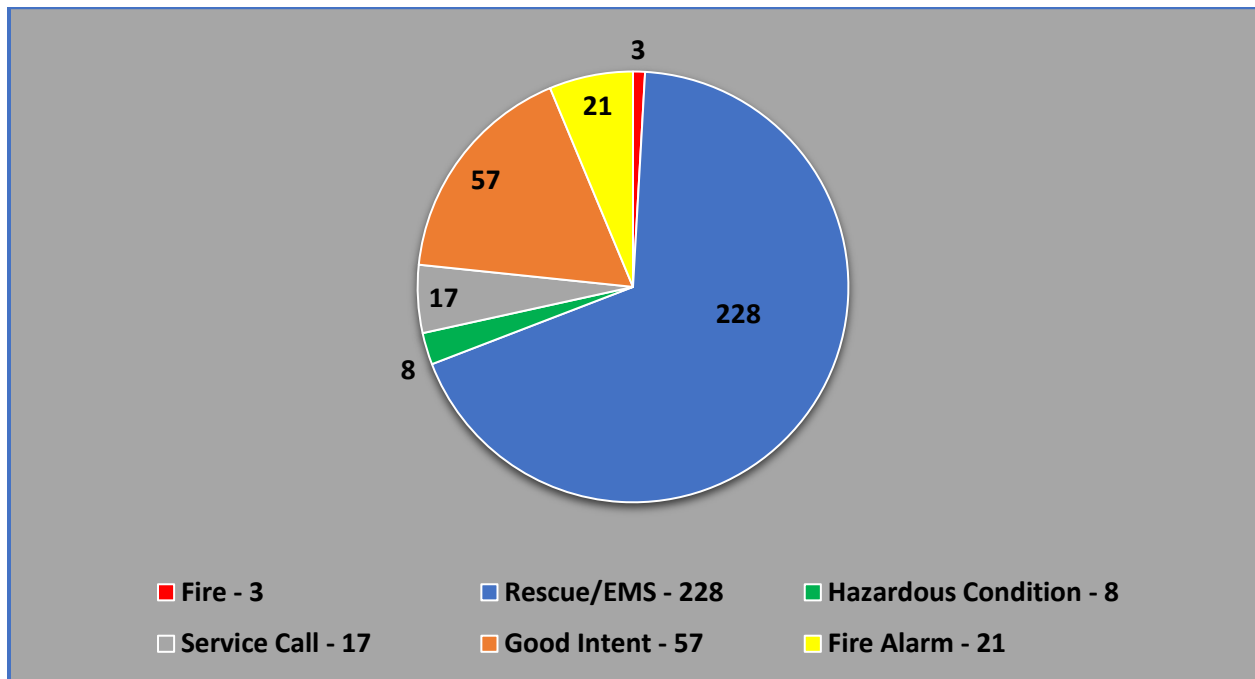


Training Hours for October – 1524 Hours





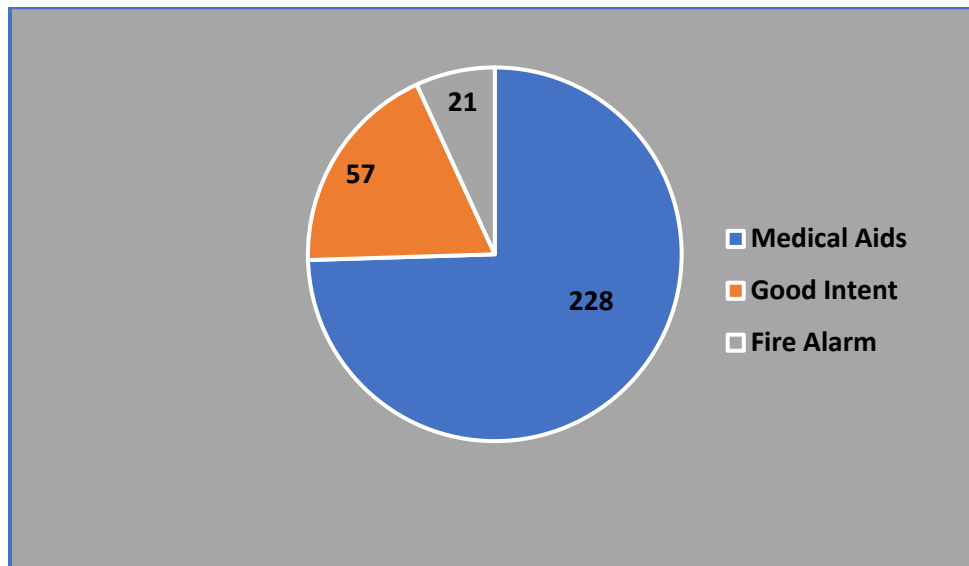
Incidents by Call Type – October



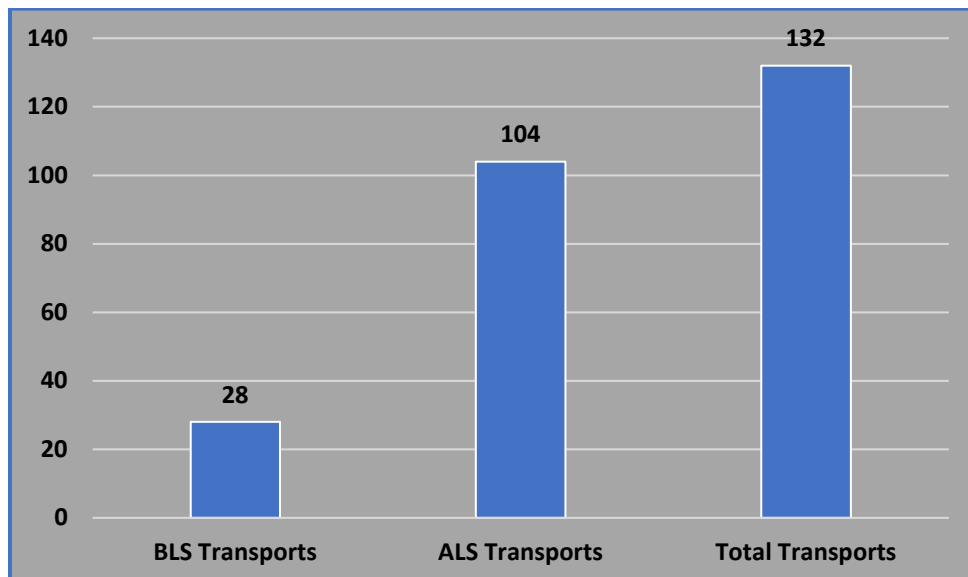
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – October

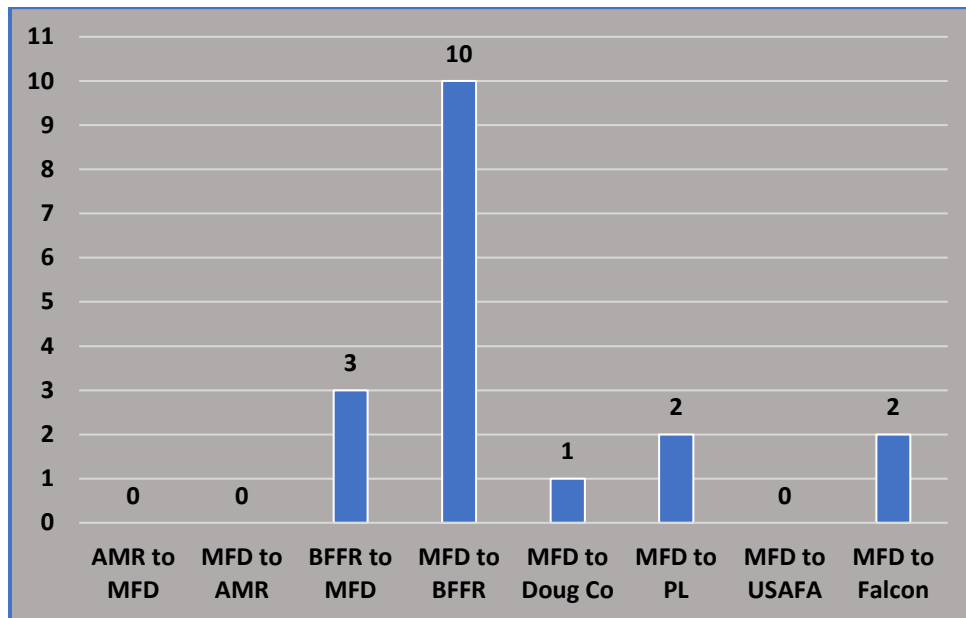


Ambulance Transports – October





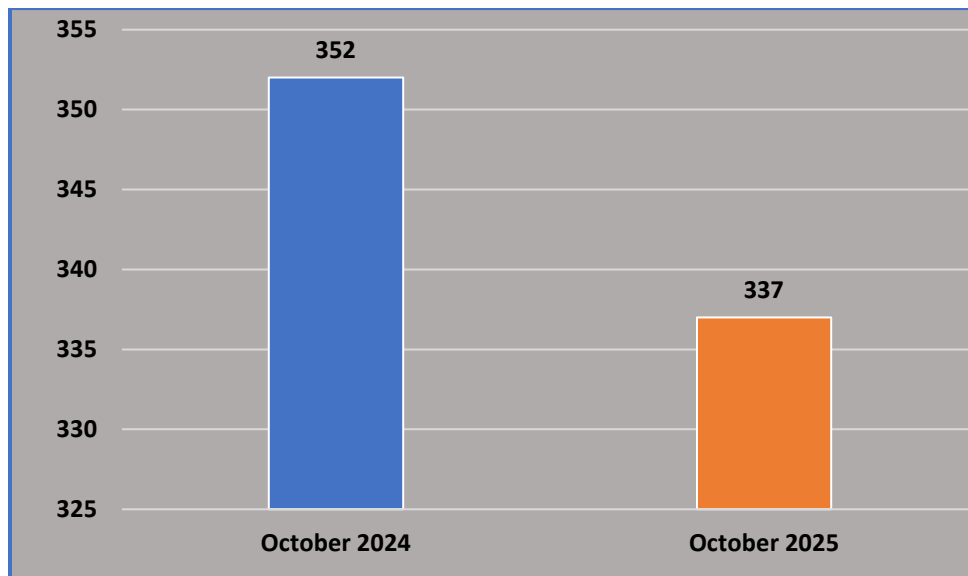
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – October



Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.

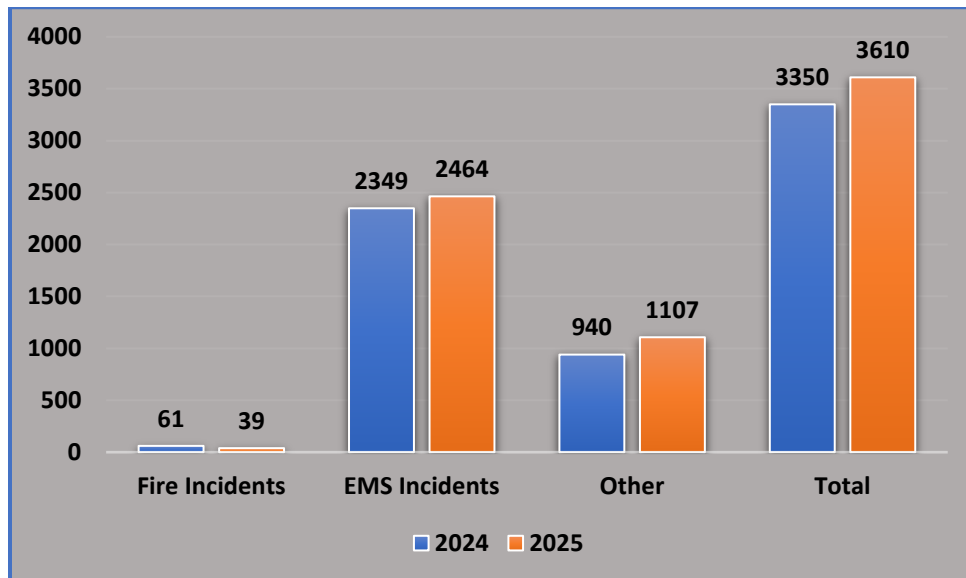
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.

Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents –2024/2025 October

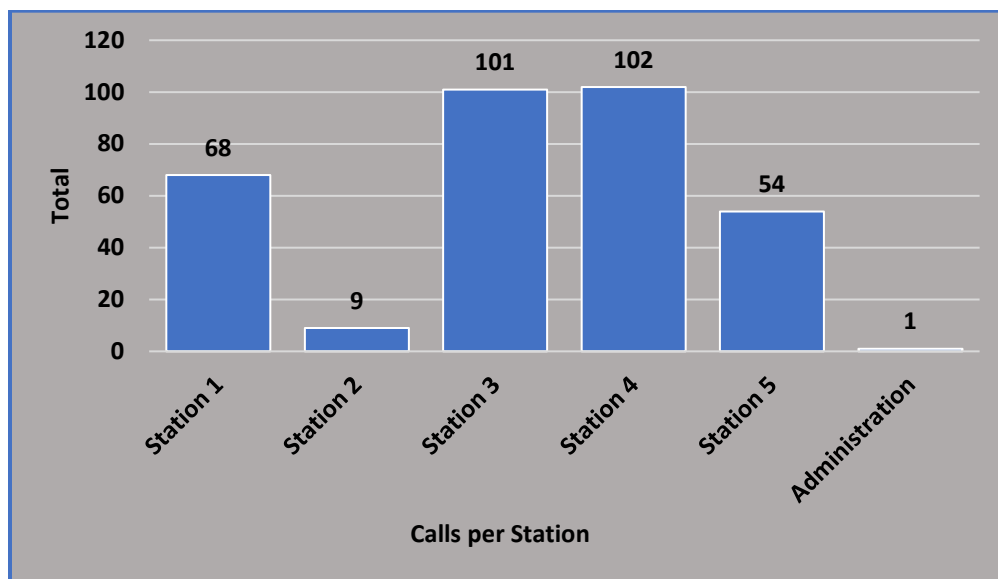




Year-To-Date Comparison – 2024/2025 – October



Calls Per Station October 2025



****Note: Station 2 was closed for repairs for the majority of October 2025***



Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Worked with the owner's representative to evaluate the bids for Station 3 and conducted interviews with prospective General Contractors.
- Continuously worked to develop and monitor the expected timeline for Fire Station 3 and the Training Center projects.

Support Services:

- Completed the preconstruction conference and made appropriate changes to match the district's current engines and desired design.
- Completed the radio upgrades on 14 portable radios to match the rest of the cache to permit over-the-air programming.
- Maintained open communication with the Town of Monument Planning Director and Planning Department about our various projects and their status.

Fleet and Facilities:

- Started the process of winterizing the facilities and fleet to include sprinkler blowout and parking area marking.
- Picked up the reserve Rosenbauer Ladder 535 from Front Range Fire after repairs were completed.
- Delivered the reserve Smeal Tower Ladder for repairs to begin, which will include engine and suspension repairs.

Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) Implementation Peer Exchange.
- Completed the 2025 community chipping season with 37 total events.
- Emergency Action Plans and Coordination planning meeting with BFFR and County OEM.
- Participated in PPROEM Advanced Evac tabletop exercise.
- Attended Fire Adapted Colorado monthly network call.
- Attended the ECC Veoci emergency management functional training.
- Attended Town of Monument Comprehensive Plan open house with TOM Planning and Zoning.
- Reviewed local WUI hazards with USFS District Ranger.
- Began new First Due software module implementation process.
- Observed ECC functional exercise at PPROEM.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Hosted wildfire safety and forest health event with Arrowood II subdivision.
- Hosted wildfire safety and forest health event with Hawk Ridge subdivision.
- Hosted wildfire safety and forest health event with Trail's End subdivision



Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended Society for Fire Protection Engineers' Fire Risk Assessment & Mitigation new pilot course for the fire service.
- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument.

Fire Investigations:

- No activity.