



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – May 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On May 1st, I attended the A-Shift Chief's Meeting.

On May 2nd, I attended the lieutenant's meeting.

On May 7th, President Smaldino, Treasurer Kelly, administrative staff, and our accountants met to discuss the 2025 Budget.

On May 7th, I performed a video shoot with OZ Architecture to discuss some of the projects the district is partnering with OZ.

On May 9th, I attended the C-Shift Chief's Meeting.

On May 9th, I attended the 9-1-1 Hero Award presentation for Gabriella Quattlebaum at Fire Station 3.

On May 13th, I met with El Paso County Wildland to discuss expectations and considerations for the upcoming wildfire season.

On May 17th, Chief Coyle and I met with BFFR, Palmer Lake Fire, and Falcon Fire to discuss common communications.

On May 29th, Chief Bumgarner and I completed the Fire Station 4, northside punch list walk-through.

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



May Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
8	224	685	52
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 Firewise inspections completed.• Nine public education events attended.• 9-1-1 Hero Award presentation for Gabriella Quattlebaum at Fire Station 3.• Multiple crews participated in WUI training with CSFD.• 24-01 graduation held at the Woodmen Valley Chapel.• Hosted Engineer and 24-01 pinning ceremony and dinner.• The new Type III training has been completed and placed in service.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Nothing to report.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Tyler Brickell and Christian Schmidt were promoted to Engineer.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- The 2025 hiring process has begun to establish an eligibility list.

Local 4319:

- Local 4319 members identified a family with a high medical need in Station 3's area and have been working to support them. The membership provided a cash donation and arranged a benefit dinner at Texas Roadhouse in Monument (6/12 and 6/13) to support this family as they navigate a young child's complex medical issues. The executive board has been working productively with executive staff on overtime and staffing procedures following the arrival of the nine new firefighters, who we are all excited to work with and mentor.



Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended Pikes Peak Mutual Aid meeting.
- Attended Colorado State Fire Chief Legislative update meeting.
- Attended Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council meeting.
- Attended Labor Management meeting.
- Hosted bi-monthly Chief's Meetings with all three shifts.
- 24-01 graduation held at Woodmen Valley Chapel. Recruits have begun shift work.
- 24-01 and Engineer promotional badge pinning ceremony held before the May board meeting.
- The Type III training has been completed and placed in service.
- Met with County HazMat to discuss potential future training and apparatus partnership.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- Engineer Edmunds, Medic Botkin, and FF Kaplan assisted with the Monument Fire Camp.
- On 5/2, 514 participated in a WUI Drill with CSFD.
- On 5/2, 512 attended a PR event at Prairie Winds Elementary School.
- On 5/14, 512 and 513 participated in a WUI Drill with CSFD.
- On 5/19, 531 participated in the Monument Presbyterian Church 150th anniversary celebration.
- Lt. Smith developed and organized the engineer testing process.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 5/18, 512 participated in a WUI Drill with CSFD.
- On 5/23, crews assisted the USFS mitigation and chipping project.
- On 5/29, crews assisted with the Monument Fire Camp.
- On 5/29, crews participated in a joint UTV and ATV training with MPD.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 5/3, crews attended the 24-01 academy graduation.
- On 5/3, crews responded to a small fire in the median of I-25.
- On 5/4, 513 participated in a WUI Drill with CSFD.
- On 5/4, 583 participated in the USFD Memorial Grove annual ceremony.
- On 5/9, Station 3 attended the 911 Hero Award along with EPSO.
- On 5/9, crews responded to a medical emergency at a construction site off Sunny Shore Dr.
- On 5/14, crews participated in a WUI Drill with CSFD.
- On 5/17, crews responded to a small kitchen fire caused by a lithium-ion battery.
- On 5/22, crews attended the engineer badge pinning ceremony.
- On 5/22, crews assisted SAR and PLVFD in the search for a missing person who was successfully found.



Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Forcible entry training.
- Physician advisor testing.
- IV therapy class.
- Attended Colorado State EMS Educators Symposium.
- Assisted with teaching probationary firefighters at the Pikes Peak State College simulation lab.

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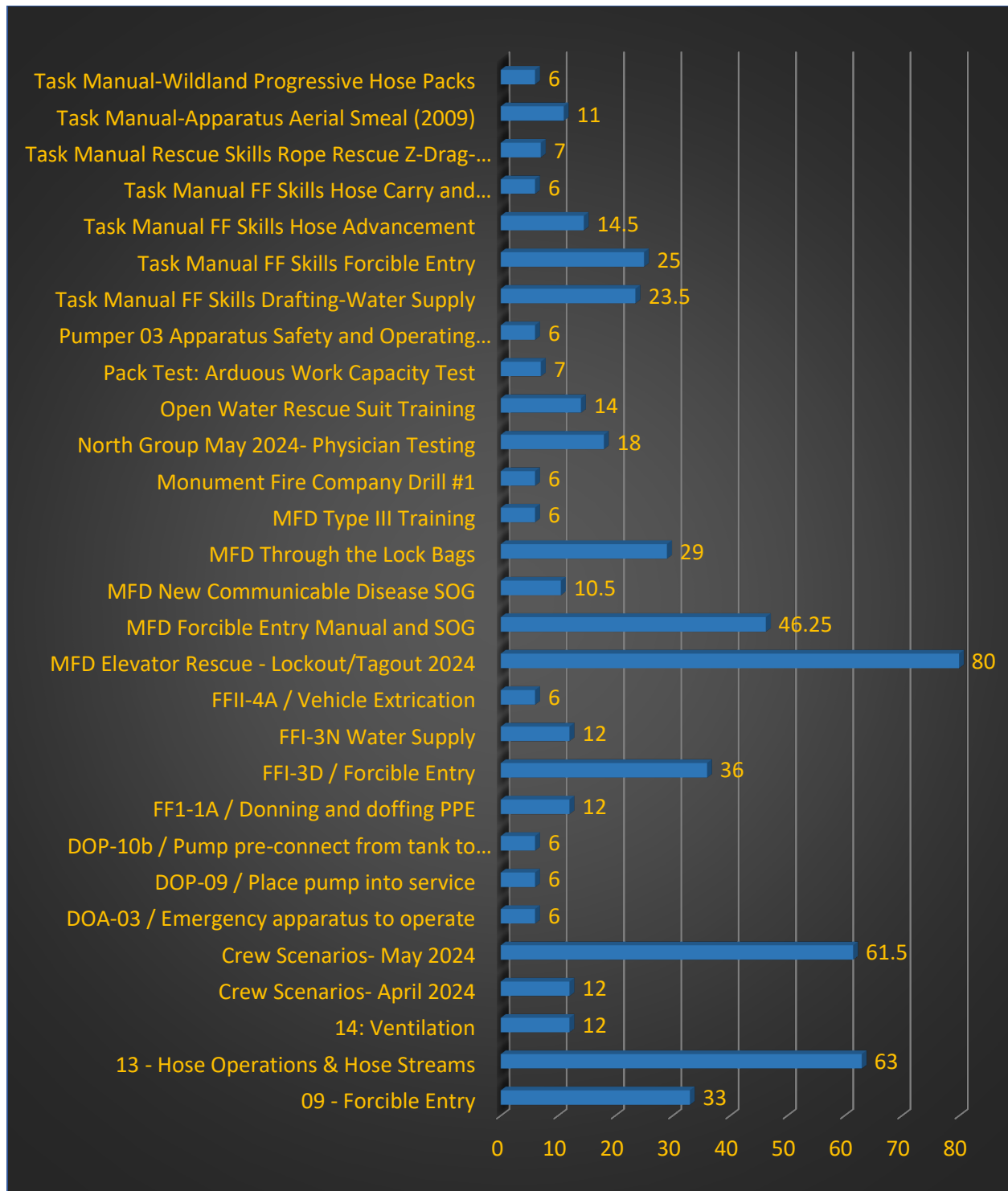
- Crews participated in WUI drills with CSFD.
- Forcible entry training.
- Probationary firefighter orientation.
- EMS week for all probationary firefighters from 24-01.
- Dr. Hurtado - Physician advisor testing.
- Pyxis training.
- Battalion CPR training.
- Attended Colorado State EMS Educators Symposium.
- Assisted with teaching probationary firefighters at the Pikes Peak State College simulation lab.
- IV therapy class for probationary firefighters.

Training Plan for the Month:

- RIT (rapid intervention team) training.
- TECC (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care).
- Tender driver training.
- S-212 wildland chains saws.
- Lucas device training.
- Monument prescribed fire.
- Battalion CPR training.

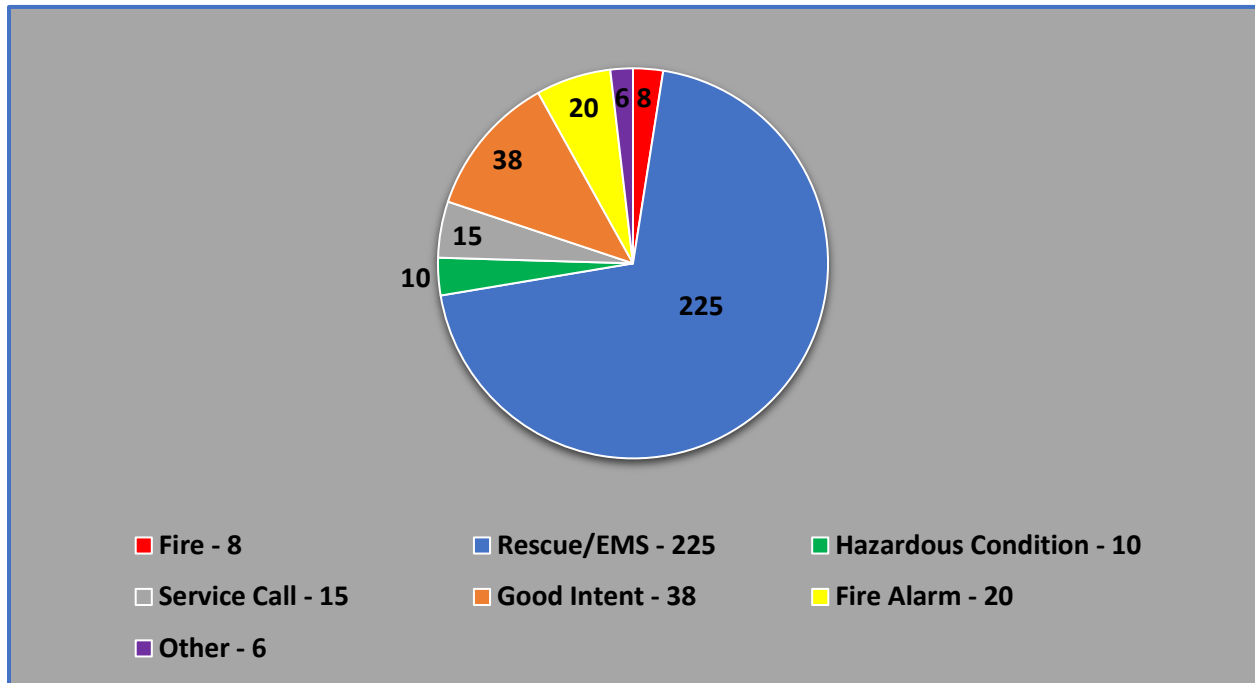


Training hours for May – 685 Training Hours.



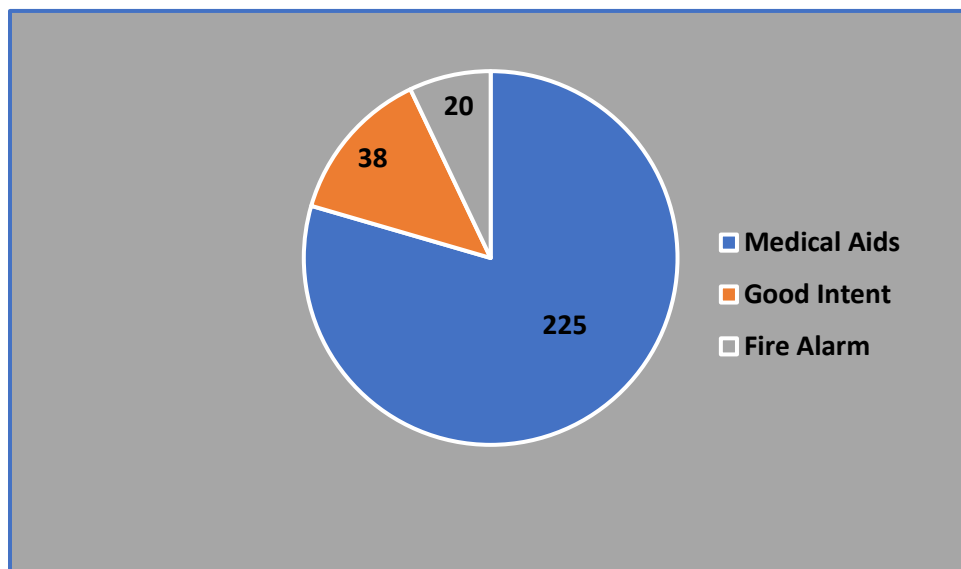


Incidents by Call Type – May



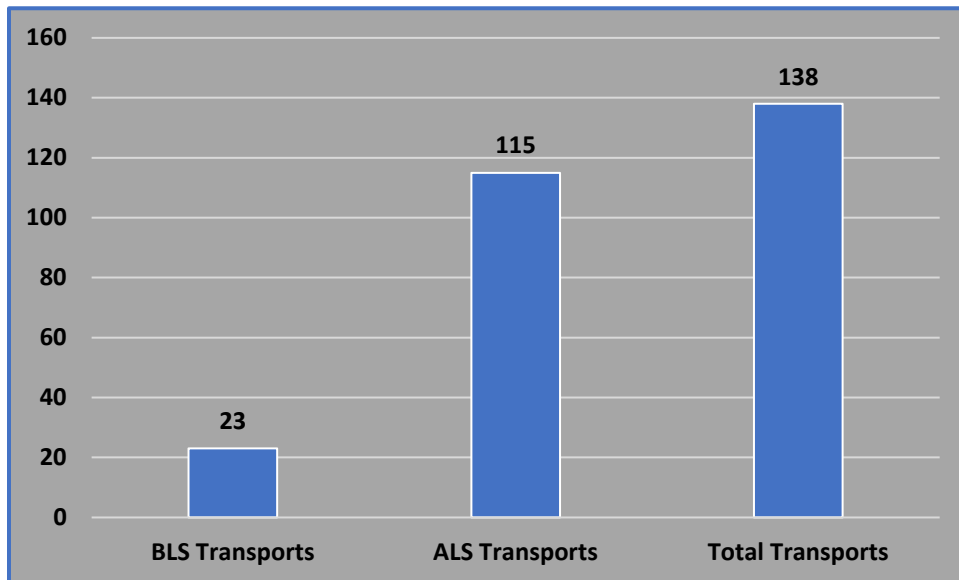
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – May

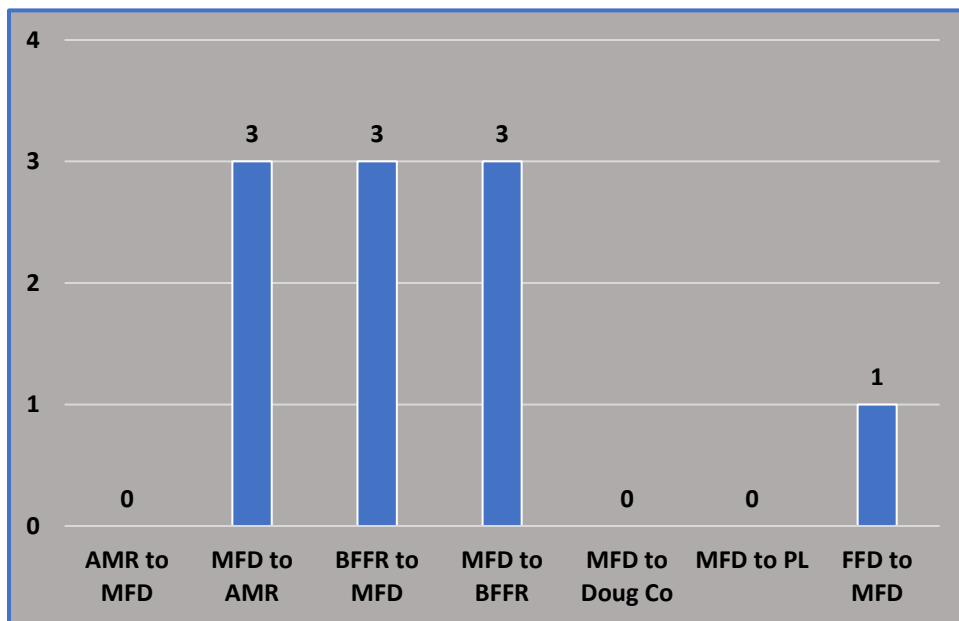




Ambulance Transports - May



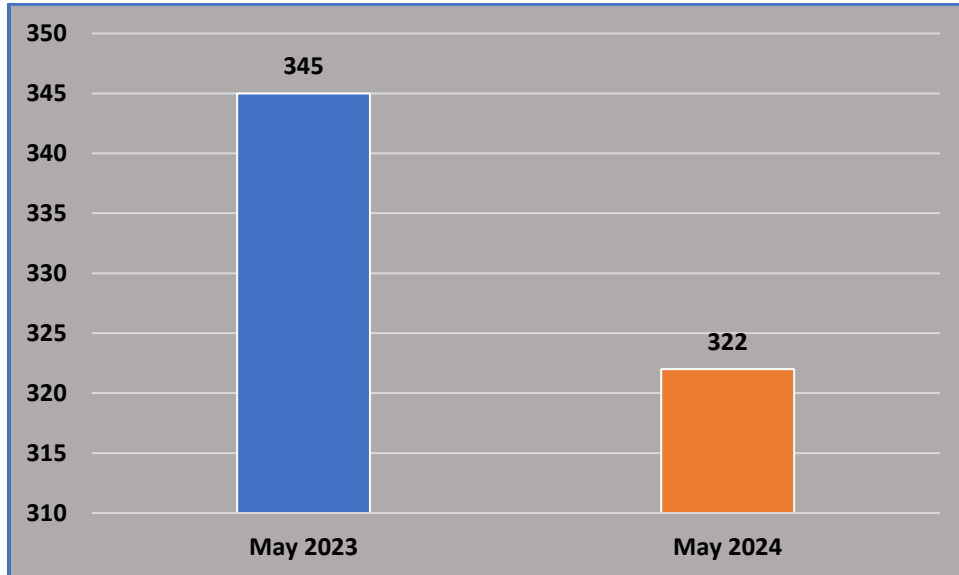
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid - May



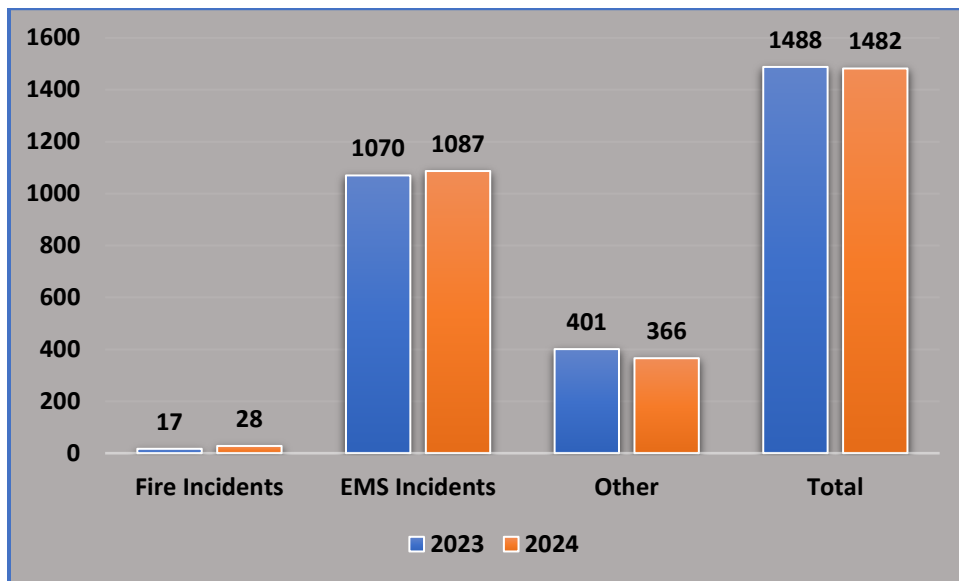
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
MFD to AMR – 3 calls accepted.



Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – May



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023/2024 – May





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Interviews were conducted for the fire technician position, including making a conditional employment offer.
- Attended the Station Design Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

Administrative Services:

- Attended the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects.
- Continued to work on the planning documents for the training center to be submitted to the Town of Monument for replating.
- Finalized and completed all training on the iPads for the board of directors.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- The Accreditation Manager represented the fire district and traveled as a peer assessor for CPSE to evaluate a fire territory in South Bend, ID.
- This process will occur during the first quarter of 2025 for Monument Fire District.

Fleet and Facilities – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt

- Pump heaters were repaired on both E512 and E513.
- Installed new solar panel on 502.
- Ladder 535 replaced brakes and performed a PM.
- A new trailer was purchased for the UTV.
- Several garage doors were repaired, and parts replaced.
- Continued preventative maintenance and repairs on apparatus and facilities.

- Station 1 - Nothing to report.
- Station 2 - Nothing to report.
- Station 3 - Nothing to report.
- Station 4 - Nothing to report.
- Station 5 - Nothing to report.



Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Attended a series of Monument Fire Center prescribed fire planning and public information meetings.
- Beta testing a fire inspector I and II online course for Firewise Consulting.
- Met with the CSFD wildfire mitigation program manager.
- Continued to provide data to consultants for the CWPP process.
- Attended Fire Marshal's Association of Colorado Springs meeting.
- Attended the 4th of July parade operations 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 Hilltop Pines HOA meeting.
- Participated in wildfire safety discussions at Kilmer and Prairie Winds Elementary Schools.
- Participated in planning discussions for the Palmer Ridge High School Outdoor Learning Lab.

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.
- Conducted plan review meetings with developers and neighboring residents for residential projects in the Hay Creek and Monument Ridge areas.
- Participated in final fire inspections for multiple buildings at the Alta 25 apartments.

Fire Investigations

- Attended Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit meeting.