



# TRI-LAKES MONUMENT & DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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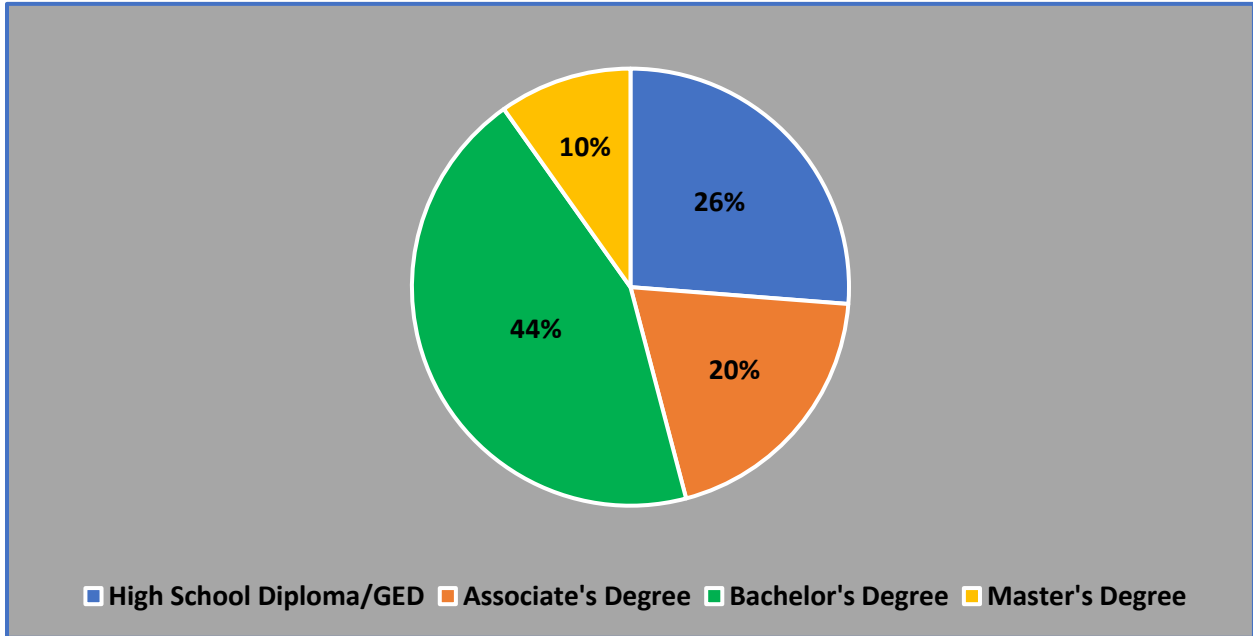
Monthly Activity Report – February 2022

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs



### Chief's Remarks

Throughout February, I have met with each employee one-on-one to discuss their personal and professional aspirations and get feedback on our organizational direction. We also performed an internal survey to evaluate the organization's education level. We had 61 respondents:



On February 1, I had the opportunity to meet with our three new firefighters.

On February 2, I met with Colorado Springs FD Battalion Chief Steve Wilch to discuss wildland response.

On February 7, command staff met with the Air Force Academy FD command staff to find opportunities to work more effectively together (e.g., training, etc.)

On February 18, I attended the Tri-Lakes State of the Region at the Great Wolf Lodge.

On February 23, I met with Colorado Springs FD Deputy Chief Steven Dubay to discuss the Mutual Aid 1 response system, agency accreditation, and annual facilities inspection process.

On February 23, we completed the first audit for the Colorado EMS Supplement.

On February 24, Chief Bumgarner and I met with Matt Dunston to discuss opportunities to purchase land around Highway 105 and 83.



I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national committee meetings:

- North El Paso County Fire Chiefs
- Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness
- Pikes Peak Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- TLMFPD/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



## February Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
7	206	423	4

### Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- TLM and DW responded to a fire in a detached garage. The garage and property were a total loss. No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported. The fire was accidental.

## Administration – Jennifer Martin/Stacey Popovich

### Summary of Significant Events:

#### Upcoming Events:

- Regional cancer seminar hosted by Local 4319 on May 13 at the Great Wolf Lodge.

#### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

#### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nothing to report.



Structure Fire on Old Northgate Road.



## **Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley**

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

#### **Operations:**

- Presented a plan to the Pikes Peak Fire Chief’s Council proposing changes to unit and personnel identifiers in CAD to accommodate agency growth. Chief Bradley and Ridings were appointed to chair a working group to continue to add details to the plan.
- Completed and presented a new employee annual performance evaluation program and supporting documents.
- Completed new SCBA rollout on DWFD units and mask fitting for employees.
- Wildland group met and drafted the 2022 program plan.
- Continued orientation cross-staffing on Tri-Lakes and Wescott units, including engines, trucks, ambulances, tenders, and command units.
- Began working on significant revisions to the acting officer training program.

#### **Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Sean Pearson/EMS Coordinator Stephanie Soll:**

- Cardiac arrest save. Crews that responded were as follows:
  - 2202 – BC Coyle
  - 2212 – LT Peters, Engineer Thorpe, FF/PM Normen
  - 2213 – LT Chavez, LT Smith, Engineer Edmonds
  - 2281 – Paramedic Hoeh, FF/PM Neill
- EMS Coordinator Soll and FF/PM Bruchis instructed the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club CPR training.



*Tri-Lakes Women’s Club CPR training at Fire Station 1.*



*The February 7 training was held during American Heart Association’s Heart Month and just in time for Valentine’s Day. But the true purpose of the event was to celebrate a special anniversary of someone who survived cardiac arrest.*

*TLWC member Carol Costakis organized the CPR training to honor her son’s fiancé, Mary.*

*Two years ago, on New Year’s Eve, Mary – a healthy and athletic young woman — suddenly went into cardiac arrest. Costakis said Mary’s life was saved by quick action, and the availability of an automated external defibrillator made all the difference. Trained professionals jumped into action, performing CPR and using an automated external defibrillator (AED) to shock her heart back into rhythm. Today, Mary has returned to her active lifestyle and is a strong advocate for CPR education. Her future mother-in-law shares that passion. (Tri-Lakes Tribune)*

- The EMS Committee has started to meet again to help drive the EMS Division.
- EMS Coordinator Soll and Chief Pearson visited South Metro Fire to glean ideas from their EMS department and toured their EMS training facility.
- Two Wescott paramedics have cleared their ambulance orientation and are ready for independent duty.
- FF/PM Bruchis and Trottier were recognized by a patient’s wife and ER staff as the contributing factor in saving a patient’s life. They recognized a rare “rolling” MI and quickly got the patient to the ER, where definitive care was given. The patient went into cardiac arrest in the ER but was successfully resuscitated by ER staff.
- February was heavy with EMS training as crews attended the regional EMS refresher hosted by UC Health and Centura Health and webinar week hosted by Centura Health.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Nate Boyce successfully secured a grant from Colorado Fire Prevention and Control - 2021-22 Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant Award for \$16,496. We purchased 11 powered air-purifying respirators (PAPR), protecting our firefighters from COVID or related call types.

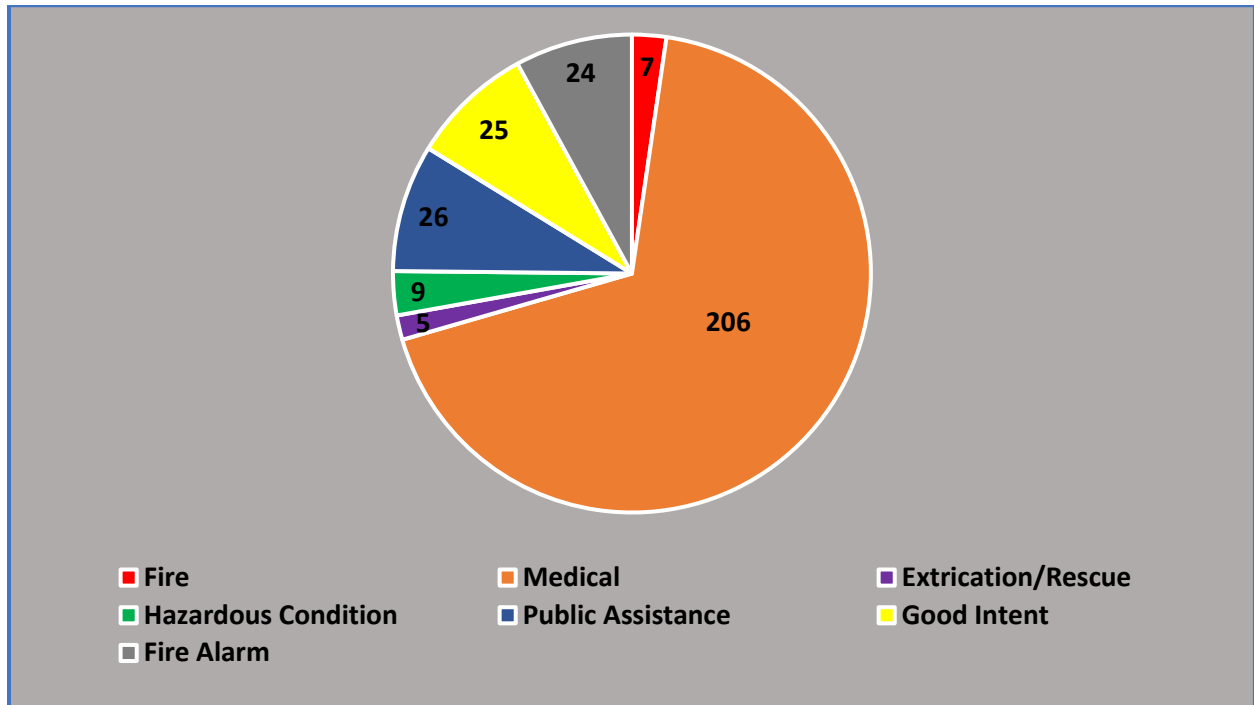


*Powered air-purifying respirators.*





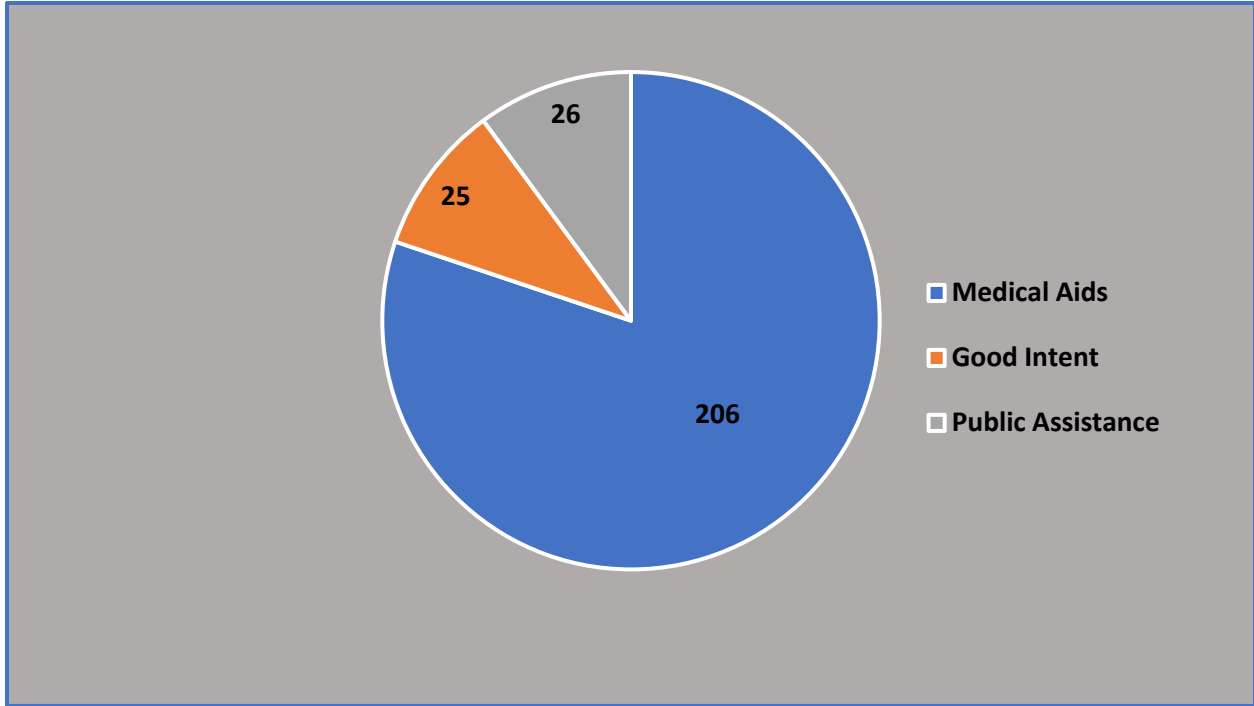
*Incidents by Call Type*



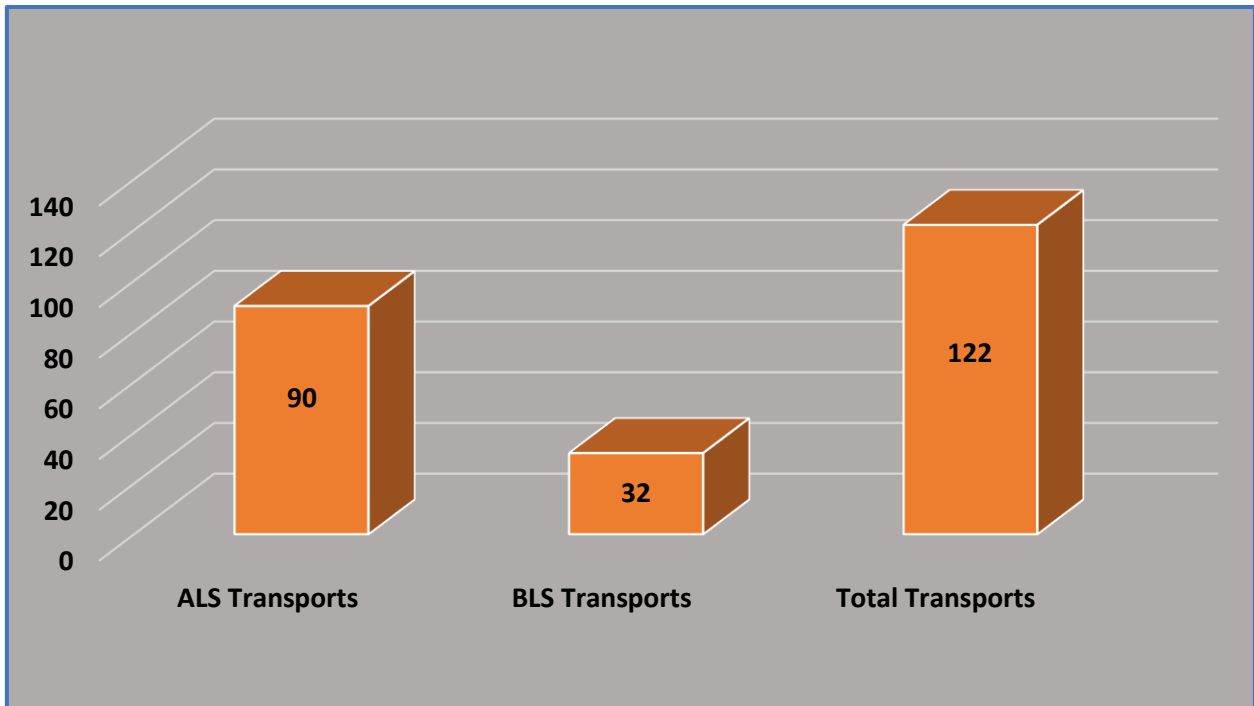
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, other
- Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
- Public assistance includes person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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



*Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories*



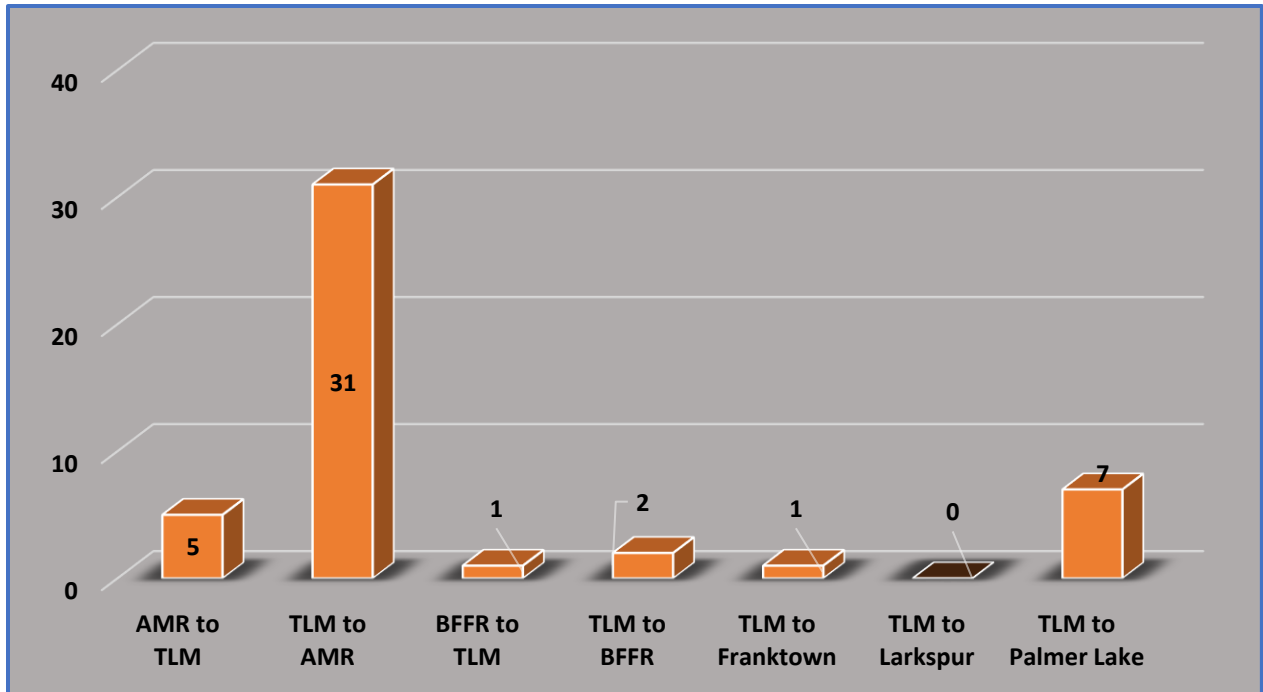
*Ambulance Transports*





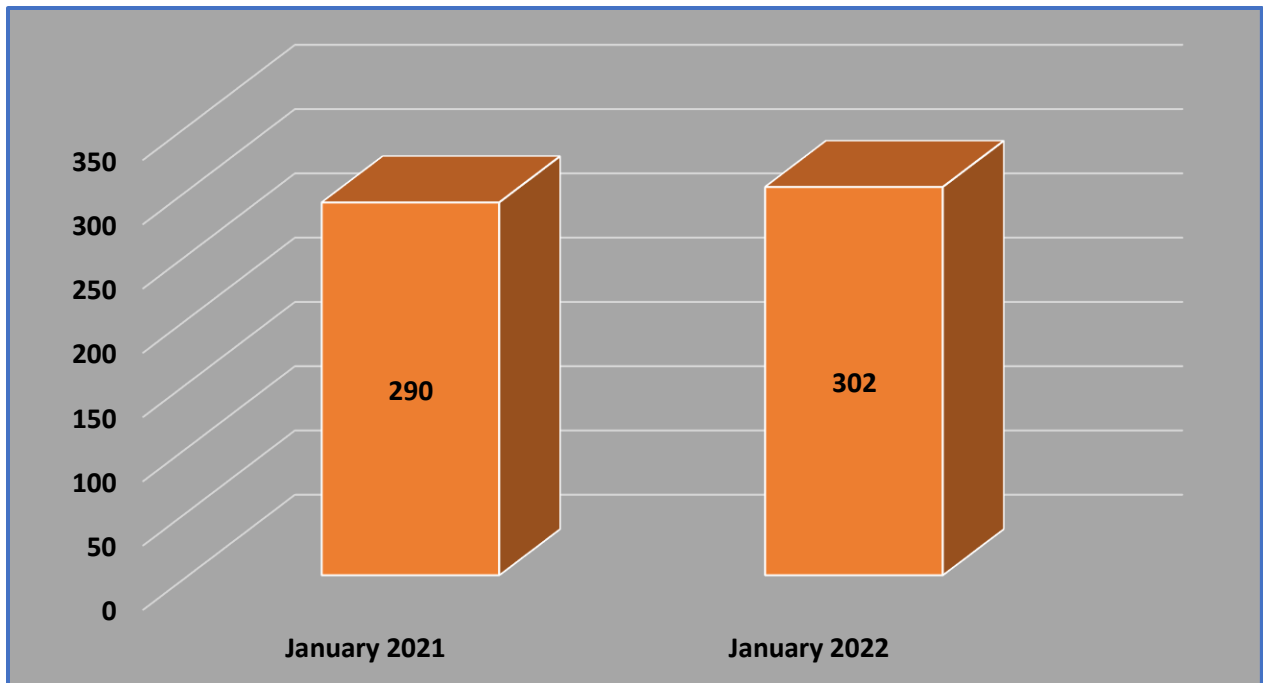


**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid**



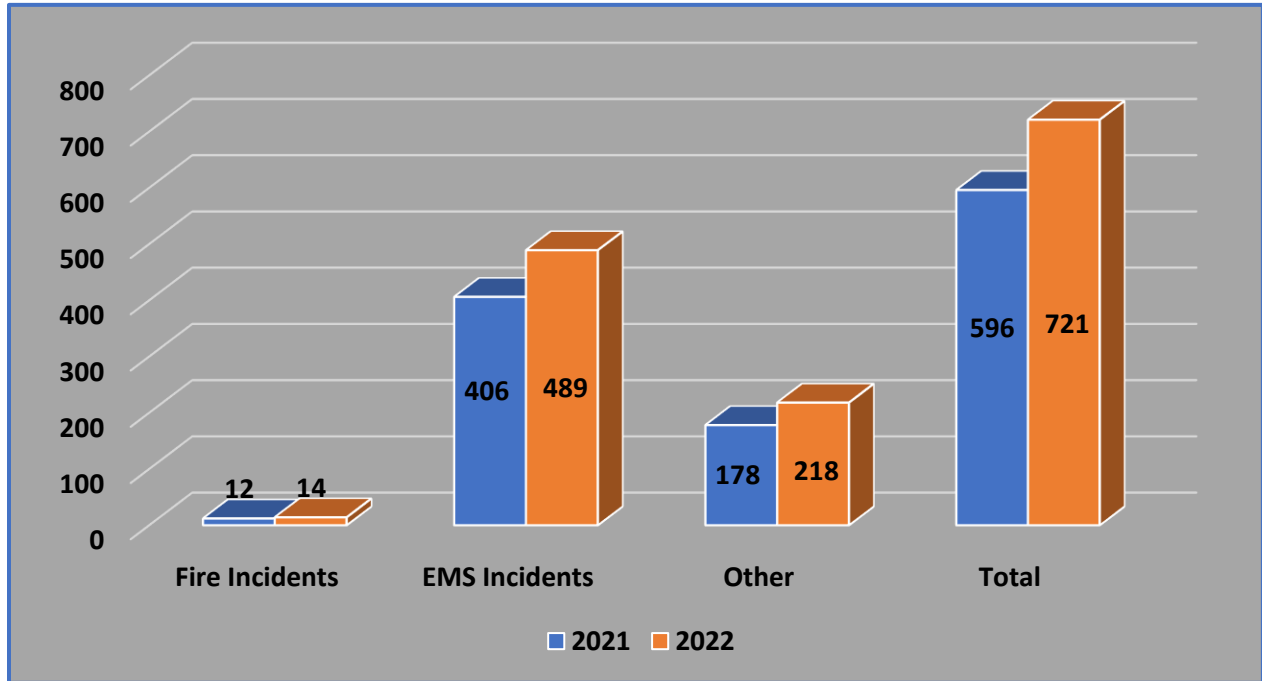
Calls dispatched and enroute and do not consider cancellations.  
TLM to AMR – 18 calls accepted.

**Month to Month Comparison – Total Incidents**





*Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022*





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

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

- Continuing to meet with Town of Monument to develop the joint CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan).
- Performed an on-site assessment of a Town of Monument open space to consider mitigation in the spring of 2022.
- Completed the financing for the truck purchase.
- Completed the purchase of the squad.
- Continuing to work on IT programs/integration with both districts.
- Switched all Wescott employees to a Microsoft platform promoting the sharing of documents and calendars, streamlining processes.

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

- Met with El Paso County engineering and developers over several different upcoming projects.
- Met with the Pike Peak Area Council of Governments for wildfire-related matters and grant opportunities.

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

- Continuing to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.
- Completed fire finals on four townhomes and a system flush for a commercial project.
- Completed three project reviews.

### **Fire Investigations:**

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

### **Accreditation – Battalion Chief Scott Ridings**

- The response plans for both districts have been updated and are currently operational.
- The response areas for each station (based on travel times) are complete and will be updated and operational by July 2022 (See Figure 1).
- The Geographic Information System (GIS) ESRI ArcGis Pro® software has been implemented.
- The accreditation manager will be attending the Center for Public Safety Excellence 2022 Excellence Conference later this month. “The CPSE Excellence Conference brings the finest minds in the fire and emergency service together for a four-day conference to advance agency accreditation, promote professional credentialing, and encourage leadership. Attendees can observe the CFAI hearings as they adjudicate agencies seeking accreditation, attend various educational sessions, evaluate products and services displayed by leading companies, and attend multiple networking events.”



**Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough**

**Fleet:**

- The county has inspected the new ambulance. The registration for the vehicle has been completed. Awaiting the installation of the radios and mobile data computer (MDC) from AvTech.
- Suppression apparatus are cycling through preventative maintenance (PM).
- The Pierce mid-mount ladder truck has been ordered.
- The squad is in the build process. Expected to be delivered in June.
- The Type III engine is in the build process. Expected to be delivered in November.

**Facilities:**

- The RFPs for station remodels at Fire Stations 3, 4, and 5 are ongoing.
- Fire Station 1
  - The punch list is nearing completion.
  - We are awaiting materials for the privacy fencing around the east side patio area. Schedule to start on 3/24.
  - Landscaping for the parking lot to include pathway lighting to begin as soon as the materials arrive.
- Fire Station 2
  - Awaiting parts for the garage door opener. The door is still in service.
- Fire Station 3
  - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 4
  - The north apparatus door is still broken. Awaiting repair quote and timeframe for repairs.
- Fire Station 5
  - Nothing to report.

**Information Technology:**

- Implementing the software budgeted for 2022 to include First Arriving, First Watch, and First Due.
- Chrome boxes were purchased for Fire Stations 4 and 5 to provide First Arriving at all stations.

**Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:**

- The extractors for Fire Stations 2 and 3 have been ordered.



## ***Training – Battalion Chief Kris Mola***

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

- The Blue Card System has been merged between both departments.
- A tuition reimbursement policy is nearing completion. The SOG will be distributed in March.
- We have finalized VEIS and trench rescue dates with BFFR.

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

- All personnel completed their NWCG (National Wildfire Coordinating Group) annual wildland refresher training.
- SAFE Report released for the Northgate Fire.
- Annual EMS refresher complete.
- Executive Staff attended the Air Force National Character & Leadership Symposium.

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

- Leadership training presented by Dr. Jon Anderson and c4sp.
- Blue Card class for multi-family dwellings for all personnel.
- Tender operations training for all personnel.



Training Hours: Total Hours for February – 423 hours.

