



TRI-LAKES MONUMENT & DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – May 2022

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs



Chief's Remarks

In May, the combined districts continued to work with legal counsel on the full-services contract with an emphasis on employee benefits. Great strides were made and we are nearing completion of the inter-governmental agreement.

On May 5 and 20, staff met with a Denver Metro architectural firm to discuss options for Fire Station 3.

On May 6, President Gunderman, President Hildbrandt, Director Kelly, and Director Forsythe were sworn-in as district directors.

On May 9, Chief Bumgarner and I met with representatives from First Net/AT&T to discuss the possibility of a cell phone tower at Fire Station 5.

On May 13, approximately 75 attendees participated in the regional cancer symposium. Great information was shared.

On May 23 and 24, Rhode and Consultants were in the district to discuss the pre-fire plans. On the 24th, the district hosted a stakeholder workshop to obtain information that would contribute to the content of the plans. The consults will provide drafts for review in July.

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
- Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) – peer reviewer
- Rocky Mountain Accreditation Consortium



May Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
7	247	770	7
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with the BODs and legal counsel to complete the full-services contract language. Work continues rebranding the organization to include a new organizational name. Continue to discuss options for fire station and training center locations, cost, and design. Finalizing the specifications for our next generation of Type 1 fire engines. 			

Administration – Jennifer Martin/Stacey Popovich

Upcoming Events:

- The district family picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, at Dirty Woman Park, Monument. Games, a bounce house and slide, food, and drink will be provided. Directors, RSVP to Jennifer or Stacey.
- The SDA is hosting its annual regional workshops. Topics will include conflict of interest, TABOR, a notice of meetings, district powers, 2022 legislative updates, and more. In-person attendance is \$30 for the June 20 event in Fountain, or you can watch the presentation free after June 23. Please contact Jennifer for more information.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Spencer Crowe was hired as the district’s new firefighter. He will be attending the Colorado Springs Fire Department recruit academy this summer.

Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Participated in planning events for the 4th of July parade with Monument PD and the parade organizers.
- Hosted a meeting with EPSO Dispatch to discuss strategic changes to the system.
- Worked with EPSO Dispatch to transition the combined agency to one unit identifier series (500 series).
- Edited apparatus cross-staffing model to ensure proper tender and wildland engine response.
- New firefighter recruit selected: Spencer Crowe.
- Assigned a working group to update the position advancement trainee process.
- Participated in the WUI pre-planning event and guided the consultants on a tour of the district.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- Nothing to report.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- Nothing to report.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Dooley

- C-Shift responded to a reported vegetation fire in the area of Highway 83 and Baptist Road. First arriving units discovered a slow-moving fire in light, flashy fuels. The property owners were attempting to extinguish the fire. Crews quickly knocked down the fire and prevented the fire from extending into structures. The fire was less than 1/8 of an acre and no civilians and firefighters were injured. Quick work by crews prevented a more serious incident as the district was in red flag conditions with high winds and temperatures, with low humidity.

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

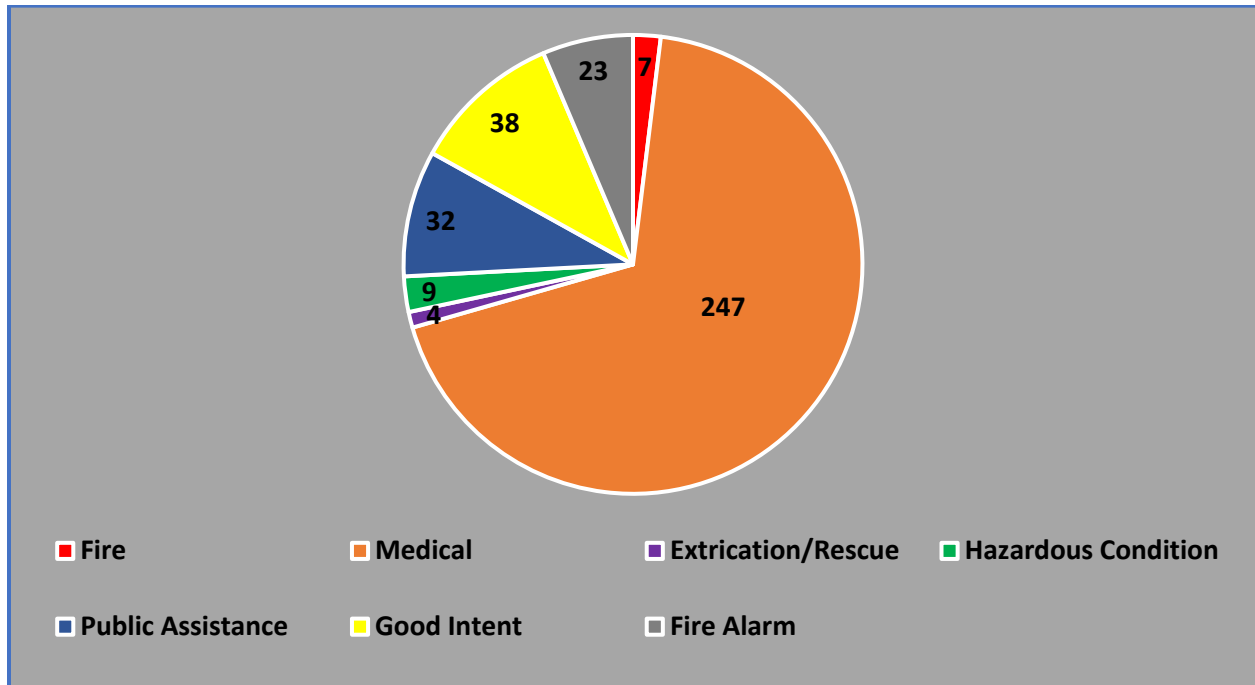
- The RFID system continues to be implemented with most of the EMS storeroom labeled and moved to Fire Station 4 where the new EMS storage room is located. The next step will be inventorying and labeling the individual station storerooms.
- A 60-day trial for an EMS reporting dictation service started June 1st. The company is called Versio and crews will be able to dictate their narratives on EMS charts. The company will then type out the narrative, look for spelling and grammar errors, and put them in the report. Versio also looks for preidentified report elements that may be missing or contradictory statements that might be identified earlier in the report. A standard report format will be used that was developed by the PWW law firm to help reduce liability exposure. West Metro and South Metro Fire Districts currently use this service and have seen a dramatic reduction in CQI review hours as well.



Ambulance Billing:

- Gross revenue billed
 - 2021 - \$199,841
 - 2022 - \$284,648 (40% increase)

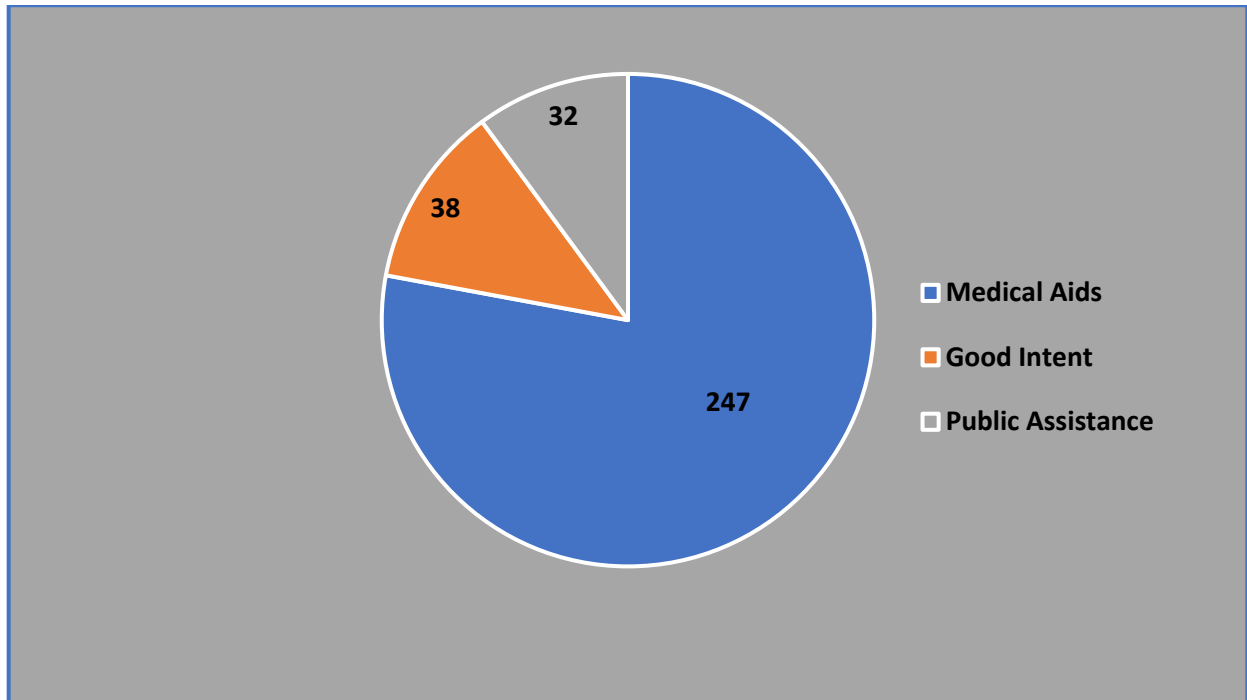
Incidents by Call Type



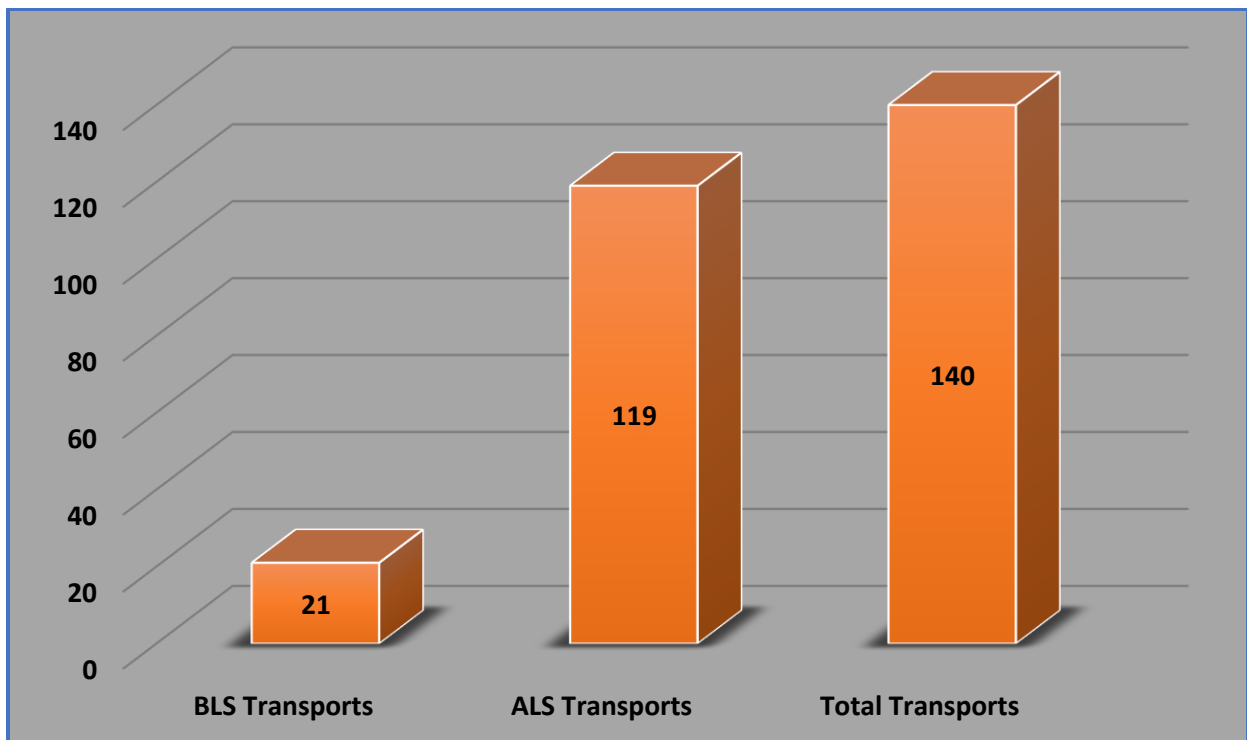
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and other
- Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories

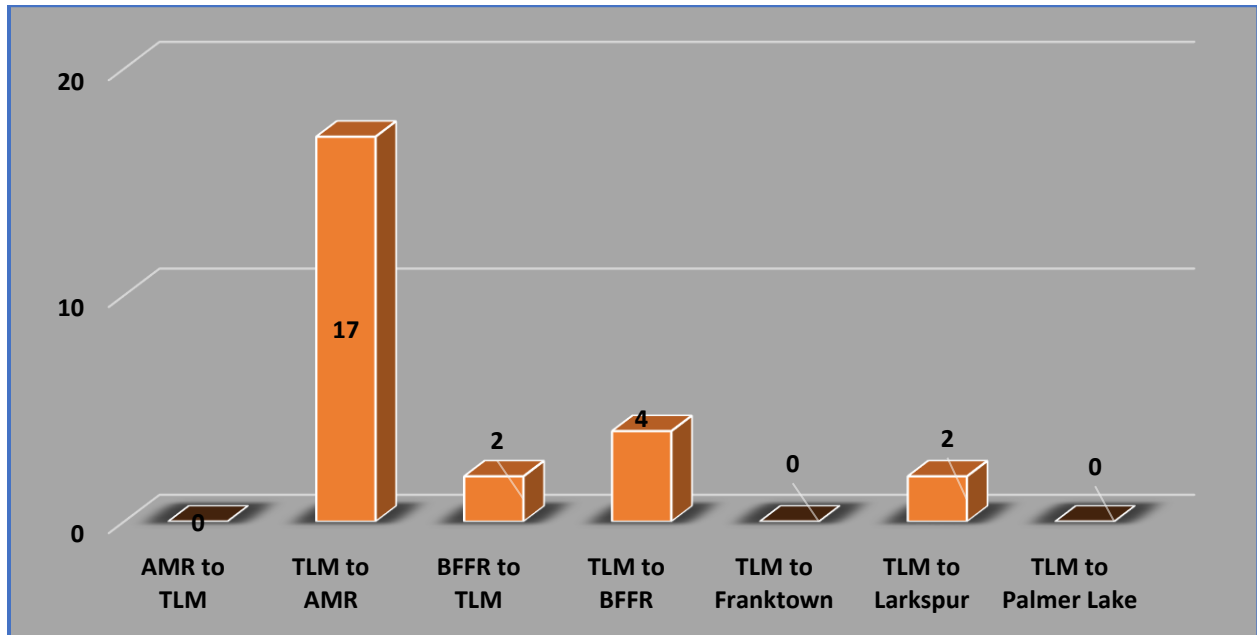


Ambulance Transports



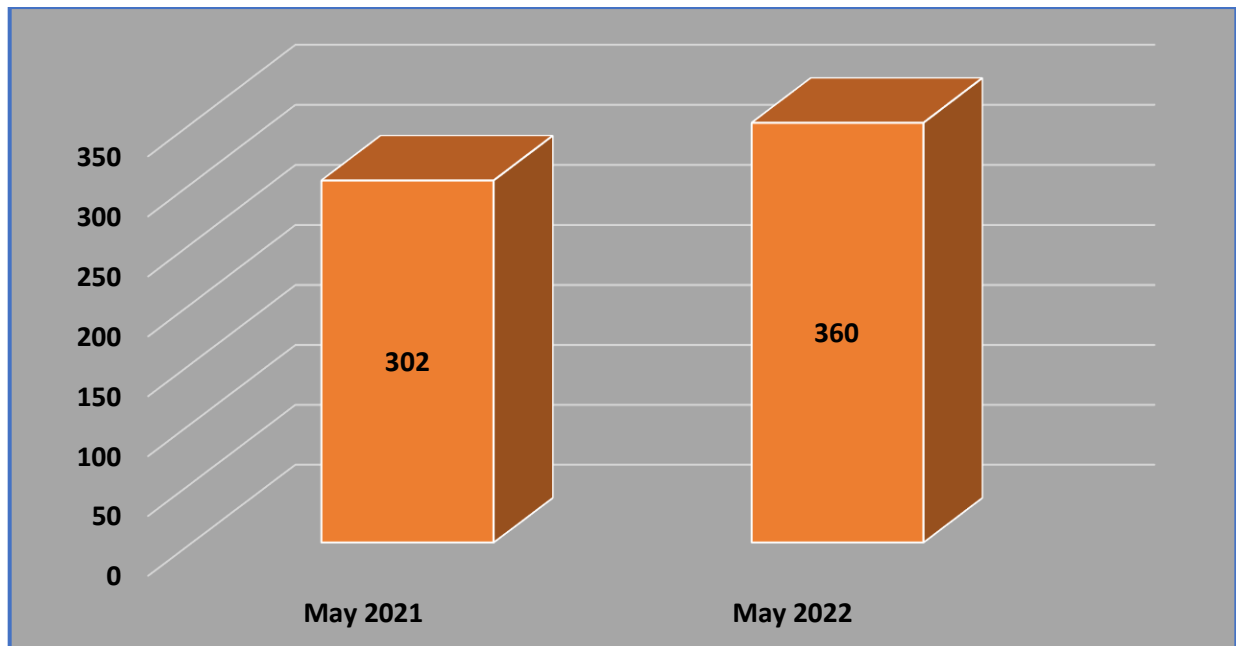


Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid



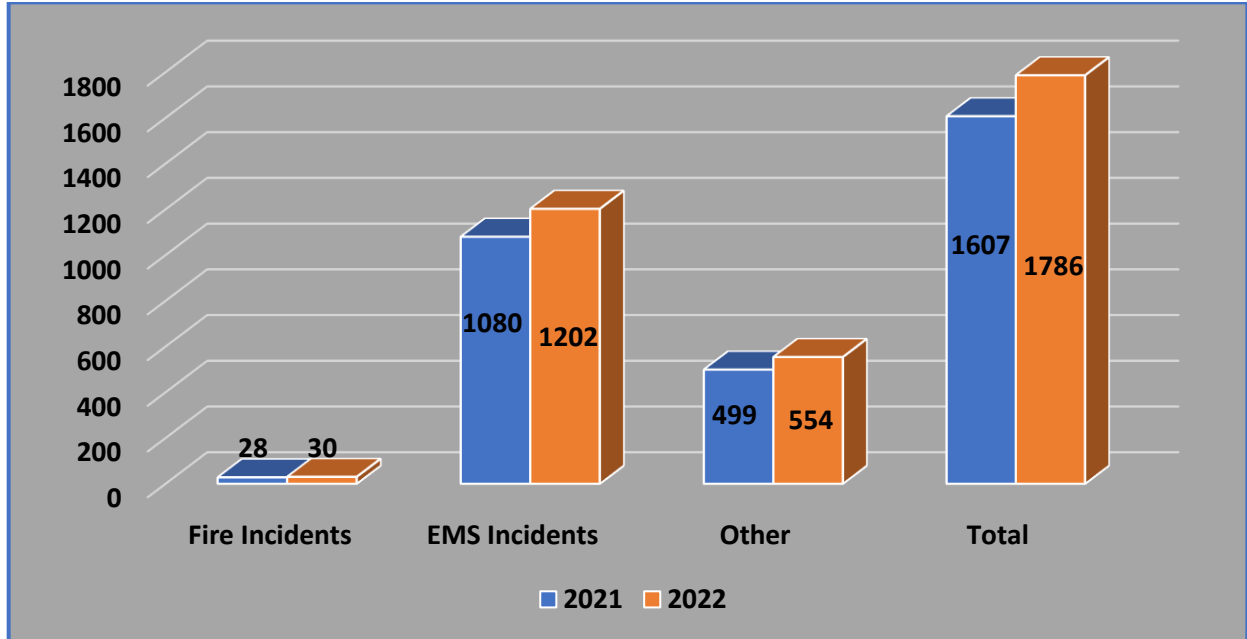
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 17 calls accepted.

Month to Month Comparison – Total Incidents





Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- 17 wildfire mitigation inspections completed.
- Completed all the 2021-22 annual school inspections for D38 and mentored two staff members.
- Working with a Denver-based architect to develop a program for future fire stations.
- Researching and developing changes for the wildfire fuel reduction program.

Administrative Services:

- Continue to work on IT programs and integrations for the combined district.
- Finalizing the specifications for a new fire engine.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Monitoring and supporting the chipping and fuel reduction programs.
- Attended a homeowners working group to facilitate wildfire preparedness.
- Supporting the CWPP for the district and Town of Monument.
- Assisted with scheduling numerous mitigation inspections.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Continued the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.
- Completed fire finals on six townhomes and one commercial project.
- Completed four project reviews for the Town of Monument and El Paso County.

Fire Investigations:

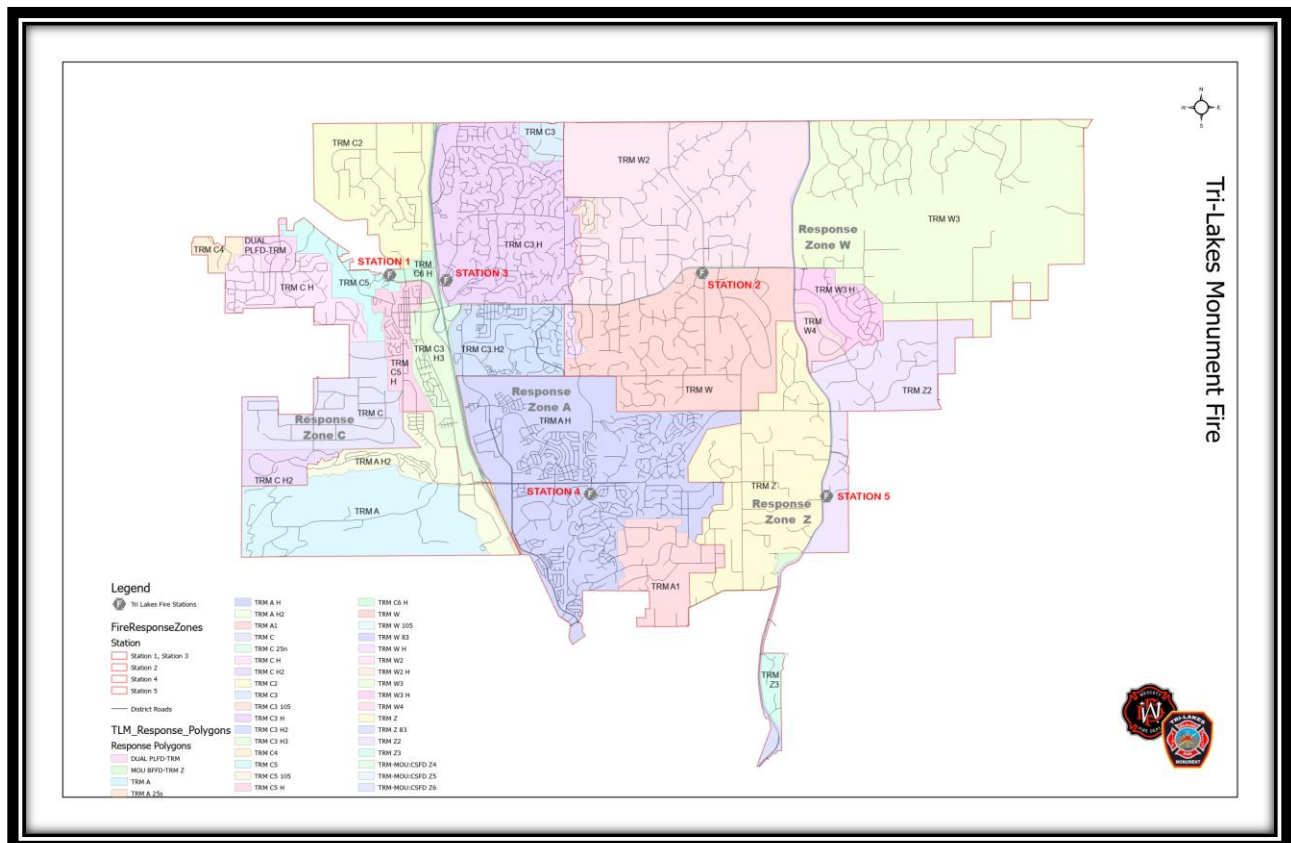
- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force (PPFITF).

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- The accreditation process identifies eleven categories to evaluate. They include:
 - Governance and Administration
 - Assessment and Planning
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Financial Resources
 - Community Risk Reduction Program
 - Physical Resources
 - Human Resources
 - Training and Competencies
 - Essential Resources
 - External Systems Relationships
 - Health and Safety



- Each category has a manager. These positions have been identified for our process of self-assessment. The category managers are currently working on identifying our department subject matter experts to assist in this process.
- The unit identification numbers have been changed from the 2200 series to the 500 series. These have been updated with the El-Paso County and Douglas County Dispatch centers.
- A wall map, showing each station’s response area, is currently being processed and will be distributed to each station for reference. (See **Error! Reference source not found.**)
- The executive staff continues to work with the Firstwatch™ implementation team, to set our parameters for Standards of Cover. This will give us the ability to measure and monitor outcomes. We should have more to report next month.



Combined district station response areas



Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough

Fleet:

- Due to chassis shortages, ambulances for 2023 and 2024 have been pre-ordered.

Facilities:

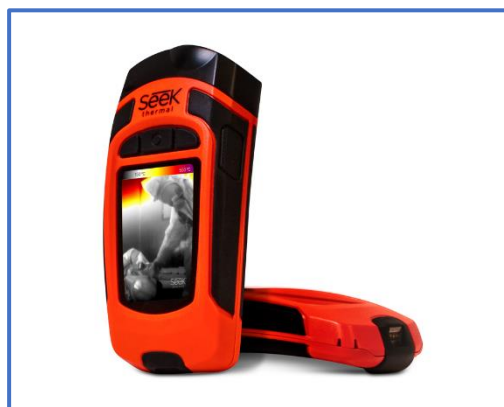
- Fire Station 1
 - Gutters and downspouts have been replaced. The concrete bollards have been repainted and will have reflective striping added for visibility. The apparatus doors and man doors will be repainted to complement the station remodel.
 - Scheduling a ribbon-cutting reopening ceremony.
- Fire Station 2
 - The district is still waiting for parts for the garage door opener. The door is still in service.
- Fire Station 3
 - HVAC system was replaced and working well according to the crews.
- Fire Station 4
 - Still awaiting parts to repair the broken apparatus door.
- Fire Station 5
 - No current project.

Information Technology:

- Continuing to work on integrating the two districts.

Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:

- New SCBA (Revolve Air) cascade system installed and in operation at Fire Station 1.
- Three Seek Reveal Fire Pro X handheld thermal imaging cameras were purchased from a grant provided by the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. Thank you!



New thermal imaging cameras



Training – Battalion Chief Kris Mola

Summary of Significant Events:

- Man VS Machine regional training in Black Forest.
- VEIS and Scenarios at BFFD.
- Regional Cancer Seminar.
- EMS Airway Lab in Denver.

Summary of Training Events:

- EMS OB case reviews.
- Drone training with CDFPC in Calhan.
- CPR annual refresher training.
- New SCBA (Revolve Air) cascade system installed and in operation at Fire Station 1.
- Driver Training.

Training Plan for the Month:

- Ladder operations and maintenance.
- WM/TL 22-01 EMS days and orientation.
- EMS trauma skills.
- Blue Card live drill (multi-family size up and advanced hose movements).
- IAFC Safety Stand Down Week 2022.



Recent training opportunities – Vent Enter Search, Man vs. Machine, and the Day 1 of the Colorado Springs Fire Academy.



Training Hours for May – 770 Hours.

