



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – July 2026

Submitted by Fire Chief Colin Fitzgerald

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Fire Chief's Remarks*

**Note that the July Fire Chief's Remarks are from Chief Andy Kovacs*

- On the 4th of July, I participated in the Town of Monument parade.
- Throughout the month of July, I attended several 2027 budget planning meetings.
- Throughout the month of July, I attended several post-retirement healthcare benefit discussions.
- In July, I met with each of the three shifts for Chief's Meetings.
- 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 Fire Chiefs Council
 - MFD/Monument Police Department Command Staff
 - Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Town Hall & Legislative
 - Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
 - 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
10	211	1086	17
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
- July 1st Structure Fire Auto Aid to Palmer Lake - House Fire Alpha Side, Exterior with extension into home. 500,501,502, 531,581,513,563, 501,593. MFD Deputy Fire Marshal Benson completed the fire investigation. - July 13th Large Outside Fire at mile marker 157.5 South Bound lanes off of I-25. 5 acres. Assisted by USAFA, Larkspur, El Paso County Wildland, CSFD, Palmer Lake, Colorado Springs Utilities Wildland - On 7/14, Mo Ayala, Christian Schmidt, Jon Bauer, and Josh Kroening, deployed to the Gold Mountain Fire in Ouray, CO.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- On 8/3, Fire Chief Andy Kovacs retirement, swearing in Fire Chief Colin Fitzgerald, and change of command ceremony.
- On 8/15, the district, along with the Town of Monument/Monument PD, will host a “Touch a Truck” event for the community to see our new apparatus/vehicles.
- On 8/15, Shield 616 will host its annual first responder family fun night at Chapel Hills Ford. MFD will be presented with additional ballistic vests. Free to first responders and families.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- New hire Stone Pacheco started the CSFD recruit academy July 14th.

Local 4319:

- On 8/15, L4319 will host the pancake breakfast for the “Touch a Truck” event.

Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

Significant Events:

- ACR Review Interview Completed



Operations – Division Chief Janaka Branden

Summary of Significant Events:

- Dr. Long visited all stations and shifts to discuss stress management skills.
- I attended several post-retirement health options and 115 Trust meetings.
- On 7/22, I attended the multi-agency coordination meeting at PPOEM.
- On 7/28, I met with PPOEM to discuss presenting at the Winter Preparedness Workshop in October.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 7/8, crews responded to a vehicle fire at Red Rocks/Mt. Herman. Crews quickly contained the fire, and no exposures were threatened.
- On 7/9, Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 7/9, crews responded to Palmer Lake for a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, crews found a smoking lithium-ion battery from an electric bike. No additional hazards were found.
- On 7/9, 513 attended a PR event at PRHS for a baseball summer camp.
- On 7/14, Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 7/14, crews assisted Search and Rescue to locate missing hikers. The hikers were located, and assistance was not needed.
- On 7/26, crews responded with Franktown Fire for a smoke investigation.
- On 7/27, Station 4 hosted a ride along.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Balvanz

- July 1st Station 4 Station hosted a station tour for 10 kids
- July 1st MA 1 assignment Aspen Acres Fire - 1 operational period returned on July 2nd
- July 1st Structure Fire Auto Aid to Palmer Lake - House Fire Alpha Side, Exterior with extension into home. 500,501,502, 531,581,513,563, 501,593. MFD Deputy Fire Marshal Benson completed the fire investigation.
- July 12th Hazmat Incident on Alpine Sorrel, outcome was a Freon (R-410A) Leak from the AC Unit
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- July 13th Engine 512 Static Engine Display at LP High School
- July 18th Station 1 hosted a ride along
- July 18th Engine 512 PR event Hummingbird Festival
- July 24th Probationary Paramedic/ FF EMS Testing
- July 30th Probationary Paramedic/ FF EMS Testing
- July 30th Engine 512 completed a Wildland Fire Home Assessment



C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 7/4 we held many 4th of July activities.
- On 7/4 we had a lightning strike at a residential home in District 3.
- On 7/5 MFD responded to a vehicle fire in District 4.
- On 7/10 Station 5 had a station tour.
- On 7/11 MFD participated in Pikes Peak of Bust Rodeo Parade with Tower 531 and CSFD Tower 1
- On 7/23 Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 7/29 Station 1 hosted a ride along.

Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Pearson

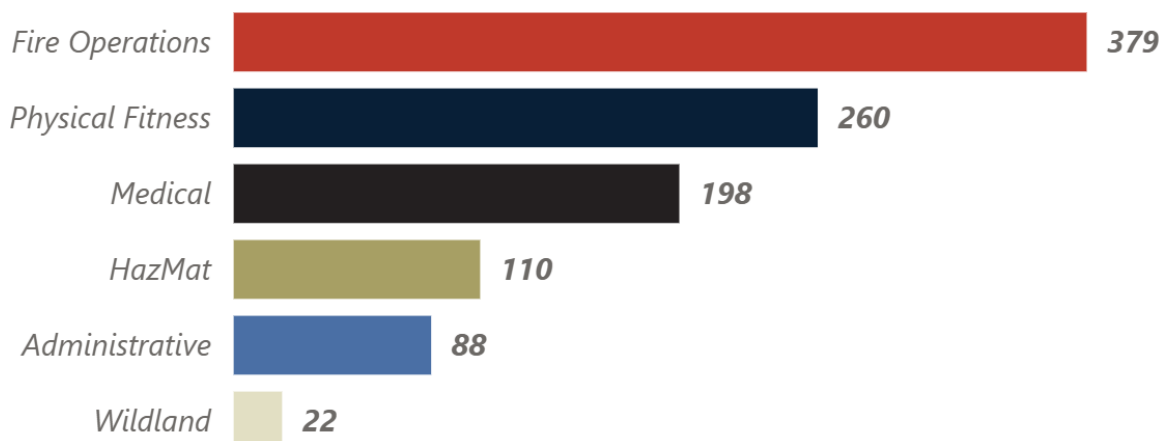
Summary of Training Events: July

- EMS- Trauma.
- Fire- Search ahead of the hose line.
- Specialty – Hazmat scenario with chemical spill.
- Training – Individual crews' topic of choice. Crews logged Crews Logged Forcible Entry, Mayday, FF Survival, RIT, and Ladders

Training Plan for the Month: August

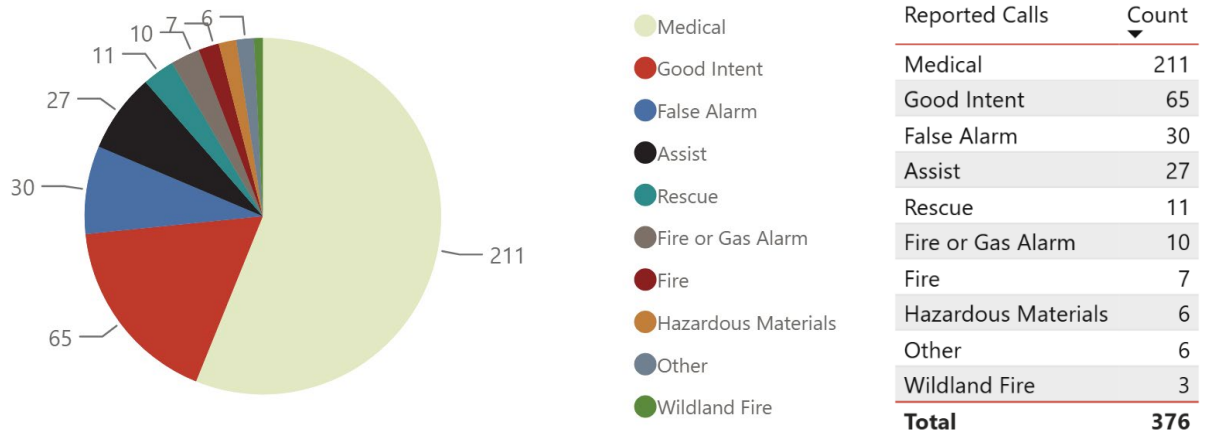
- NG EMS – Cardiac.
- Fire- FF Survival, RIT Operations.
- Specialty – Wildland.

Training hours for July – 1086 Training Hours



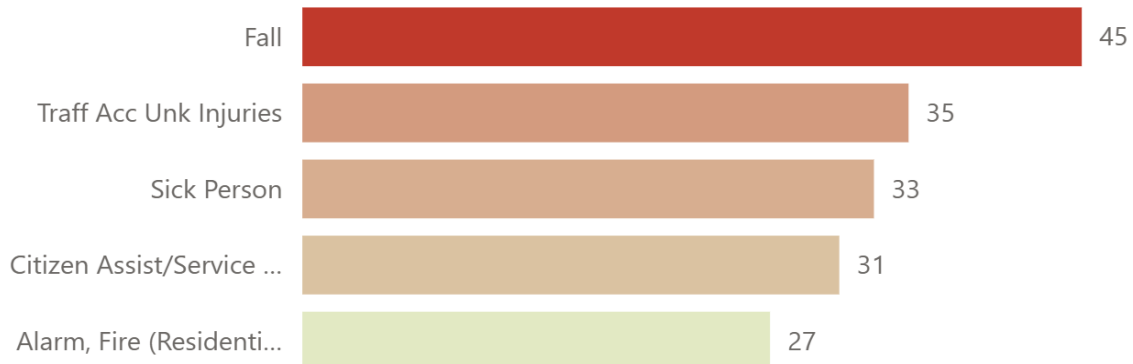


Incidents by Call Type – July



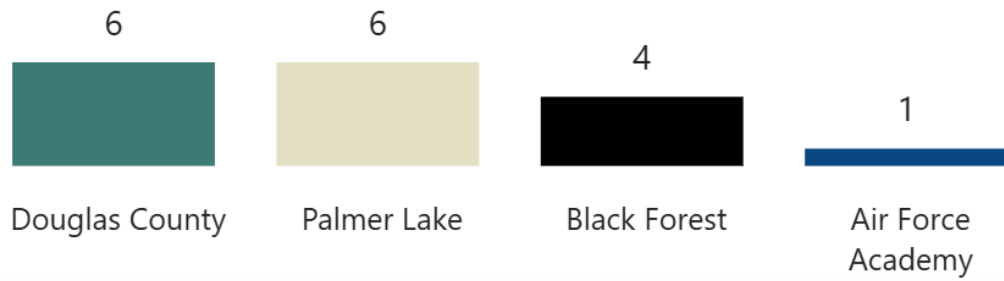
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

Top 5 Calls by Subclass

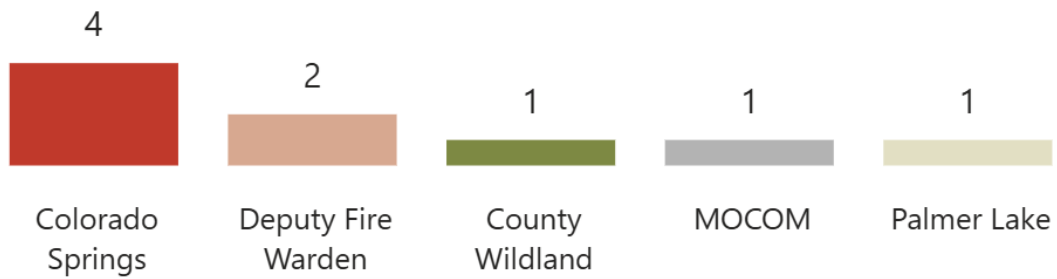




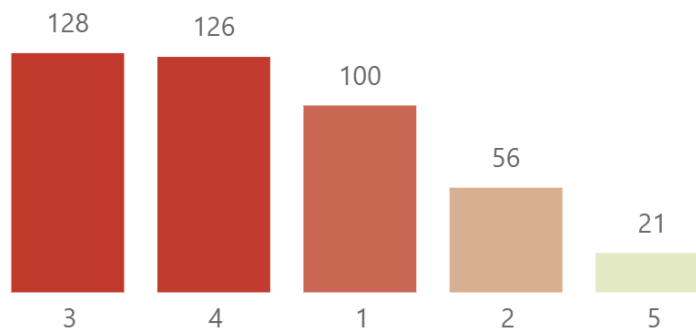
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid Given – July



Automatic/Mutual Aid Received – July

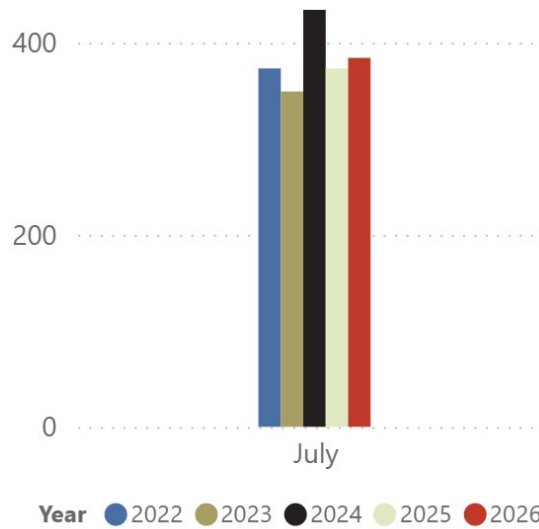


Calls Per Station July 2026

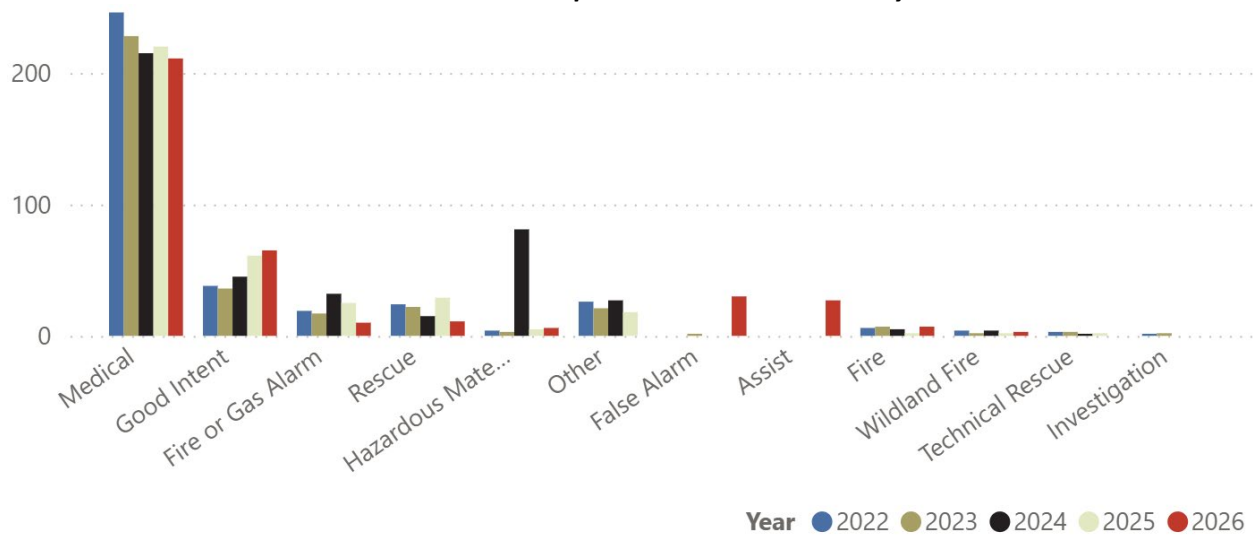




Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents –2022 - 2026 July



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023 - 2026 – July





Support Services – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Received our two engines and have begun the outfitting to place them in service.
- Continued the 2027 budget preparation for Support Services.
- Assisted with organizing and preparing for the Changing of Command Ceremony.
- Closed on the sale of Fire Station 3 on Woodmoor Drive.
- Attended the COTAK Summit for intelligence sharing among agencies within Colorado.

Support Services:

- Continued the weekly Owners, Architect, and Contractors (OAC) meeting for Fire Station 3.
- Began the actual construction for Phase 2 upgrades to Mitchell Avenue.
- Started the bay door replacement process at Fire Station 1.
- Supported the Monument 4th of July Parade and Street Fair.

Fleet and Facilities:

- Ordered brackets for mounting tools and equipment for new apparatus.
- Continued with minor vehicle repairs to several different apparatus.
- Supported several facility repair issues.

Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) Implementation Peer Exchange.
- Provided wildfire mitigation legislation update to local insurance agencies.
- Participated in regional rural firefighting water supply workshop.
- Attended planning workshop with Tri-Lakes Cares for community wildfire preparedness event.
- Attended FACO monthly update meeting.
- Presented forest health and wildfire safety lecture to Rotary Club of Colorado Springs.
- Participated in joint grant discussion for wildfire mitigation with Mountain View Electric Coop

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Commercial inspections continued with MFD staff.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and Town of Monument and El Paso County.
- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended HBA Tri-Lakes chapter meeting.
- Participated in CWRC ground truthing application process for local proposed residential development.

**Fire Investigations**

- Investigated one vehicle fire investigation in MFD jurisdiction.
- Participated in one structure fire investigation in Palmer Lake.

Fire Inspection	#
Fire Prevention (H)	7
Fire Safety	2
Home Ignition Zone	2
MFD Commercial Alarm Final	1
MFD Commercial Kitchen Hood	1
MFD Commercial Sprinkler	1
MFD Construction Final	1
MFD Fire Watch Required	2
Total	17

Construction Permits	#
Commercial Fire Alarm	6
WRC Permitting	5
New Commercial Construction	1
Roof Mounted Photovoltaic	1
Total	13

Public Events	Event Hours
Public Relations	76.00
Health and Wellness	2.25
Public Education	2.00
Total	80.25
