



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – March 2025

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

- On March 3rd, 5th, and 7th, Chief Branden and I attended the Chief's meetings with operations personnel.
- On March 4th, Chief Bradley, Chief Branden, and I attended the Town of Monument public safety focus group meeting.
- On March 4th, the election of the board of directors was canceled.
- On March 6th, I attended the CSFC legislative update meeting.
- On March 11th, Chief Bumgarner and I met with OZ Architecture to discuss the signage and graphics for Fire Station 2.
- On March 13th, I met with Red Energy to do on-site social media content curation.
- On March 15th, the administrative staff and representatives from L4319 met with board directors to discuss the district's strategic goals.
- On March 17th, Chief Bradley and I attended a wildfire mitigation presentation at the Family of Christ Lutheran Church.
- On March 19th, I attended the Phoenix Award presentation from Common Spirit for a cardiac arrest save.
- On March 21st, I attended the Gleneagle Women's Club luncheon to provide an update on the state of the fire district.
- On March 22nd, Chief Bradley and I met with the TOM council to review the wildfire mitigation project at Monument Lake.
- On March 24th and 25th, I attended the IAFC MVD winter meeting.



- I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national-level meetings:
 - Fire Station 2 OAC
 - 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 – 1st Vice-President



Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	256	811	39
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
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Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- May 3rd - Push-in ceremony for new Pierce Tower Ladder 531.
- May 9th - Pikes Peak Regional Fire Academy Class of 2025 Graduation.
- May 11th – May 15th - CPSE peer assessment site visit.
- May 17th - MFD Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony.
- May 29th-31st - MFD Annual Fire Camp.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nothing to report.

Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.



Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Janaka Branden

Summary of Significant Events:

- On March 12th, Chief Coyle and I attended the AIMS Community College Fire/EMS career recruitment event. We discussed career opportunities and presented information about MFD to students.
- On March 13th, I attended a Shield 616 event to receive ballistic vests for four MFD firefighters and various local law enforcement agencies purchased through community member donations.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- 3/18, BC Pearson attended the County MCI Committee meeting.
- 3/27, Station 5 hosted a 3rd rider.
- 3/28, BC Pearson attended a Colorado Regional Medical Operations Center (RMOC) planning meeting.
- Throughout the month, personnel were trained on the new ladder truck.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 3/1, crews responded to an ice rescue at Monument Lake. Crews rescued one party that fell into the lake. Crews also rescued three additional parties stranded on the ice. Crews brought them to shore using the inflatable boat.
- On 3/7, crews performed tremendously well during a sudden ice storm that affected the Monument region. Hundreds of cars were involved in accidents or had slid off the road, causing impassable roadways and unsafe driving conditions for emergency vehicles.
- On 3/13, crews participated in Red Energy PR videos. Several crew members were interviewed.
- On 3/13, crews responded to the Meridian Road Fire in Ellicott that burned 2500 acres.
- On 3/31, Station 4 provided a station tour for a local Boy Scout troop.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- From 3/17 to 3/18, we had 48 calls for service. Twenty-six of those calls were from a fast-moving ice storm that moved in.
- On 3/29, MFD closed I-25 twice due to traffic accidents involving inclement weather, numerous vehicles, and tractor-trailers involved.
- On 3/29, MFD responded to a hazardous material call at the Monument Post Office that was mitigated with MFD units.



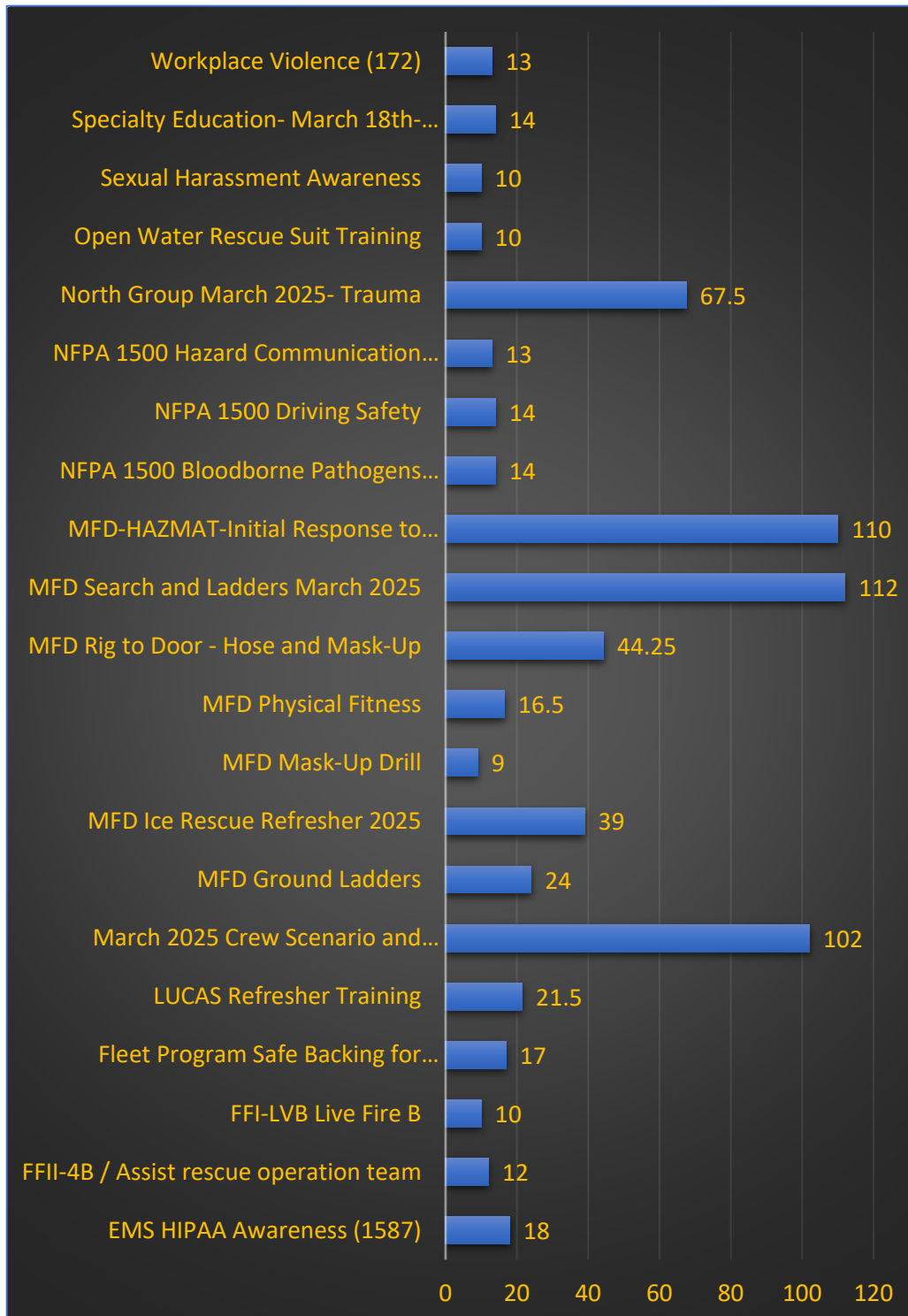
Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Training & EMS Events:

- EMS- Trauma.
- Fire – Search and Ladders.
- Hazmat- Incident Priorities.
- Hosting Fire Instructor I class.

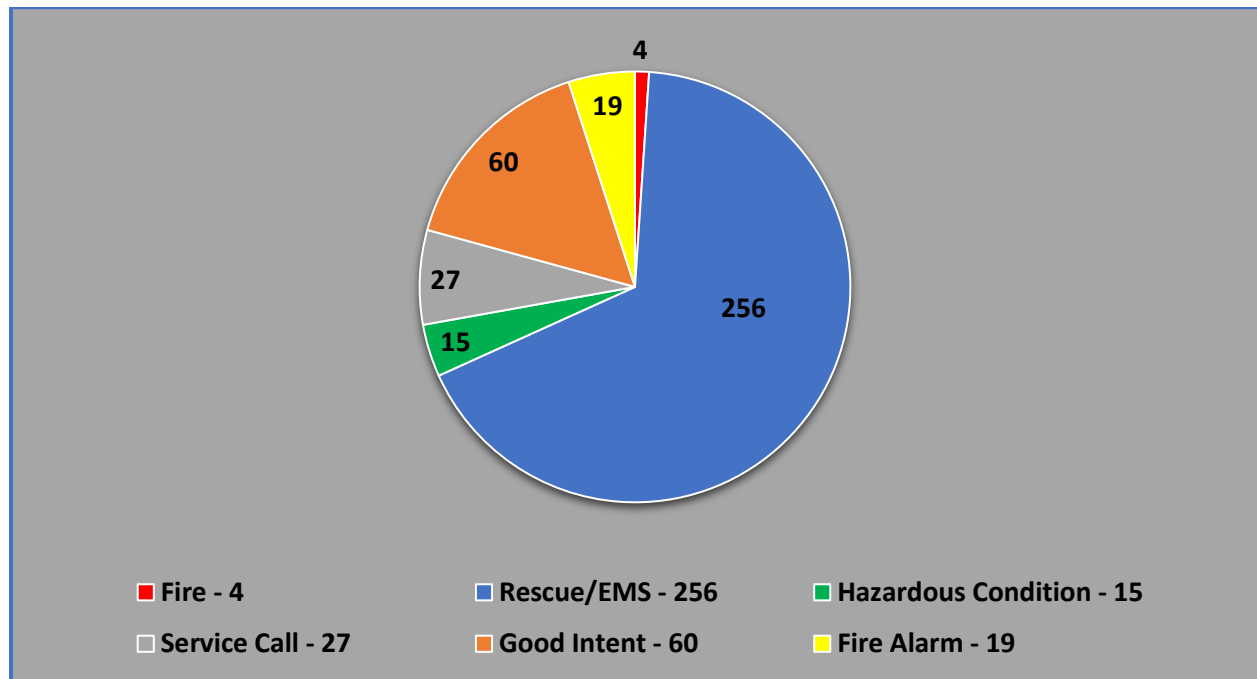
Training Plan for the Month: April 2025

- EMS - Environmental Emergencies.
- Fire:
 - Ventilation and Ladder Package.
 - Wildland Refresher Training.
 - S 130/190 and L-180 at the fire academy.
 - Driver Operator at the fire academy.

*Training hours for March – 811 Training Hours.*



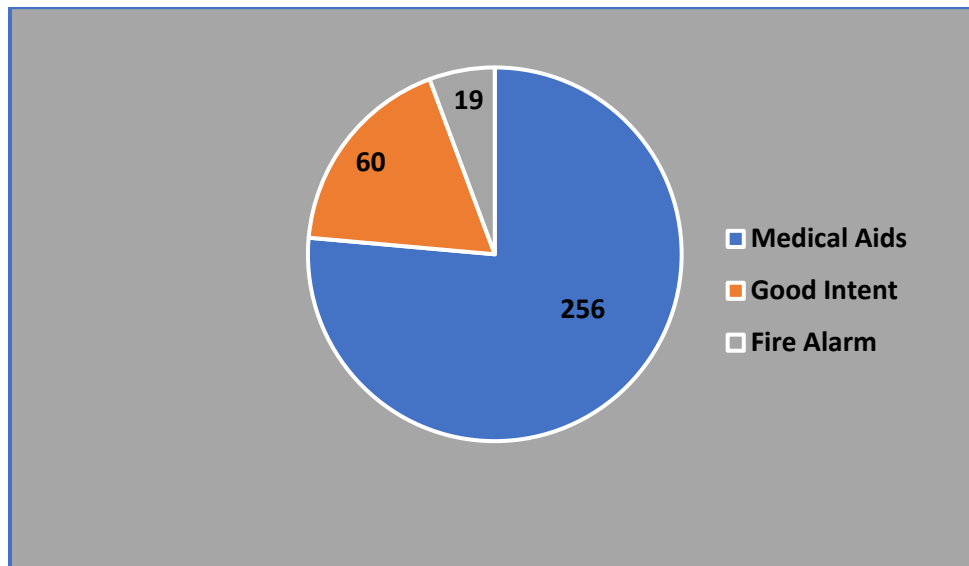
Incidents by Call Type – March



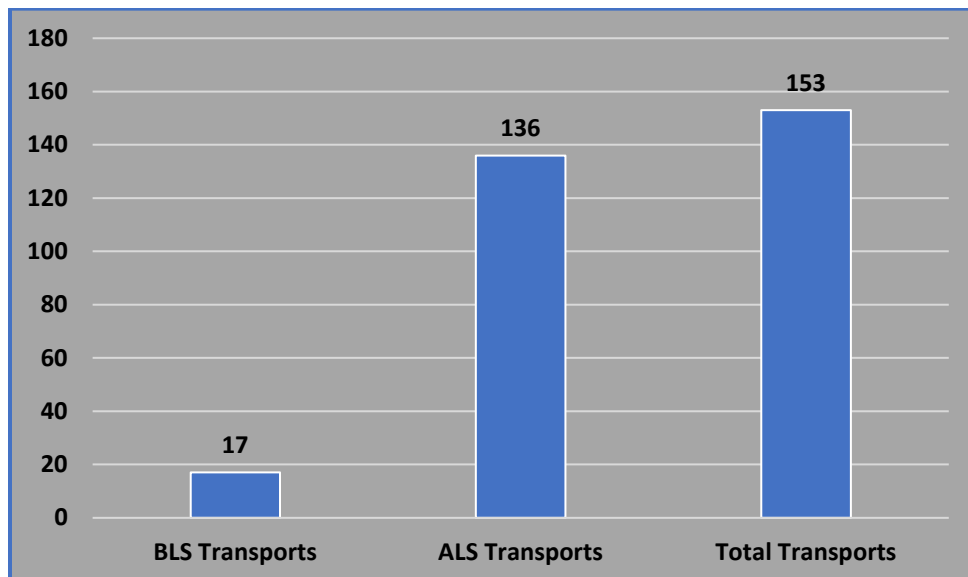
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – March

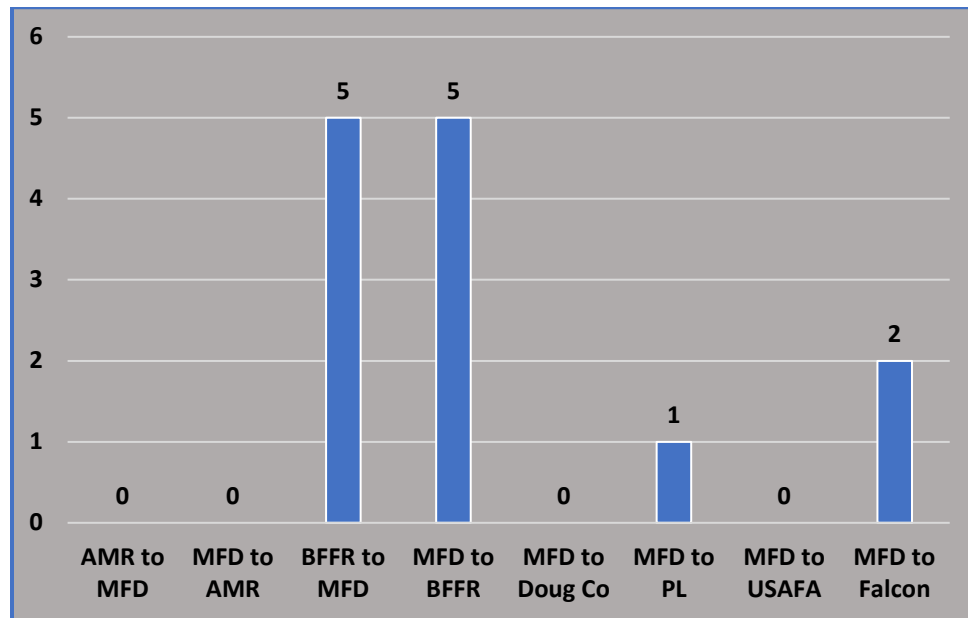


Ambulance Transports – March





Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – March

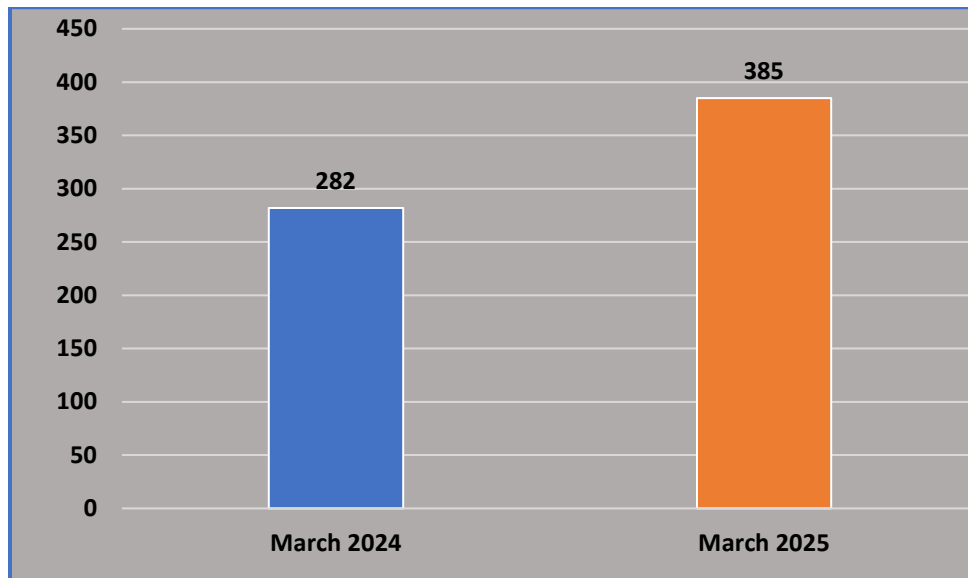


Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.

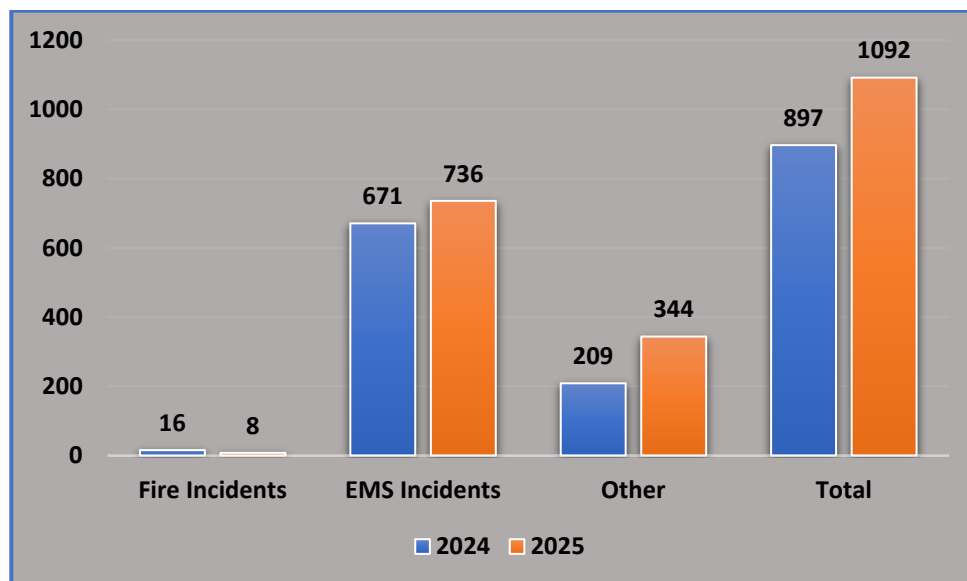
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.



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



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





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Continued plan implementation to place the tower ladder in service.
- Attended the weekly OAC meetings for the remodel of Fire Station 2.
- Completed the contract and conducted an on-site meeting with the GC for Mitchell Avenue.

Administrative Services:

- We continue to work on several projects, including Station 3, the Training Center, the purchase of Station 6 Land, and the Mitchell Ave project.
- Authorized several purchase orders for gear and equipment planned for the 2025 budget.

Fleet and Facilities: Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt

- Repaired cracks and replaced a windshield in several vehicles.
- Replaced tires on several of the operations vehicles.
- Completed the graphics for the Ford Expeditions.
- Repaired backing sensors for an ambulance.
- Completed a review of all district backup generators for the stations.

Accreditation: Battalion Chief Ridings

- Continued collaborating with the peer team to update the Self-Assessment Modules.
- Peer team district visit scheduled for May 11th-15th.
 - Scheduled to go before the CPSE commission this August in Denver.



Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Completed 2025 Community Chipping sign-up and schedule.
- Hosted a tour of the Monument Lake mitigation project for TOM councilmembers.
- I attended the School Pillars meeting.
- Participated in the TOM focus group - public safety and public works.
- Attended Fire Adapted Colorado monthly network call.
- Presented wildfire mitigation content to Kiwanis Club meeting.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Participated in Monument 2040 - Monument Conversations (Community Event), Public Education/Community Outreach.
- Presented wildfire mitigation content to Pleasant View and Sun Hills neighborhoods.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Attended Hazard Mitigation Methodology (HMM) / NIST – Advancing Wildfire Resilience in Colorado.
- Attended Fire Marshal's Association meeting.
- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Attended the HBA code review meeting.
- Attended HBA Tri-Lakes Chapter meeting.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument.
- Completed annual D-38 school inspections.
- Attended Forest View Metro board meeting to discuss infrastructure needs for wildfire response.

Fire Investigations

- Directed Lieutenant Lance to work with the Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit to draft shared policy and procedures for MFD participation with the unit.