MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – October 2026

Submitted by Fire Chief Colin Fitzgerald

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October Activities:

- Multiple 2027 budget planning meetings with staff
- Met with Palmer Lake Town Manager and City Clerk on October 1st
- Met with BFFR Fire Chief and Deputy Chief on October 5th
- Met with new "Tri Lakes Foundation for First Responders" on October 5th
- Monthly meeting with MFD social media consultant: Red Energy on October 5th
- "Meet & Confer" meeting #2 with Local 4319 on October 8th
- CFAI (accreditation) Peer Assessment Team Leader's Symposium in Chicago on October 14th-15th
- Colorado State Fire Chief's Fire Leadership Conference in Keystone on October 20th-22nd
- Met with BFFR Fire Chief on October 26th
- Attended the monthly Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs' Council meeting on October 26th
- New Station 3 topping-out ceremony on October 28th

Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
6	215	934.55	31
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
• 10/18 - ¼ acre grass fire. Crews quickly mitigated the fire and located a downed power line. The electric company responded to secure the power line, and no injuries or property damage were noted. • 10/11 - Structure Fire, Cross Timbers GRV, Deck Fire, No Extension. • 10/24 - MFD responded with EPSO and MPD for a medical. Crews successfully used a ground ladder to rescue a patient from the roof of a two-story residence. • 10/26 - crews responded to a traffic accident with entrapment at Hwy. 105 and Woodmoor Dr. • 10/31 - MFD responded to a water rescue for a dog that was wrapped in cordage that held a fountain in place. The dog was successfully rescued. One firefighter sustained moderate injuries.			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Ryan Jacobs – starts November 16th.
- Erich Cassaday - resignation effective December 1st.

Local 4319: no report

Upcoming:

- Annual staff physicals started in October and are to be completed by the end of November.
- November 12th– CSFD/MFD academy graduation at Peak City Church.
- November 15th – Hockey Game Benefit for Landon Maloney – Sertich Ice Center (11:30-4:00).
- November 18th – Promotion and new hire swearing-in ceremony at MFD Station 1 (2:30).

Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

Significant Events:

- Hosted University of Northern Colorado GIS and Intro to Drones class.
- Updated hydrant data for Walden Preserve and Forest View Acres Water Districts.
- Met with Triview Water District to update procedures and notification processes.
- Strategic Plan finalized and submitted to Fire Chief for final review.

Operations – Division Chief Janaka Branden

Summary of Significant Events:

- Met with BFFR Fire Chief and Deputy Chief on October 5th.
- Presented at the PPROEM Winter Preparedness Workshop.
- "Meet & Confer" meeting #2 with Local 4319 on October 8th.
- Colorado State Fire Chief's Fire Leadership Conference in Keystone on October 20th-22nd
- Station 3 topping-out ceremony on October 28th

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 10/1, MFD assisted Troop 70 with their egg drop contest, utilizing 531's bucket to drop the eggs.
- On 10/7, MFD assisted Bear Creek Elementary School's "walk to school" day.
- On 10/7, MFD provided a Fire Prevention Safety talk at St. Peter's.
- On 10/13, MFD provided a Fire Prevention Safety talk at Lewis Palmer's Elementary School.
- On 10/18, MFD responded to a ¼ acre grass fire. Crews quickly mitigated the fire and located a downed power line. The electricity company responded to secure the power line, and no injuries or property damage were noted.
- On 10/24, MFD attended the Local 4319 Annual Pumpkin Giveaway.
- On 10/24, MFD responded with EPSO and MPD for a medical. Crews successfully used a ground ladder to rescue a patient from the roof of a two-story residence.
- On 10/30, MFD participated in the Haunted House at Lewis Palmer High School.
- On 10/30, MFD provided medical standby coverage at Lewis Palmer High School.
- On 10/31, MFD participated in the Downtown Monument Trick or Treat.
- On 10/31, MFD responded to a water rescue for a dog that was wrapped in cordage that held a fountain in place. The dog was successfully rescued. One firefighter sustained moderate injuries.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Balvanz

- On 10/2, Monument Academy Football Game Standby.
- On 10/4, Hose Testing, Station 2.
- On 10/4, 584 responded to a Mutual Aid Call with CSFD.
- On 10/5, 531 Monument Academy Fire Safety Talk.
- On 10/9, LP Football Game Standby.
- On 10/10, Ride-Along, Station 1.
- On 10/11, Structure Fire, Cross Timbers GRV, Deck Fire, No Extension
- On 10/16, Bear Creek Fire Safety Talk.
- On 10/16, Palmer Ridge Football Game Standby.
- On 10/23, Palmer Ridge Softball State Playoff Escort.
- On 10/23, Cardiac Arrest with ROSC.
- On 10/23, LP Football Standby.
- On 10/23, TA High Mechanism, Jackson Creek/Harness.
- On 10/28, Structure Fire, Buffalo Valley Path, Garage Heater Electrical Malfunction.

- On 10/29, Red Ribbon Week DEA Helicopter Standby, LP Elementary School.
- On 10/29, 513 Hose Testing.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 10/3, St. 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 10/3, crews responded to a motorcycle traffic accident at Hwy. 83 and Hodgen.
- On 10/3, crews stopped by the St. Francis Interquest Fall Festival.
- On 10/8, St. 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 10/9, crews responded to a vehicle fire on I-25 northbound.
- On 10/15, St. 4 hosted a ride-along.
- On 10/15, St. 1 gave a safety talk to the Lewis-Palmer Homeschool Program.
- On 10/16, St. 4 gave a safety talk at Bear Creek Elementary.
- On 10/20, St. 2 gave a safety talk at Kimer Elementary.
- On 10/26, crews responded to a traffic accident with entrapment at Hwy. 105 and Woodmoor Dr.
- Throughout October, crews provided medical standby coverage for local school football games.

Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Pearson

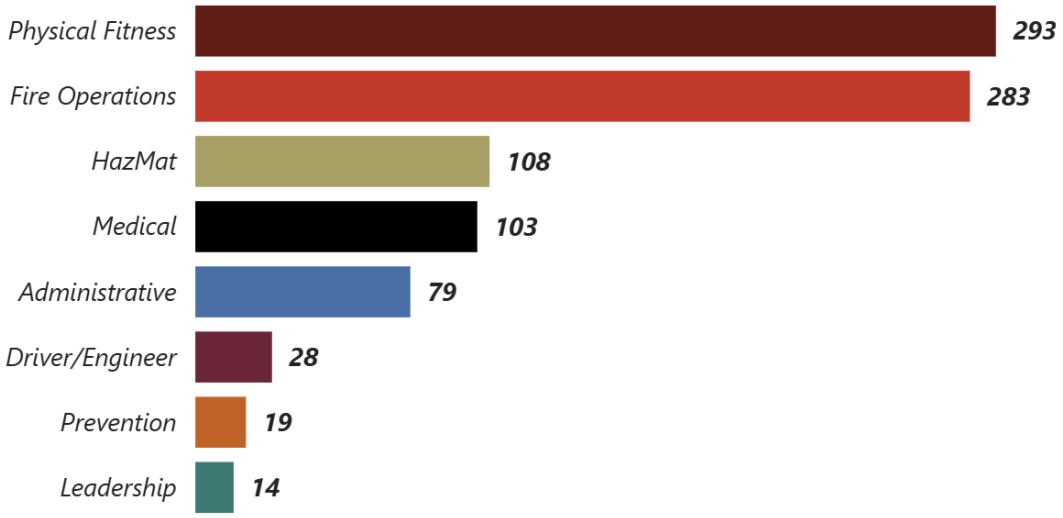
Summary of Training Events: October

- NG EMS- Online Case Studies.
- Fire- Auto Extrication.
- Specialty – Hazmat Drills with EPSO Hazmat.
- EMS Educator Fuller presented to Jackson Creek Assisted Living residents on safety, when to call 911, and community programs offered by the District.

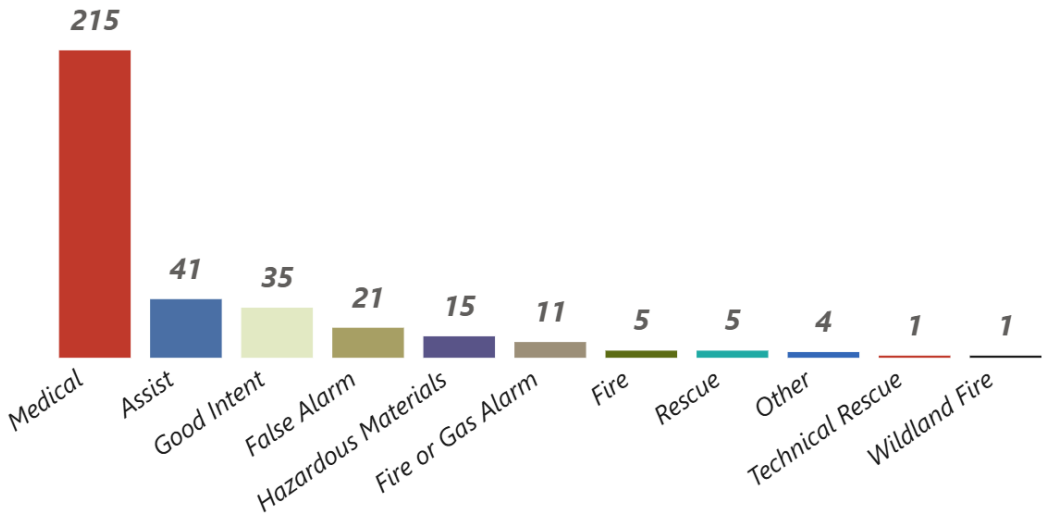
Training Plan for the Month: November

- NG EMS – Neuro
- Fire- None, Due to Department Physicals
- Specialty – None, Due to Department Physicals
- Individual crew trainings logged for the month included: Blue Card CEs, Hose Testing, and Search Drills.
- PLFD hosted Electric Vehicle training with EPSO Hazmat.
- BCs Coyle and Mola conducted Blue Card initial certification training for BFFD.
- Common Spirit hosted specialty training led by one of their surgeons on fluid replacement, blood clotting, and the importance of whole blood delivery in the field.

October 2026 Training Hours:

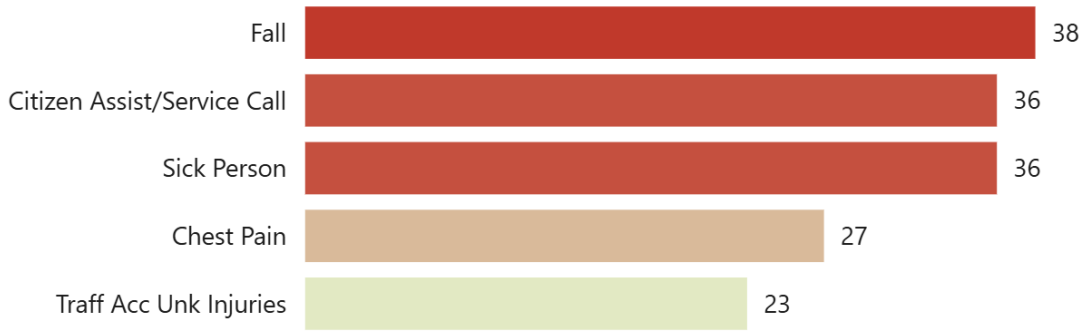


Incidents by Call Type – October 2026

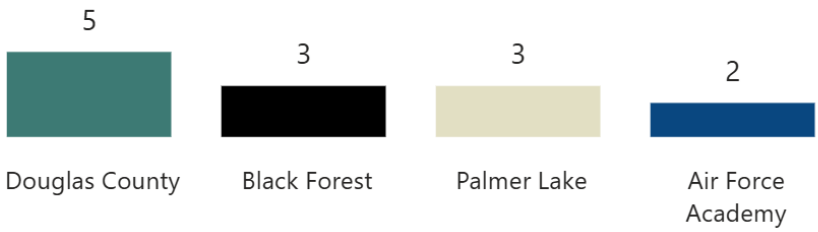


- *Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.*
- *Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.*
- *Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).*
- *Good intent includes canceled enroute,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

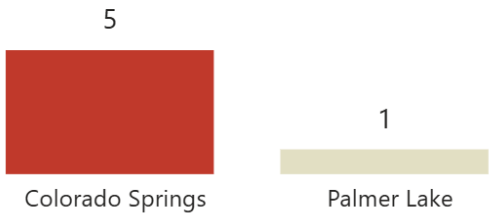
Top 5 Calls by Subclass – October 2026



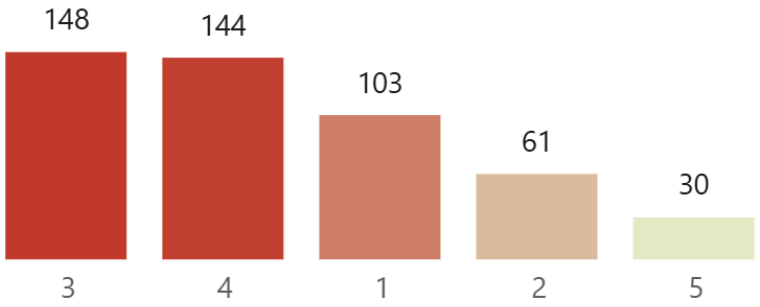
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid Given – October 2026



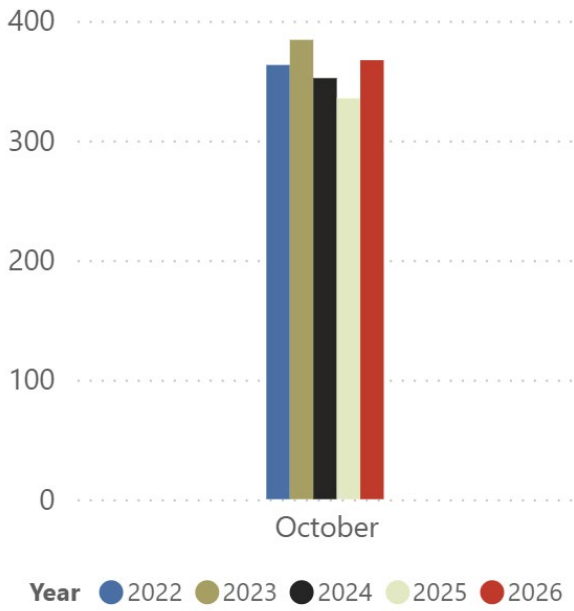
Automatic/Mutual Aid Received – October 2026



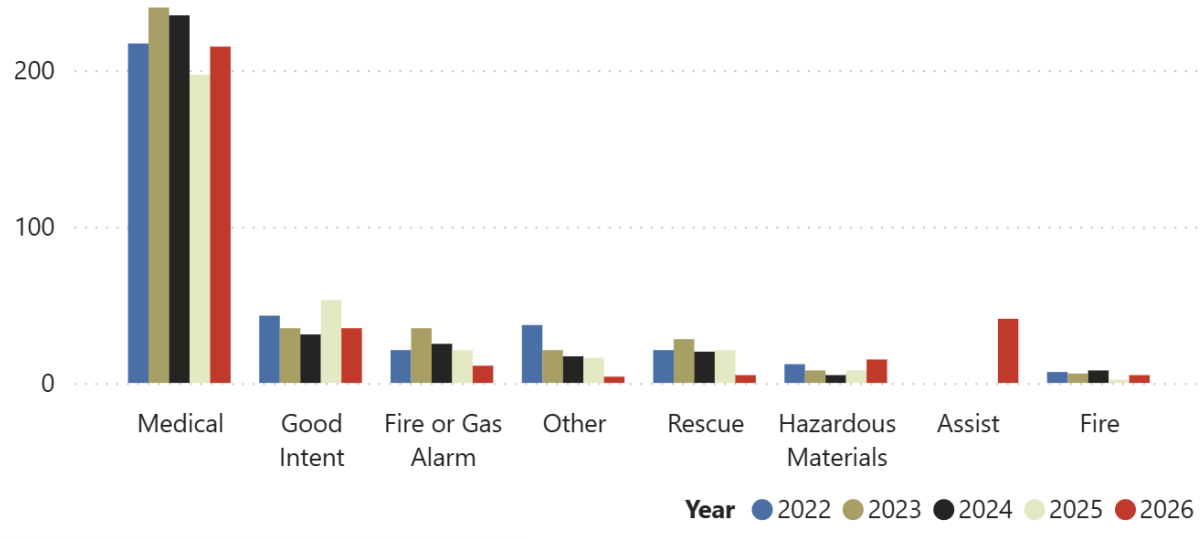
Calls Per Station - October 2026



Month-to-Month Comparison of Total Incidents: 2022 - 2026 October



Year-To-Date Comparison: 2022 - 2026 – October (Top 8)



Support Services – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Completed the Final Inspection on the Type 2 WUI engine.
- Completed Bay door and alerting system upgrades at Fire Station 1.
- Attended/Hosted the topping-out ceremony for the Fire Station 3 project.

***Support Services*:**

- Continued the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractors (OAC) meeting for Fire Station 3.
- Continued working with the GC and tower builder to finalize the site and plans for construction.

***Fleet and Facilities*:**

- Completed repair work on the reserve Smeal Tower Ladder.
- Finalized winterizing district facilities.
- Completed winter swap-over for the UTV and snow removal vehicles.

Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended EPSO Fox Run Park prescribed burn planning meeting.
- Participated in Town of Monument Transportation Master Plan project kickoff.
- Participated in Forest Lakes Firewise Committee meeting.
- Attended PPSC Fire Science-fire prevention curriculum development meeting.
- Attended wildfire resiliency coordination meeting hosted my USAFA.
- Attended PPROEM multi-agency coordination meeting.
- Attended UCCS business school entrepreneurship program event as a technical advisor.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Construction plan review and inspections continued with MFD staff.
- Annual compliance fire inspections continued for low, moderate, and high-risk occupancies.
- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended HBA Tri-Lakes chapter meeting.

Fire Investigations

- Investigated one outside deck fire.
- Investigated one garage fire.

Fire Inspection	#
Fire Safety	12
Fire Prevention (M)	9
Fire Prevention (H)	3
MFD Commercial Alarm Final	2
WRC Permit	2
MFD Commercial Rooftop PV System	1
MFD EV Charging Station	1
MFD Residential Roof Mount Photo Voltaic	1
Total	**31**

Construction Permits	#
WRC Permitting	15
Commercial Fire Alarm	2
Commercial Sprinkler System	2
Roof Mounted Photovoltaic	2
Fuel Dispensing/ EV Charging	1
New Commercial Construction	1
Residential Fire Alarm	1
Total	**24**

Public Events	Event Hours
Public Relations	51.75
Public Education	7.58
Total	**59.33**