



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – July 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



## ***Chief's Remarks***

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On July 4<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Town of Monument Fourth of July parade.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, I met with Senator Exum to discuss issues/legislation facing the fire district and the Colorado fire service.

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, MFD participated in the Pikes Peak Type 6 Strike Team press conference.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, executive team members met with Senator Bottoms to discuss issues/legislation facing the fire district and the Colorado fire service.

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 Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- MFD/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 – co-chair
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President



## July Quick Facts

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Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
6	249	633	5
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We continue to work with the property owners to secure land for Fire Station 3.</li><li>• We continue to meet with the architect for the remodeling of Fire Stations 2, 4, and 5.</li><li>• We continue to investigate options for a training tower.</li><li>• We are continuing our efforts to complete our Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover for agency accreditation.</li><li>• The 2024 Budget is underway.</li></ul>			

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

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### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Friday, September 15th from 0900-1500 hours – Special district symposium at Larkspur Fire Station 161.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Chief Mola from Training to C-Shift.
- Chief Balvanz from C-Shift to Training.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Nothing to report.

### Local 4319:

- Local 4319 looks forward to a meeting with the district's staff to negotiate monetary and non-monetary items as outlined in the Meet and Confer Plus agreement for 2024. Discussions will begin on August 14th.



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

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

- Attended the Pikes Peak Fire Chief's Council Meeting.
- Attended the Pikes Peak Mutual Aid meeting to finalize the Type-6 strike team calendar.
- Continue to work on a proposal for a multi-agency training consortium with CSFD, Black Forest, Fort Carson, and Pikes Peak State College.
- Attended the ESO regional users group seminar for our records management system.
- Attended the regional incident management team steering committee meeting to finalize the quarterly drill parameters.
- Participated in the 2023 July 4<sup>th</sup> parade management team.
- Completed the online uniform store design process.

### **Operations:**

#### **A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle**

- On 7/18, MFD assisted Palmer Lake with an RV fire. Crews assisted with salvage and overhaul.
- On 7/19, MFD responded to a single-tree lightning strike. Crews were able to extinguish the fire and helped save the tree as the tree is certified as the oldest Willow tree in the State of Colorado.
- On 7/13, 581 transported a patient to the hospital for an asthma attack. Enroute to the hospital, the patient went into cardiac arrest. The crew was able to obtain pulses upon arrival at the hospital. The patient spent several days in the ICU and could walk out of the hospital on 7/25 with zero deficits.
- On 7/24, MFD was dispatched for a deck collapse that had 20 people on the deck. Two patients were transported to the hospital, one individual was treated on scene and went to the hospital POV, and two were treated on scene but refused transport.
- On 7/25, MFD responded to a fire on Mt. Herman. Crews discovered a ½ acre fire in heavy oak brush that required extensive saw work to extinguish the fire.
- On 7/25, MFD attended a monthly staff training for Walmart employees. Crews and Walmart staff trained on how to direct first responders to various locations within Walmart using different entrances/exits.
- On 7/31, MFD responded to a Lightning Strike, Structure Fire. Upon arrival, crews quickly extinguished a fire in the attic; however, extensive electrical damage was done to the house. Multiple smoke detectors were blown off the ceiling on all three levels of the home, with charring noted on the electrical. In addition, multiple wires were blown out of the wall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Crews could place a tarp on the roof to minimize any water damage from stormwater entering the attic space. Additionally, crews helped unload her refrigerator and freezer and relocated the food to a neighbor's home. The homeowner was displaced, and the estimated damage is \$100,000-\$125,000 due to extensive electrical work that may be required.
- On 7/31, MFD responded to a Lightning Strike, Structure Fire. Crews confirmed that there was a hole in the roof from a lightning strike that caused the chimney to collapse on the roof. No active fire was found inside the residence. The estimated damage is \$30,000.



***B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden***

- On July 4<sup>th</sup>, MFD established a unified command with Monument PD and Colorado Mounted Rangers for the Fourth of July parade and street fair. A few medical aids were reported, but the event was largely uneventful.
- On July 26<sup>th</sup>, N-Shift completed the yearly ladder testing.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup>, B-Shift units participated in multi-company 1410 drills.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, MFD participated in a public education event at the Church of Woodmoor.
- On July 29<sup>th</sup>, MFD responded to a multi-vehicle traffic accident at Shoup and Hwy 83. A total of three patients were transported.

***C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola***

- On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Engineers Kirkpatrick and Wakefield began the acting Lieutenant training process.
- On July 15<sup>th</sup>, C-Shift participated in water supply training with CSFD Fire Station 19.
- On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Chief Mola returned from his administrative assignment from Training following the retirement of Chief Dooley.
- On July 21<sup>st</sup>, C shift units participated in multi-company 1410 drills.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, MFD participated in a public education event at the Church at Woodmoor Youth Camp.



*Air Force Academy Graduation – Thunderbirds Flyover.*



## ***Training – Battalion Chief Balvanz***

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

- MFD 1410 drills.
- EMS toxicology training.

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

- SME SOGs submitted for approval.
- New hire orientation.
- Training consortium meeting.

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

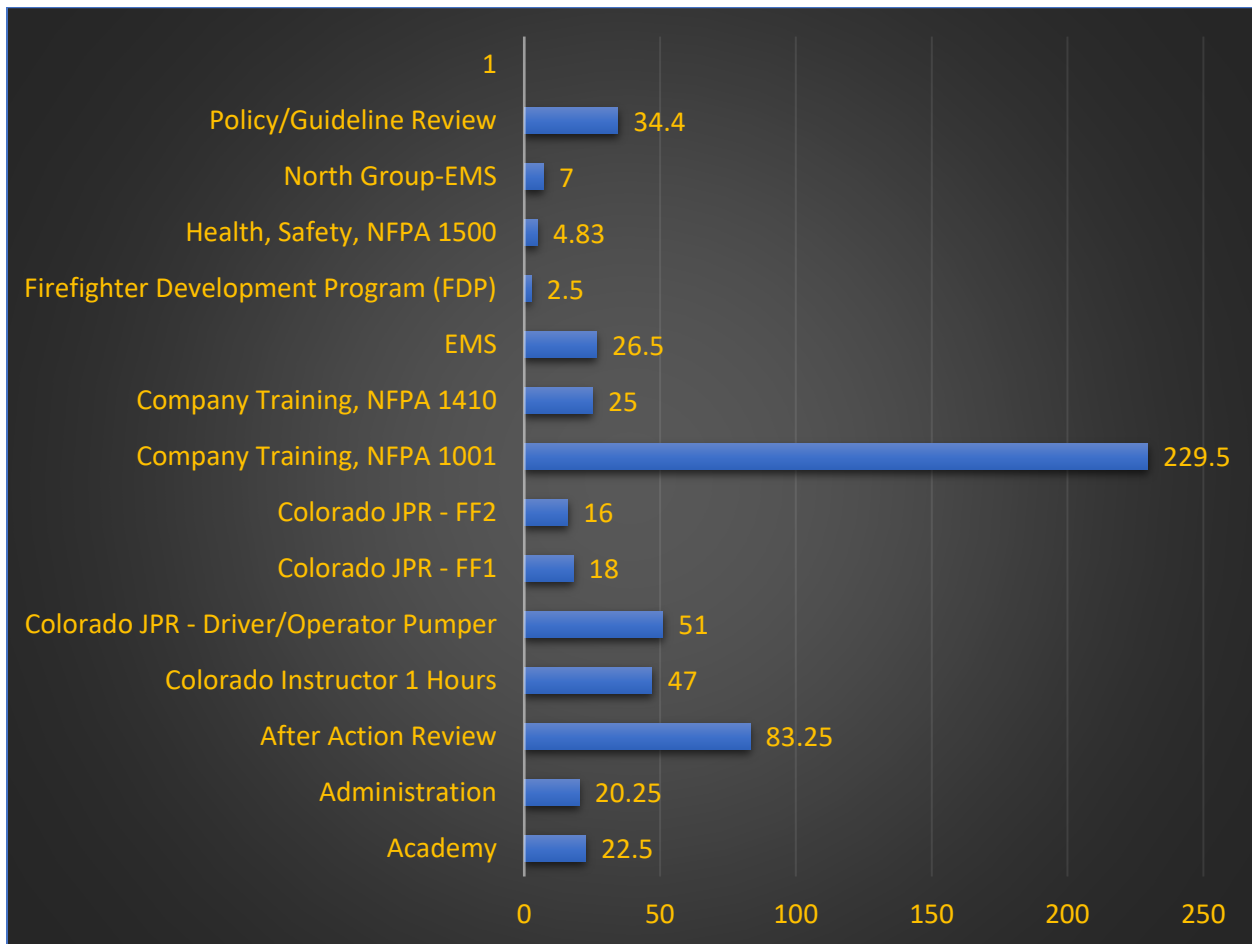
- CDFPC Mobile Live Fire Trailer at Fire Station 1.
- NG EMS cardiac skills.
- Lithium battery training at Larkspur.
- Mountain View Electric's first responder day.
- YFFR classes.
- West Metro 23-02 Academy starts.



*Monument Fire District Honor Guard training.*



**Training hours for the month of July –633 Training Hours.**



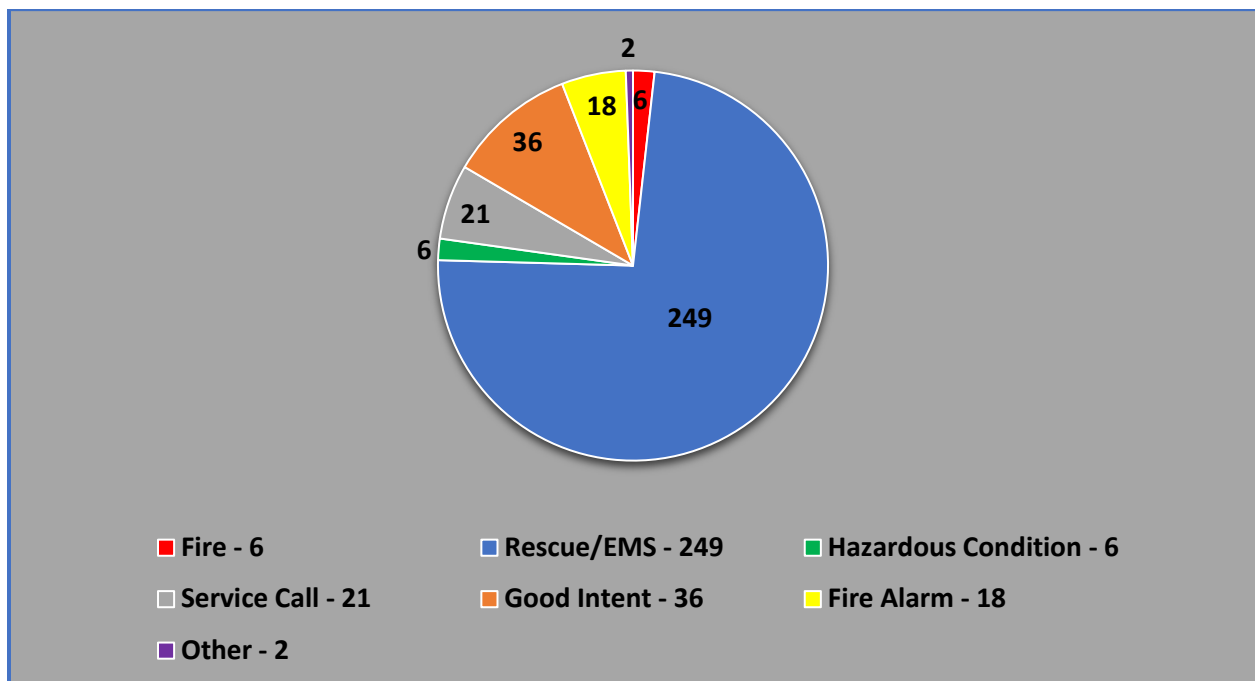


## Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Pearson/EMS Coordinator Soll

### Summary of Significant Events:

- 581, 585, and the reserve ambulance had their annual licensing inspection in July. All three passed.
- The EMS division continues to work with the MCI committee and OEM to develop an annual county-wide training plan.
- BC Pearson met with the other county FD transporting agencies to discuss adopting a joint AMR mutual aid contract. A meeting has been scheduled with the same group and AMR representatives for August.

*Incidents by Call Type*

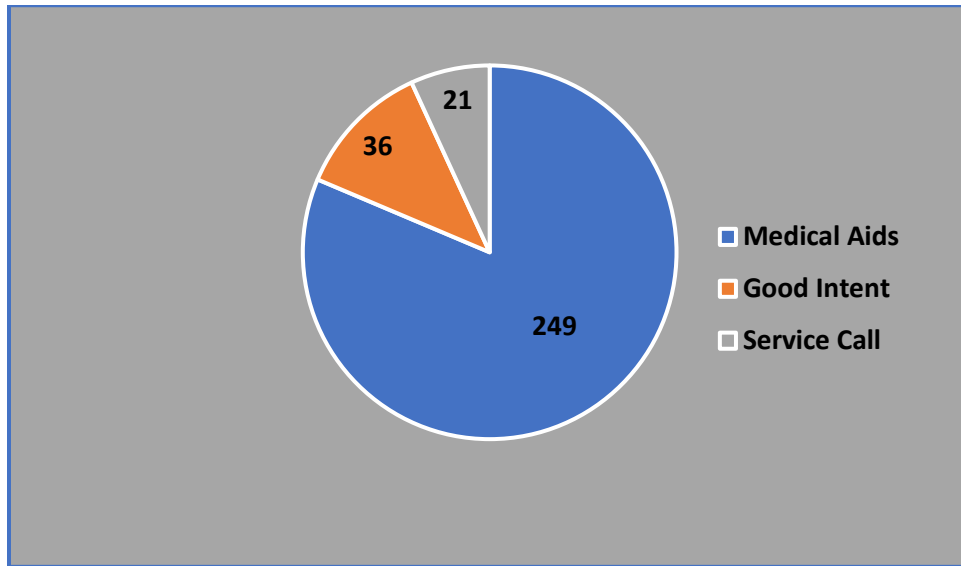


- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

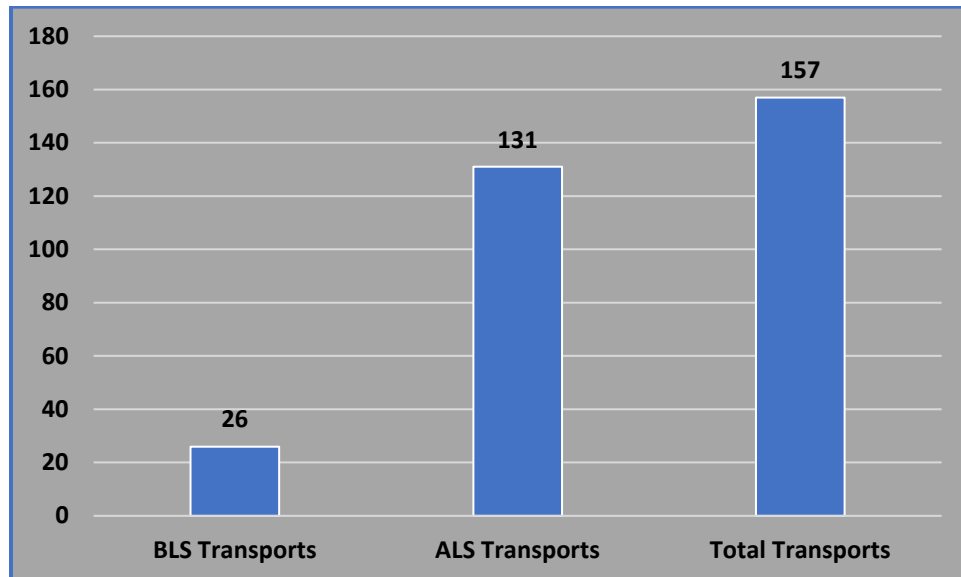




*Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories*

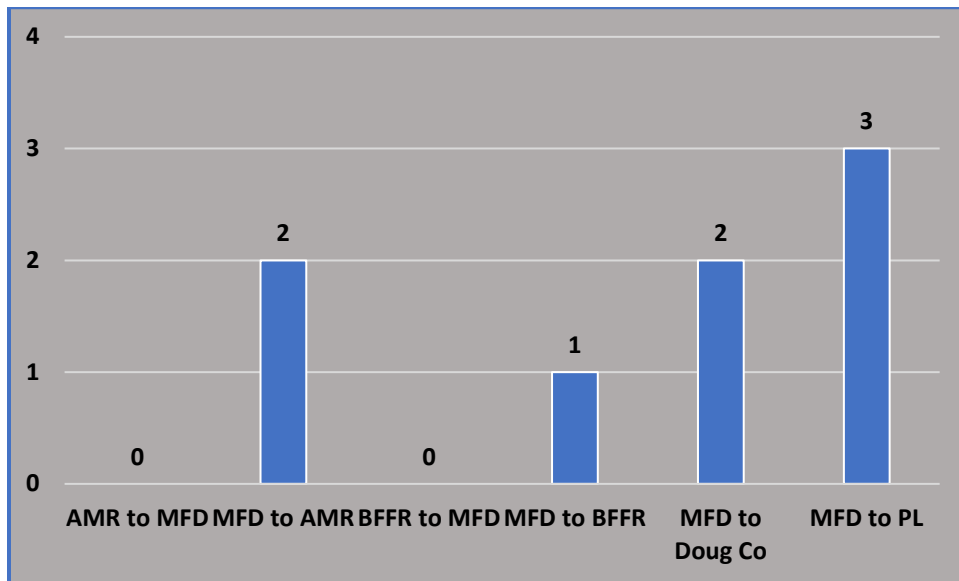


*Ambulance Transports*



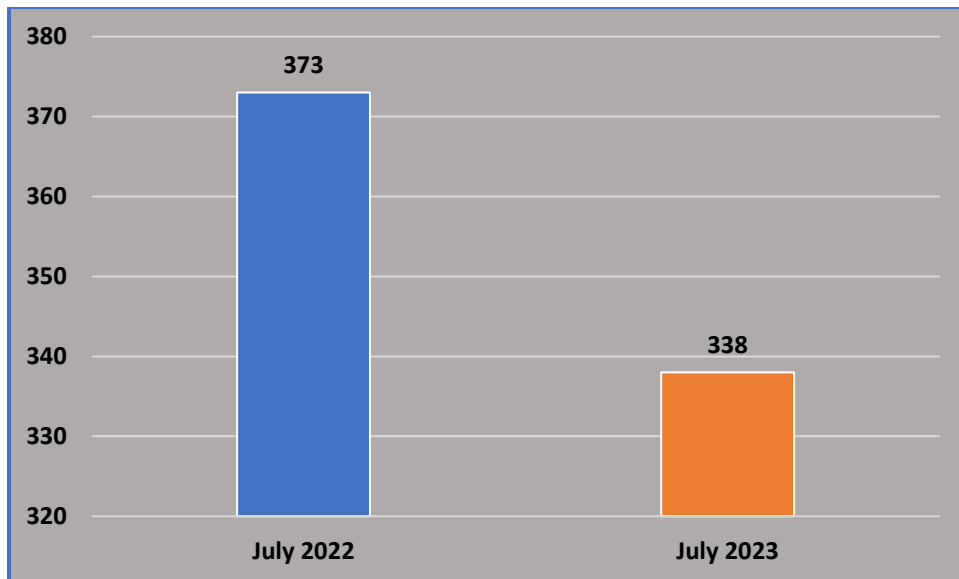


**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid**



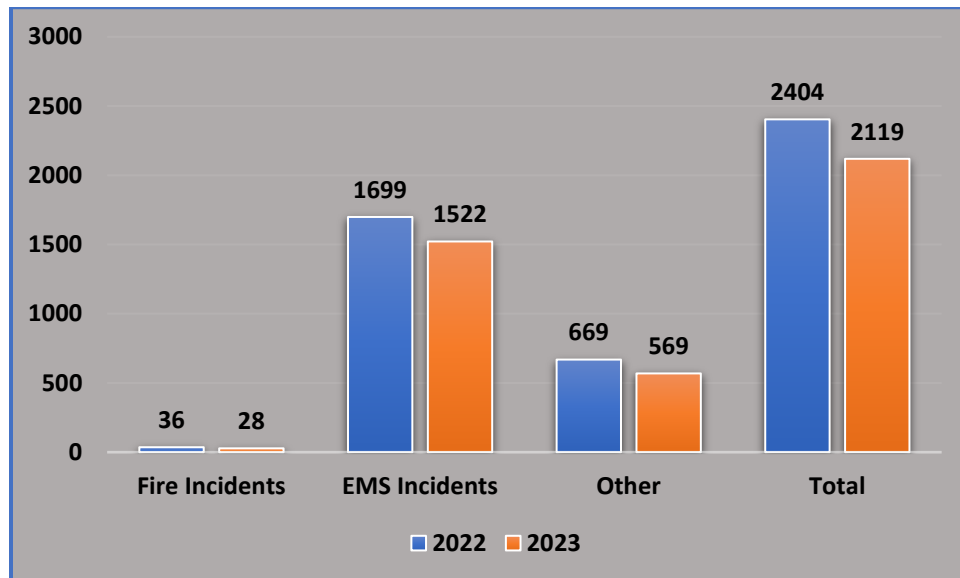
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
TLM to AMR – 2 calls accepted.

**Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents**





**Year-To-Date Comparison – 2022/2023**



**Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner**

**Summary of Significant Events:**

**Public Education / Community Outreach:**

- Participated in the Fourth of July street fair with a fire prevention booth.
- Prepared the budget documents for the 2024 budget and assisted with finalizing the 2022 audit.
- Six community chipping events were completed in July.

**Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:**

- Continue to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial developments.
- Completed four planning reviews for the Town of Monument.
- Inspected one school.

**Fire Investigations:**

- Assisted the USFS with the investigation into the Mt Herman Fire.
- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force.

**Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings**

**Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough**

**Fleet:**

- BME is currently building the Type 3 Engine. Anticipated completion is in fall 2023.
- E512 had steer tires replaced and an alignment completed.
- E513 has returned from the shop after a major preventative maintenance service.
- The district is expected to receive our new AEV Ambulance by the end of the year.



- The new Frazer ambulance specification has been completed, with expected delivery in the first quarter of 2024.
- The snowplow has arrived and has been installed.
- Continuing to work to title the DWFD apparatus/vehicles.
- Finalized the Type 1 engine specifications.

**Facilities:**

- Fire Station 1
  - Continue working with the civil engineer to connect the water line to the station.
- Fire Station 2
  - Working with a vendor to provide curb stops and strip parking lot.
- Fire Station 3
  - A water leak was discovered in the roof. The district is having a roofer evaluate.
- Fire Station 4
  - No current projects.
- Fire Station 5
  - No current projects.
- Fire Station 6
  - Continue to improve the facility for vehicle and equipment storage.

**Information Technology:**

- Continue performing maintenance, testing, and reprogramming for all district 800 MHz radios.



*Sparky with new Engine 514.*