



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – September 2023

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On September 6th, Chief Bumgarner, Bradley, and I met with L4319 to discuss meet and confer negotiations.

On September 9th, Donald Wescott President Gunderman, LT Lance, and I met with NEPCO.

On September 11th, the district hosted a 9/11 ceremony at Fire Station 1. The TOM, Monument PD, American Legion, and members of the public were in attendance.

On September 15th, I attended and presented at a symposium targeted toward the special district board of directors at Larkspur Fire.

On September 19th, Chief Bumgarner, Bradley, and I met with L4319 to continue discussing meet and confer negotiations.

On September 26th, Donald Wescott President Gunderman, and I met with the Paradise Villas HOA.

On September 28th and 29th, I was invited to attend a two-day Fire Chief's symposium at Colorado Springs FD.

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 – 2nd Vice-President



September Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
5	199	1318	1

Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- We continue to work with the property owners to secure land for Fire Station 3.
- The Fire Station 5 remodel has begun. The anticipated completion date is December 2023.
- We are moving forward with the site development for the training center property.
- We are continuing our efforts to complete our Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover for agency accreditation.
- The 2024 Budget is under review by the board of directors.

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Community Connect (see flyer).
- Fire Prevention month – 17 first grade classes – cooking safety.
- Fire Station 4 open house.
- Saint Peter’s Trunk or Treat event.
- YMCA Trunk or Treat event.
- Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat.
- Evaluating vendors for mobile physicals in 2025.
- The district provided an ambulance for D38 high school footballs in September and October.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Firefighter interviews are scheduled for the end of October.

Local 4319:

- The L4319 pumpkin event received 888 pounds of canned food for Tri-Lakes Cares.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Participated in the Pikes Peak Incident Management Team Steering Committee meeting.
- Began developing a career fire academy with Pikes Peak State College and Black Forest Fire Rescue to begin with class 24-01.
- Continue to assist with the training center planning process with internal stakeholders.
- Completed an interim automatic aid agreement with Pike National Forest in the mutual threat zone (1 mile beyond the MFD/USFS boundary). Call types are now active with EPSO Dispatch.
- MFD Type 6 engine completed a 14-day assignment in Texas.
- Began response planning with EPSO Search and Rescue for joint response.
- Continued discussion for tender mutual aid ordering procedures between MFD and CSFD.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle

- On 9/11, MFD units attended the annual 9/11 ceremony at Fire Station 1.
- On 9/11, MFD responded to a gas leak at Highway 105 and Knollwood. The intersection was closed for multiple hours. Crews worked with Monument PD, Monument Academy, and District 38 to reroute school buses and provide a tiered release of students from Monument Academy.
- On 9/11, MFD responded to a utility problem. Crews found an active water leak inside the homeowner's basement. Crews were unable to find the main water valve. Crews were able to shut off water to the house from the street using a water main shutoff key.
- On 9/16, Fire Station 4 crews attended a public relations event at the Western Mining Museum.
- On 9/16, MFD responded to a Utility Problem at PetSmart. Crews found a water main leak under the concrete of the storage facility behind PetSmart. Crews assisted PetSmart employees to minimize property damage and mitigate water entering the store while Tri-View Water shut off water to the building.
- On 9/23, crews participated in the Lithium Ion and EV battery fire presentation by Captain Wells from South Metro Fire.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 9/2-9/3, crews participated in the MDA Fill the Boot fundraiser.
- On 9/8, veterans and first responders were recognized at the LPHS football game. Retired Captain Tom Mace presented an award.
- On 9/9, MFD responded to a ¼ acre grass fire adjacent to Pompeii Square. The fire was quickly extinguished.
- On 9/8, crews attended leadership training from guest speaker Chief Prziborowski.
- On 9/21, crews attended the Antelope Trails Elementary School Fun Run.
- On 9/21, AFA hotel and visitors center walk-through with AFADF and CSFD.
- On 9/27, Lithium Ion and EV battery fire training Captain Wells, South Metro Fire and Rescue.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 9/6, Fire Station 4 personnel hosted a station tour.
- On 9/6, Engine 3 went to CSFD for a Fire "Wayfinder in the Smoke" Class.



- On 9/7, Crews attended leadership training from guest speaker Chief Prziborowski.
- On 9/13, MFD responded to a working garage fire at True Vista Circle. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. Two firefighters suffered minor/moderate injuries. No civilian injuries were reported.
- On 9/24, Fire Station 5 hosted a public relations tour for a therapy dog organization.



Structure Fire on True Vista Circle.



Training – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Courage Under Fire district-wide leadership training.
- Lithium Ion and electric vehicle training.

Summary of Training Events:

- 2024 recruit fire academy planning meetings.
- NG EMS waiver skills.
- True Vista Structure Fire AAR.
- Annual compliance training completed.
- LODD case review.

Training Plan for the Month

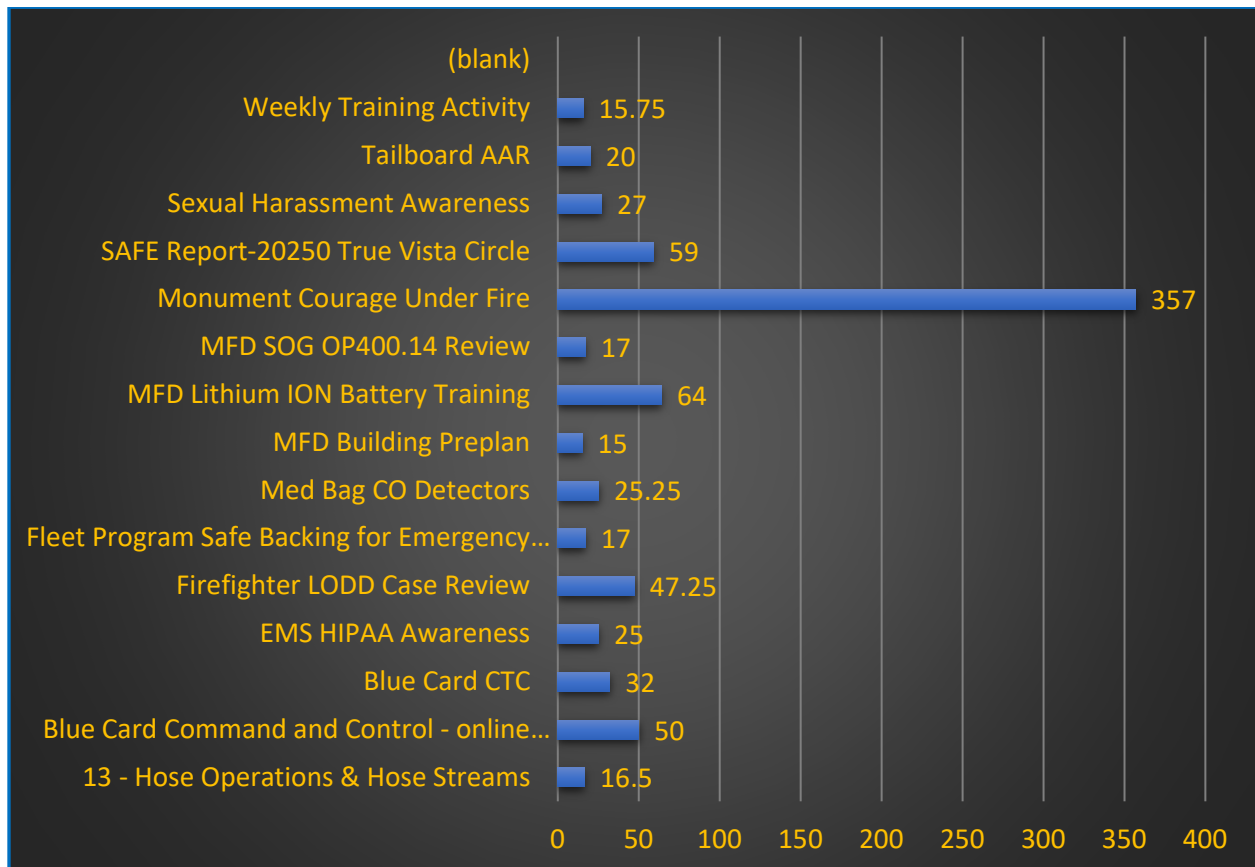
- Rope rescue training.
- Hose testing.
- Annual employee physicals.
- NG EMS Zoom on behavioral health.



Therapy dog training at Fire Station 5.



Training hours for September – 1318 Training Hours.



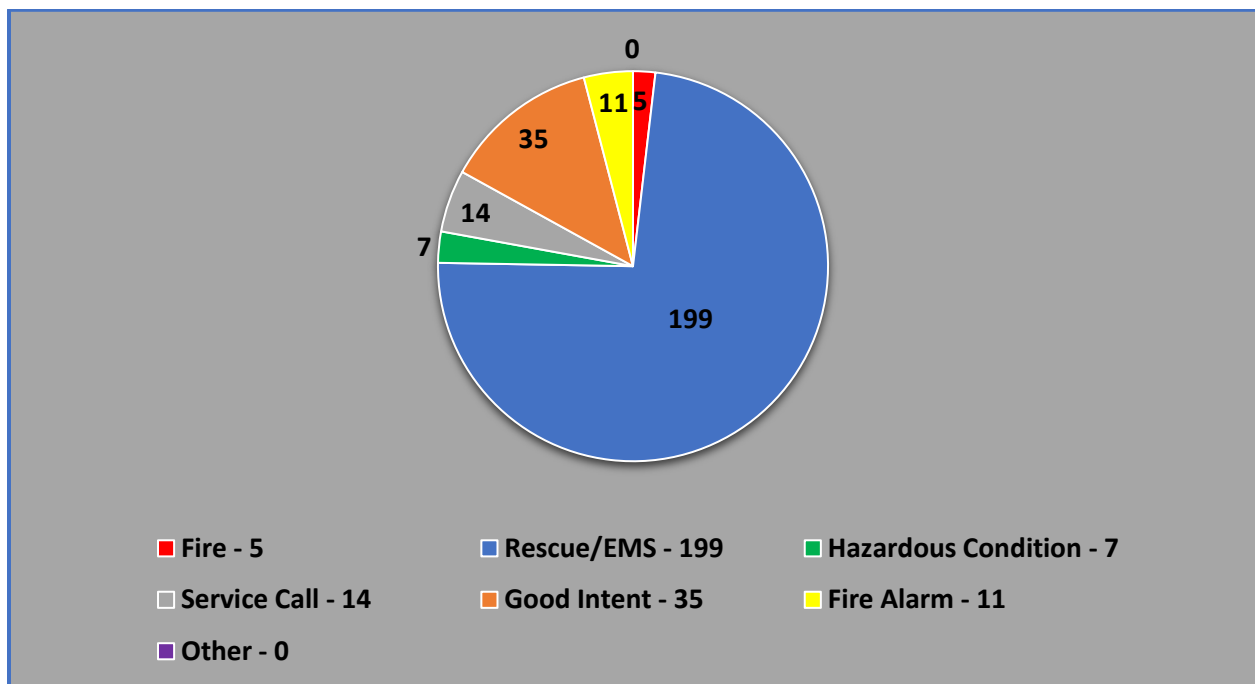


Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Pearson/EMS Coordinator Soll

Summary of Significant Events:

- EMS Coordinator Soll and Dr. Hurtado assisted with instruction at the CSFD Paramedic Symposium.
- BC Pearson met with the other county transport agencies and finalized the standard language for the proposed mutual aid agreement with AMR. This was sent to Tim Penic with AMR, who has given it to AMR legal and compliance for review.

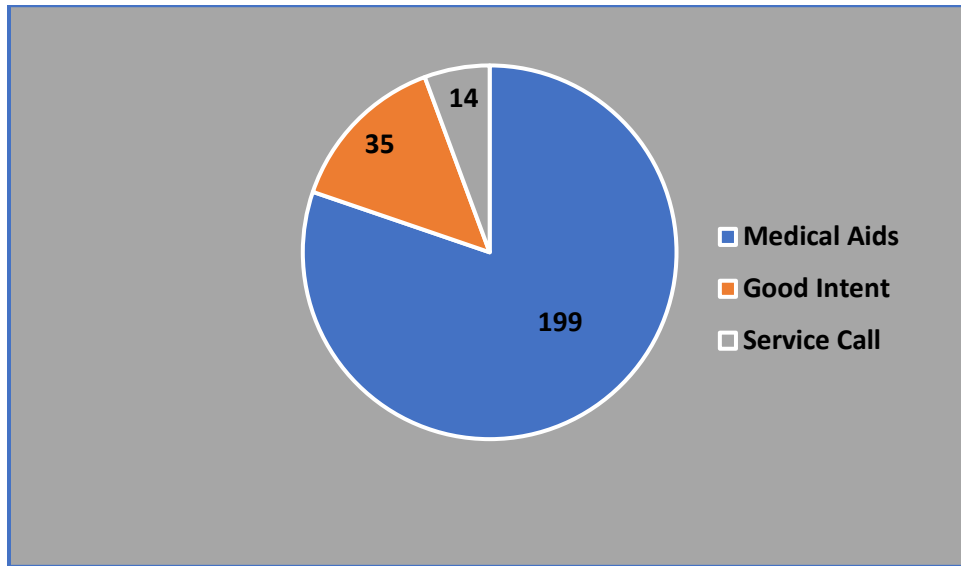
Incidents by Call Type



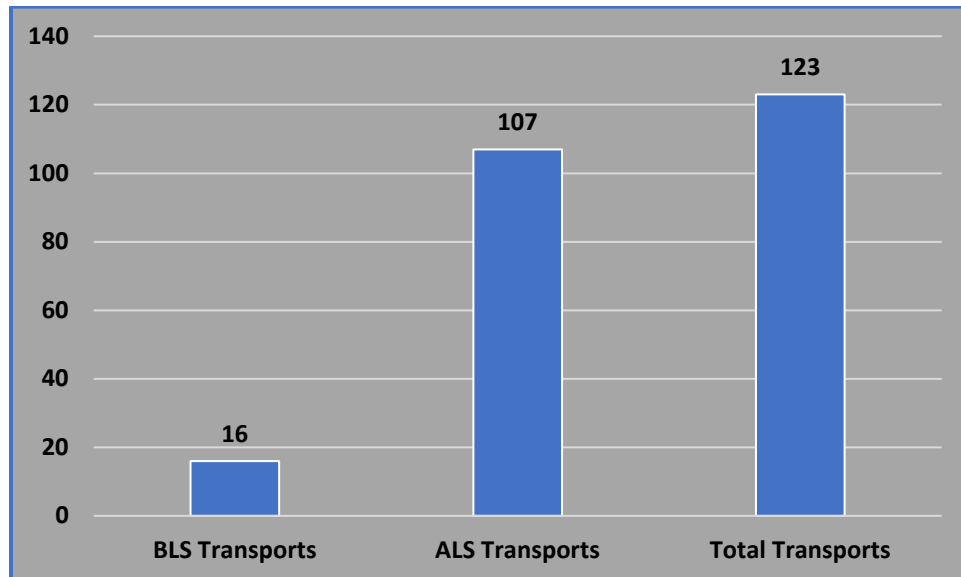
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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



Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories

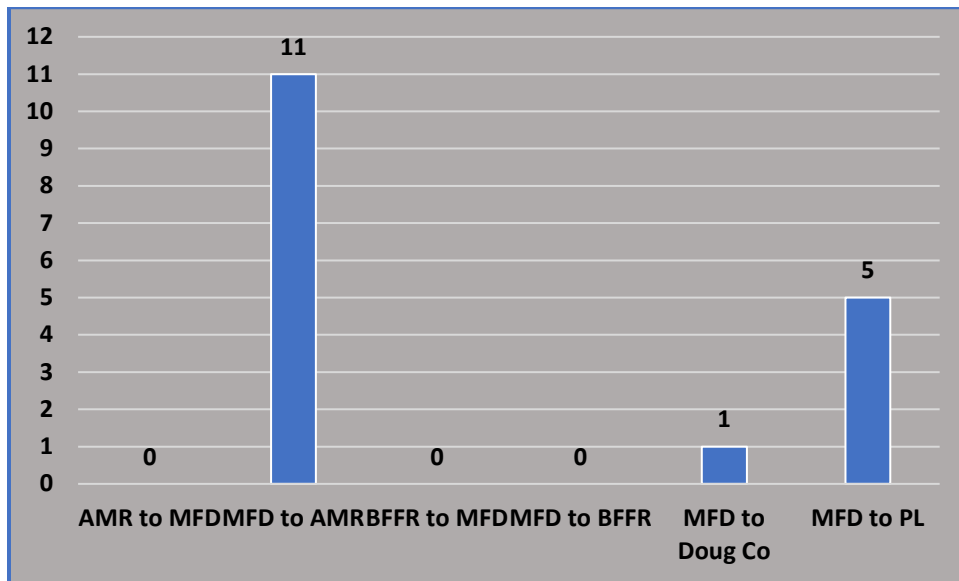


Ambulance Transports



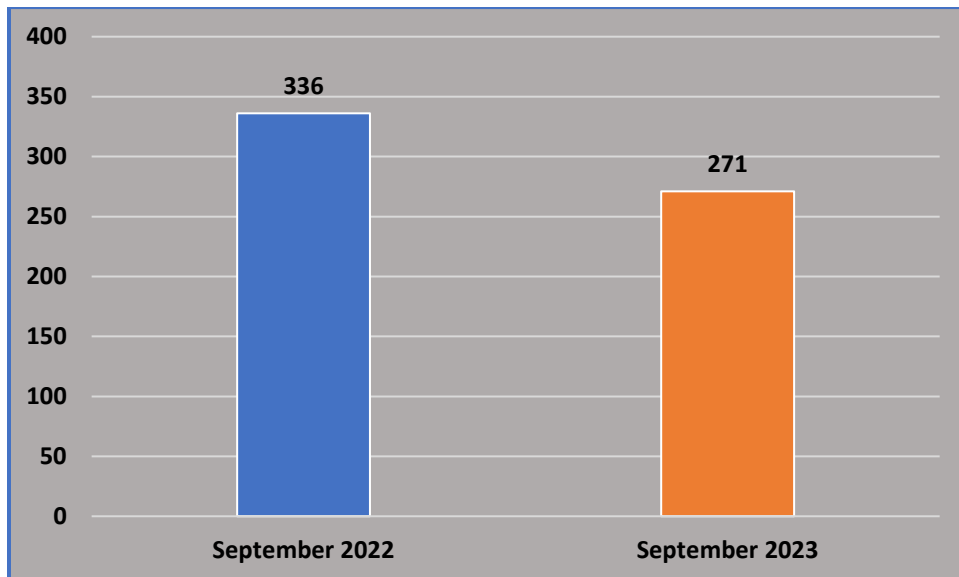


Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid



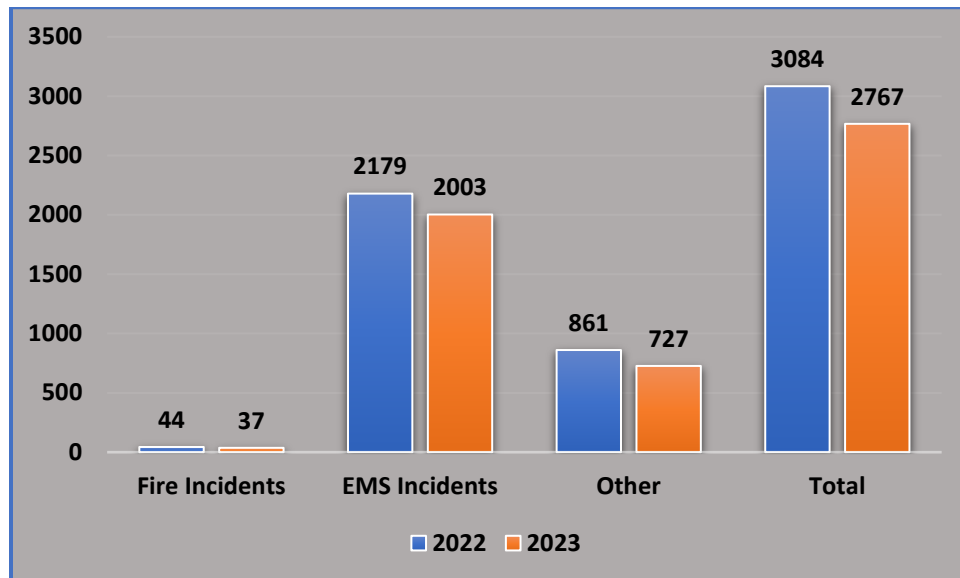
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
TLM to AMR – 11 calls accepted.

Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents





Year-To-Date Comparison – 2022/2023



Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Finalized the 2024 Budget for the BOD presentation.
- Presented the new engines for purchase to the BODs. Continuing to work with the apparatus committee on the specifications.
- Meeting with the Highway 105 construction contractors on safety-related issues with the project.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Six community chipping events were completed in September.
- Prepared the school fire prevention program calendar.
- Completed a pre-school inspection.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Continue to meet with the Town of Monument Development Review Team over commercial development projects,
- Completed five plan reviews for the Town of Monument.
- Completed two in-process inspections for the new apartment buildings off Jackson Creek Parkway.

Administrative Services:

- Continue to meet weekly with the architects on facility projects.
- Continue to work on the template for reprogramming all district 800 MHz radios.



Fire Investigations:

- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force.
- Performed a fire investigation for the structure fire on True Vista Circle.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- A district Wildfire Risk Assessment Summary Report using the Colorado State Wildfire Risk Atlas, Risk Reduction Planner has been completed. The report includes Wildland Urban Interface areas, Wildland Urban Interface Risk, Firewise Recognized Sites, Community Wildfire Protection Plan areas, Wildfire Risk to Assets, Burn Probability, Terrain Difficulty Index, Wildfire Behavior Outputs, Characteristic Flame Length, Fire Intensity Scale, Fire Type, Rate of Spread, Surface Fuels, Vegetation, Watershed Protection Risk, Building Damage Potential, Defensible Space Index. We can utilize this report during the development of the district's CWPP.
- Currently working with CPSE to schedule a Quality Improvement Workshop class within the first or second quarter 2024.
- Working with the Colorado Department of Public Safety to learn and implement WUI-NITY. WUI-NITY: is a platform for the simulation of wildland-urban interface fire evacuation. This is utilized to investigate evacuation in response to wildfire emergencies. The platform is built on the Unity3D game engine and allows for representing and visualizing wildfire spread, pedestrian response, and traffic movement during wildfire evacuation scenarios.

Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough

Fleet:

- The Type 3 engine is under construction, and we hope to receive the unit in November.
- Engine 513 has had steer tires replaced.
- The AEV ambulance will be delivered in the first week of November.
- The Frazer ambulance spec has been completed, with expected delivery in the first quarter 2024.
- Both chippers are running well.

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
 - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 4
 - New refrigerator ordered.
- Fire Station 5
 - Remodel is currently underway.
- Fire Station 6
 - Continue to improve the facility for vehicle and equipment storage.