



TRI-LAKES MONUMENT & DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – January 2022

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs



Chief's Remarks

On January 1, 2022, we began the Administrative and Operational Services contract with the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District. I am happy to report that the unification of our two agencies has gone exceptionally well. We had some technical challenges with the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system assigning the proper resources early in the process, but it has since been remedied.

On January 10, the command staff from TLM/DWFPD met with the new commanders from Monument Police Department.

On January 12, Jennifer Martin and I virtually attended the designated election official (DEO) training hosted by the SDA.

On January 13, I had the honor of attending the State of the Region at the Boot Barn Hall. TLMFPD was recognized for its participation in the Birdseye vegetation fire.

On January 14, President Hildebrandt, President Gunderman, legal counsel, and I discussed the next steps for the unification process.

On January 19, Chief Bumgarner and I attended an in-person and virtual town hall meeting to discuss the wildfire threat to our community on the heels of the Marshal Fire in Boulder County. Over 100 residents were in attendance.

On January 25, I virtually attended the Colorado State Fire Chief's legislative briefing.

On January 31, I met with our new firefighters before starting the recruit academy.

I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national committee meetings:

- North El Paso County Fire Chiefs
- Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness
- Pikes Peak Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- TLMFPD/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



January Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
7	283	561	5

Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- Fire Station 1 remodel punch list 80% complete
- The new ambulance will be in the district first week of February
- Operations personnel to begin orientation first week of January
- Ambulance 2282 moved from Fire Station 2 to Fire Station 4 dues to the increased call volume and AMR staffing shortage
- New firefighters to begin the West Metro Fire Rescue Fire Academy
- TLM and DW responded to a working structure fire with a civilian injury

Administration – Jennifer Martin/Stacey Popovich

Summary of Significant Events:

- New employee orientation completed.
- In 2021, the district qualified as a large group employer. As a result, the district is required to participate in the Affordable Care Act. 1095C forms were sent to all 2021 employees. 1095C and 1094C forms were sent to the IRS.
- The district has selected a new broker. One Digital provides all-inclusive services and will primarily be handling our health insurance coverage.
- Consolidating duplicate of effort.
- Stacey is working on the fourth round of COVID funding.
- Stacey submitted for a health grant.
- Archiving of Wescott documents on the server.

Upcoming Events:

- Regional Cancer Seminar hosted by Local 4319 on May 13 at the Great Wolf Lodge.
- Several members of the Executive Team will be attending the Air Force Academy National Character and Leadership Symposium in February.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Lieutenant Janaka Branden was promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Keith Barker was promoted to Lieutenant.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Battalion Chief Mike Keough retired.



Operations – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Developed new shared response plans for CAD and tested the call types with EPSO Dispatch administrators.
- Released Dispatch Discrepancy Reporting standard operating guideline to provide real-time feedback for dispatching errors.
- Medic 2282 moved from Fire Station 2 to Fire Station 4 due to increased volume and AMR staffing shortfall.
- Released Ambulance Mutual Aid standard operating guideline to support decision-making for acceptance or declination of mutual-aid requests.
- Employee orientation with the blending of operations personnel has begun.
- New firefighters began the WMFR Fire Academy.

Operations:

Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Dooley

On January 2, C-Shift responded to a room and contents structure fire on the 18000 block of Dunes Lake Lane. The fire was contained to the living room and kitchen area. The occupants were displaced and put in contact with Red Cross. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Dooley

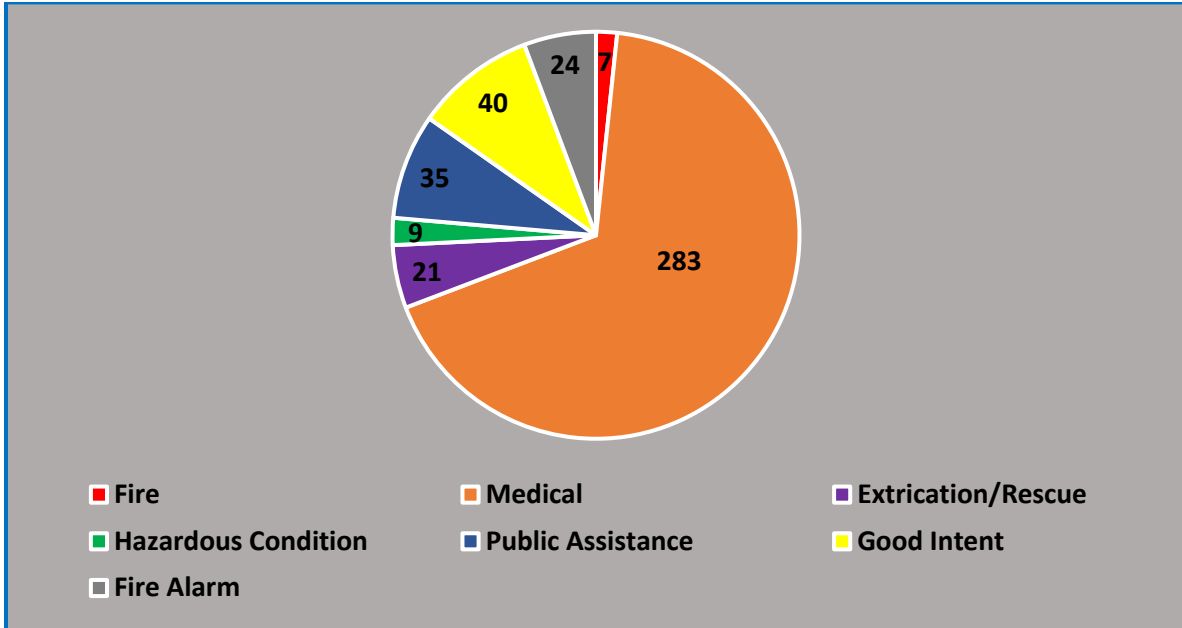
On January 9, C-Shift responded to the 17000 block of Colonial Park Drive for a residential fire alarm. The first arriving engine confirmed a working structure fire. There was extensive smoke/fire damage to interior walls and floors. Due to a lack of fire hydrants, a second alarm was requested. One occupant was rescued from the second-story balcony and airlifted due to respiratory burns. One firefighter fell partially through a burned-out floor but was not injured. Mutual aid included Black Forest, Colorado Springs, Larkspur, Franktown, Air Force Academy, and EIS.

Emergency Medical Services – Battalion Chief Sean Pearson/EMS Coordinator Stephanie Soll:

- The district continues to see an increased call volume due to the AMR staffing shortfall. Contingency plans have been established to meet the needs of the community.
- Chief Pearson was nominated to serve on the Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council as the representative to the ESA Board of Directors.

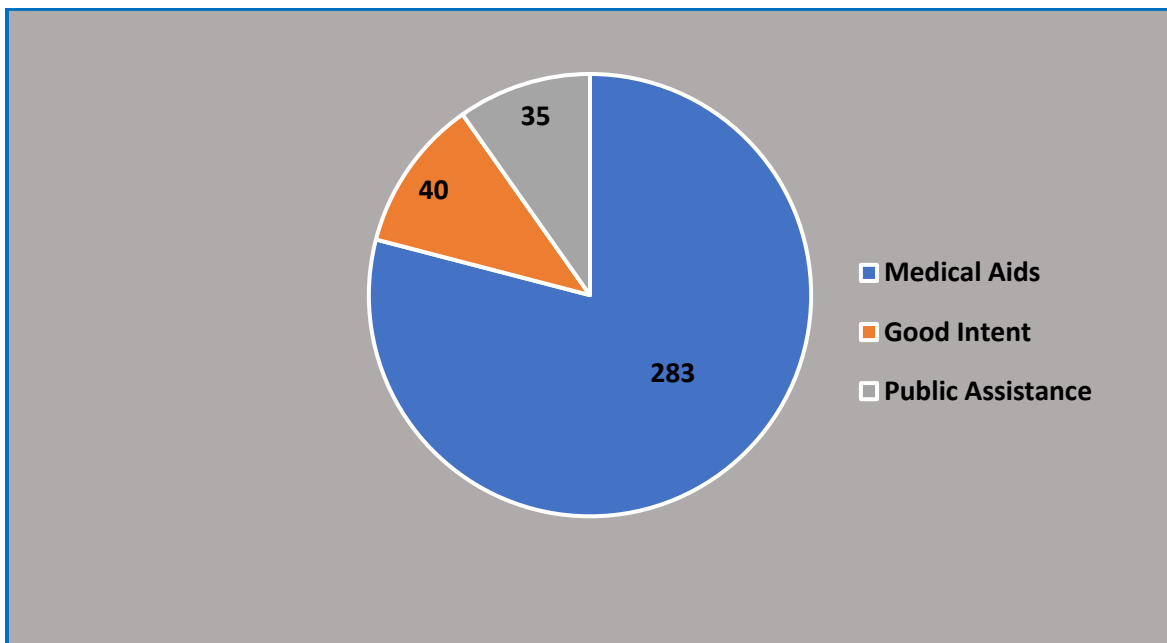


January Incidents by Call Type



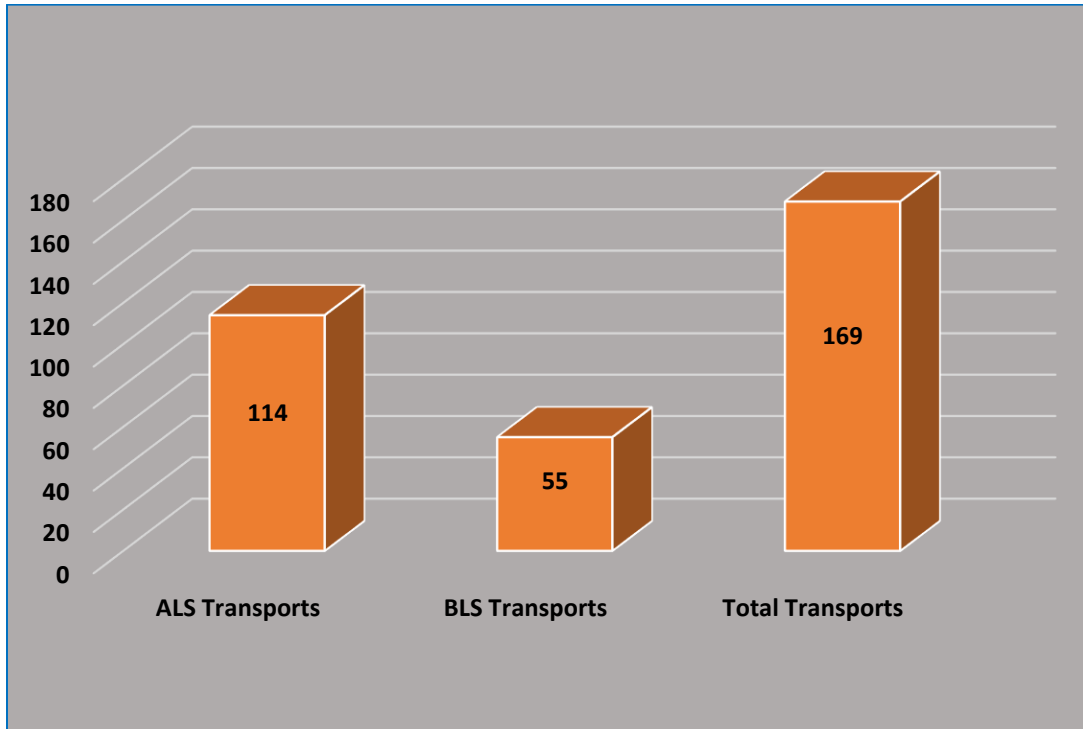
Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, other
 Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
 Public assistance includes person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
 Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency found,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

January Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories

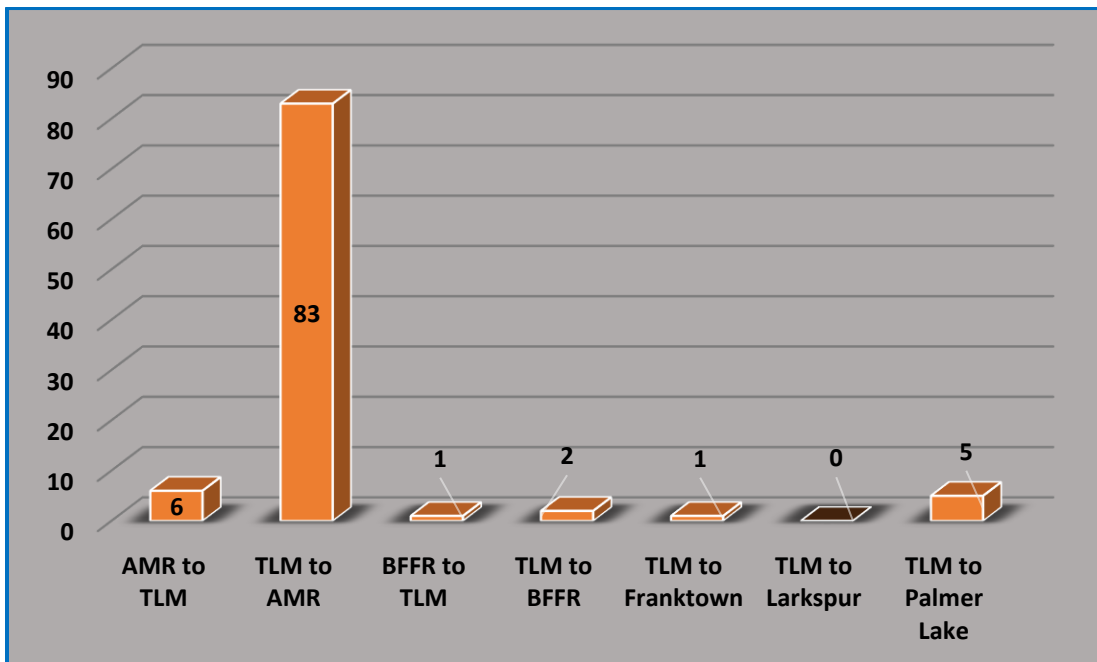




January Transports



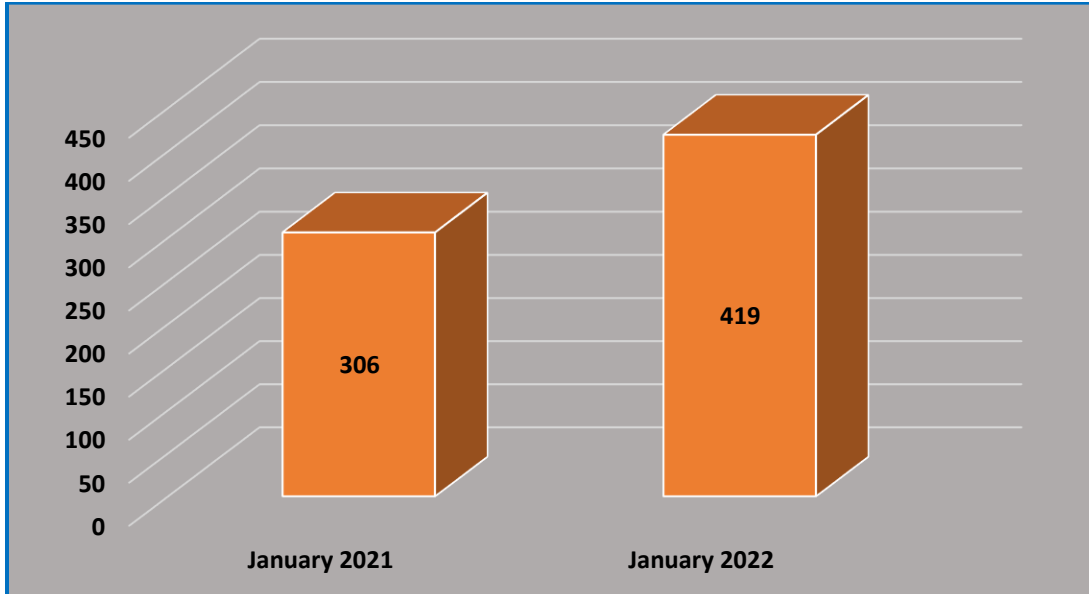
January Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid



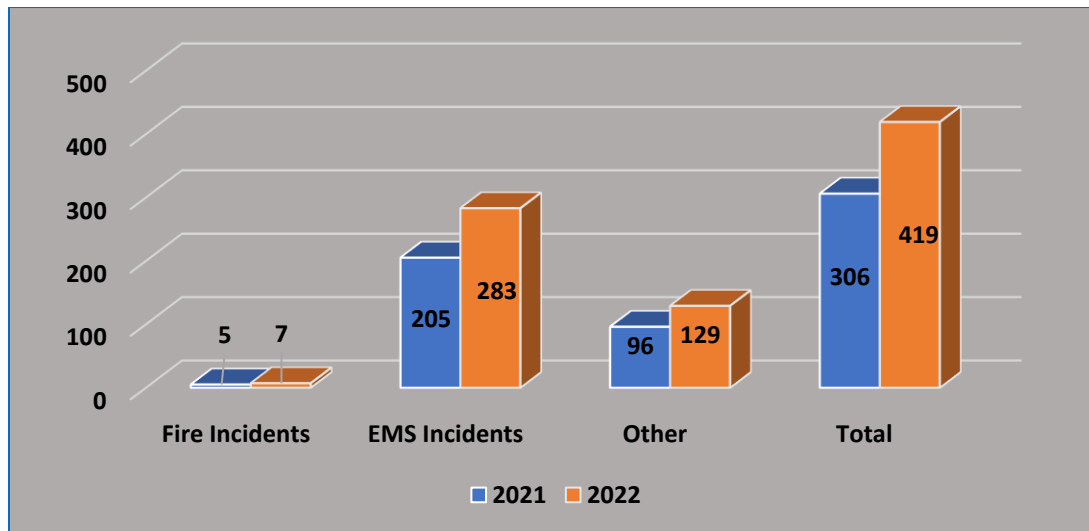
Calls dispatched and enroute and do not consider cancellations.



Month to Month Comparison – Total Incidents



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Working with the Town of Monument staff to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that will cover the Town of Monument and our fire district. We are also taking steps towards mitigation measures around their open spaces.
- Consolidation of inspections services with the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- We assisted with organizing a community-wide town hall meeting on the Marshal Fire and participated with the Fire Chief. We had over 100 participants online and 20 in person.
- Met with several different builders about current and upcoming projects.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

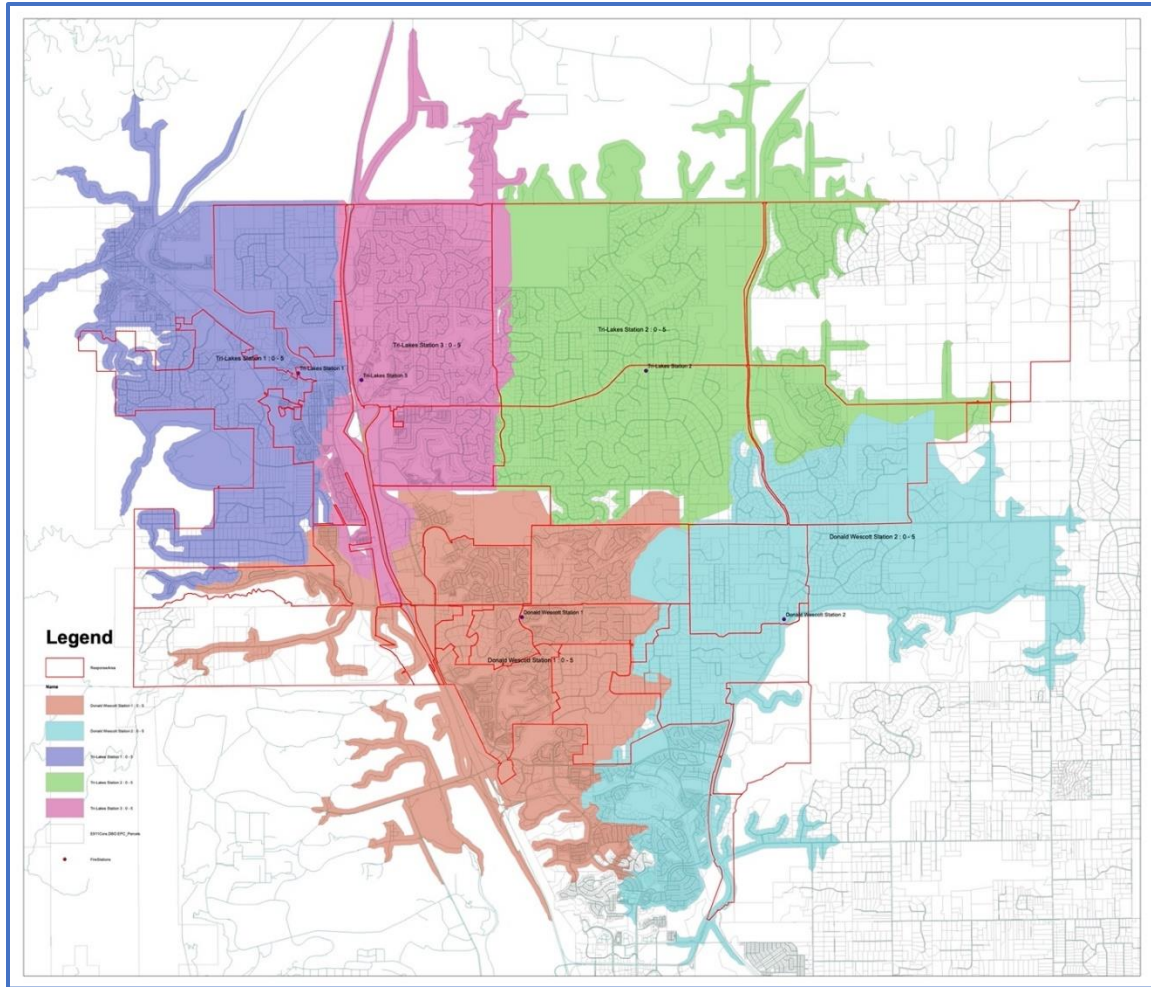
- Continue to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team on commercial developments.
- Completed fire finals on five townhomes and a sprinkler walkthrough for another commercial project.
- Completed two project reviews.

Fire Investigations:

- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force (PPFITF).
- Investigated the structure fire on January 8 with assistance from the PPFITF.

Accreditation – Battalion Chief Scott Ridings

- Working with multiple internal and external teams (ESPO Dispatch, El-Paso Teller 911), we completed the unification of Tri-Lakes and Wescott response plans within the El-Paso Computer Aided Dispatch system. This will ensure the same response to calls for service in both districts.
- We are beginning to map the fire district and determine response zones for each station. (See Response Zone Map).
- We continue to evaluate and are close to implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS) software. This will allow us to capture data within the district quicker and analyze hazards present to our citizens and firefighters.
- One of our goals for 2026 is to complete the district's hazard assessment. We are currently recruiting and assembling a team to work on this district goal.



Response Zone Map

Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough

Fleet:

- The new ambulance has arrived from AEV. The unit is currently being outfitted and inspected by the county.
- The Tower has returned and is back in service.
- The truck committee placed the order for the new Pierce mid-mount ladder truck.
- The Type 3 wildland engine is in the build process and delivered in November.
- Schur Success completed the auction with every item listed sold, totaling \$21,491.

Facilities:

- RFP for remodeling at Fire Stations 3, 4, and 5 are awaiting proposals.
- Fire Station 1
 - Fit and finish/ punch list items are nearing completion.



- Gear grid lockers were installed on 2/9/22 and are one of the final “big items” to wrap up the remodel project.
- Awaiting quotes for privacy fencing around the east side patio area.
- Fire Station 2
 - Awaiting parts for the garage door. The door is still in-service.
- Fire Station 3
 - The heating had gone out due to a bad valve. Heat has been restored and functioning correctly.
- Fire Station 4
 - North bay apparatus door had a catastrophic failure of the cable system resulting in damage to multiple door sections, awaiting repair quote and time frame for repairs.

Information Technology:

- Working with vendors to implement the software approved in the 2022 budget.

Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:

- The SCBAs purchased by DW was delivered and placed in service.



The new ambulance arrived at Fire Station 1.



Training – Battalion Chief Kris Mola

Summary of Significant Events:

- Target Solution has been merged between both agencies.
- Finalized the 2022 training calendar. It can now be found on First Arriving software.
- DWFD: Mission, Vision, and Values survey has closed. Collaborating with both TLM/DWFPD for results.
- Creating a new annual performance evaluation process. Documents will be accessible on Target Solutions for company/chief officers to add throughout the year.

Summary of Training Events:

- DWFD/TLM completed annual ice rescue training at Forest Lakes.
- SAFE (Safety After the Fact Evaluation) report released from the Colonial Park structure fire.
- West Metro Fire Rescue Training Division – Academy 22-01 has begun.

Training Plan for the Month:

- Annual wildland firefighting refresher training.
- Will be acquiring vehicles for extrication training at Fire Station 1.
- Evaluating the need for thermal imaging cameras (TIC) for apparatus and ambulances.
- EMS webinar week.
- EMS refresher training.



Ice rescue refresher training.



Training Hours: Total Hours for January – 561 hours.

