



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – January 2026

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



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

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- On January 8<sup>th</sup>, Chief Branden, Chief Bradley, and I attended a First Responder/Faith Leader gathering at Woodman Valley Chapel, Monument. The discussion focused on how local churches could support the first-responder community.
- On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Chief Branden and I met with CSFD to discuss response plans for the area of Highway 83 and Shoup Road.
- On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the recruit firefighters were onboarded with the district.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup>, I met with PPROEM to discuss the final revisions to the IGA for the emergency planner position.
- On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the district hosted the promotional, badge-pinning ceremony for the accreditation manager, community risk reduction coordinator, and engineer.
- On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Chief Bradley, CRR Coordinator Wood, and I attended the D38 pod groundbreaking.
- 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 Fire Chiefs Council
  - MFD/Monument Police Department Command Staff
  - Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Town Hall & Legislative
  - Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
  - International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – President



## Quick Facts

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Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	194	1212	11
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On 1/8, crews responded to a vehicle fire inside an attached garage. The ambulance arrived first and quickly searched the residence while the engine crew extinguished the fire. The residence sustained moderate smoke damage, and there were no reports of injuries.</li><li>On 1/14, Engine 515 was placed into service, Hazmat 554 moved to station 4, Medic 583 was placed into service, and the battalion chiefs moved to station 4 as their new quarters.</li><li>On 1/14, shift bids were implemented, and crew members moved to their new stations and shifts.</li></ul>			

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

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### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Strategic plan community stakeholder workshop scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Engineer Aaron Wood promoted to CRR Coordinator.
- Firefighter Ruona promoted to Engineer.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Furman promoted to Accreditation Manager.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Hiring process for an administrative assistant has started.
- Hiring process for Deputy Fire Marshal.

### Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.

## Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

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### Significant Events:

- Strategic plan community meeting scheduled for March 21.
- Implementation of yearly review of our standards of cover completed.
- Annual program appraisals have been distributed and are being developed.
- Transitioning to meet the expectations of the 11th edition performance indicators.
- Site visit as a peer assessor to Naval Air Station Fallon, NV.



## **Operations –Division Chief Janaka Branden**

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

- On 1/7, I attended the Pikes Peak Mutual Aid (MA1) meeting at CSFD.
- On 1/8, I attended a Faith Leaders/First Responders meeting at Woodmen Valley Church with Chief Bradley and Chief Kovacs to discuss how churches could be better connected to the first responder community.
- On 1/9, I assisted on the interview panel for the Deputy Fire Marshal position.
- On 1/20, I met with the Larkspur FD Operations Chief to discuss mutual aid, joint training opportunities, and better response coordination on our shared district border areas.
- On 1/24, I attended the NEPCO meeting to speak on evacuation planning.
- On 1/26, I attended the Pikes Chief's Council meeting at Cimarron Hills FD.
- On 1/27, I assisted on the interview panel for the Cimarron Hill FD battalion chief hiring process.
- On 1/29, I attended the PPROEM Multi-Agency Coordination Group meeting.

### **Operations:**

#### **A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson**

- On 1/6, BC Pearson attended a county communications workshop to review and update the EPSO communications procedures.
- On 1/17, the UCCS MBA program visited Station 1 to discuss business ideas for the program to practice developing.
- On 1/28, Station 3 hosted a ride along.

#### **B Shift – Battalion Chief Coyle**

- On 1/8, crews responded to a vehicle fire inside an attached garage. The ambulance arrived first and quickly searched the residence while the engine extinguished the fire. The residence sustained moderate smoke damage, and there were no reports of injuries.
- On 1/9, crews responded to two different stranded motorist incidents during a snowstorm.
- On 1/19, crews responded to a vehicle versus building. A patient suffered a medical emergency that caused the crash. The patient was not injured in the accident, and the building sustained minor damage.
- On 1/25, Station 1 hosted a ride along.
- On 1/26, crews responded to multiple traffic accidents related to the snowstorm.
- On 1/26, crews responded to Jackson Creek Assisted Living for a fire alarm. Crews found a broken sprinkler pipe that froze during frigid temperatures. The sprinkler system discharged significant water into the building, flooding all three floors in part of the building.
- On 1/26, Station 4 hosted a station tour for a family.



***C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola***

- On 1/6, 513 participated in a Memorial drive-by in Colorado Springs.
- On 1/29, the technical rescue program appraisal was started for the next CPSE cycle.
- On 1/29, we responded to an electric vehicle fire inside a residential structure. Homeowners mitigated the emergency before it involved the structure.

***Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz***

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***Summary of Training Events:***

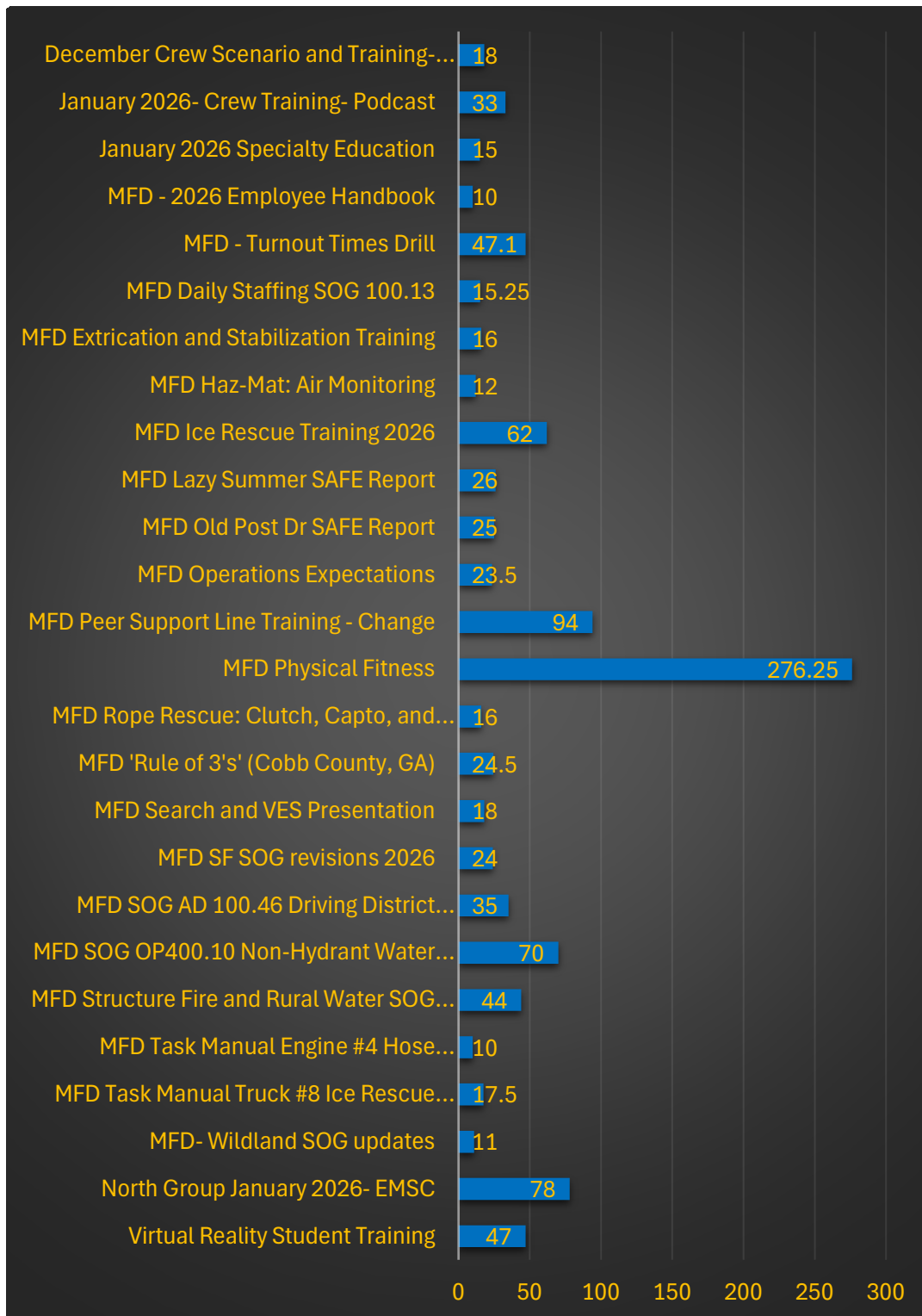
- EMS Training- EMS for Children (EMSC) scenarios.
- Fire Training – Ice Rescue Training.
- Specialty- Peer Support Training.
- 2026 Wildland Academy.
- EMS Education completed.
- Four car seat checks performed.

***Training Plan for the Month (February):***

- EMS- Regional Refresher.
- Fire- Snow Cat Training.
- Specialty- Wildland Refresher.

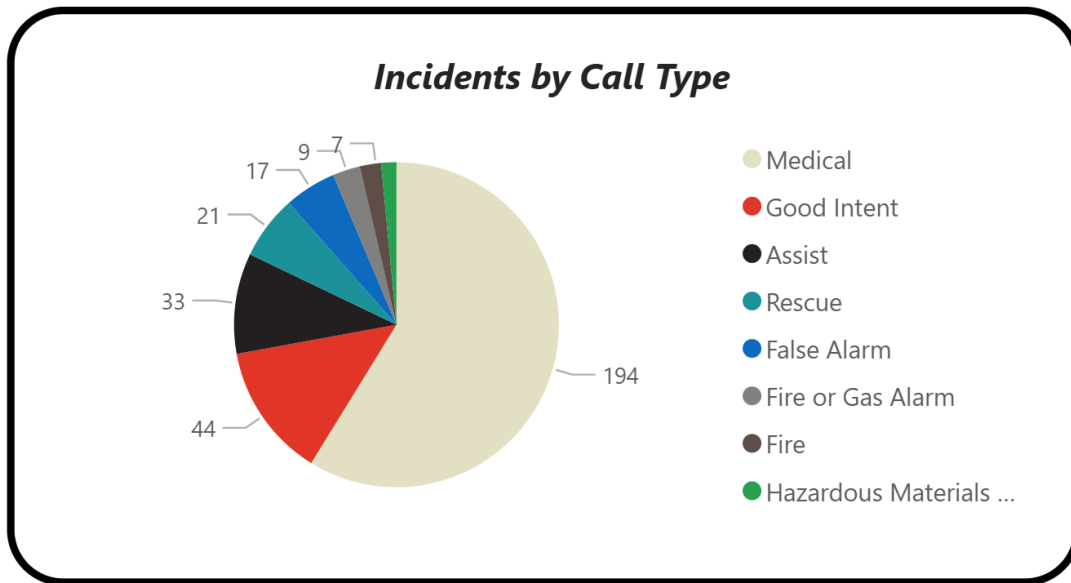


**Training Hours for January – 1212 Training Hours**



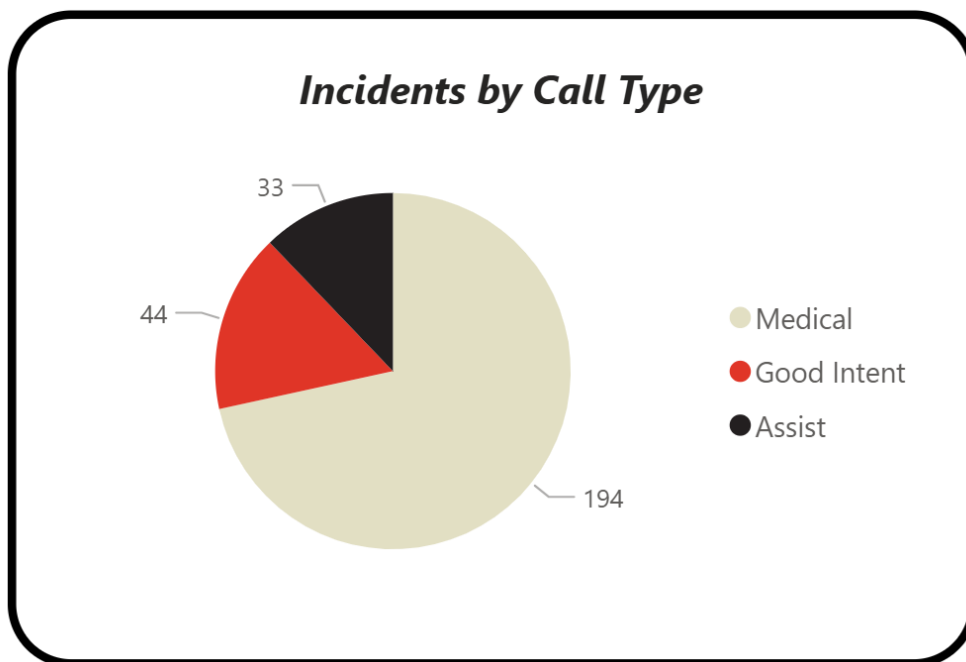


**Incidents by Call Type – January**



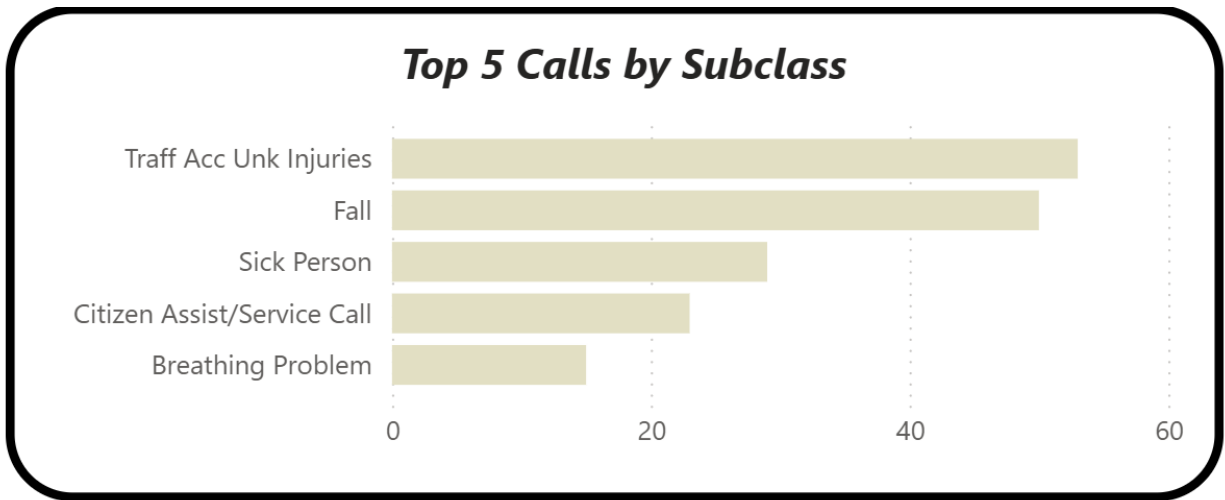
Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.  
Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.  
Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).  
Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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

**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – January**

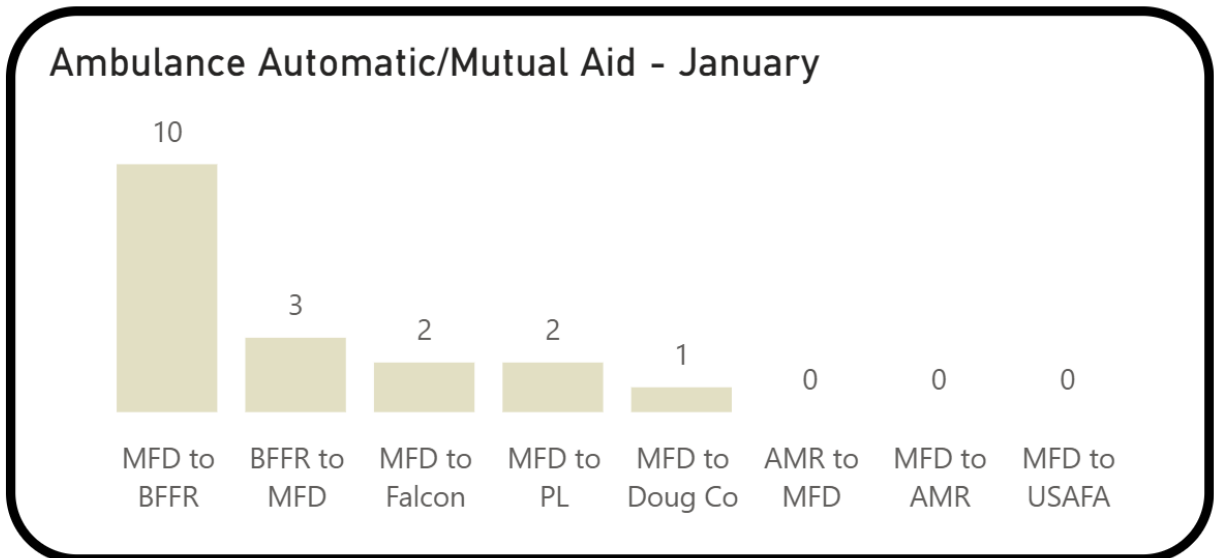




*Top 5 Calls by Subclass*



*Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – January*



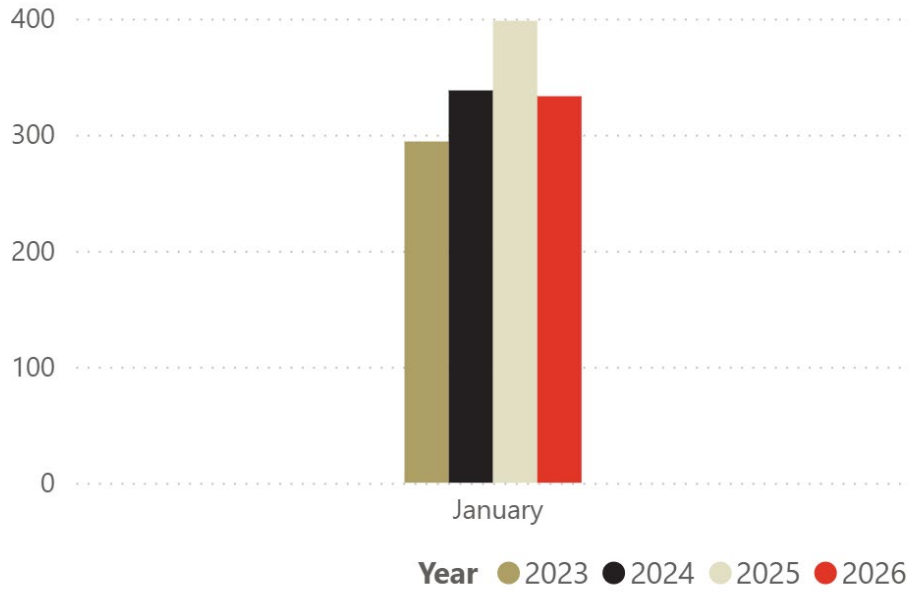
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.



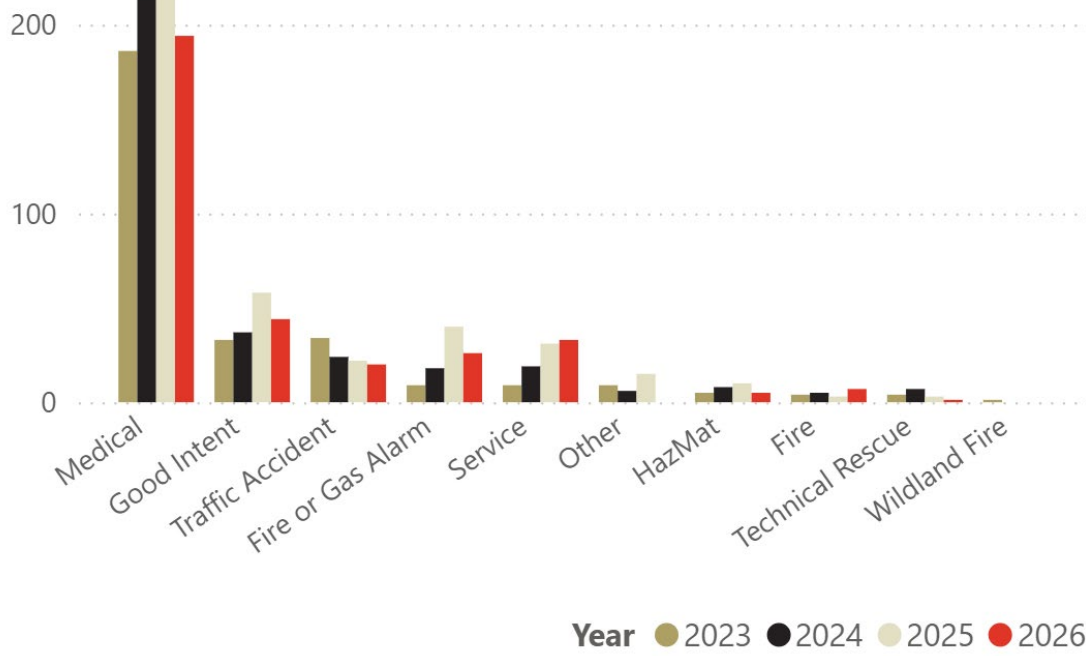


Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – 2023 - 2026 January

YTD Comparison



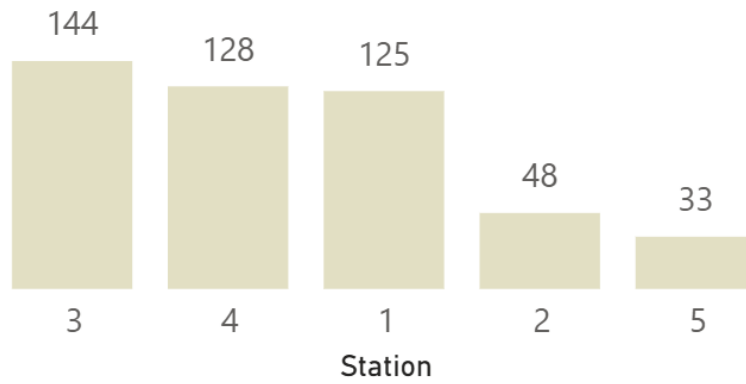
Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023 - 2026 – January





*Calls Per Station January 2026*

**Call Count by Station**





## ***Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner***

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

- Closed on the property for Fire Station 3 located at 17320 Jackson Creek Parkway.
- Completed the final paperwork for the new water tender due to arrive in Monument the first week of March.
- Initiated the first reimbursement process for the lease purchase proceeds to support building New Fire Station 3.

### ***Support Services:***

- Supported the move of staff and apparatus locations/assignments on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Ordered equipment and trailer to haul the new snowcat set to arrive in the first week of February.
- Supported the new recruits starting the academy with uniforms and IT needs.

### ***Fleet and Facilities:***

- Smeal Tower Ladder returned from engine and suspension repairs.



## ***Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley***

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

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC) Implementation Peer Exchange.
- Attended First Responder/Faith Leader meeting.
- Attended MFD/BFFR fire prevention cooperative meeting.
- Attended National Fire Academy Inspection Practices course.
- Attended PPROEM Multi-Agency Coordinating Group meeting.
- Hosted UCCS Business School MBA class project event.
- Meet with Mountain View Electric to schedule a joint fire mitigation meeting with the Town of Monument and MFD.
- Attended NEPCO meeting to discuss fire mitigation and evacuation.
- Presented building fire protection systems overview to Walmart management team.

### ***Public Education / Community Outreach:***

- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument and El Paso County.
- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended HBA Tri-Lakes chapter meeting.
- Met with a local developer to begin applying the CWRC ground truthing process to Monument Junction.
- Worked with Headwaters Economics to begin the local mapping process for the CWRC.

### ***Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:***

- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Attended Society for Fire Protection Engineers' Fire Risk Assessment & Mitigation new pilot course for the fire service.
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### ***Fire Investigations:***

- MFD fire investigators participated in a multi-agency investigation led by Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control in Pueblo County.