



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – February 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, the district hosted a soft opening of the new administrative offices and warehouse.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Prothman and Associates interviewed the board of directors, administrative staff, and the executive board of L4319 to identify the qualities, characteristics, experience, and education for the upcoming Fire Chief recruitment.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup>, I had lunch with the Pikes Peak State College recruit academy.
- On February 18<sup>th</sup>, Chief Bradley and I attended the Town of Monument council meeting for a fire code adoption presentation.
- On February 19<sup>th</sup>, staff met with operations personnel, and President Gunderman met to discuss retiree health care benefits.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, councilmembers from the Town of Monument toured our administrative offices and warehouse.
- 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

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
4	214	1686	35
<b>Major Incidents, Projects, and Events</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scott Benson hired as the Deputy Fire Marshal.</li><li>• On 2/4, we held a community CPR Class at Fire Station 1 for Tri-Lakes Cares.</li><li>• On 2/10, Hazmat 554 participated in a HazMat drill at PPROEM.</li><li>• Accepted delivery of the new Snowcat, which included district training.</li><li>• On 2/24, two engines responded to Franktown for a wildland fire that burned over 1,000 acres. No structures were lost, and no injuries were reported.</li></ul>			

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- March 25<sup>th</sup>, groundbreaking for Fire Station 3.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MFD Awards and Recognition Ceremony at the Hearth House.
- May 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> annual Monument Fire Youth Camp.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Scott Benson hired as the Deputy Fire Marshal.
- Hiring process for the administrative assistant position completed.

### Local 4319:

- Nothing to report.

## Accreditation – Jeremy Furman

### Significant Events:

- Chief Branden earned the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation through CPSE.
- Chief Branden and Chief Bradley completed the Peer Assessor training through CPSE.
- Strategic plan community meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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.
- Upcoming CPSE peer team assignment, Lt Hankins - Travis Air Force Base Fire Department.  
Furman - Marine Corps Base Quantico Fire & Emergency Services.



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

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

- On 2/2, Attended Colorado State Fire Chiefs Critical Issues Brief and Legislative Update in Denver.
- On 2/4, I attended classes for annual paramedic refresher training.
- On 2/4, Fire Station 1 hosted the El Paso County Search and Rescue new member class.
- On 2/26, I met with USAFA Fire Chief Prettyman and the USAFA Emergency Manager to discuss improving coordination during large events.
- On 2/23, Chief Kovacs and I met with BFFR Fire Chief Rocco and DC Serrone to discuss operations.

### **Operations:**

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

- On 2/3, 554 visited the Fire Academy for a hazmat truck show-and-tell.
- On 2/9, Station 1 hosted a ride along.
- On 2/21, Station 1 and Station 4 hosted a ride along.
- On 2/21, Station 4 hosted a ride along.

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

- On 2/13, crews attended A Night to Shine at Ascent Church to assist with a prom for kids aged 14 and up.
- On 2/19, crews provided a “sendoff” escort for the Palmer Ridge Wrestling team going to the State Championship.
- On 2/24, 531 assisted with the Recruit Fire Academy at Black Forest.
- On 2/24, two engines responded to Franktown for a wildland fire that burned over 1,000 acres. No structures were lost, and no injuries were reported.
- On 2/25, crews responded to a BBQ grill on fire on the deck of a house. The homeowner extinguished the fire before FD arrival; however, there was significant damage and charring to the deck.

#### **C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola**

- On 2/4, MFD held a community CPR Class at Fire Station 1 for Tri-Lakes Cares.
- On 2/10, Hazmat 554 participated in a HazMat drill down at the PPROEM.
- On 2/10, MFD had a cardiac arrest save.
- On 2/10, MFD units assisted BFFD on an outbuilding fire.
- On 2/17, Station 1 hosted a ride along.
- On 2/17, Station 3 hosted a Cub Scout tour.
- On 2/23, Hazmat 554 responded with CSP on a fuel spill near County Line Rd & I-25.
- On 2/28, Station 3 hosted a ride along.
- On 2/28, Station 1 hosted a community CPR class.



## Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

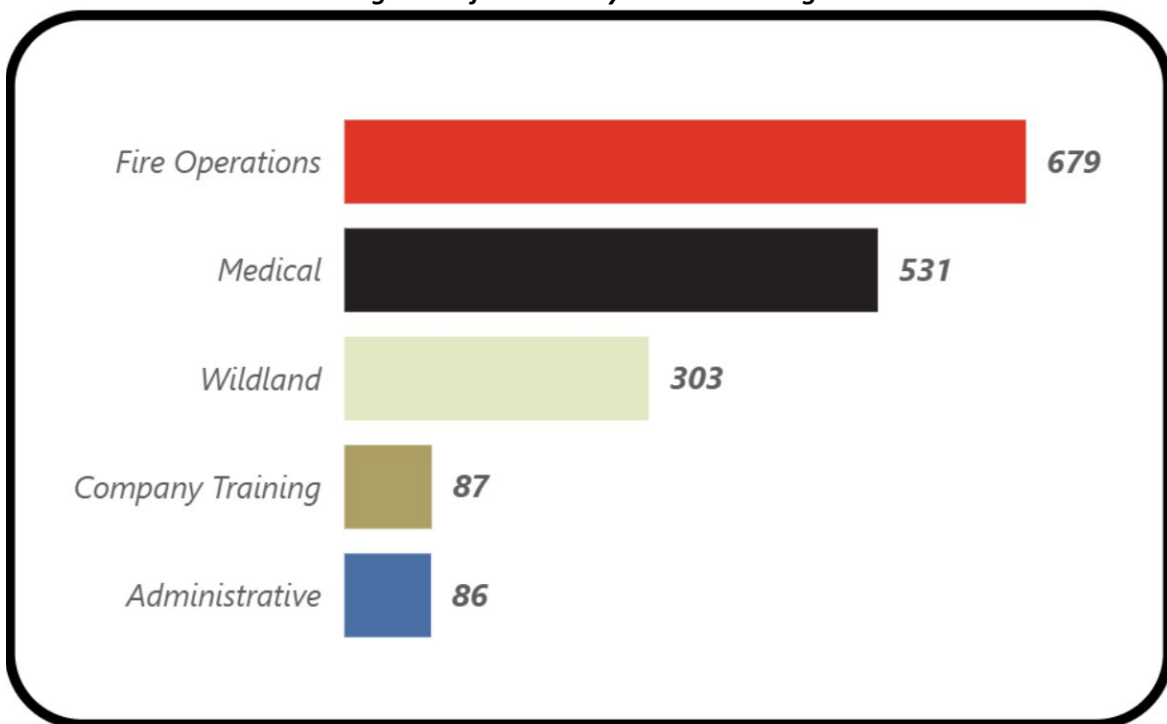
### Summary of Training Events: February 2026

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

### Training Plan for the Month: March 2026

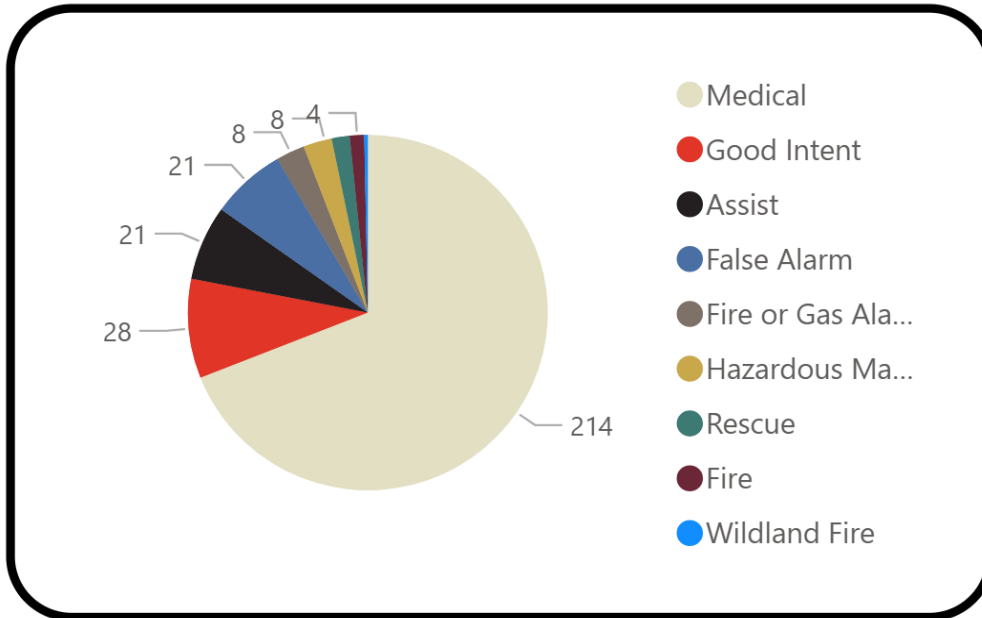
- EMS - Respiratory
- EMS - ACLS class.
- Fire - Forcible Entry.
- Specialty Training - Hazmat.
- Fire in the Sky Conference.
- Driver/operator aerial practical.

### Training Hours for February – 1686 Training Hours



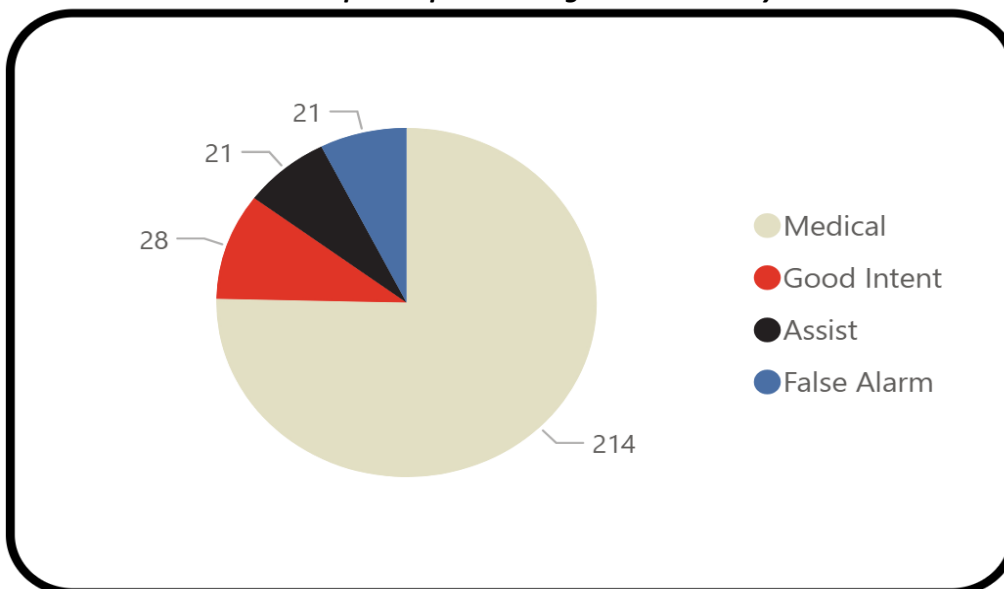


**Incidents by Call Type – February**



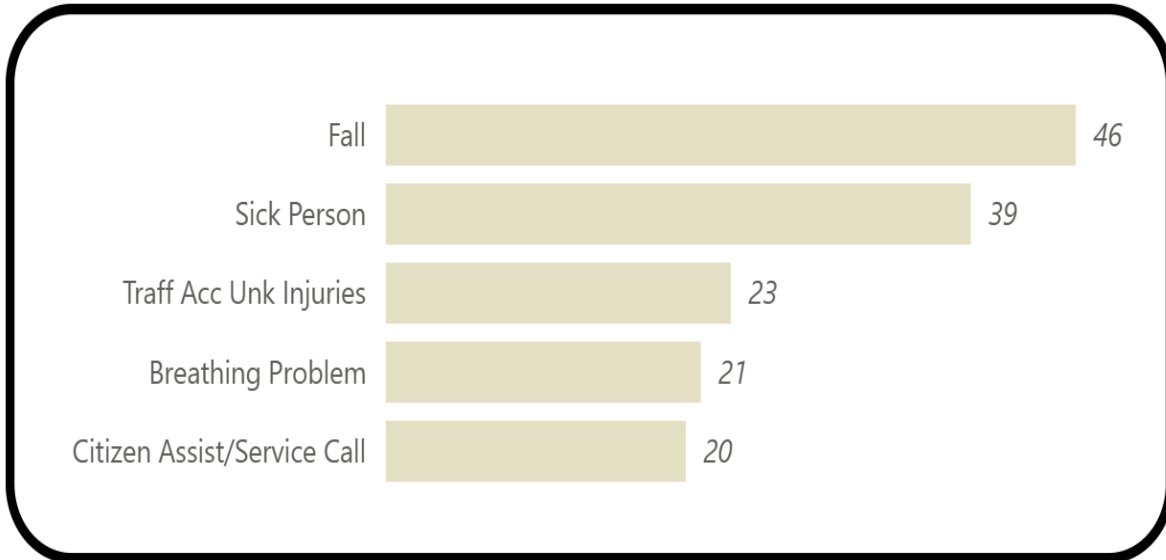
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – February**

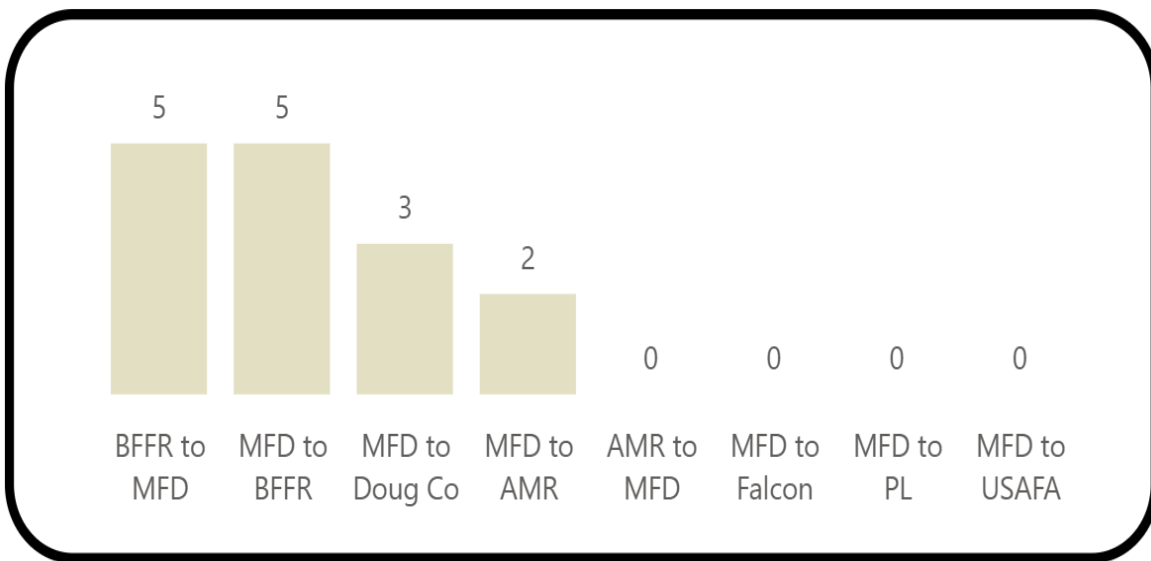




**Top 5 Calls by Subclass**



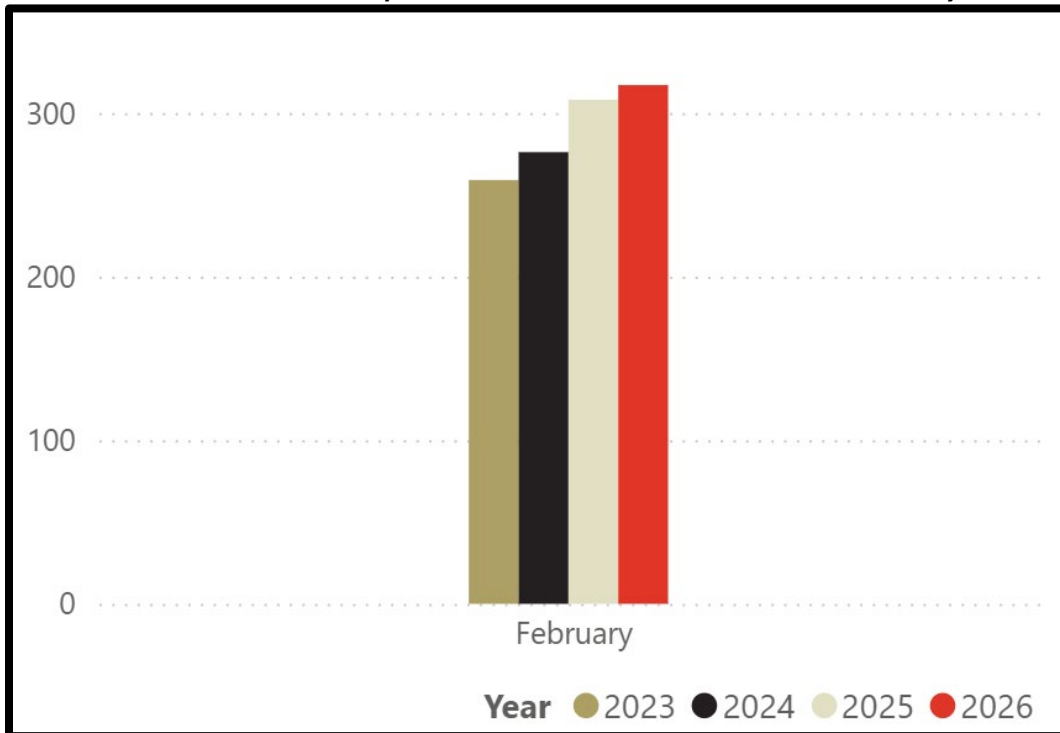
**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – February**



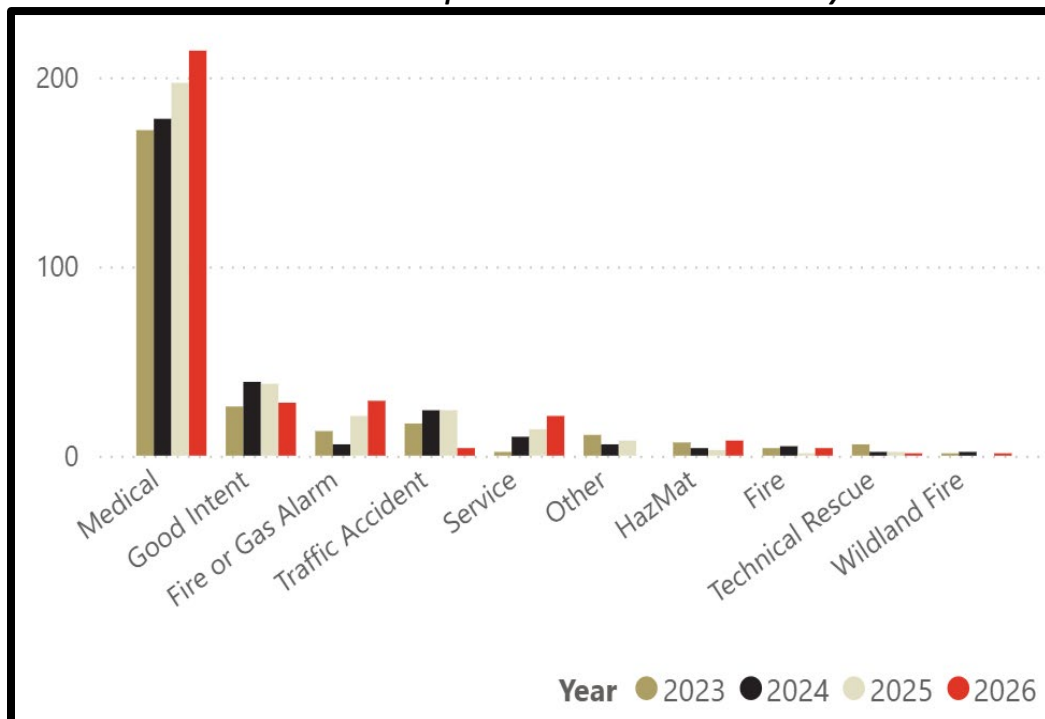
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.



**Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents –2023 - 2026 February**

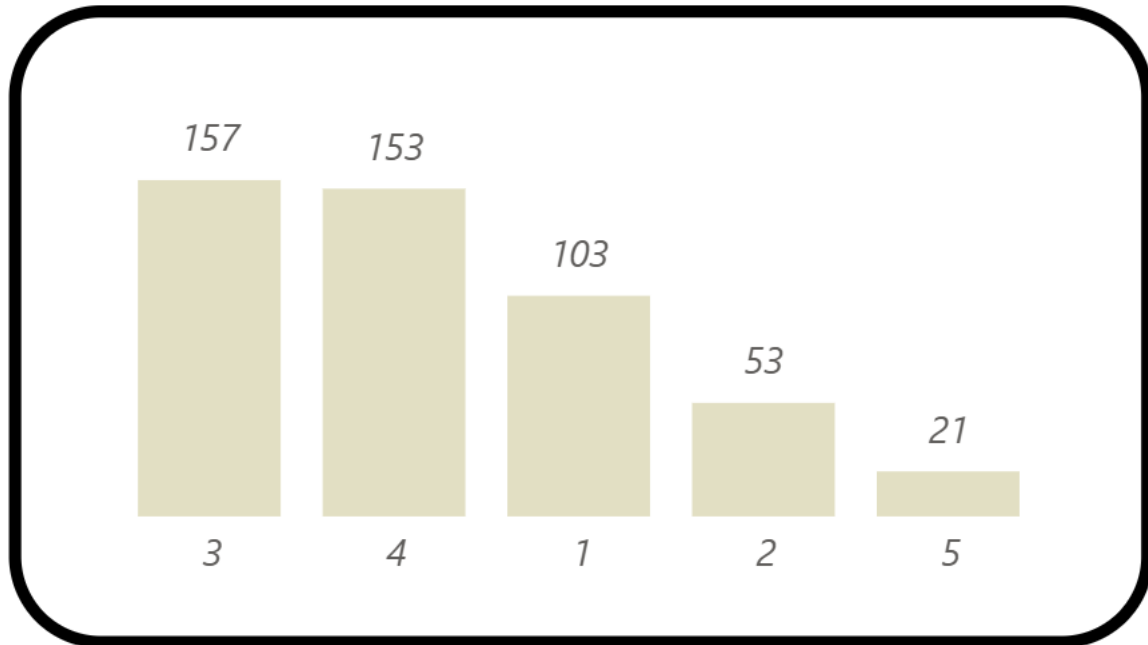


**Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023 - 2026 – February**





*Calls Per Station February 2026*



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

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

- Accepted delivery of the new Snowcat, which included district training.
- Initiated several capital projects to occur at various stations in 2026.
- Scheduled final inspections for the new tender and brush truck to occur in March.
- Began the weekly Owners, Architect, and Contractors (OAC) meeting for Fire Station 3.

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

- Continue to work with the IT administrator to strengthen the IT network against outside attacks.
- Installed security cameras for the administrative building attached to our network.
- Completed the door hardware and lock installations at the administrative offices.

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

- Assessed the water damage to Sun Hills Station and initiated repairs.
- Completed general PM on several vehicles.
- Completed the repairs to the reserve Tower Ladder, which includes engines and suspension repairs. Delivered it to Front Range Fire Apparatus for Aerial ladder maintenance.
- Developed a list of required items to prepare for the arrival of the new fire engines.



## ***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 Colorado State Fire Chiefs Critical Issues Brief and Legislative Update.
- Attended MFD/BFFR Enhanced Rural Water Supply Regulations feedback meeting.
- Presented proposed International Fire Code and Wildfire Resiliency Code adoption process to Monument Town Council.
- Attended PPROEM Multi-Agency Coordinating Group meeting.
- Attended EPC planning meeting to review BFFR Enhanced Rural Water Supply Regulations.
- Meet with local Red Cross management to discuss evacuation planning.
- Attended Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council meeting.

### ***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:***

- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and Town of Monument and El Paso County.
- Attended EPC Fire Marshal's committee meeting.
- Attended HBA code review meeting.
- Continued development of local CWRC ground truthing process to include weather and fire behavior modeling.
- Attended landscaping review training to support the implementation process for the CWRC.

### ***Fire Investigations***

- No activity this month.