



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – November/December 2022

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



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

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As we conclude 2022, I am happy to report the completion of 21 initiatives identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Staff worked diligently to accomplish the goals outlined.

On November 1, the district hosted its second annual awards and recognition ceremony. All had a great time.

On November 8, DW Board President Gunderman, Chief Bradley, and I met with residents of Sun Hills to discuss options for the disposition of the Sun Hills Fire Station.

On December 7, Chief Bumgarner and I received a check from the Lion's Club totaling \$1,488. The donation will be used to purchase the radio chargers for the new squad.

On December 8, staff met with QuikTrip to discuss purchasing land for a future fire station/training tower at Baptist and Terrazzo Drive.

On December 8, I virtually attended the CHFC special membership meeting.

On December 12, staff met with OZ Architects regarding the Fire Station 3 project.

On December 15, Chief Bradley and I attended a regional meeting to discuss county-wide radio identifiers.

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
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – Colorado representative



## ***November/December Quick Facts***

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Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
6	226	1571	1
Major Incidents, Projects, and Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The 21 initiatives outlined in the 2022-2026 Strategic plan were completed this year. Staff worked diligently to complete the goals set forth before them.</li><li>We continue to work with the Town of Monument and a Denver-based architectural firm to discuss our options for Fire Station 3.</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></ul>			

## ***Administration – Jennifer Martin/Stacey Popovich***

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### ***Upcoming Events & Notable Items:***

- Open enrollment was completed during the month of November.
- Our second annual district awards and recognition ceremony was well attended and memorable.

### ***Promotions/Change of Assignments:***

- Nothing to report.

### ***Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:***

- New hires have completed their background checks, psychological profile, and physicals.
- Stacey Popovich has taken an administrative assistant position with Security Fire. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

### ***Local 4319:***

- Firefighter Schmidt was selected as the new L4319 President. L4319 hopes the boards had a great holiday season and look forward to working collectively in 2023.



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

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

- Edited the district's response plans to create more similarities between the North Group agencies.
- The regional fire dispatch steering committee has decided to visit other dispatch centers in the state before recommending changes to unit IDs in El Paso County. Scheduled for January.
- Continue to attend the Pikes Peak Fire Chief's Council meetings.
- Completed a new entry-level firefighter paramedic hiring process to augment our previous hiring process. Three eligible candidates were identified for any open position that may occur before January 2024.
- Completed uniform and PPE preparation for the academy recruits.
- Participated in a 911 Hero Award presentation for a ten-year-old in the district who used the emergency communication system to get help for a medical emergency.
- Worked with Red Cross to pre-position resources for winter storms.

### ***Operations:***

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

- 11/2/2022 - 531 and 581 attended the Tri-Lakes Cares ribbon cutting for their reopening ceremony.
- 11/3/2022 - 512 visited Prairie Winds Elementary to accept thank you cards for Firefighter Appreciation. 350 students presented cards to 512 outside of PWES. Each class made a card for MFD.
- 11/9/2022 – 531 assisted an elderly gentleman in changing the halyard on his flagpole using the aerial bucket.
- 11/21/2022 – Crews, including Palmer Lake 2011, attended extrication training at Station 1. Two cars were used to complete stabilization and extrication skills.
- 11/21/2022 – 513, 531, 544, and 502 were dispatched to a grass fire off Synthes Dr by Monument PD. Crews arrived onscene and found a small pile of sticks smoldering with MPD utilizing their fire extinguishers. 513 completed extinguishing the fire. The scene was left with MPD.
- 12/2/2022 – 513, 514, 581, 585, 502, and Palmer Lake 2011 completed a 4-hour Traffic Incident Management Refresher at Station 1. Crews reviewed highway safety and how to operate quickly and efficiently on all roadways.
- 12/3/2022 – 512 covered BFFD from BFFD Station 2 from 0800-1700 so BFFD employees could attend training throughout the day.
- 12/3/2022 – 531 delivered Santa Claus to Limbaugh Park for the Town of Monument tree lighting ceremony.
- 12/15/2022 - 512, 531, 584, and 502 completed a 4-hour Traffic Incident Management Refresher at Station 1. Crews reviewed highway safety and how to operate quickly and efficiently on all roadways.



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

- B-shift worked Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas day, and New Year's Eve. B-shift appreciates the District's support in providing food during the two holidays.
- 11/06/22 Ramblin Rose Rd., Chicken coop fire, three chickens rescued, all others self-evacuated, partial loss to the coop, cause determined to be an electrical short.
- 11/07/22 Curwood Drive, structure fire. CSFD and PLVFD mutual aid were provided.
- 11/19/22 North Academy, MCI mutual aid to CSFD with 585 and 584 for the Club Q shooting, both units released by command.
- 11/25/22 B-shift battalion TIMS training at MFD station 1 classroom, State Patrol and CDOT invited but unable to attend. PLVFD attended.
- 11/30/22 Battalion extrication training cutting cars at station 1, crews rotated through various scenarios.
- 12/13/22 Quarterly safety inspections completed by all stations.
- 12/14/22 Pinery Dr., MFD 512, 564, and 502 provided mutual aid to Black Forest Fire for a working structure fire.
- 12/19/22 HWY83 and Shoup Rd., High-speed rollover with major damage with a car on fire. 2 patients transported. 512, 514, 502, 585, 584. And CSFD E22 responded.
- 12/31/22 Queensmere Dr., Animal rescue, 512 requested assistance from DOW for a trapped deer. 512 assisted DOW in facilitating a successful rescue.

***C Shift – Battalion Chief Dooley***

- 11/5/22 Hosted girl scout troop for a tour of Station 1.
- 12/17/22 514 and 575 attended a 911 Hero Award presentation.
- 11/22/22 Vehicle fire. Multi-unit response. Fire extinguished. Two patients were treated for burns.
- 11/24/22 Multi-vehicle accident on Hwy 105. Patients were transported to Memorial North Hospital.
- 12/05/22 Animal Rescue. Assisted in the rescue of a deer from a seven-foot deep window well.
- 12/23/22 Diesel leak from semi-truck saddle tank on I-25. Crews contained the leak.



## ***Training – Battalion Chief Mola***

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

- Blue Card IC initial class for nine MFD attendees.
- TIM (Traffic Incident Management) classes.
- Extrication training at Fire Station 1.

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

- Vehicle stabilization.
- EMS training.
- Annual review and renewal of certifications.
- Prepared the 2023 training calendar.

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

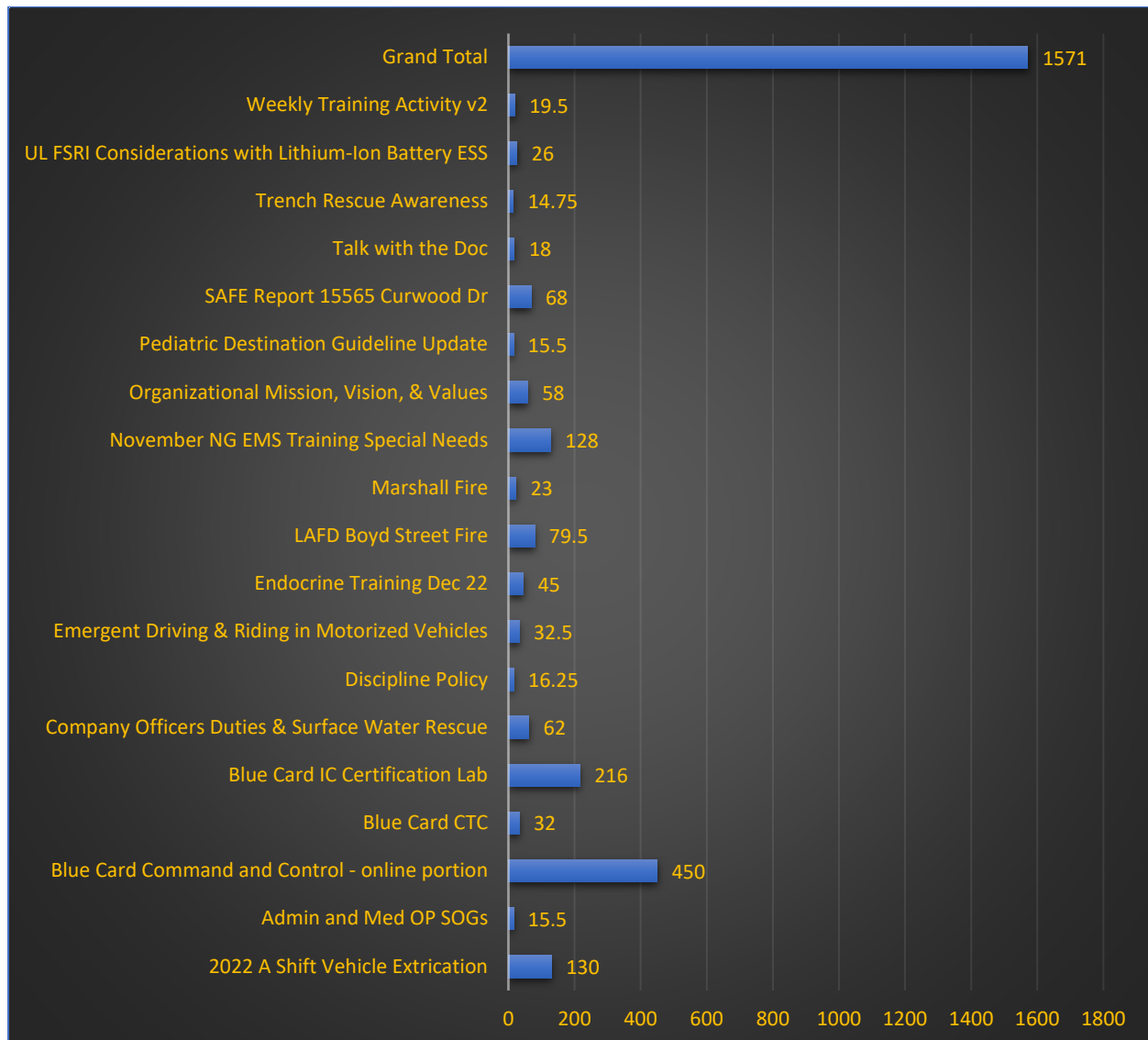
- Ice rescue refresher training.
- Preparing the firefighter survival training Conex box.
- The district will be performing NFPA 1410 drills in 2023.



*Auto extrication training at Fire Station 1.*



***Training hours for the month of November/December –1571 Training Hours.***







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

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

- The district is collaborating with Walmart to do monthly talks with staff about various fire department topics. The EMS division is helping establish an emergency response team (ERT) within the store. A Stop the Bleed class and an active shooter talk with Monument PD will be in January.
- The MCI group has received a grant for \$45,000 to help equip the county agencies with updated triage kits. The hope is for the entire county to adopt the updated RETAC MCI plan being finalized. North Group agencies have already agreed to adopt this plan. The county medical directors have also endorsed the plan and will aid in getting other agencies on board.
- New modems have been installed on the cardiac monitors to make uploading data from the monitors to the patient care reports easier.
- An assisted living liaison group has been established to begin a File of Life program and offer training to the district's assisted living facilities.
- An AED registry program has been started by one of the medical directors. The program is through an app called Pulse Point. AEDs throughout the district have been getting registered. When a person calls 911 for a cardiac arrest, EPSO dispatch will access the registry and be able to direct the caller to the nearest AED.
- Two district ambulances responded to the Club-Q shooting in November to assist CSFD and AMR. Both units were canceled in staging.

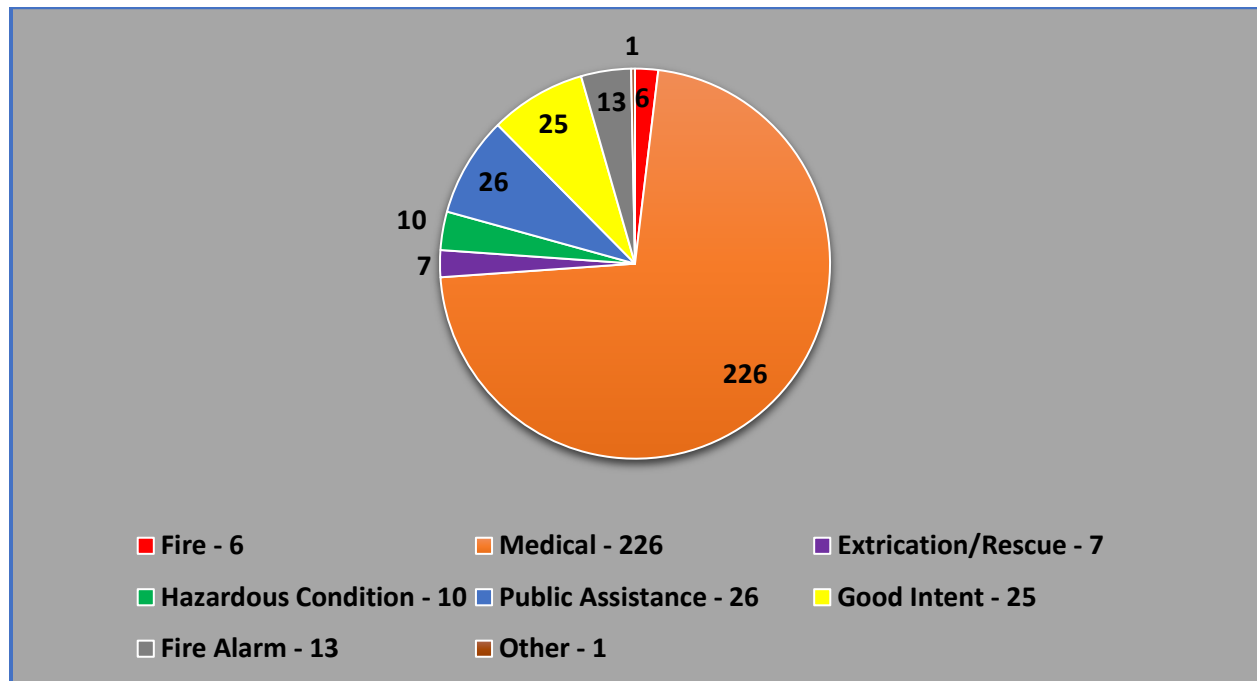


*Multi-company training.*

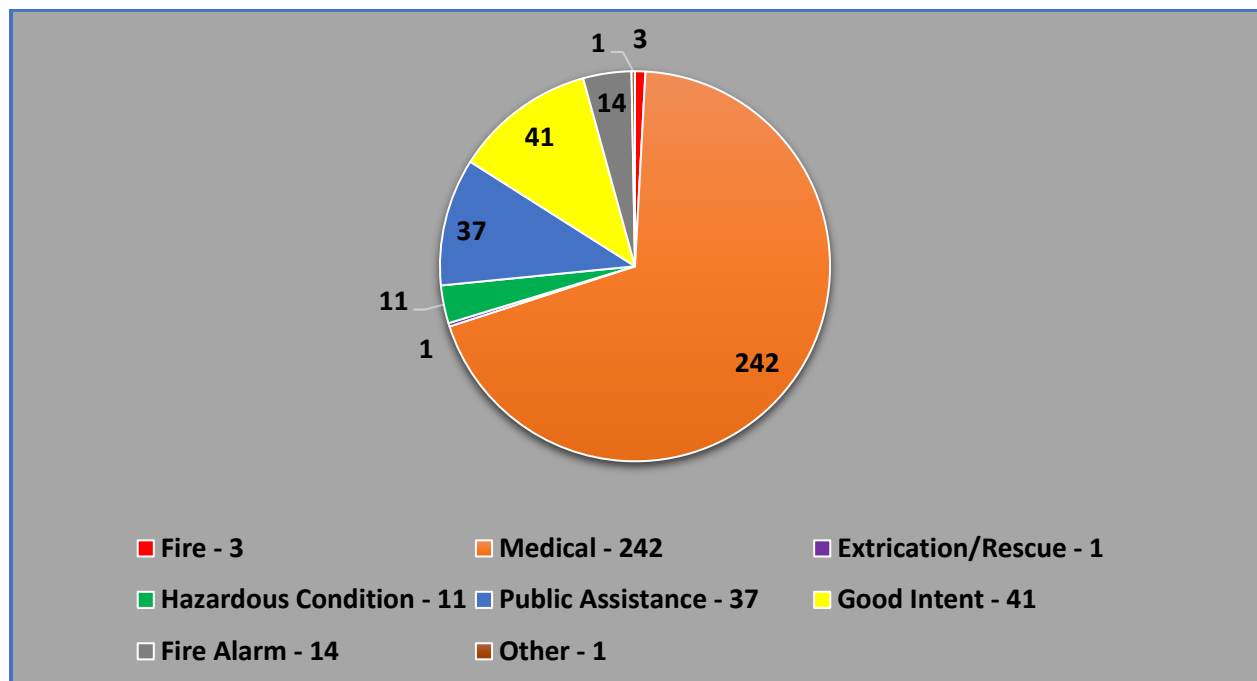




*Incidents by Call Type – November*



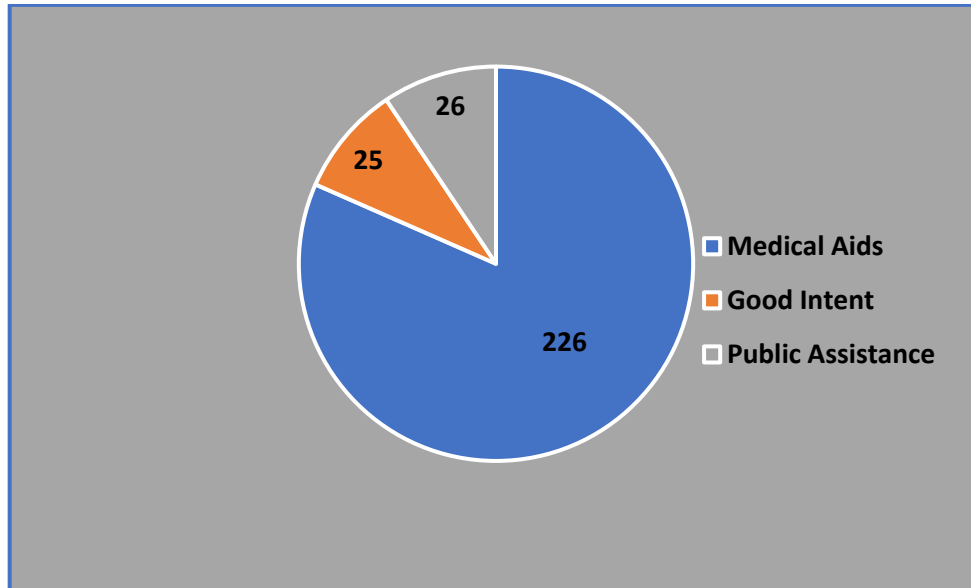
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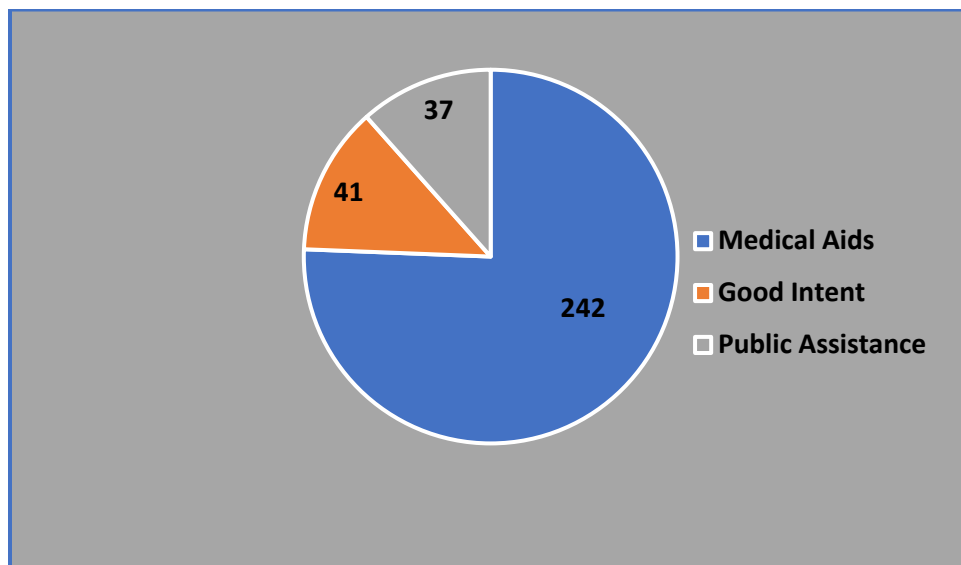


- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and other
- Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency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

***Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – November***

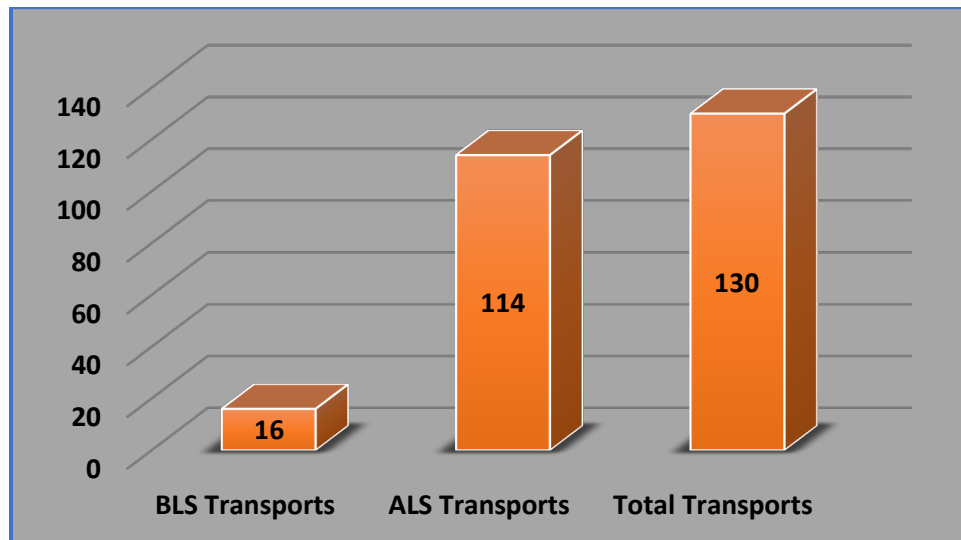


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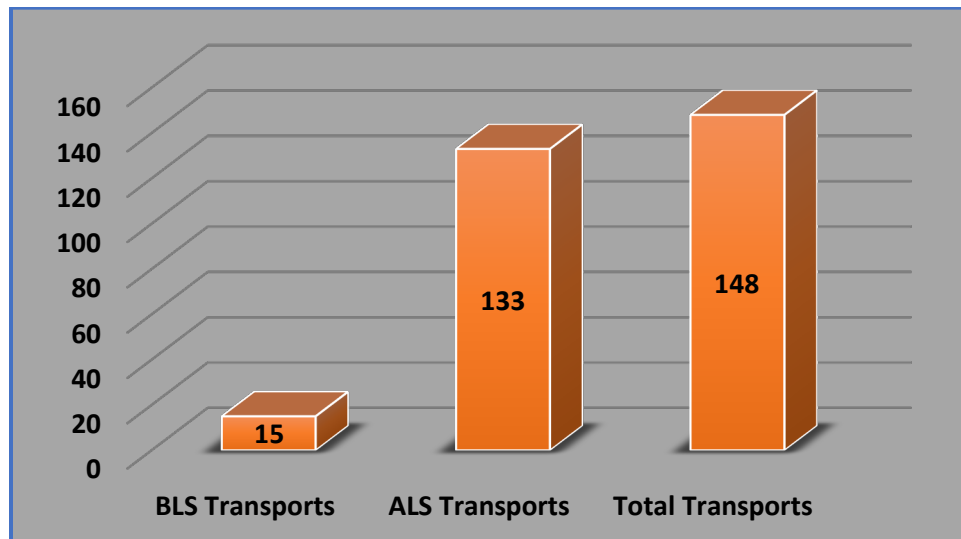




*Ambulance Transports – November*

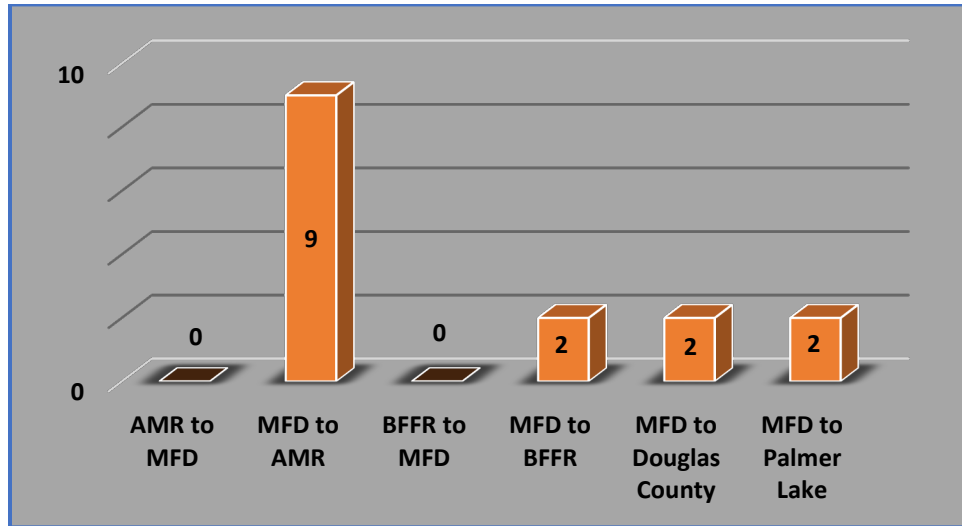


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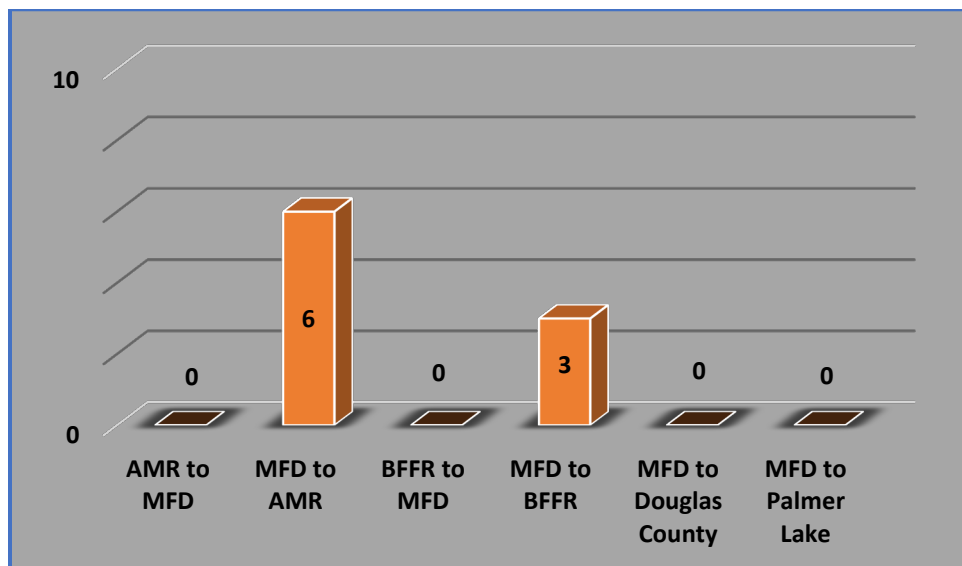


***Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – November***



Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
TLM to AMR – 7 calls accepted.

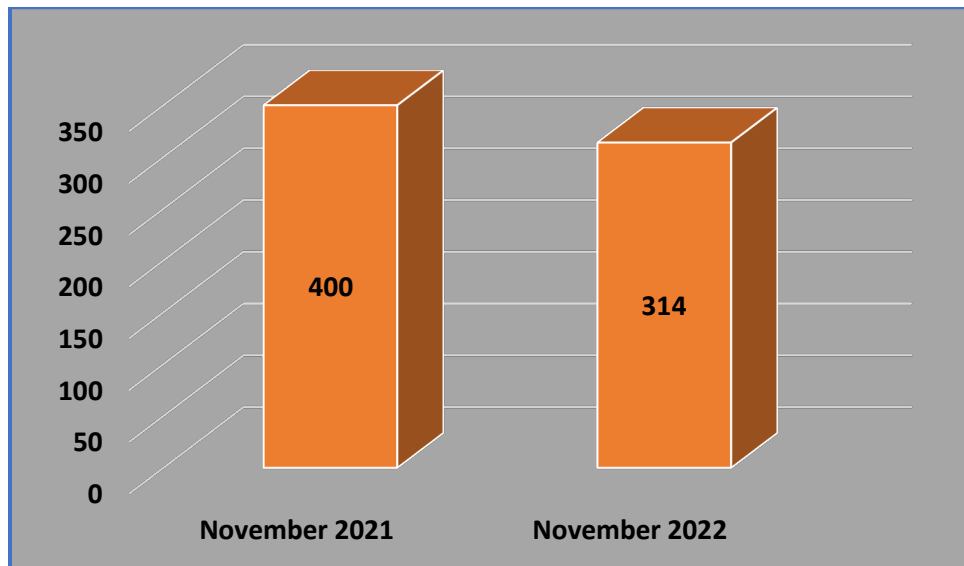
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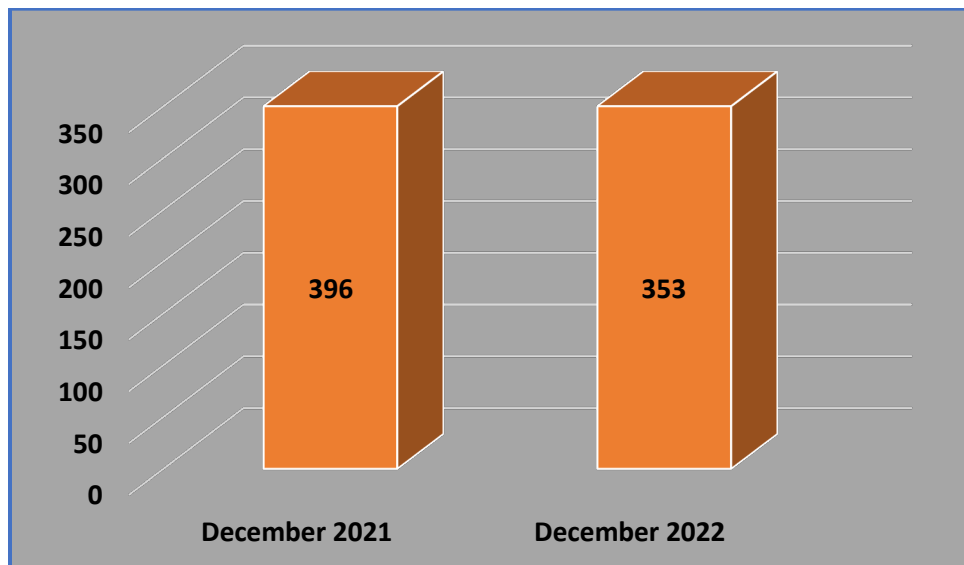
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TLM to AMR – 4 calls accepted.



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

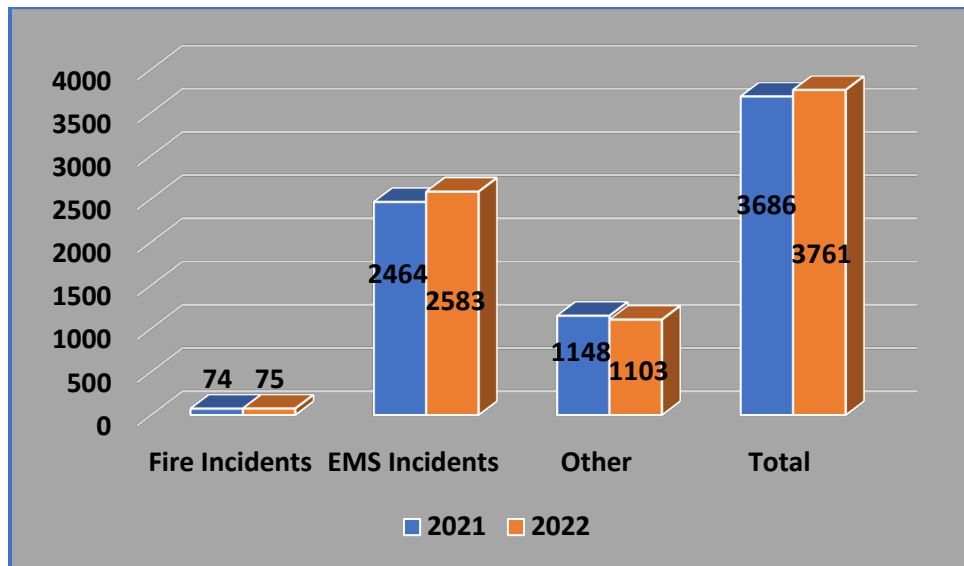


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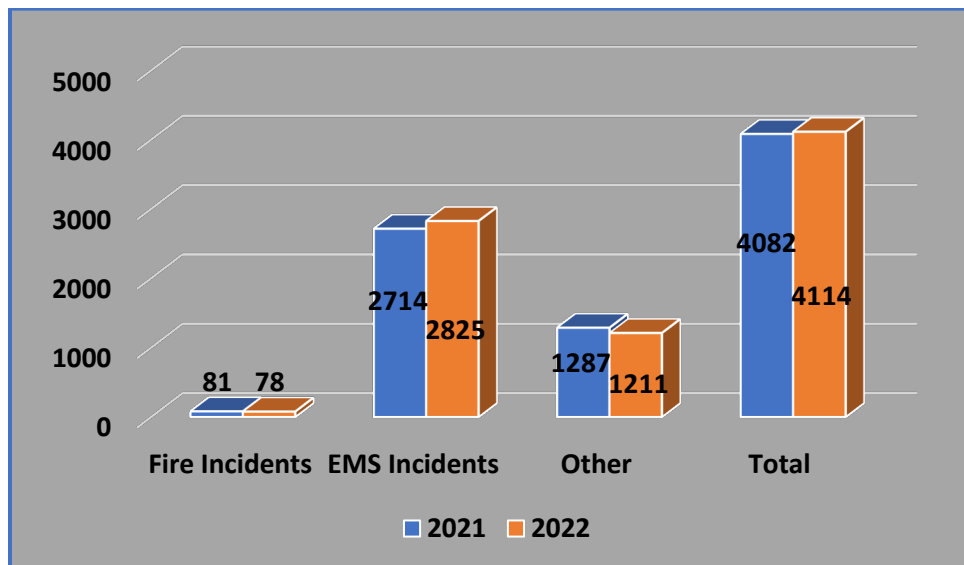




*Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022 – November*



*Year-To-Date Comparison – 2021/2022 – December*





## Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

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

- Conducted the district's 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Planning meeting with the budget coordinators to prepare for 2023.
- Reviewed and signed several administrative contracts for services to begin in 2023.

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

- Prepared social media messaging for the holidays.
- Meet with several builders about current and upcoming projects in the district.
- Worked to refine the project scopes for fleet and facilities in 2023.

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

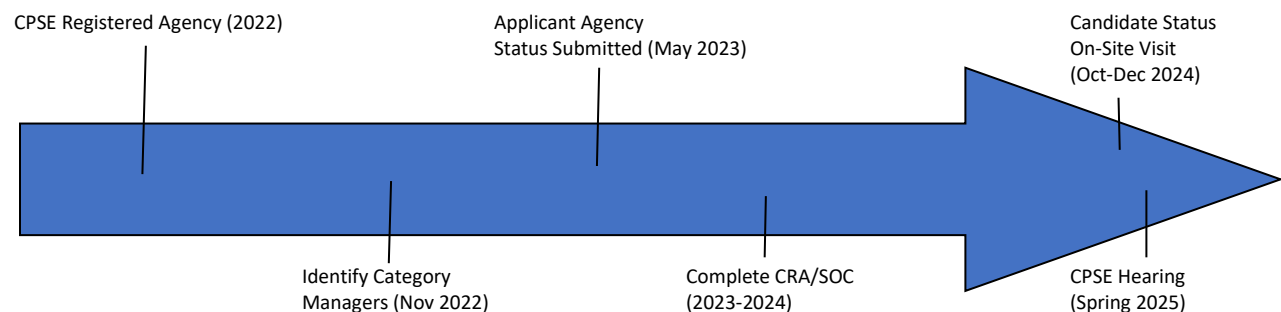
- Worked collaboratively with El Paso County fire districts to edit the new 2021 International Fire Code, which will be presented for adoption in 2023.
- Continue to work with the Town of Monument Development Review Team regarding commercial developments.
- Completed fire finals on one commercial property and a walkthrough for another multi-family project.

### **Fire Investigations:**

- Continue to meet monthly with the Pikes Peak Fire Investigation Task Force.

### **Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings**

- The timeline for agency accreditation has been established (see below).
- Category Managers have been identified and are completing the self-assessment.
- Continuing to work on the Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover to be completed this year.







**Logistics – Lieutenant Chris Keough**

**Fleet:**

- The squad has been placed in service at Fire Station 5. The full complement of tools and equipment has not yet been received.
- The ambulance that was in for repairs at the dealership has \$1,500 of emergency lighting stolen. Replacement parts have been ordered, but we have not taken delivery.
- 90% of the vehicle rebranding/decals has been completed.
- The 2005 Smeal Type 1 engine sold for \$40,000 to the Elliot Fire Department, IA.

**Facilities:**

- Fire Station 1
  - The electrician is still working on the signage.
  - The training props have been moved from the Sun Hills station to a Conex box.
- Fire Station 2
  - We are still waiting for parts for the garage door opener. The door is in service.
- Fire Station 3
  - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 4
  - Nothing to report.
- Fire Station 5
  - Nothing to report.

**Information Technology:**

- Work continues to enhance our IT capabilities and transition accounts to Monument Fire District.

**Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:**

- Installation of the extractor at Fire Station 1 continues.



*New engine final inspection.*