



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – January 2025

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, Chief Branden and I hosted our Chief's Meetings with on-duty personnel.
- On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Chief Bumgarner and I met with Tim David to discuss Fire Station 3 financing objects in preparation to make a recommendation to the BODs.
- On January 15<sup>th</sup>, I attended an NWS Pueblo briefing to discuss the upcoming winter weather event.
- On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the administrative staff hosted an employee orientation and luncheon for our new firefighter recruits.
- On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Director Kelly, admin, and operations staff visited OZ Architecture in Denver to discuss the interior finishes for Fire Station 3 and enjoyed a visual fly-through of the building.
- From January 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, I was out of town on vacation.
- I continue to attend the following local, regional, and national-level meetings:
  - Fire Station 2 OAC
  - Fire Station 3 OAC
  - Training Center team meeting
  - 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
  - Rocky Mountain Accreditation Consortium – co-chair
  - International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – 1st Vice-President



## Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
3	247	524	32

### Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- Swearing-in ceremony for Firefighter/Paramedic Dore and Lindsey.
- Paramedic Botkin has come off shift to attend the 2025-01 regional fire academy with two new firefighter/paramedic recruits.
- MFD command and administrative staff welcomed the new hire employees to the district with a meet and greet lunch.
- Pierce Manufacturing trained all MFD engineers on the new ladder truck.
- MFD hosted Irons and Ladders truck operations training.
- MFD crews participated in Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer HS career expos.
- All shift staff participated in the annual ice rescue refresher training at Forest Lake.
- On 1/18, MFD crews responded to a structure fire during subzero temperatures, resulting in extensive water and smoke damage. The family was displaced from the residence.

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- The accreditation team is in the final stages of preparing to submit documents by February 28.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Paramedic Botkin has come off shift to attend the 2025-01 regional fire academy.
- Two firefighter/paramedics are attending the 2025-01 regional fire academy.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Armstrong accepted a position with South Metro Fire Rescue.

### Local 4319:

- New E-Board members were elected, including Engineer Cudney and Firefighter/Paramedic Ortuno.
- Local #4319 hosted an ice fishing day at Monument Lake.



## ***Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Janaka Branden***

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

- Attended the Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council meeting.
- Attended the weekly Pikes Peak Wildfire Preparedness meetings.
- Attended the new hire meet and greet lunch.
- Attended the MFD/Local #4319 labor management meeting.
- Attended annual ice rescue refresher training.
- Attended Shield 616 fundraiser event planning.
- Attended the tower ladder training provided by Pierce Manufacturing.
- Participated in a software planning meeting with First Due.

### ***Operations:***

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

- On 01/16, Station 3 hosted the KRDO News 13 morning show and the Battlin' Betties to highlight them and their support for local first responders and military personnel.
- Probationary members Kaplan, Dill, and Cassaday passed their third phase probationary tests and have moved on to their 4th and final phase.
- All A-shift personnel participated in ice rescue refresher drills instructed by Lieutenant Bodinsky and Engineer Tafoya.

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

- On 1/6, MFD crews participated in Red Energy PR videos. Several crew members were interviewed for social media content.
- On 1/6, MFD crews responded to an aircraft emergency. Crews located a small airplane that had a mechanical and landed in a field. No injuries were reported.
- On 1/7, MFD crews responded to a fire from improper disposal of hot coals. Crews found a melted trash can with smoke damage to the residence's exterior wall.
- On 1/18, MFD station 1 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/18, MFD crews responded to a structure fire in subzero temperatures. The home sustained significant smoke and water damage. Two adults, four kids, and one dog were displaced. The homeowner was treated and evaluated on scene for smoke inhalation, and one firefighter was injured. The estimated loss is \$280k.
- On 1/19, MFD Station 4 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/19, MFD crews responded to Black Forest for a structure fire.
- On 1/25, MFD crews responded to Larkspur for a structure fire. They encountered one patient who was seriously injured by burns.

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

##### ***January:***

- On 1/11, MFD Station 4 hosted a ride-along.
- On 1/16, C-shift had our monthly Chief's meeting for the battalion.
- On 1/22, MFD held the paramedic promotion dinner at Fire Station 1.
- On 1/23, C-shift hosted a station visit at Fire Station 3.



- On 1/28, MFD crews assisted BFFR on a reported appliance fire.
- On 1/29, MFD crews attended two separate career fairs in the district.



*Promotion of Firefighter Dore and Lindsey to Paramedic.*



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

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

- EMS: Waiver Skills.
- FIRE: Drills (Live Fire) at USAFA Tower.
- Propane Training (Cancelled due to weather).

### ***Summary of Training & EMS Events:***

- Attended the Fire Academy Advisory Committee meeting with Pikes Peak State College.
- Completed paramedic skills for PEPP certifications.

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

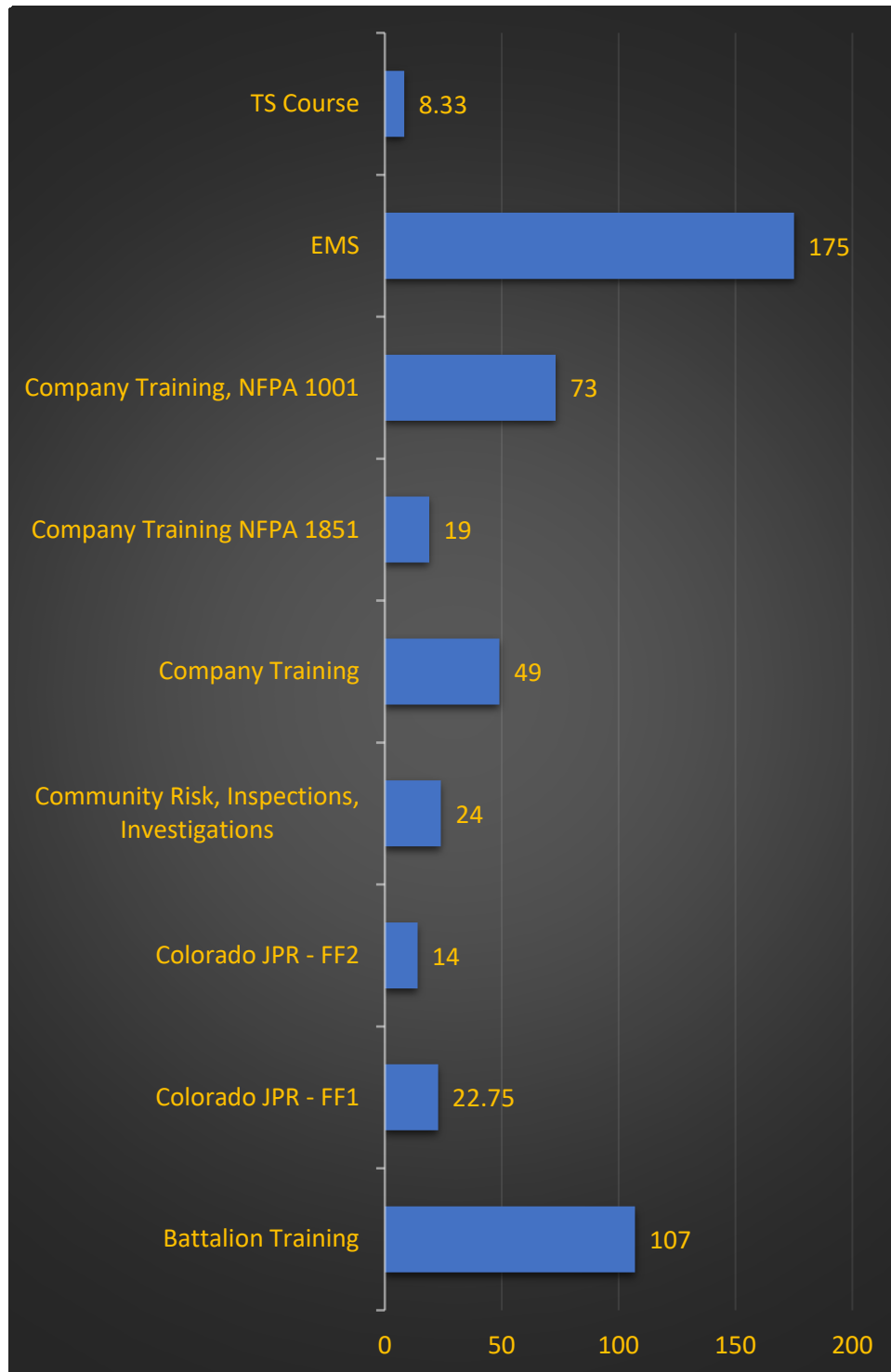
- EMS – Waiver Skills.
- Fire – Live Fire drills at Air Force Academy.
- Propane fire training.

### ***Training Plan for the Month: February 2025***

- New Tower training.
- EMS - Airway Training.
- Truck Operations- Irons & Ladders.
- Ice Rescue Refresher.

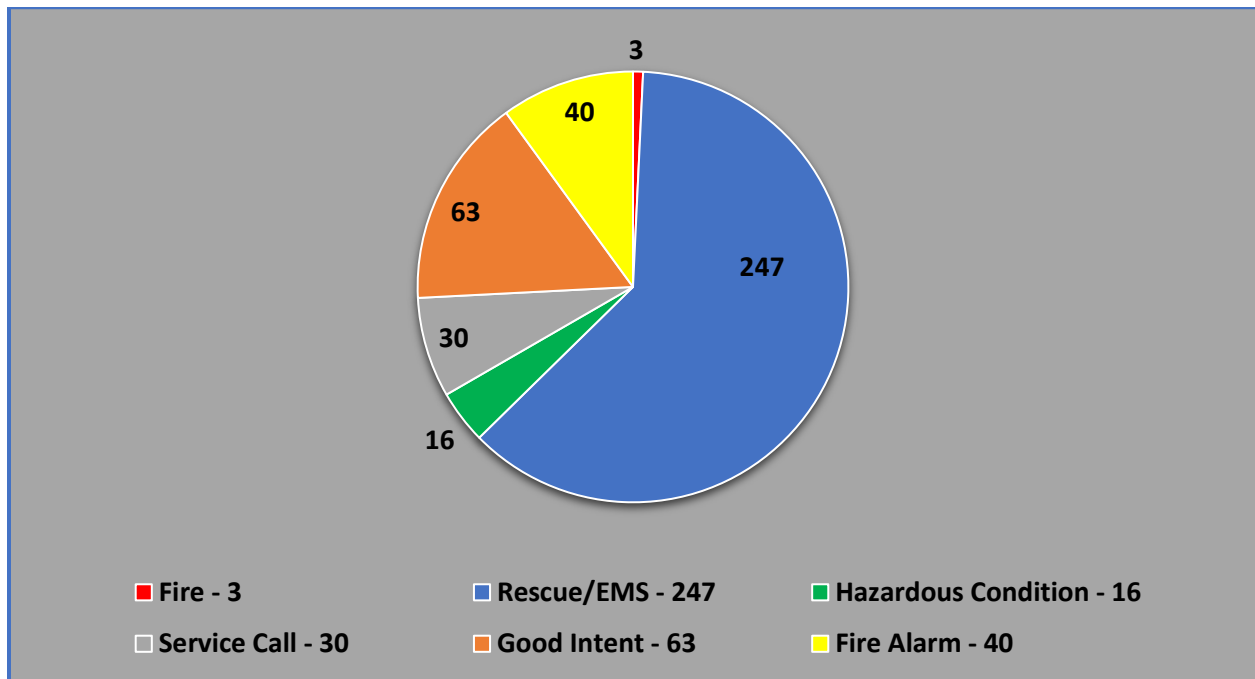


*Training hours for January – 524 Training Hours.*





*Incidents by Call Type – January*

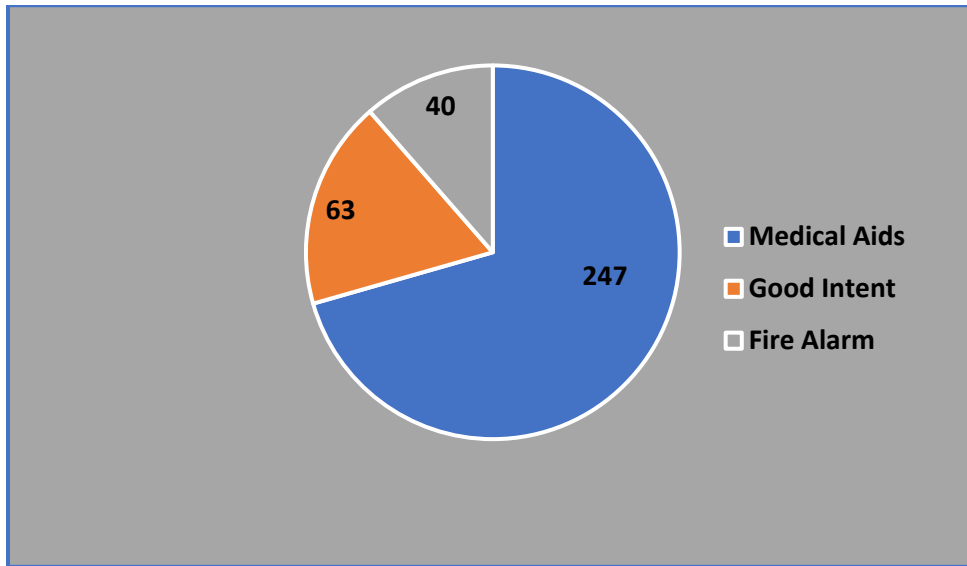


- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

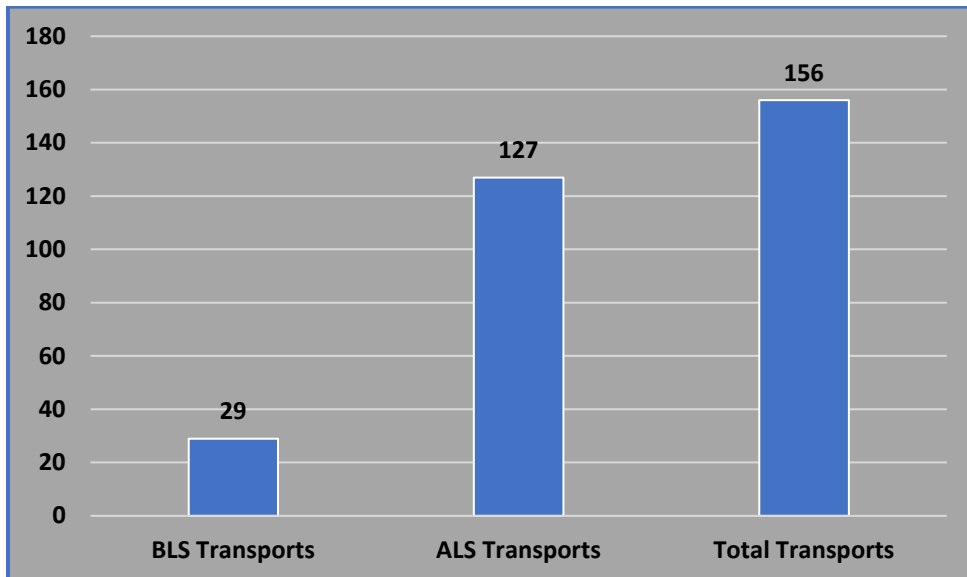




**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – January**

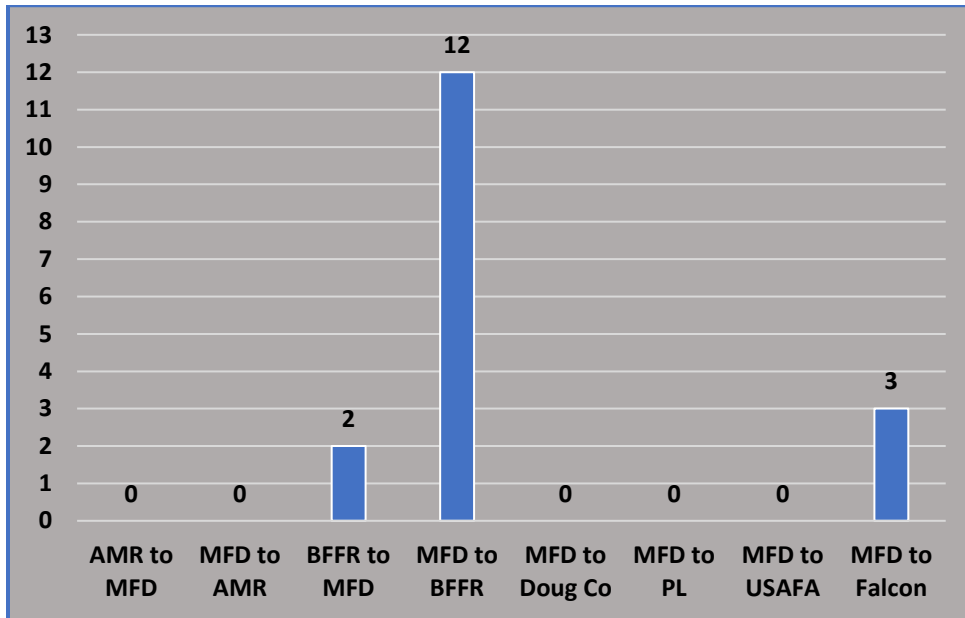


**Ambulance Transports – January**





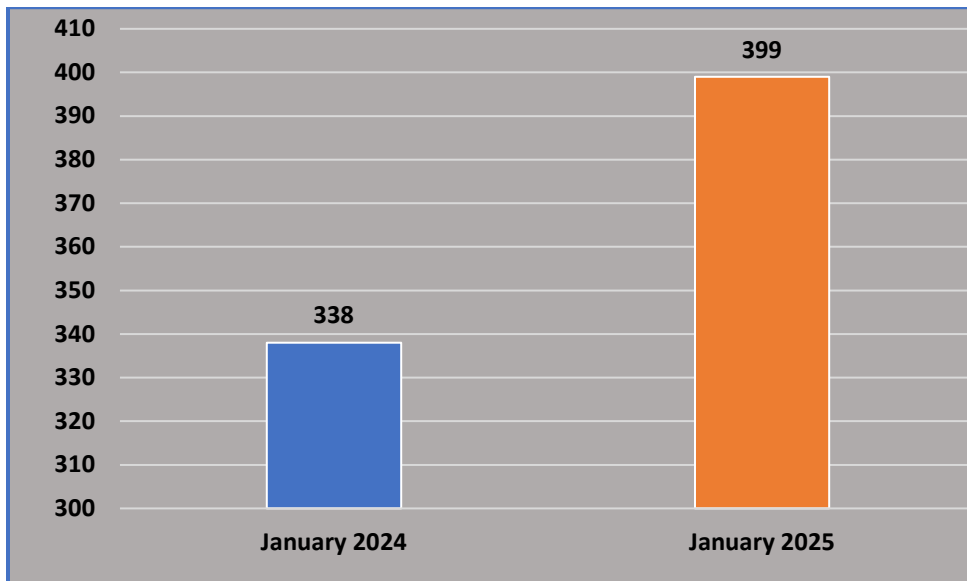
*Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – January*



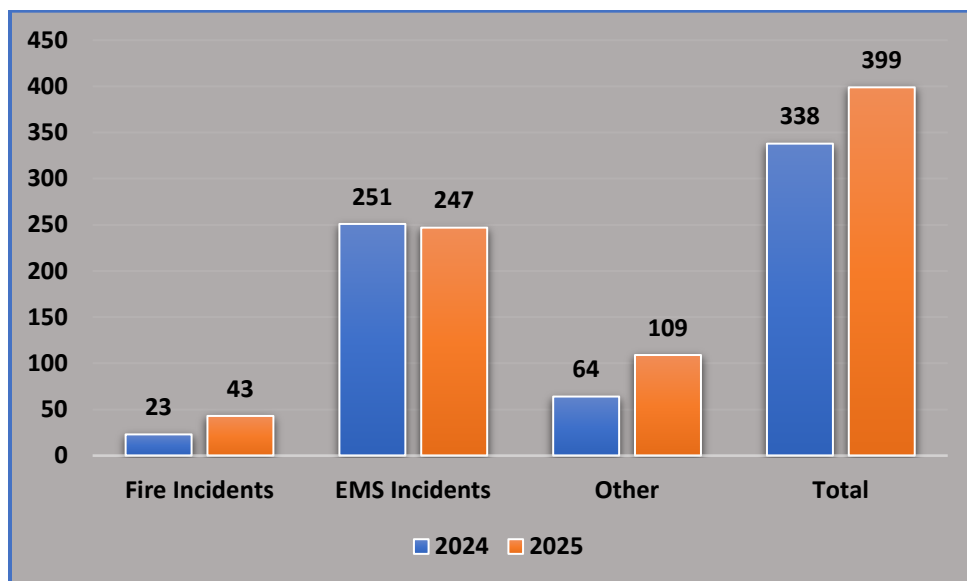
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 0 calls accepted.



Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents –2024/2025 January



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2024/2025 – January





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

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

- Implemented the plan to get the New Tower Ladder in service.
- Attended the weekly OAC meetings for the remodel of Fire Station 2.

### ***Administrative Services:***

- We continued to work on several projects, including Station 3, Training Center, Station 6 land purchase, and the Mitchell Ave project.
- Reviewed the apparatus delivery schedules for 2025.

### ***Fleet and Facilities – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt***

- Prepared the UTV for spring storm operations by installing tracks.
- Leaf springs were replaced on Engine 513 on both sides, repairs were made to the Jacobs Brake, and preventative maintenance was performed.
- Assisted with snow plowing operations as needed.



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

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

- Attended regional fire code meeting with the Fountain Fire Acting Fire Marshal.
- Attended the fire marshal's association membership meeting.
- Finalized scope of work and contract with Monument Lake mitigation project contractor.
- Met with the CSFD mitigation program manager and select MFD community ambassadors to discuss alternate funding streams for mitigation projects.
- Met with PP Regional Building to discuss permitting and impact fee collection options.
- Completed Walker Road renaming project. Three new names were selected and filed with EPC.

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

- Attended Fire Adapted Colorado's new community onboarding event.
- Attended an MPD community engagement group meeting.
- Attended the School Pillars meeting.
- Presented wildfire mitigation content at the NEPCO monthly meeting.

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

- Attended Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code review meeting with the fire marshal's association.
- Provided updated guidance for cistern construction for new development.
- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Attended the HBA code review meeting.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument.
- Light duty personnel began verifying addresses in First Due software.

### ***Fire Investigations***

- Reviewed and updated participation documents with the Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigation Unit.