



MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – October 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment



Chief's Remarks

On October 7th, I hosted our Leadership Lessons monthly presentation.

On October 7th, Chief Bumgarner and I met with NV5 to review the Fire Station 2 remodel bids.

On October 15th, Chief Balvanz and I attended the Pikes Peak State College Fire Science Advisory board meeting.

On October 16th, staff attended the PPROEM Annual Winter Weather Workshop online.

On October 19th, I attended the L4319 pumpkin giveaway and canned food drive.

On October 22nd, I hosted the RMAPPC quarterly meeting at the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone.

On October 24th, Deputy Chief Sean Jones (Golden Fire Department) and I presented on succession planning, coaching, and mentoring at the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone.

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 – co-chair
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Missouri Valley Division – 1st Vice-President



October Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Training Hours Completed	Fire Inspections Completed
8	262	738	28

Major Incidents, Projects, and Events

- Conducted 55 oral board interviews for the 2025 entry-level firefighter eligibility list.
- Staff hosted the Station 4 ribbon cutting ceremony and open house post remodel.
- FF/Medic Peters has been identified as the new EMS Coordinator while Paramedic Botkin attends the Fire Academy.
- Crews responded to I-25 for a vehicle extrication. The patient sustained significant injuries.
- Several personnel attended the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone.
- Crews responded to a traffic accident on Highway 83 with multiple patients. \
- 12 Firewise inspections completed.
- Crew members were recognized by medical direction for exceptional patient care provided from a significant traffic accident involving a motorcycle.
- Evaluated and prepared the recommended bid for the Fire Station 2 remodel.
- 24 public education events attended.
- Crews provided fire safety talks throughout District 38 1st grade classrooms.
- Crews attended and participated in several Trunk or Treat events.

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Nothing to report.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Racheal Peters has accepted a two-year administrative assignment as the EMS Coordinator effective January 2025.
- Paramedic Botkin will be attending the fire academy in January 2025.

Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- Conducted 55 oral board interviews for the 2025 entry-level firefighter eligibility list.

Local 4319:

- This year's pumpkin giveaway was a success. Despite cold and cloudy weather, members donated 600 pumpkins to the community and collected over 800 pounds of non-perishable food for Tri-Lakes Cares. Thanks to Engineer Black and Lieutenant Wakefield for coordinating this year.
- The Executive Board celebrated another productive year of meet-and-confer negotiations for salary, benefits, and other considerations.



Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended the Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council meeting.
- Conducted oral board interviews for 55 candidates.
- Attended the bi-monthly MPD/MFD breakfast meeting.
- Attended the Leadership Lessons at Fire Station 1.
- Attended the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management Winter Weather Workshop.
- Participated in the EMS Coordinator oral board interviews for the 2025 job rotation.
- Provided battalion training on highway operations for all three shifts.
- Hosted the awards committee to review 2024 submissions.
- Attended the bi-monthly Chief's Meetings for all three shifts.

Operations:

A Shift – Battalion Chief Pearson

- On 10/4, crews provided a fire safety talk at St. Peters.
- On 10/4, crews attended the Lewis-Palmer High School Football homecoming celebration.
- On 10/16, crews attended a Chempack deployment planning meeting for an upcoming exercise.
- On 10/17, crews provided a fire safety talk at Grace Best Homeschool.
- On 10/22, crews provided a fire safety talk at Monument Academy West.
- On 10/22, crewmembers attended the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone.

B Shift – Battalion Chief Branden

- On 10/2, crews assisted Red Energy in developing social media content.
- On 10/2, crews provided a fire safety talk at Bear Creek Elementary.
- On 10/3, crews were recognized by medical direction for their outstanding patient care.
- On 10/2, Station 1 hosted a Cub Scout Egg Drop using the tower ladder.
- On 10/9, crews provided a fire safety talk at Kilmer Elementary.
- On 10/14, crews responded to an entrapment on I-25.
- On 10/26, crews attended the Fall Festival at Monument Academy East.
- On 10/26, crews provided a Firewise talk to the Wissler Ranch HOA.

C Shift – Battalion Chief Mola

- On 10/1, crews provided a fire safety talk at Bear Creek Elementary.
- On 10/1, Fire Station 1 provided a station tour.
- On 10/6, crews responded to a traffic accident on Highway 83 with multiple patients.
- On 10/12, crews assisted with the Fire Station 4 ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- On 10/18, crews provided medical coverage for the LPHS football game.
- On 10/24, crews provided a fire safety talk at Lewis-Palmer Elementary School.
- On 10/25, crews participated in the LPHS Softball State Tournament sendoff.
- On 10/25, crews participated in the Truck or Treat at the YMCA and St. Peters Church.
- On 10/25, crews provided medical coverage for the LPHS football game.
- On 10/31, crews participated in the Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat.



Training & EMS – Battalion Chief Balvanz

Summary of Significant Events:

- Behavioral case studies and safe transport of children in ambulances.
- Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) and Highway Operations.
- Three personnel attended the Fire Leadership Challenge in Keystone.

Summary of Training & EMS Events:

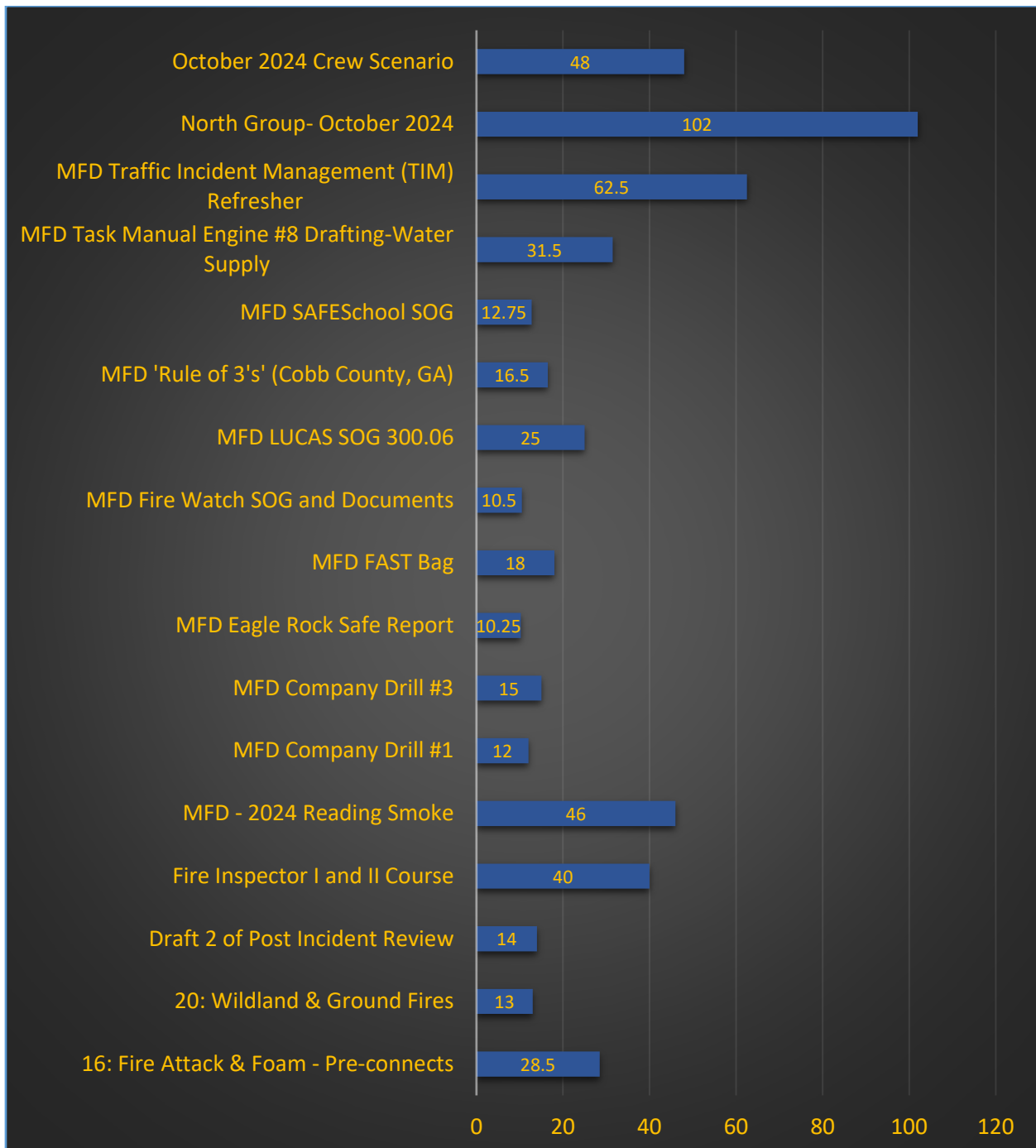
- Attended Fire Academy Advisory Committee meeting with Pikes Peak State College.
- Completed paramedic skills for PEPP certifications.

Training Plan for the Month:

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

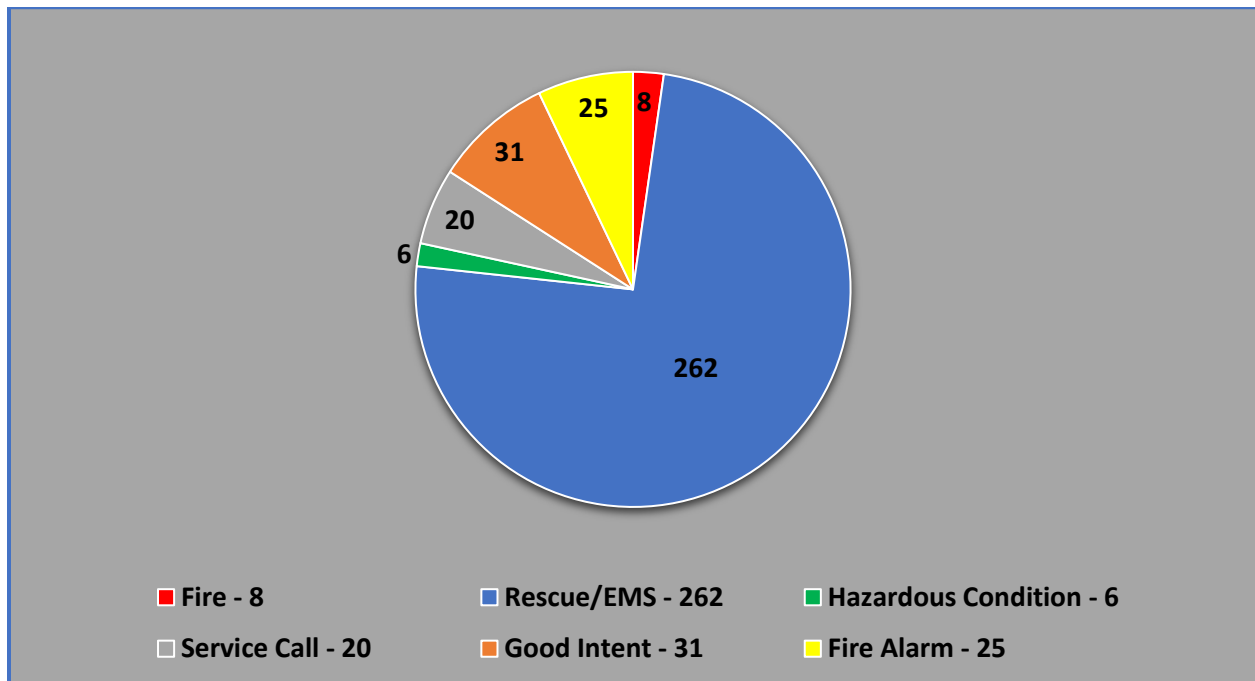


Training hours for October – 738 Training Hours.



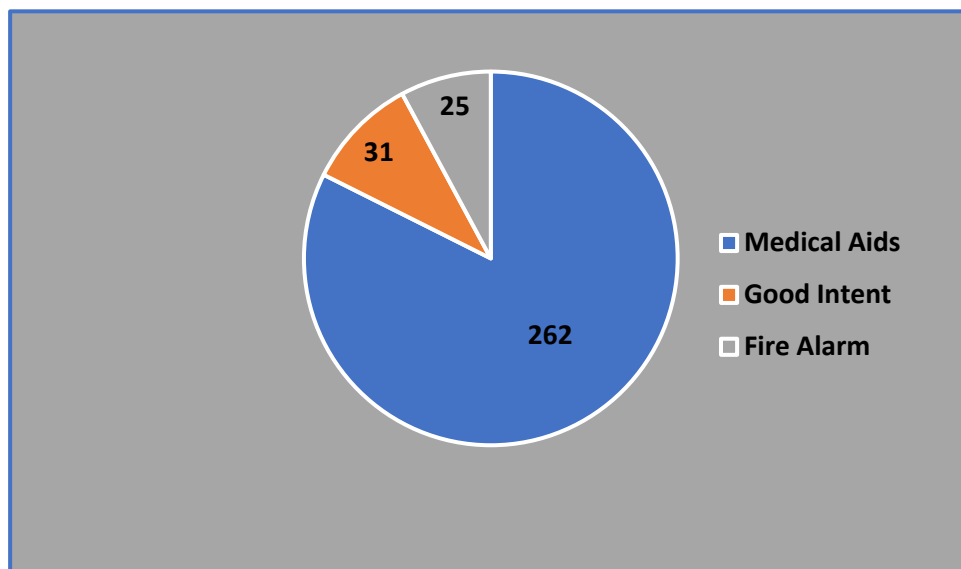


Incidents by Call Type – October



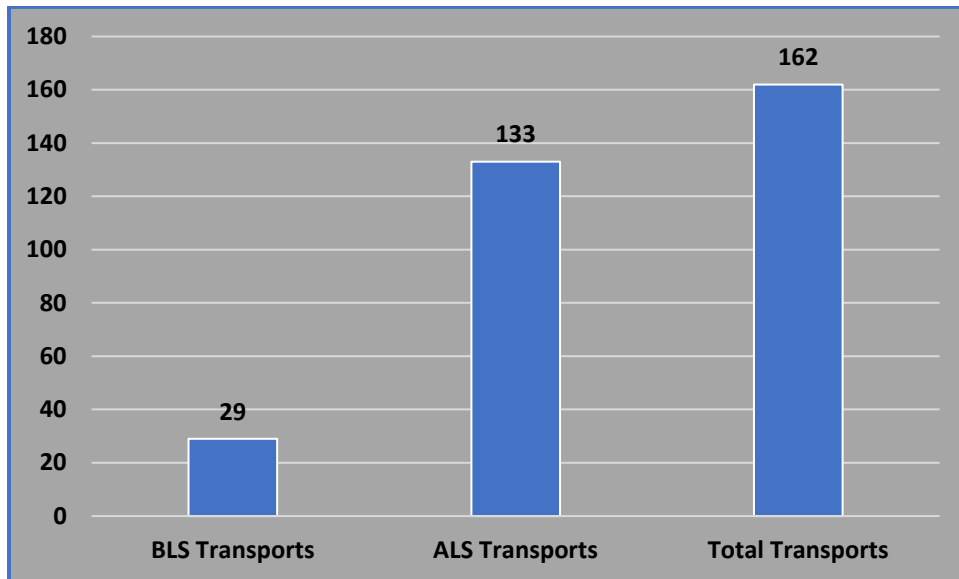
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – October

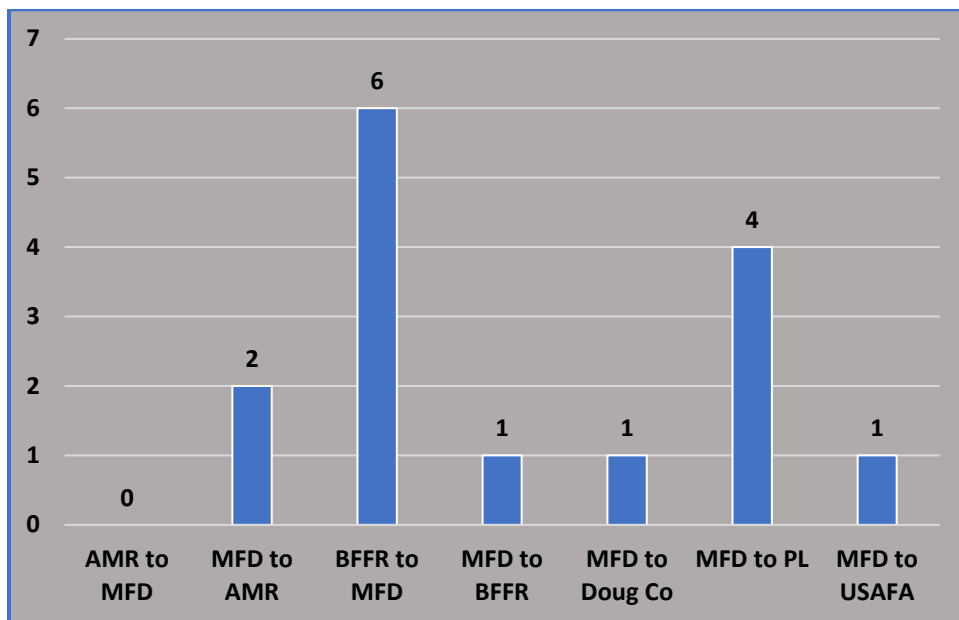




Ambulance Transports - October



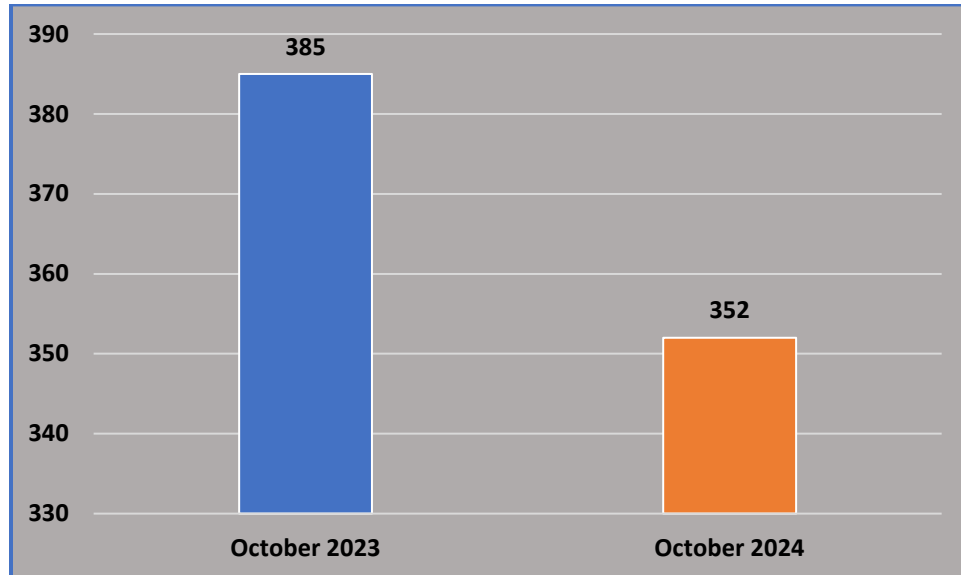
Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – October



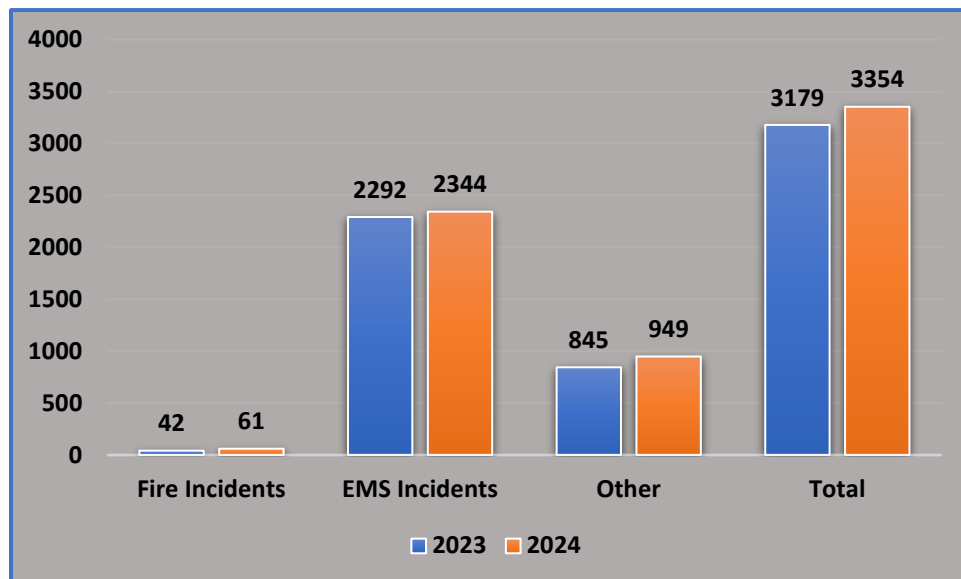
Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.
MFD to AMR – 2 calls accepted.



Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – October



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023/2024 – October





Administration – Division Chief Jamey Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Evaluated and prepared the recommended bid for the Fire Station 2 remodel.
- Completed and worked to close out the Fire Station 4 remodel project.
- Completed the installation of FirstNet cell boosters for each facility.

Administrative Services:

- Attended the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects.
- Continued to work on several projects, including Station 3, Training Center, Station 6 land purchase, and the Mitchell Ave project.

Accreditation – Accreditation Manager Scott Ridings

- Our Community Risk and Standard of Cover (CRA/SOC) document is crucial to our accreditation process. Our peer review mentor has finished its comprehensive review of our document. Based on their feedback, we will make some adjustments to strengthen the document.
- The updated document is scheduled for submission to the Board of Directors for approval in January 2025.
- Our accreditation self-assessment is advancing on schedule and is tarded for completion in January 2025.
- Staff is preparing to complete the 2024 Annual Program Appraisals. The appraisal evaluates each program's performance and alignment with the district goals and community needs.

Fleet and Facilities – Lieutenant Curt Leonhardt

- Complete a gauge and dash overhaul on the current tower ladder
- Replaced valve cover gasket on Brush 542.
- Replaced driver and passenger leaf springs on Engine 512.
- Completed and aligned on Brush 541 front and rear.
- We repaired several small items in our ambulances, including preventative maintenance.
- Maintained all facilities by performing simple maintenance on grounds and systems.
- Winterized all lawn sprinklers at all district facilities.
- Prepared snow equipment and facilities for plowing operations.
- Station 1 - Noting to report.
- Station 2 - Noting to report.
- Station 3 – Noting to report.
- Station 4 - Noting to report.
- Station 5 - Noting to report.



Community Risk Reduction – Division Chief Jonathan Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Attended follow-up meeting with Monument Academy East to discuss traffic flow and access issues.
- Brycer Compliance Engine for third-party fire protection systems inspection compliance tracking went live for contractors on 10/1.
- Met with the Regional Building deputy director to discuss fire and building plan routing processes.
- Attended CWPP core meeting to work through mapping issues for the final report.
- Participated in the initial phase of the El Paso County Land Development Code revision process.
- Attended USFS Land Tender software training for large area mitigation projects.
- Presented and received approval from TOM council to create a wildfire mitigation demonstration area on town property.
- Attended NFPA Assessing Structure Ignition Potential class.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- Hosted Walker Rd renaming meeting with Regional Building and E911 to negotiate project parameters.
- Attended Fire Adapted Colorado's annual community ambassador training sessions.
- Attended School Pillars safety meeting.
- Presented the wildfire safety information to Colorado Estates, Wissler Ranch, and Hilltop Pines HOA meetings.
- Completed the Arrowood III community wildfire risk assessment.
- Attended Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.
- Crews provided fire safety education to D-38 schools for fire prevention month.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Fire companies continued the commercial building pre-planning process using First Due software.
- Provided Wildfire Safety and Home Ignition Zone inspections for multiple properties.
- Commercial inspections continued in conjunction with CSFD building services.
- Participated in the Green Mountain subdivision community meeting.
- Participated in multiple pre-application construction meetings with developers and the Town of Monument.

Fire Investigations

- Attended Pikes Peak Regional Fire Investigations Unit meeting.