



# MONUMENT FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – August 2024

Submitted by Fire Chief Andy Kovacs

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*Serving with Character, Connection, and Commitment*



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

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On August 5<sup>th</sup>, we continued our “Leadership Lessons” discussion at Fire Station 1. Approximately 30 people attended.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, staff met to review budget submittals in preparation for the 2025 Budget.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, staff met with Black Hills Energy to discuss the gas leak incidents that occurred in the district. A commitment to improving communications and coordinating response efforts was discussed.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, administrative and operations personnel met with OZ Architecture to review the concept art for Fire Station 3.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Chief Coyle and I met with DFPC to discuss our continued commitment to wildfire response in the fire district and El Paso County.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer and I met with our insurance brokers to discuss coverage and upcoming rate changes for FY2025.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, I attended the CPSE 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Consortium Workshop virtually.

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



## August Quick Facts

| Number of Fire Incidents  | Number of EMS Incidents | Training Hours Completed | Fire Inspections Completed |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7   | 241                     | 1169                     | 40                         |
| Major Incidents, Projects, and Events   |                         |                          |                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff met to review budget submittals in preparation for the 2025 budget.</li><li>• Ten Firewise inspections completed.</li><li>• Five Public Education events attended.</li><li>• Met with Black Hills Gas to discuss the gas leak incident and future collaboration efforts.</li><li>• Crews responded to a smoke investigation. Upon arrival, crews found a detached garage fire. Crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly. The loss was valued at \$70,000.</li><li>• Crews responded to an abandoned vehicle fire that threatened nearby exposures. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and turned the scene over to MPD.</li><li>• Completed three car seat checks.</li><li>• Recognized as a Department of Defense “Stop the Bleed” education site.</li><li>• Provided two CPR/AED training sessions for Woodmoor Public Safety to become certified on the three AEDs that we donated to Woodmoor Public Safety.</li><li>• Received a new Mid-Fidelity Ares mannequin for training. Staff received a training session on how to use the software for scenario writing.</li><li>• Crews responded to a lightning strike that caused arcing between two homes. Mountain View Electric was called to the scene. No damage was reported.</li></ul> |                         |                          |                            |

## Administration – Jennifer Martin

### Upcoming Events & Notable Items:

- Nothing to report.

### Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Nothing to report.

### Hiring/Resignations/Leave of Absence:

- 152 applicants applied to participate in the 2025 hiring eligibility list. Candidates are scheduled to take the written exam.

### Local 4319:

- The Local 4319 Executive Board continues to meet with Chief Kovacs and his staff for annual Meet and Confer negotiations. The Local is also in the planning stages of the annual Pumpkin Giveaway. The event is scheduled for the morning of October 19 at the clock tower adjacent to the Home Depot. As always, we will collect donations for Tri-Lakes Care and look forward to seeing staff and board member families.



## ***Operations – Fire Chief Andy Kovacs/Battalion Chief Micah Coyle***

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

- Participated in the 2023 actual budget review meeting.
- Participated in the monthly Leadership Lessons.
- Attended the HazMat Election Task Force meeting.
- Attended the Labor/Management Negotiations Meeting.
- Attended the 2025 Budget review meeting.
- Met with Black Hills Gas to discuss the gas leak incident and how to collaborate in the future.
- Attended the Specialty Education Series training.
- Attended the overtime budget meeting.
- Met with CDFC to discuss state resources available to the district.

### ***Operations:***

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

- On 8/6, crews had a cardiac arrest save.
- On 8/17, crews attended the Gleneagle Community Picnic.
- On 8/18, crews attended the St. Peters Catholic Church Annual Picnic.
- On 8/23, crews responded to a smoke investigation. Upon arrival, they found a detached garage fire. They extinguished the fire quickly. The loss was valued at \$70,000.
- On 8/24, crews attended the picnics of the Arrowwood III, Ascent Church, and Fox Run community.
- On 8/26, crews assisted with the engineer academy with MFD and BFFD personnel.

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

- On 8/3, crews attended the Promontory Pointe Neighborhood Watch BBQ.
- On 8/4, crews attended a community business BBQ cookoff.
- On 8/10, Station 1 hosted a station tour.
- On 8/10, crews attended the Palmer Lake Open House.
- On 8/17, crews attended the Gleneagle Community Picnic.
- On 8/27, Station 1 hosted a station tour.

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

- On 8/1, crews attended an After-Action Review of the Palmer Lake Structure Fire in July.
- On 8/2, Station 1 hosted a ride-along.
- On 8/8, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 8/13, Station 3 hosted a ride-along.
- On 8/15, crews responded to an abandoned vehicle fire that threatened nearby exposures. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and turned the scene over to MPD.
- On 8/20, crews responded to an electrical issue caused by a lightning strike, causing arcing between two homes. Mountain View Electric was called to the scene. No damage was reported.
- On 8/25, crews attended the High Forest Responders BBQ.



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

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

- Chop Shop – Extrication.
- Heavy Extrication.
- VEIS (Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search).
- Monument Fire Engineer Academy (4 Monument Employees / 4 Black Forest Employees).
- Cardiology.

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

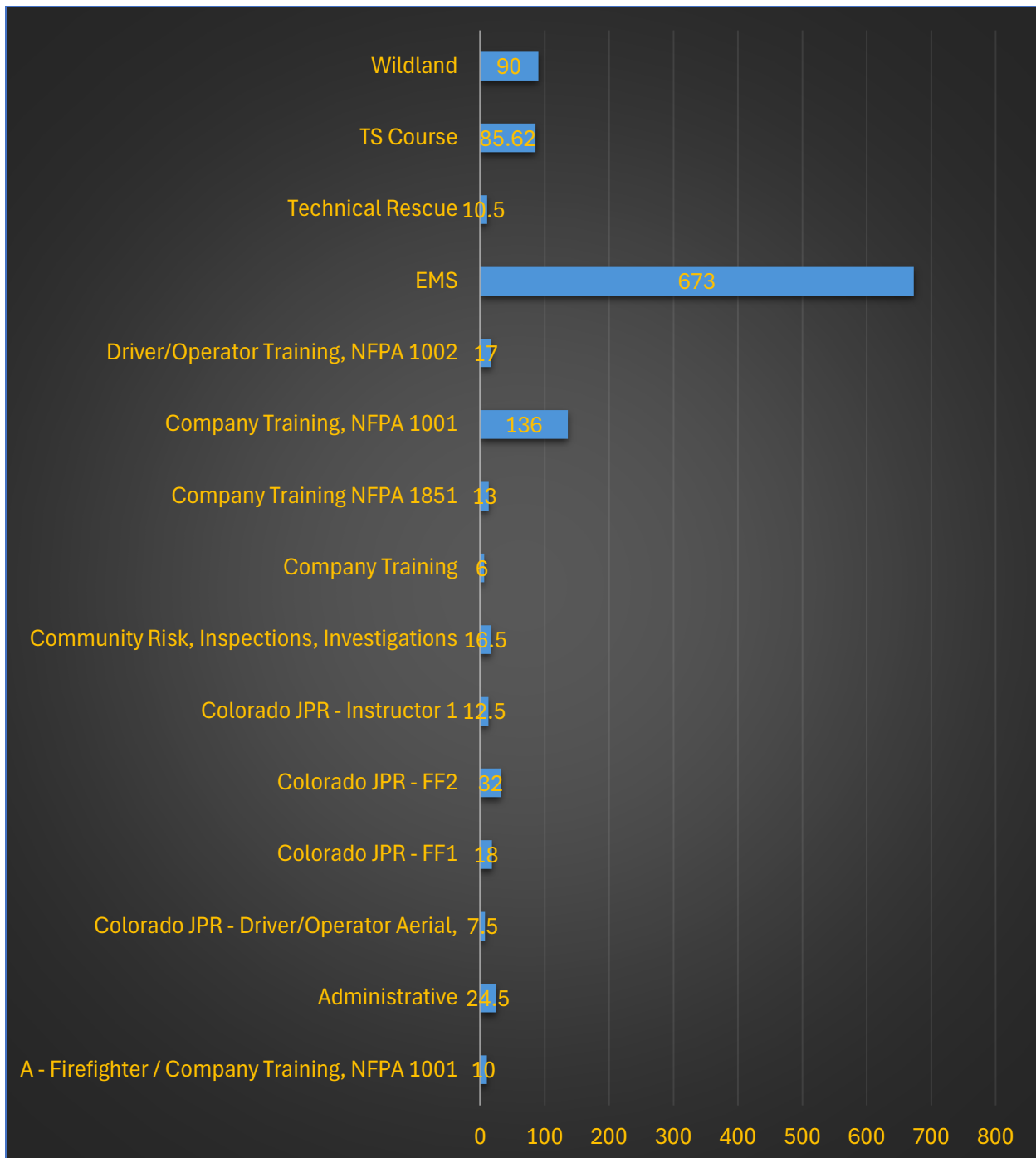
- Attended EMS Advisory Committee meeting with Pikes Peak State College.
- Recognized as a Department of Defense “Stop the Bleed” education site.
- Provided two CPR/AED training sessions for Woodmoor Public Safety to become certified on the three AEDs that we donated to Woodmoor Public Safety.
- Received a new Mid-Fidelity Ares mannequin for training. Staff received a training session on how to use the software for scenario writing.
- Completed three car seat checks.

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

- EMS – Special health care needs.
- Fire – Static water supply scenarios.
- Probationary firefighter - Phase I testing.
- PEPP training for paramedics.

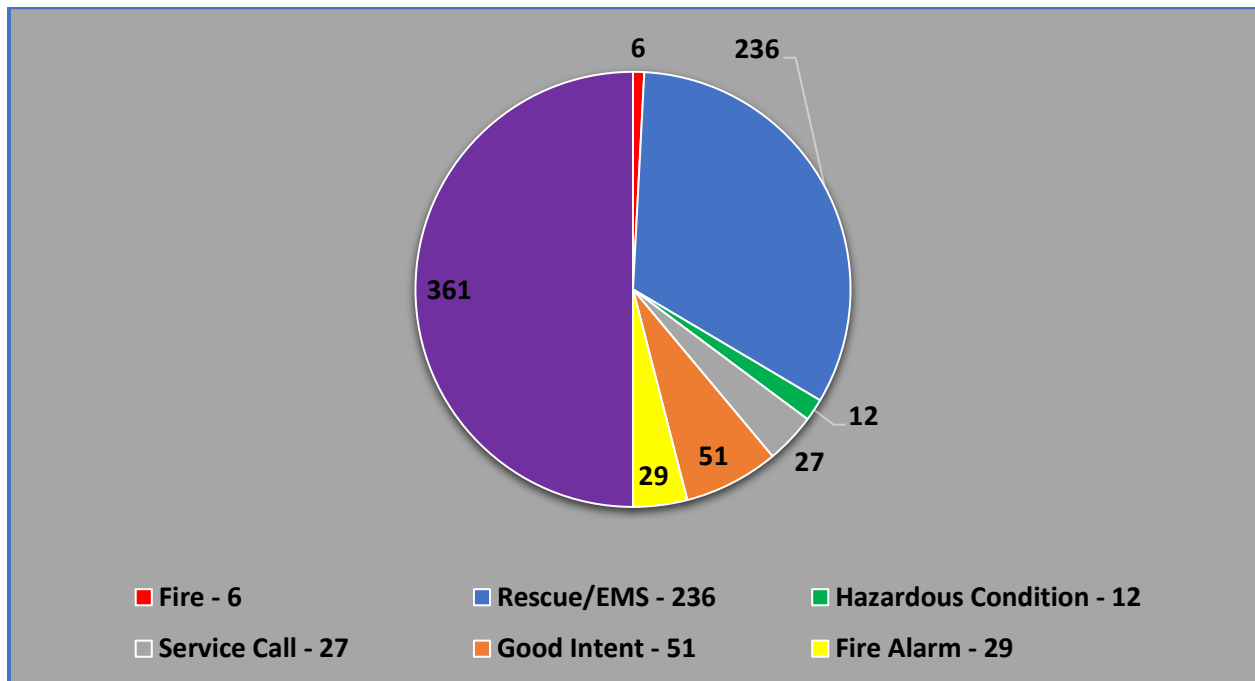


**Training hours for August – 1169 Training Hours.**



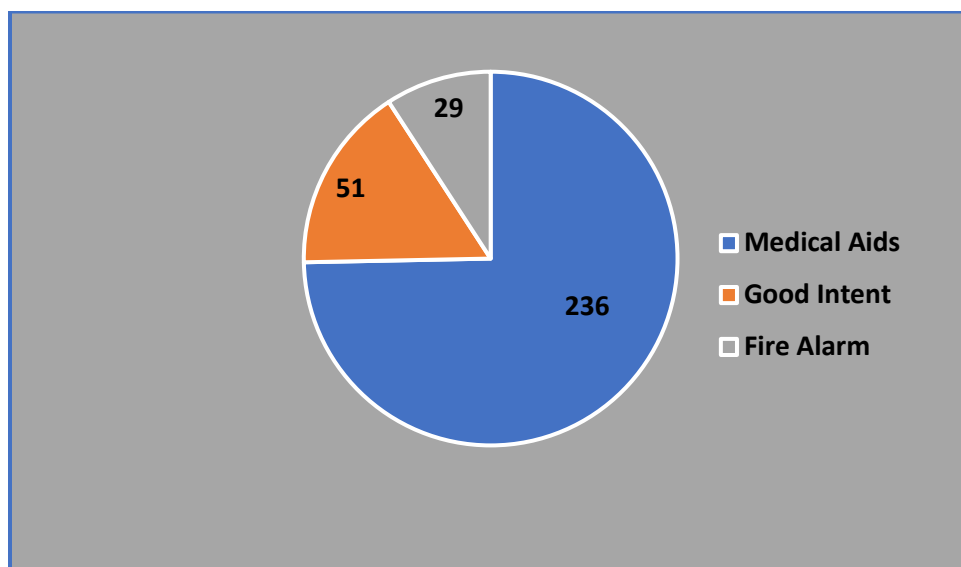


**Incidents by Call Type – August**



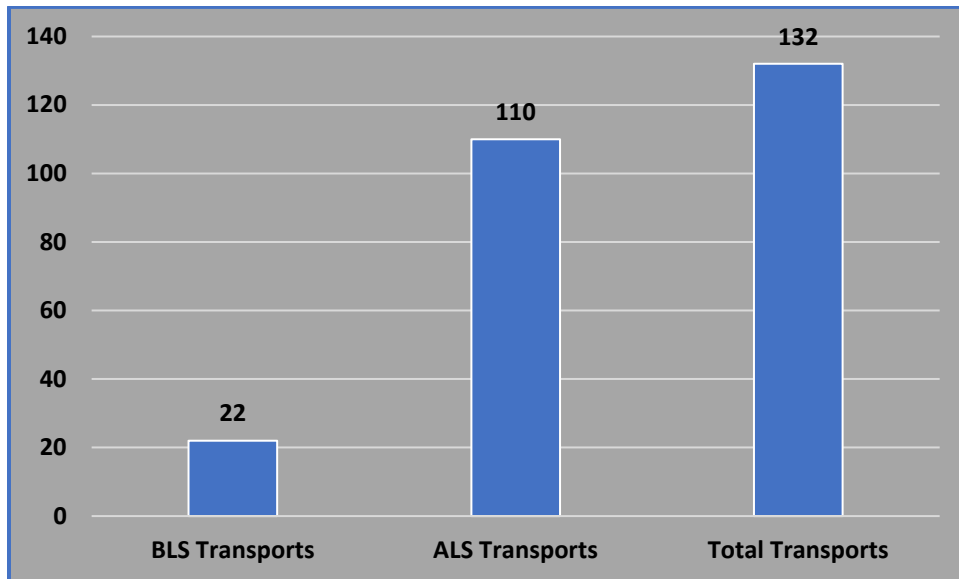
- Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, and others.
- Hazardous conditions include spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problems.
- Public assistance includes a person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist).
- Good intent includes canceled enroute, no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

**Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories – August**

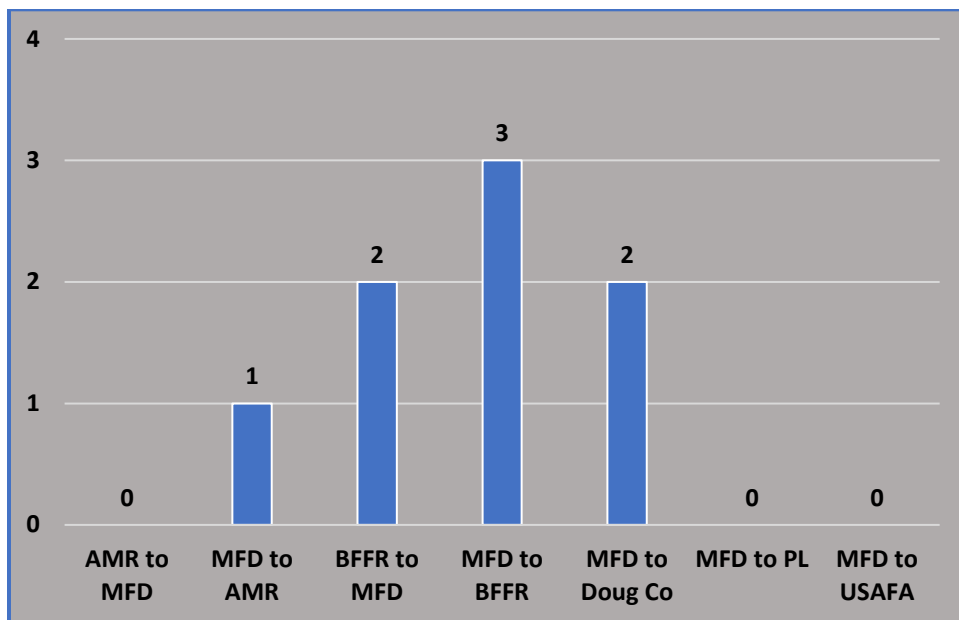




**Ambulance Transports - August**



**Ambulance Automatic/Mutual Aid – August**

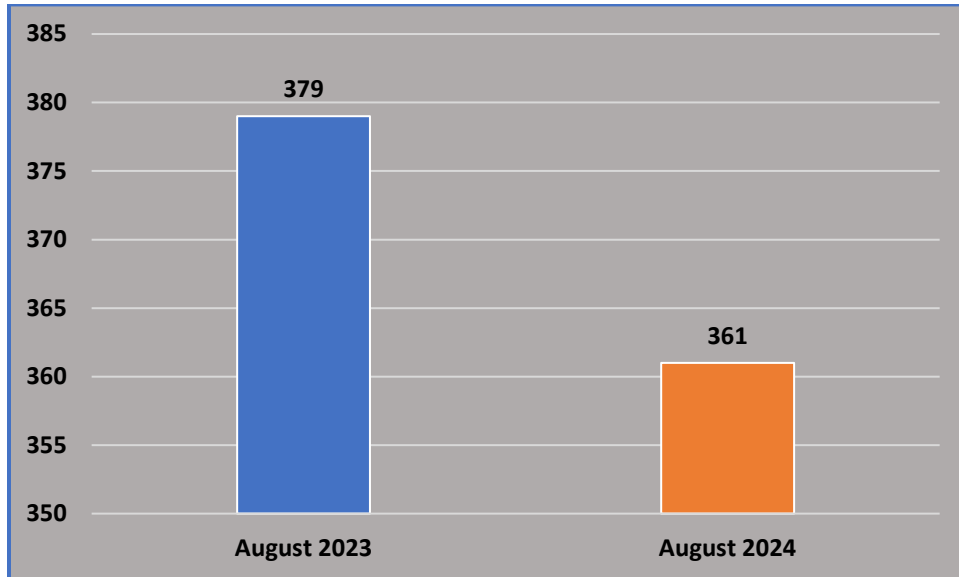


Calls are dispatched and enroute, and do not consider cancellations.  
MFD to AMR – 1 call accepted.

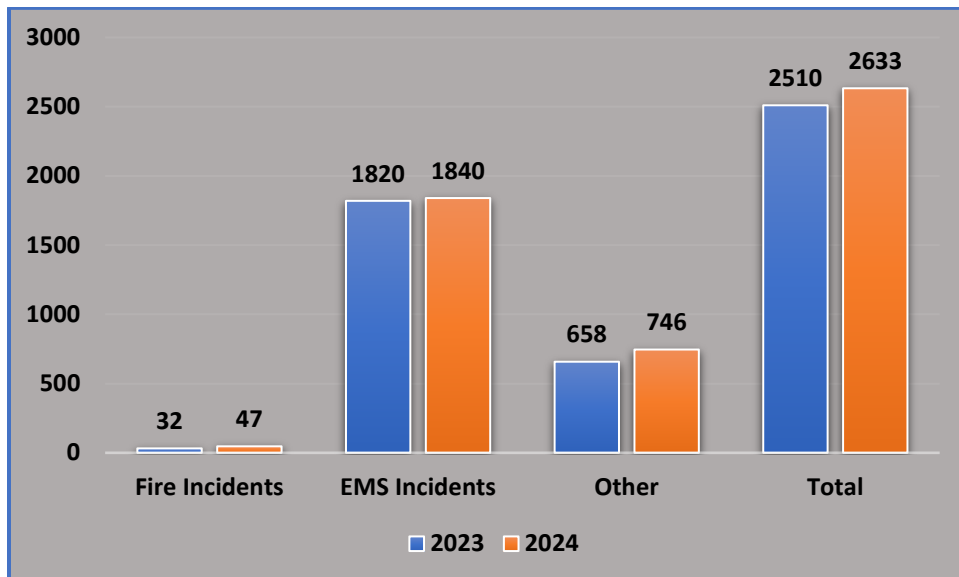




**Month-to-Month Comparison – Total Incidents – August**



**Year-To-Date Comparison – 2023/2024 – August**





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

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

- Completed the pre-construction conference, which included delivering the chassis for the Type 6. Delivery is expected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025.
- Continued the installation of emergency lights and stripping for staff vehicles.
- Managed the reassignments of vehicles to various staff positions to better meet the needs of the staff positions.

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

- Attended the weekly Owners, Architects, and Contractor meetings for the current construction projects.
- Continued to work on the station design for Station 3 to begin the construction document phase.
- Continued working on the land purchase for Fire Station 6.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- New airbags were replaced for the suspension on 531.
- Sent another ambulance for suspension repairs.
- Continued preventative maintenance on all fleet vehicles.
- Maintained all facilities by performing simple maintenance on grounds and systems.
- Station 1
  - Noting to report.
- Station 2
  - Noting to report.
- Station 3
  - Noting to report.
- Station 4
  - Remodel continues.
- Station 5
  - Noting to report.



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

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

- Attended plans reviewer academy hosted by CSFD.
- Attended National Fire Academy – Managing Effective Fire Prevention Programs course.
- Met with Brycer Compliance Engine representative to review a proposal to track fire protection systems software.
- Continued to provide data to consultants for the CWPP process.
- Met with Black Hills Energy for gas leak event after action review.

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

- Attended Hilltop Pines Community Risk Assessment Workshop.
- Presented the wildfire mitigation information at the Arrowood III annual HOA meeting.
- Conducted wildfire safety walk-through with the Ascent Church.
- Attended School Pillars regional safety meeting.
- Attended Antelope Trails Elementary School evacuation planning meeting.
- Presented at a wildfire mitigation event at the Chamber of Commerce.

### ***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.