



TRI-LAKES MONUMENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Monthly Activity Report – July 2021

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Mission

The mission of the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District is to minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies, environmental and other disasters.

Vision

We will accomplish our mission through a progressive and professional system of personnel development, public education, fire suppression, code enforcement, medical services, and rescue skills.

We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a service deemed excellent by our citizens.

Values

Excellence | Integrity | Loyalty | Respect | Service

Chief's Remarks

Starting in June, the Executive Team has been hosting monthly chief's meetings with line personnel. The meetings are intended to improve communication, entertain a dialogue, and allow for questions and answers. The meetings have been well received, and crews have commented on the improved communication and transparency.

In our effort to continue to combat firefighter cancer, the district has provided wall-mounted sunscreen dispensers and individual sunscreen packets for use by personnel.

On July 1, EMS Coordinator Soll and I visited our senior living occupancies in the district to introduce ourselves, identify ways to partner with them, and discuss other issues. The meetings were well received. The district will be working with staff members to provide public education opportunities for their residents.

On July 2, AIC Barker, Engineer Thorpe, FF/Medic Peters, and AIC Coyle responded to a report of a patient with difficulty breathing. Due to multiple calls in the district, an AMR ambulance was assigned to the incident.

Below is a paraphrased narrative from the AMR paramedic:

"I ran with one of your crews on an asthmatic kid at a Freddy's. His last attack was a year ago, and he had to be intubated. They absolutely crushed it! They jumped in and got stuff done. One of the patient's issues was anxiety-related, but he also had a severe asthma attack and didn't want to be intubated again. The crew communicated everything to me, talked the patient through the call, calmed him down, and explained my plans for what I was going to do next. The crew started an IV and continued treatment. They took the time to get extra information and made sure it was passed along to me. Because of their efforts, we were in a good position. Super good dudes, smart as hell, and if I could run with a crew like that every day I'd be in heaven. It's not what I'm used to, and I am usually playing catch-up. The crew kept me in the loop, and it was a beautiful thing to see. They set the pace for the call and put the patient at ease. They got ahead of the power curve and crushed it. I haven't run with Tri-Lakes before. Now I'm excited to run in that area. They even offered to send in a rider, and we're genuine. I couldn't be more thankful."

On July 7, Jennifer Martin and I met with T. Charles Wilson to discuss worker's compensation and general liability insurance.

On July 9, Chief Bumgarner and I met with HOA representatives for Wissler Ranch to discuss the communities cisterns.

On July 12-13, I interviewed Chief Bumgarner, Chief Mola, and Chief Bradley for the vacant Division Chief of Operations position. The position was vacated due to Chief Wahl's retirement and moving Chief Trost into the Division Chief of Logistics position. Chief Bradley was selected and has been doing an outstanding job to date. Other promotional/lateral moves will become available with the potential for unification with Wescott and the desire to pursue agency accreditation. One of my commitments to the

board of directors and the employees is creating a formal succession planning process. Chief Bradley's promotion is the first of several steps to prepare the district for the future.

On July 13, Chief Trost, Chief Keough, and I met with Mike Myers (Colorado Springs Utilities) to identify ways TLMFPD could participate with partner agencies on wildland deployments, wildland group discussions, and improving how task books are verified and approved.

On July 14, TLMFPD met virtually with the four fire transport agencies (Falcon, Fountain, Security, and Black Forest). AMR ambulance is looking to establish mutual-aid agreements. More meetings and discussions to follow to determine what level of commitment TLMFPD is willing to entertain while ensuring the priority is to residents of the fire district.

July 19-30, I was out of town, attending the fourth and final year of the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) at the National Fire Academy. Year four focuses on personal leadership development and culminates with the Gettysburg staff ride.

- North El Paso County Fire Chiefs
- Pikes Peak Region Wildfire Preparedness
- Pikes Peak Mutual Aid
- Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council
- TLMFPD/Monument Police Department Command Staff
- Tri-Lakes Weekly Design (Fire Station 1 remodel)
- Colorado State Fire Chief's Town Hall & Legislative
- Labor/Management Meeting with Local 4319
- International Association of Fire Chiefs Human Relations Committee

July Quick Facts

Number of Fire Incidents	Number of EMS Incidents	Hours of Training	Inspections Completed
5	168	645	12
Major Incidents, Projects, & Events			
Fire Station 1 remodel Contract for the Type 3 Engine completed Completing the specifications for the new ambulance Continuing to work with ESCI regarding the Wescott feasibility study Continuing to prepare the 2022 budget Internal promotional exam process underway for lieutenant 2022 firefighter recruitment underway Continuing to finalize the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan ISO survey data was submitted and is currently under review			

Administration – Jennifer Martin

Summary of Significant Events:

Upcoming Events:

- The TLMFPD Annual Awards Ceremony will be hosted on **Tuesday, November 2**. Mark your calendars.

Promotions/Change of Assignments:

- Jonathan Bradley was promoted to Division Chief of Operations.

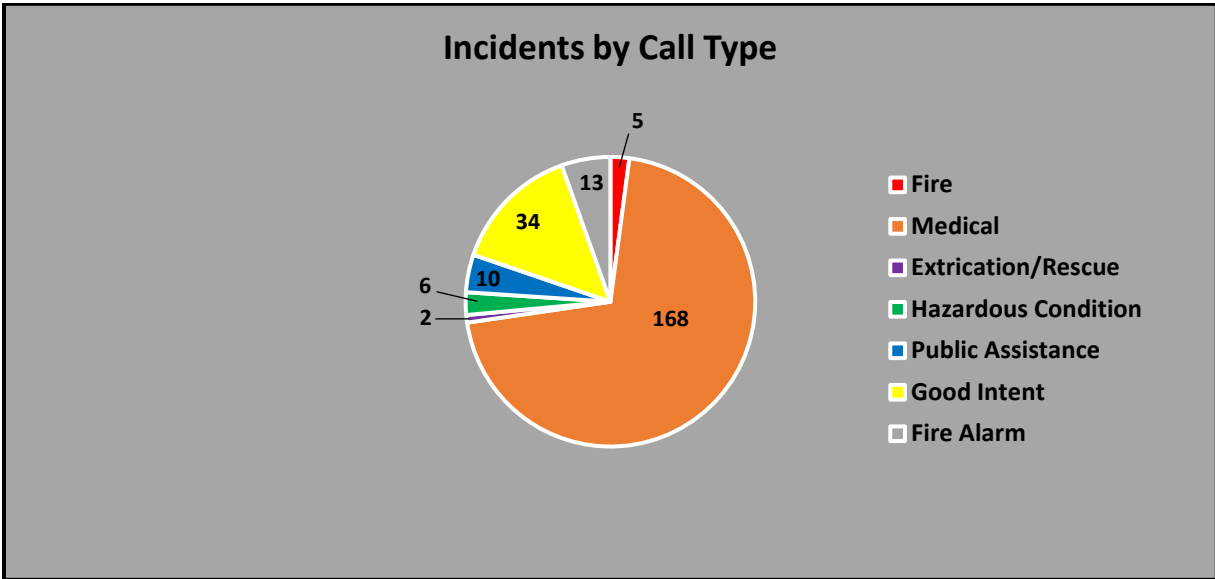
Hiring / Resignations / Leave of Absence:

Operations Division – Chief Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

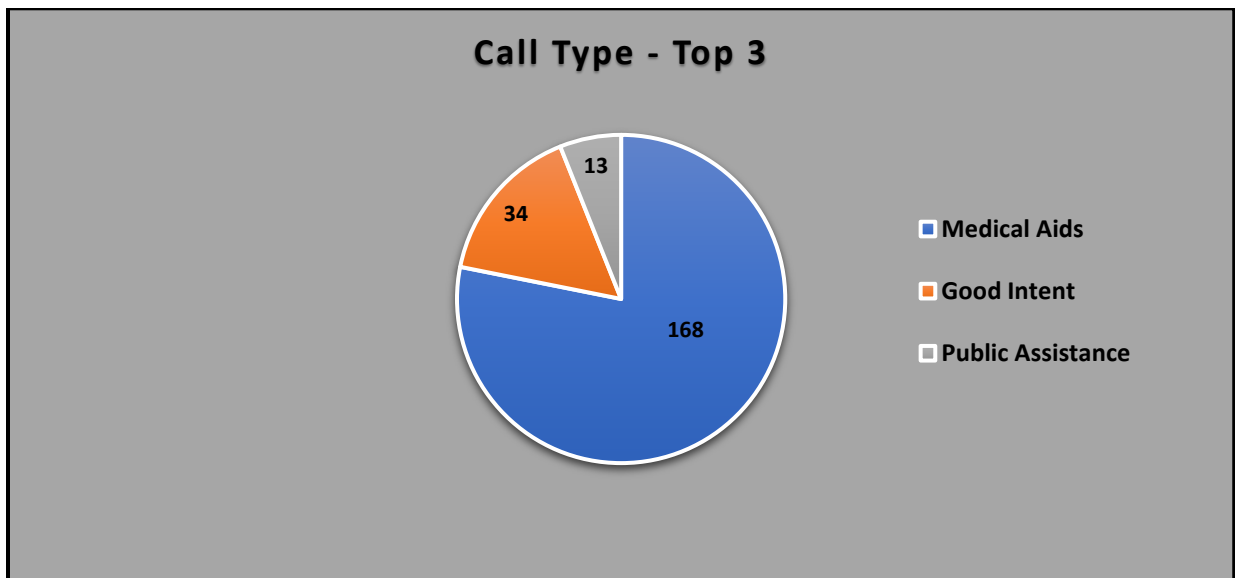
- The staff has had dialogue with one of our senior living facilities about the volume of calls (primarily falls). Though the sample size is small, July-August, we have seen a 50% reduction in call volume (15% of total call volume to 7%). We will continue to monitor and work with staff to ensure best practices.
- Bi-Weekly I-25 Emergency Service Working Group.
- New firefighter entrance exam initiated. Posted on local, state, and national sites.
- Lieutenant promotional opportunity has been posted.
- We are continuing to review district boundary polygons and responses.
- We are continuing to work on the hydrant data software. The software will help standardize and share information in the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) mapping. The process will help with the ISO assessment currently underway.
- We are continuing to work on the conversion to large-diameter hose.
- Provided incident statistics for ESCI for the Wescott unification process.

July Incidents By Call Type

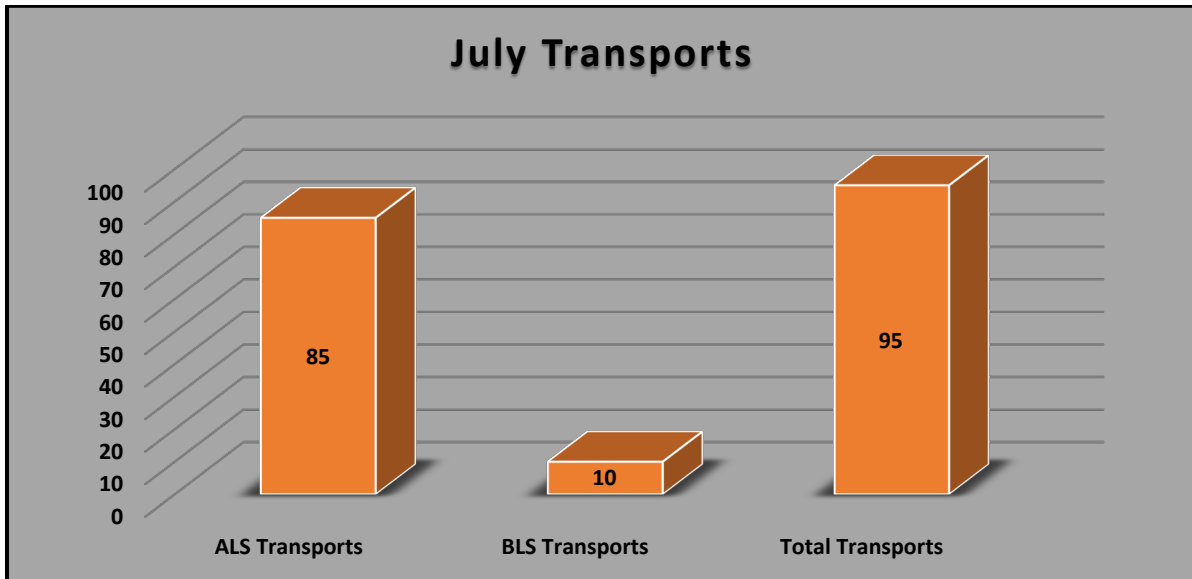


Fire calls include structure fires, outside fires, other
 Hazardous condition includes spills/leaks, chemical release, electric wiring/equipment problem
 Public assistance includes person in distress or assistance required (e.g., lift assist)
 Good intent includes canceled enroute, no emergency found,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

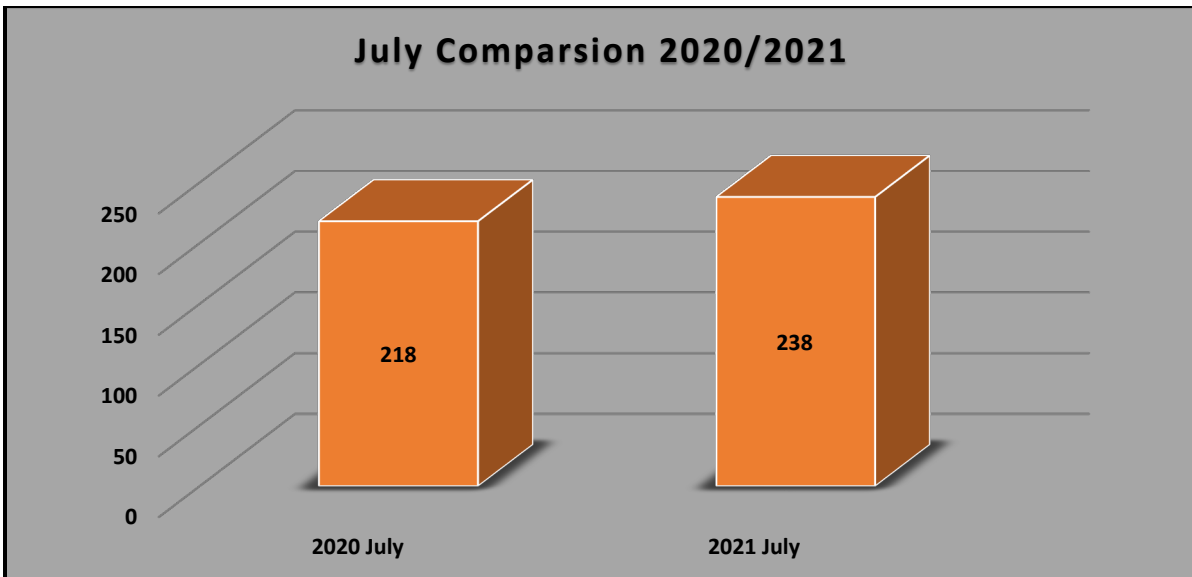
July Incidents – Top 3 Response Categories



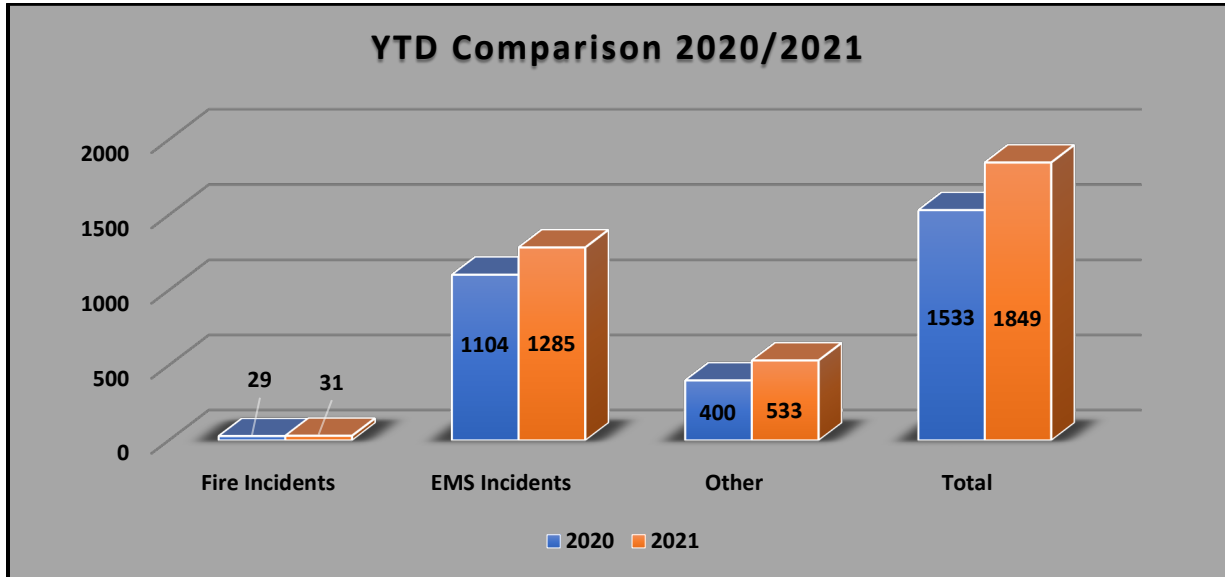
July Transports



Month to Month Comparison – July Incidents



Year-To-Date Comparison – 2020/2021



Community Risk Reduction – Chief Bumgarner

Summary of Significant Events:

- Submitted the required documentation for the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) survey.
- The community chipping program completed three neighborhoods in July.
- Participated in the mid-term planning meetings for the Northwest Passage Evacuation Drill (scheduled for October 2) and organized the fire response.
- Distributed budget worksheets to staff for the 2022 budget process.

Public Education / Community Outreach:

- 4th of July Parade and Street Festival.

Fire Inspections / Plan Review Services:

- Completed four annual fire inspections for D38 Schools.
- Completed construction inspections/ fire finals on five commercial occupancies.
- Completed the underground testing on the fire riser for the Woodman Valley Monument Campus.
- Completed three wildfire mitigation assessments.

Top Violations in June:

- Combustibles stacked too high.

Fire Investigations:

- No fire investigations were performed.
- Continue to meet with the Fire Investigation Task Force.

Logistics – Chief Trost

Summary of Significant Events:

Fleet:

- Type 3 Wildland Engine specifications have been completed.
- The ambulance specifications have been finalized. We are waiting for the final specifications to come back from the vendor. The order will be delayed into August, with an expected delivery date of December 2021 or January 2022.

Facilities:

- Fire Station 1 remodel:
 - The demolition of the existing living quarters and exterior wall have been demolished.
 - The new foundation walls and floor have been completed.
 - Work continues for the planning and ordering of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE).
 - The rough-in of the underground mechanicals (plumbing/electrical) in the remodel section of the building has been completed.
 - The new storm sewer has been installed and completed.
 - The rough-in of the overhead electrical and plumbing is ongoing.
 - The interior framing continues.

Information Technology:

- We are currently reviewing the plan for the low voltage cabling needs for Fire Station 1. We will be upgrading Cat VI from Cat V and installing it for future in-station alerting. The plans have been reviewed and approved. LV/CAT6 walkthrough in August.

Personal Protective Equipment / Tools & Equipment:

- We have met with two vendors to identify the replacement of the current SCBA fill station at Fire Station One. We are continuing to review and research the best option. A site survey was completed.
- We are continuing to work with the budget coordinators for the 2022 budget.

Training & Emergency Medical Services – Chief Bradley

Summary of Significant Events:

- Attending the reconstituted El Paso County Training Officers Group meetings.
- Registered four employees to attend the Keystone Fire Leadership Challenge.
- Completed the Training Center Needs Score Sheet.

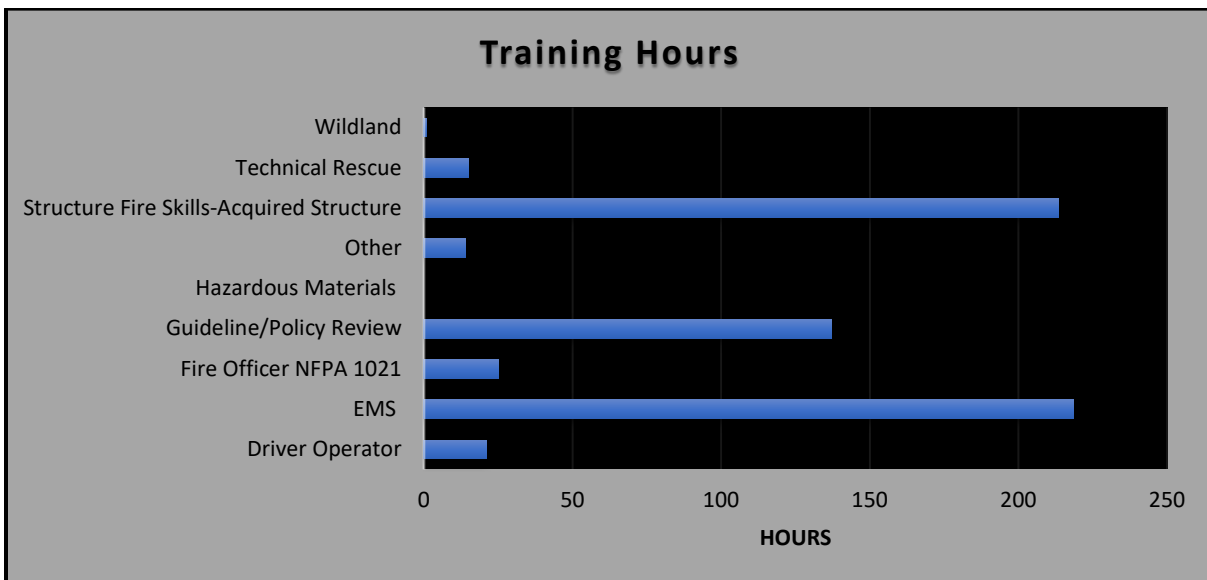
Summary of Training Events:

- 231 Front Street acquired structure: multiple training events ongoing.
- EMS skills/continuing education.
- Continuing to release administrative and operations guidelines.

Training Plan for the Month:

- North Group EMS skills/continuing education.
- Structure fire skills.

Training Hours: Total Hours for July – 645 hours.



Training Topic	Hours
2021 Firefighter Safety Standdown	3
Blue Card Continuing Education	1
COVID-19 Guidance and Procedure Updates	1
DOA-02 / Apparatus maneuvering on pre-determined route	1
DOA-03 / Emergency apparatus to operate	1
DOA-04 / Preparing apparatus to stop	1
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DOA-09 / Apparatus stabilization	1
DOA-10b / Operating aerial equipment-roof operations	1
DOA-14 / Operating aerial equipment / return to service	1
EMS Airway Management Advanced	2
EMS Aquatic Emergencies	2
EMS Assessing the Patient with Major Trauma	2
EMS Basics of EMS Operations at a Mass Casualty Incident	1
EMS Bleeding and Shock	1
EMS Bleeding and Shock Advanced	1
EMS Burn Management Advanced	2
EMS Cardiac Emergencies Basic	1
EMS Endocrine System Emergencies Advanced	2
EMS Kinematics of Trauma	1
EMS Managing Cardiac Arrest: During and After Resuscitation	2
EMS Managing Multiple Casualty Incidents	1
EMS Shock and Shock Management	1
EMS Spinal Cord Injuries	2
Extrication Chains-Stabilization	0.5
Firefighter Fitness, NFPA 1500	0.33
General Order Review June-July 2021	1.5
Guideline Review 6/15/21	1.5
Instructor Re-certification Hours - Year 2	24
July 2021 EMS Skills/CE Day	6
New Hire EMS- Cardiology	4
New Hire EMS-Airway/Capnography	2
NFPA 1410 #6 Modified	1.5
NFPA 1500 Bloodborne Pathogens Safety	1
Pack Test: Arduous Work Capacity Test	1
Pulsara User Presentation	0.5
Purchasing Procedures	0.5
RIT and ROAM	2
Rules of Air Management	1

Training Topic	Hours
Scott X3 Pro SCBA Harness Installation	0.5
Scott X3 Pro SCBA Standard Drill: Emergency Air Options	1
Scott X3 Pro SCBA Standard Drill: Survival Attitude	1
SOG Review 7-15-21	1
Structural PPE SOG	1
Suspended Immediately: Ketamine Waiver for Excited Delirium/Extreme Agitation	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Firefighter CPR	1
Task Manual EMS Skills IV-IO Access with Blood Draw	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Medication Administration	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Mutual Aid Radio Operations	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Power Cot and Power Load	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Pulsara	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Radio Operations-Ambulance	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Stryker Stair Chair	1
Task Manual EMS Skills Surgical Cricothyrotomy	1
Task Manual FF Skills Advance Hose Line-Ladder	1
Task Manual FF Skills Clean Inspect Fire Hose-Couplings	1
Task Manual FF Skills Emergency SCBA Operations	1
Task Manual FF Skills Hoisting Tools	1
Task Manual FF Skills Hose Advancement	1
Task Manual FF Skills Hose Carry and Deployment	1
Task Manual FF Skills Hose Clamp-Burst Hose	1
Task Manual FF Skills PPE and SCBA	1
Task Manual FF Skills Roof and Attic Ladders	1
Task Manual FF Skills Roof Size-Up and Ventilation	1
Task Manual FF Skills Search and Rescue Operations	1
Task Manual FF Skills Set Up Master Stream	0.5
Task Manual FF Skills Vehicle Hazard and Fires	1
Task Manual FF Skills Victim Rescue Techniques	1
Task Manual FF Skills Water Supply Hydrant to Supply Line	1
Task Manual Rescue Skills Ice Rescue and Sked	1
Task Manual Rescue Skills Vehicle Extrication	1
Task Manual-EMS O2 Lift-Dodge	0.5
Task Manual-EMS O2 Lift-Ford	0.5
Task Manual-Rescue Ballistic PPE	0.5
Task Manual-Rescue Genesis Extrication Tools	0.5
Task Manual-Rescue Para-tech Airbags	1
Task Manual-Rescue Para-tech Struts	0.5