



Montrose Fire Protection District

The mission of the Montrose Fire Protection District is to help improve the quality of life for our citizens by providing prompt, safe, and efficient response to emergencies with highly trained professional firefighters and emergency medical providers.

Fire Chief's Message



It is my pleasure to submit the Montrose Fire Protection District's Annual Report to the Board of Directors and to provide general information on the district's financial situation, incident response, and other operational activities to the citizens we serve.

In 2025, the District purchased land at 67.20 Rd and Sunnyside for the future construction of Station #4. We also added a new Type-I structural engine and staff vehicle to our fleet.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue planning and design for Station #4, aiming to secure financing and award the construction contract mid-year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the District, please feel free to contact us by email at info@montrosefire.org, or by phone at (970) 249-9181. We are also active on social media, so give **MontroseFire District** a "Like" on Facebook, or follow **@MontroseFPD** on the Twitter/X for information on incidents, fire safety and injury prevention tips, and other District information.

Respectfully,

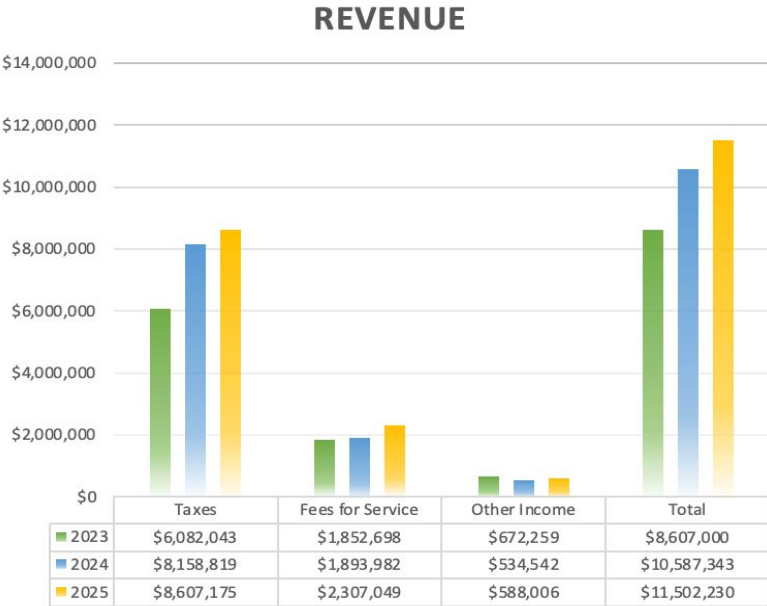
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Tad J. Rowan, Fire Chief

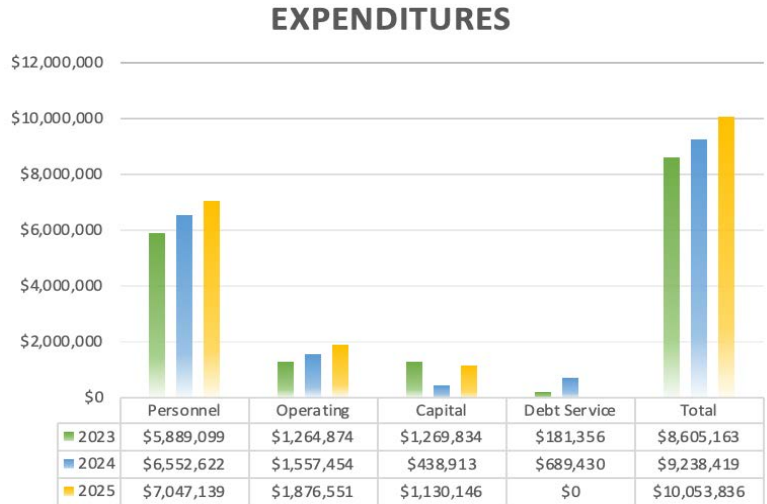
Financial Summary

The District is governed by a 5-member Board of Directors elected by the residents of the District. They are responsible for the annual approval of a proposed budget and providing oversight and direction for District services and policy. 2025 District Board members were:

- Leslie Caimi
- Peter Cassidy, Jr.
- Cody Russell
- Ron Cairns
- Ron Smith



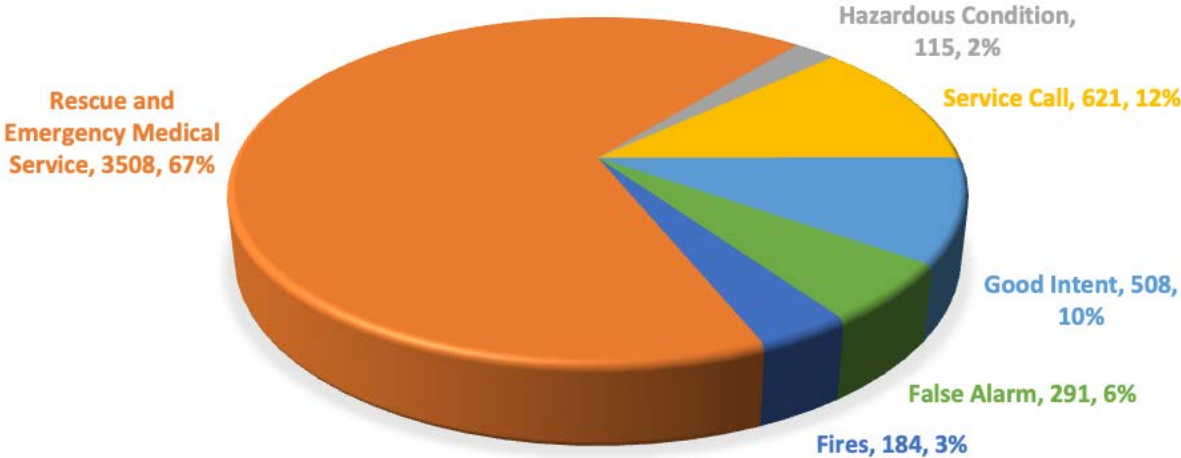
In 2025, revenue from taxes increased by \$448,356, and Income from *Fees for Service* increased by \$95,983. Other Income increased by \$370,548 primarily due to reimbursements resulting from the District’s participation in wildland fire cooperation with State and Federal partners. The chart to the left shows revenue sources and amounts for 2025 and the previous two years. *Tax* revenue comes from an 8.991 mil levy assessed to property and specific ownership taxes. *Fees for Service* are primarily EMS reimbursements and permit fees. *Other Income* represents revenue from grants, federal fire cooperation, donations, interest earned, transfer from reserves, or other sources of income.



2025 Expenditures represent four basic categories of spending: Personnel, Operating, Capital, and Debt Service. Revenue exceeded expenditures by \$1,448,394, leaving an ending reserve balance of \$7,027,529.

Incident Summary

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	184	3.52%
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service	3508	67.11%
Hazardous Condition	115	2.20%
Service Call	621	11.88%
Good Intent	508	9.72%
False Alarm	291	5.57%
TOTAL	5227	100.00%

In 2025, the Montrose Fire Protection District responded to 5,227 requests for service from three stations strategically located throughout our community. Calls for service are separated into six Major Incident Types above and are further divided into specific types of calls on the following pages. These incidents represent an average of 14 calls per day. Mondays were the busiest days for incident response, July was the district’s busiest month, and more service requests originated between 12:00 hrs and 13:00 hrs than at any other time period.

Previous Year ▾ Jan 1, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025 ▾

33%

FIRE
Percentage of Total Incidents

67%

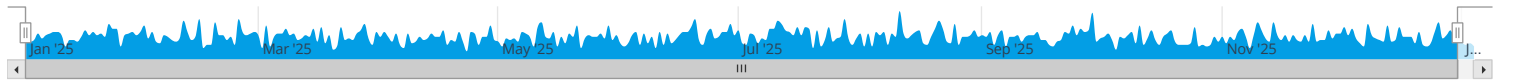
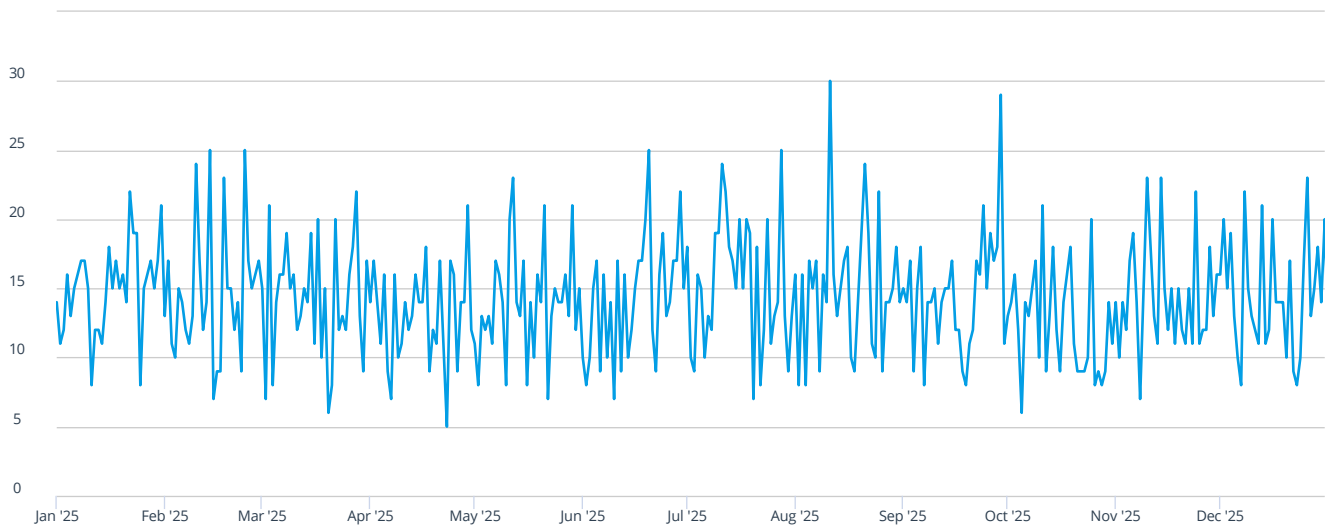
EMS
Percentage of Total Incidents

5,226

INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

365

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



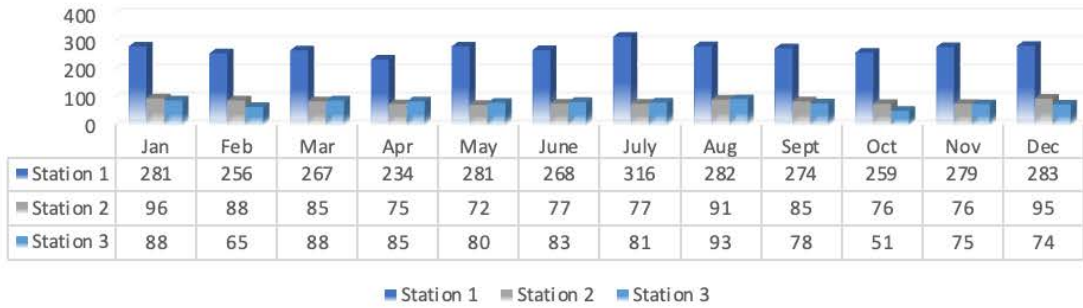
Counts % Rows % Columns % All

	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Total
(10) Fire, other				1	2					1				4
(11) Structure Fire	8	3	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	1	2	4		34
(12) Fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure							1		1					2
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire	4		4		1	2	5	4	2	1		2		25
(14) Natural vegetation fire	2	13	22	8	4	3	10		2					64
(15) Outside rubbish fire	8	3	4	6	2	2	7	5	3		2	2		44
(16) Special outside fire			1			1		1						3
(17) Cultivated vegetation, crop fire				2		2		1						5
(24) Explosion (no fire)						1								1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1							1					2
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			7		4	7		6	1	14	10	3		52
(31) Medical assist	1	3							3	1		1		9
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	316	257	281	251	289	289	307	304	300	246	281	309		3,430
(33) Lock-In						1						1		2
(35) Extrication, rescue						1		1		1				3

	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Total
(38) Rescue or EMS standby	1		1	1	1		2			3	3			12
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other					1			1			1			3
(41) Combustible/f... spills & leaks	5	8	7	2	11	3	2	5	3	5	6	10		67
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	2	2	2			1	2		2	3	2	1		17
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm... problem	2					5	2	2		1	1			13
(46) Accident, potential accident			2			2		2			1	1		8
(48) Attempted burning, illegal action		1												1
(50) Service call, other	1	1	1	2			1	1				1		8
(51) Person in distress	2	1		1	1	1	1				1	4		12
(53) Smoke, odor problem	2	3	2				1	1				2		11
(55) Public service assistance	60	43	41	55	36	47	54	51	46	48	47	48		576
(56) Unauthorized burning		3	1			1		4	1					10
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up							2							2
(60) Good intent call, other	3	3	2	3			1	5	3	2	1	2		25
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	13	26	25	27	35	25	21	28	23	25	29	23		300
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	8	9	12	6	15	9	7	6	9	8	11	7		107
(63) Controlled burning	1	2	8	2	4	5			2	3	2	2		31
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	4	4	4	2	3	3	8	5	4	2	2	2		43
(66) EMS call where party has been transported							1			1				2
(70) False alarm and false call, other	8	11	5	7	9	5	17	16	12	7	9	13		119
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm				1										1
(73) System or detector malfunction	7	4	5	4	6	3	8	6	10	5	6	7		71
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	10	9	4	11	5	7	9	9	7	8	13	8		100
(90) Special type of incident, other							1		1	1		1		4
(91) Citizen complaint		1									1			2
UNK							1		1					2

	Jan '25	Feb '25	Mar '25	Apr '25	May '25	Jun '25	Jul '25	Aug '25	Sep '25	Oct '25	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Total
Total	468	411	442	394	433	428	474	467	438	387	431	454		5,227

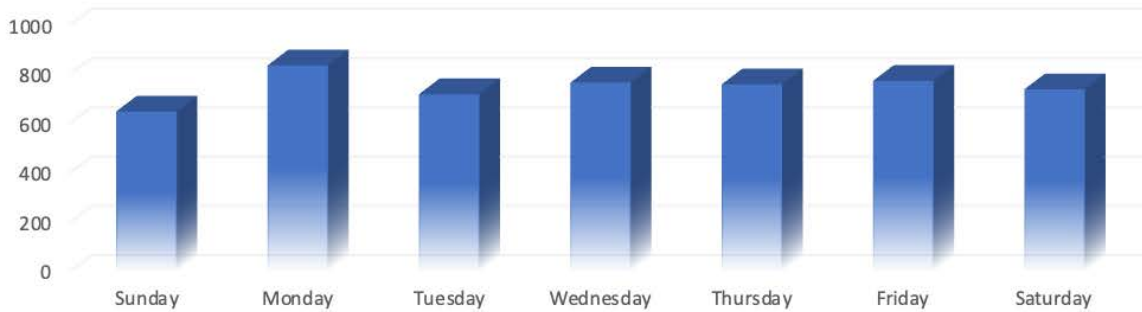
INCIDENTS BY STATION



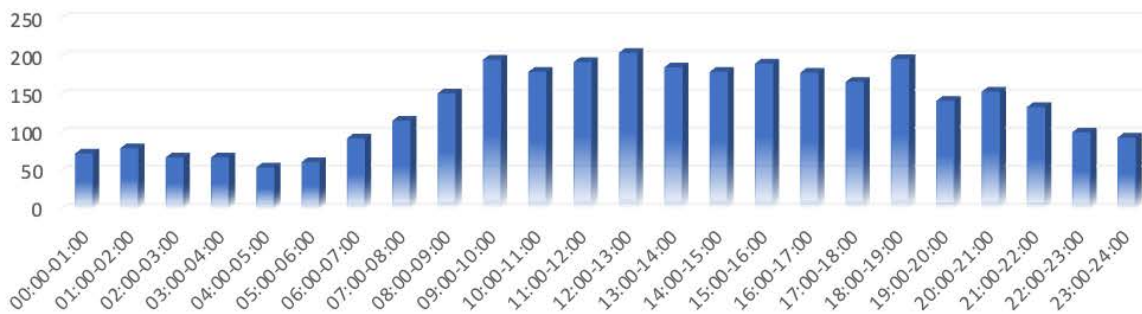
INCIDENTS BY MONTH



INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY

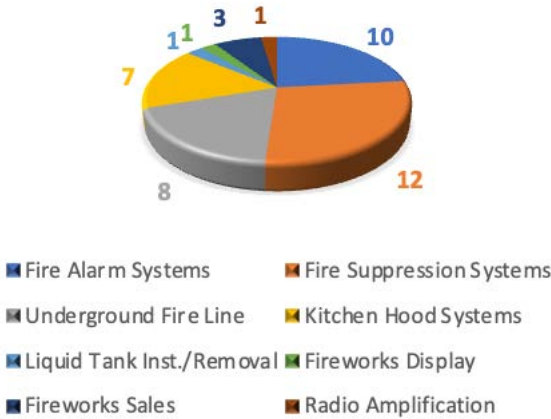


Prevention Summary



The District is committed to the belief that prevention is the most efficient way to keep our community safe from fire, injury, and illness. This is accomplished through building inspections, plan reviews, fire code enforcement, and public education. Fire Marshal Mark Bray coordinates and oversees the District's prevention activities.

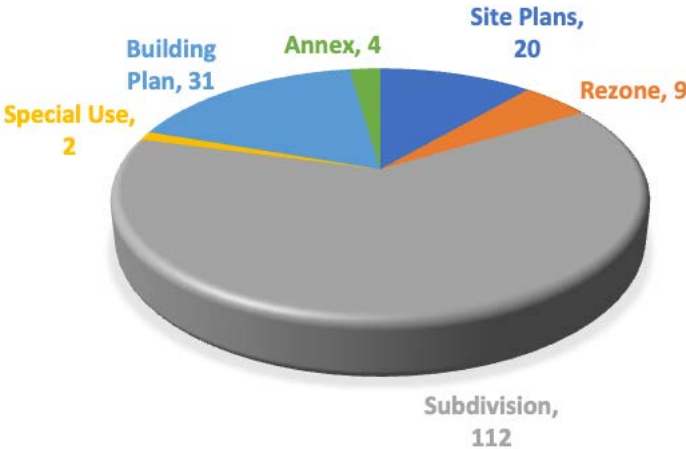
PERMITS



As new construction remains strong in the District, permits and plan reviews have increased. Physical inspections of new commercial construction are conducted to ensure compliance with issued permits.

Fire Prevention staff and on-duty Firefighters also conduct fire safety inspections of commercial occupancies within the District. These inspections are intended to find general Fire Code violations and to allow firefighters to familiarize themselves with the building layout and construction in the event of a fire. As issues are identified, the property owner is made aware and requested to remedy the problem. A follow-up inspection is then conducted to check compliance. 517 of these inspections were conducted in 2025.

PLAN REVIEWS

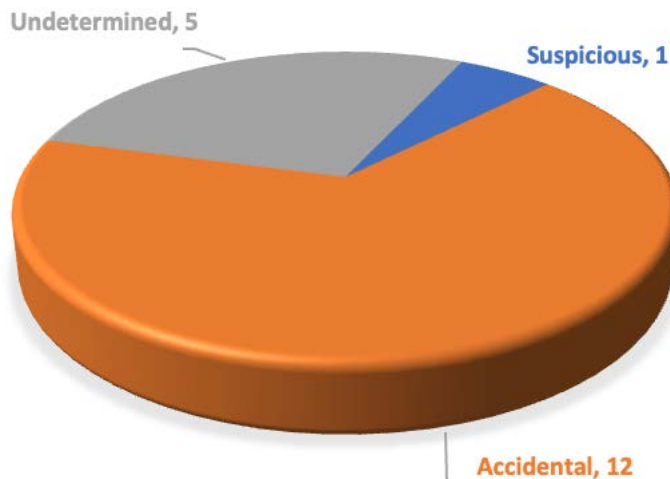


While public education programs, fire prevention, and community relations activities occur throughout the year, the primary emphasis for fire prevention education occurs during Fire Prevention Week in October of each year. Firefighters use puppets and equipment tours to teach the importance of family escape plans, accessing the 911 system, and other health and safety messages. Other public education activities include:

- Station Tours
- Puppet Programs
- Juvenile Fire Setter Program
- Fire Extinguisher Classes
- Elementary School Programs
- General Adult Fire Education
- Infant and Child Car Seat Inspections
- Community Events (Public Fireworks Display, Drive-Thru Flu Clinic, Career Days, etc.)



FIRE INVESTIGATIONS



The District is also responsible for determining the cause and origin of all fires. This is performed by staff trained in fire investigation or, if needed, with consultation by investigation experts such as the Colorado Bureau of Investigations or other private, professional investigation firms. In 2025, the District conducted 18 formal fire investigations. Fires determined to be incendiary or suspicious are referred to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

Staff Awards and Recognitions

Employee of the Year



The Fire Chief awards an Employee of the Year award to person(s) who perform exemplary or go beyond the call of duty.

- Captain Heidi Distel (pictured left) was awarded Employee of the Year for her excellence in performing her duties, providing department-wide CPR training, assisting with managing EMS supplies, and mentoring other employees.

Years of Service Recognitions

- Firefighter/Paramedic(s) Cody Bates, John Brown, Dominic Lovato, Ross Mason, Marcus Velasquez, Firefighter/EMT-I Mariah Smith, and FF/EMT Lorra Manganello were recognized for 5 years of service.
- Firefighter/Paramedic(s) Kevin Dunn and Travis Williams were recognized for 10 years of service.
- Deputy Administrator Lindsay Wiley was recognized for 20 years of service.
- Firefighter Ron McClister (pictured right) was recognized for 25 years of service.

