

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

November 25, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

We are pleased to report that the FY25 audit has been completed and will be presented to the Board later during this meeting.

We have completed the drafting and in-house legal review of the Hildale IGA. We have since sent the IGA to the Hildale City Mayor for review. We have not received anything back from them as of yet.

The Mohave County Fire Officers meeting was held here in Colorado City for the first time in roughly nine years. I invited a few of our company officers to attend. During the meeting, I was appointed to the position of vice president of the association. We provided a catered meal to approximately 25 attendees.

On 11/10/2025, I and several staff members met with Erik Bornemeier, the new director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS), and his team to discuss Hildale Fire's needs and opportunities for improved collaboration.

Chief Porter attended a meeting in Cedar City with state and local leaders regarding HB-48, legislation concerning Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) land in Utah. WUI assessments are used by insurance companies to determine coverage and premiums. Hildale City has minimal land classified as an extreme hazard. Under HB-48, the Fire Department can assist property owners in mitigating hazards and requesting new surveys, potentially lowering insurance premiums. Chief Porter plans to present this information at an upcoming Hildale City Council meeting.

At the request of Kane County Ambulance, I wrote a letter to the Arizona Department of Health and Human Services (AZDHS) in support of their application for a CON in Arizona. If approved, we will follow up with a mutually beneficial mutual aid agreement.

Development of our new EMS protocols and guidelines with IMD is well underway. Lucille Barlow is leading the project and reports steady progress with strong support from IMD staff. We do not yet have an estimated completion date.

TRAINING REPORT:

The November ALS Inservice training was led by neonatal care staff from Saint George Regional Hospital, offering hands-on pediatric and neonatal care scenarios and training for all attendees. A catered meal was provided.

Sam Y. and I attended the two-day Big-Box Firefighting Operations class hosted by the Washington City Fire Department. The training focused on strategies and tactics for fighting large warehouse fires.

We have completed the Basic Wildland Firefighting class for 15 of our members. This prepares them to obtain their red cards for next year's fire season.

During our regularly scheduled Tuesday evening fire training, we conducted the annual firefighter crawl-through evaluation, gear and SCBA timing, and the required Emergency Vehicle Operator (EVO) training.

As the MCC Paramedic Class gets close to finishing up, many of our current Paramedics have spent time there helping them with scenario based training and final skills examination preparation.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Daniel R. Barlow completed training and recertified as a Utah Highway Patrol Vehicle Safety Inspector. This certification is valid for five years.

SQ1051 returned to the shop this month for priority repairs identified during a routine inspection, including a new rear oil seal and new brake pots to address air leaks. A back-up alarm was also installed.

C1002 Vehicle has been taken out of service due to an overheating issue. Staff report that it is a minor sensor issue and that they have the parts needed to repair it. This is the vehicle we plan to either trade in on the new one or sell at auction once we put the new C1002 truck in service.

E1021 has been put into the shop for a main pump seal replacement. This project has been a priority for a while now and we finally found an opening in the shop schedule to dive into it. This project is a top priority until complete as we head into our winter months and the potential for structure fires increase.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center trained and certified six of our responders in CPR/First Aid. Four members also completed PALS refresher training.

This month, Chief Porter reviewed and approved four residential building permits and conducted two business inspections.

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I attended the grand opening of Saint George Fire Station #1.

We are again sending last year's recruits, as well as some new recruits, to Las Vegas to complete new-hire firefighter physicals as required and funded by the SAFER grant.

The Kanab Fire Department informed us that their only ladder truck has been taken out of service due to age. They requested that we provide immediate ladder assistance in the event of a multi-level building fire. I assured them we would gladly assist if resources are available.

Sincerely,
Jesse Barlow, Chief