

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**February 27, 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Kevin attended the Washington County meetings held on February 8, including the Training Officers, Fire Chiefs, EMS, and LEPC. Porter also attended the Training Officers group where there are beginning discussions on a county-wide training center in the Purgatory valley area near the Sheriff's Office.

On February 12, Kevin was present at a ground-breaking ceremony for a new St. George Fire Station 1 on 400 East.

Application was made to the Arizona Department of Forestry & Fire Management by the deadline for a Type 6 Brush Truck. The total of the project is \$393,304, with a state share of \$355,304, a local cash match of \$25,000, and a local in-kind match of \$13,200. A letter of support from Mohave County Supervisor Lingenfelter was also attached. The applications will be reviewed in March.

A Hildale FD application was made to the Utah Department of Public Safety for \$83,300 for first responder mental health resources. The application includes the Hildale Police Department and would provide mental health screenings, crisis management, peer support team development and membership training for a year.

We have been meeting monthly with the Kanab Fire Chief to coordinate response and training needs and shared resources. Chief Pierson is the Volunteer Rep on the Utah Fire Chiefs Association board and is able to provide updates regarding legislation and state resources.

On February 16, Kevin stopped into the Draper Fire Department for a retirement reception for Division Chief Bart Vaudrey. Chief Vaudrey acted as the Logistics Section Chief when the United Fire team spent a week in Hildale at the time of the 2015 flood event. Kevin also attended the Utah CISM Executive Committee meeting and planning session in Bountiful on February 17.

The Mohave County Fire Officers meeting was held at Fort Mohave Mesa on February 22.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The February ALS Inservice covered a case review of a 10 day old infant in cardiac arrest. The operational aspects of the call were covered, and since it was a stressful call, pointers on how to cope with the inevitable emotions were discussed. The training was presented by Paramedic and RN TJ Reidhead from Classic Air Medical on difficult airway techniques. Chief Barlow covered a few response guidelines for new EMT's. A catered meal was provided.

Daniel Roy attended a three day Division Supervisor course at the UFRA campus in Provo. The class was geared for the wildland command structure, but also applies to all-hazards responses.

Two in-house ACLS refresher classes were presented for members needing recertification.

Five of our officers attended a 16-hour class hosted by Hurricane Valley FD called Propane IQ. The course provided a very detailed look at propane and propane responses. Everyone attending came away

saying it was one of the best classes they had attended. The SWRRT region will be providing Propane Response kits to all agencies who attended.

The fire academy is going strong. The students will be doing live-fire drills soon. Local instructors have been putting in a great effort, along with instructors from Hurricane and Kanab. As part of the SAFER grant, several vendors have been given opportunities to present different brands of turnout gear. After close review, the Lion gear was chosen and the Sea Western representative came and measured each of the recruits for proper fit. The gear has been ordered.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** A110 is again operational with a new motor installed. DR used the vehicle to drive to a class in Provo in order to break the new motor in. The vehicle will be back in service within the new days. This brings the ambulance fleet back up to five—at least for a short time, as they are evaluating A109 for the need for a new turbocharger.

Several routine vehicle services were completed.

We still do not have the final delivery date set for the new Horton Ambulance.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** The CPR Training Center certified 29 community CPR/First-Aid students in January.

The Fire Marshal's report shows the importance and need for that position. In January and February there have been 9 inspections, 7 plan reviews, two fire investigations, and several days of training. A morning was spent at the Water Canyon High School Career Fair. The Knox Box program requires frequent audits and continual maintenance.

**OTHER:**

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

2/20/24 – Single vehicle rollover at MP 10 UT SR59

