

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**November 28, 2023**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Kevin traveled to the Mohave County Fire Officer's Association meeting in Mohave Valley on October 26.

The Washington County Emergency Management Office has held a weekly noontime Coordination Zoom meeting since COVID. Chief Barlow calls in as often as possible. It is a good way to keep up on what is affecting the state, county and other local agencies and to be aware of events, weather, incidents and available resources.

Kevin attended the Western Arizona Council of EMS meeting in Yuma on November 9. It is usually the meeting where the Provider Grants are allocated, but due to a delay in receiving state funding, the grants are not available until January or February.

On November 14 Hildale City signed the lease purchase documents for the new Horton ambulance. The lease is at 5.65% interest and will require \$17,950.88 quarterly payments for five years. The manufacturer has again put off the vehicle delivery date—maybe sometime in January 2024.

Kevin and Dan were at a meeting of the Southwest Regional Response Team All-Hazards Committee in Bryce Canyon City on November 15 and 16. The committee updated their Strategic Plan by outlining region short, intermediate, and long terms needs. The SWRRT allocates FEMA funds within the five-county region for hazmat and technical rescue training and response. The Hildale Fire Dept. has been an active member of the team since its inception in 2004 and has been the recipient of many thousands of dollars of equipment and supplies that would not have been possible otherwise.

The Utah CISM Team Executive Committee met in Salt Lake City on November 17. Kevin currently serves as the Chairman.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The November ALS Inservice included a safety message, communications message, 12 Lead ECG and medication review. The Trauma Coordinator from SGRH gave an update on the trauma services and did a refresher on trauma criteria and using the MIST nemonic for giving radio call-ins and hand-off reports. Porter, D.R., Louisa, Monica and Evelyn each gave a 10 minute review of courses they had attended at the Provo EMS Summit in early November.

Fire training included the annual SCBA timing and crawl-through evaluation. Several participated in an emergency vehicle driver refresher. Teams rotated through several stations, including driving policies, backing, and vehicle dynamics.

Special Operations training was a confined space rescue drill. Crews set up a full entry station for entry into a manhole at a new section of street.

Both the MCC Paramedic and EMT classes will be finishing soon.

Two members, Jesse and Dominick, attended a one-day training with the Police Department on victim removal from violent incidents (active shooter).

Interviews were held for 12 potential candidates for the planned

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** The mechanic truck is still in the shop.

Routine annual services for large apparatus continues. A large intake valve was replaced on E1011. Work continues on the aerial ladder trucks to prepare for the annual certification inspections.

Cold weather has required battery replacements in several of the units.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** The CPR Training Center coordinator, Donna Black, has been putting together a course curriculum and pricing sheet in response to local clinics requesting assistance with training phlebotomist techs.

Fire Prevention activity during October includes:

- 4 Commercial Fire Inspections & Sprinkler System Tests
- 1 Plan Review
- Set up FD Facebook account for public education
- Sent out fire safety messages on social media

Crews provided safety standby for a private fireworks show in Centennial Park.

**OTHER:** Responded to a structure fire mutual aid and two move-ups in Hurricane Valley.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

11-22/23 – Chimney fire in Centennial Park.

