

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

August 29, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: Kevin traveled to the Fire Rescue International conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Kanas City, MO on August 15 through 19. He took the Executive Chief Officer I track of education. Some of the focus this year included succession planning, cancer prevention, and leadership. The expo floor was a good opportunity to see new ideas and technology.

The Chief attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meetings in Kingman on July 27, and Pine Lake on August 24. The Washington County LEPC meetings were held on August 10, including the Fire Chiefs and EMS Council.

There have been several Zoom meetings with cities and fire districts in Washington County regarding the ballot question of a 1% sales tax for EMS. The County attorney reps have interpreted the law to mean that residents of the unincorporated areas of the county and any cities who opted in will vote on the measure. It will be a majority yes or no vote to determine if the tax will be applied and not each individual city. Meetings will continue to determine how to inform the voters of the need for the tax prior to the November general election.

On August 25 we received a notice of award from the FEMA SAFER program that we have been awarded a Recruitment and Retention grant in the amount of \$395,781 over a period of four years. The project includes a full-time Volunteer Coordinator position, 8 recruits in year 1 and 8 recruits in year three. The benefits for each recruits includes a complete NFPA 1582 Physical for each year they are in the program and a full set of structural turnout gear and station uniform. We have 30 days from 8/17/23 to accept the award.

Kevin and Jesse attended a Community Crisis Response Forum hosted at the Mohave Community College on 8/4/23. It was a meeting to discuss resources and processes for helping people in behavior health crisis. Care 1st Insurance, Encompass Health, the local clinics, and law enforcement reviewed the issues and how to put it all together for the best was to help people.

TRAINING REPORT: The August ALS Inservice included a safety message, communications message and 12 Lead ECG review. Two cardiac arrest cases were reviewed. Training was on assessing and treating obstetrical patients. Dinner was provided.

Other training included drills at a house slated for demolition in Centennial Park. Building construction for the fire service was taught one evening, and one class was on Wildland-Urban-Interface (WUI) to preplan responses when a wildfire is encroaching on homes and buildings. The D-Shift crew met for training on childbirth responses.

Special Operations training was a refresher on swiftwater rescue.

An Apparatus Driver-Operator course was started, taught by UFRA instructors. There are students from our department, Hurricane FD, Kanab FD, and Santa Clara-Ivins FD. The class meets twice a week and goes for two months.

Kevin, Dan, and Lily attended the required Utah EMS Instructor refresher course via Zoom. Kevin and Lily also requalified as Training Officers and Kevin renewed his Course Coordinator endorsement.

We hosted Dave Andrews from APS to get set up with the training software they are providing via a NVFC grant. The program is designed to help track training classes and opportunities.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Several vehicles required air-conditioning system repairs and recharge. Minor repairs and routine services keep the mechanic crews busy.

Work continues on the station door lock systems to make it more dependable and functional.

The gas orifices have to be updated from propane to natural gas at Station 1 and the shop as the city is transitioning the gas provided at the meter.

FIRE PREVENTION: 29 community students attended CPR/AED courses in July. We are training a few more of our providers at CPR instructors to help with the growing need for classes.

Fire Prevention activity includes:

- Discussion with AZ State Fire Marshal regarding school inspections
- Attend AFDA / AFCA Conference Fire Marshal Tract
- 1 Business Fire Inspection
- 2 Fire Investigations (assist BLM and Hurricane FD)
- 5 Plan Reviews completed
- 1 Fireworks Permits issued

OTHER: We provided an ambulance and crew for the Kaibab-Paiute Pow Wow on August 19 and 20.

The High School Football season is underway and we have been scheduling EMS coverage. We bill for the standbys in order to pay our volunteers for their time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

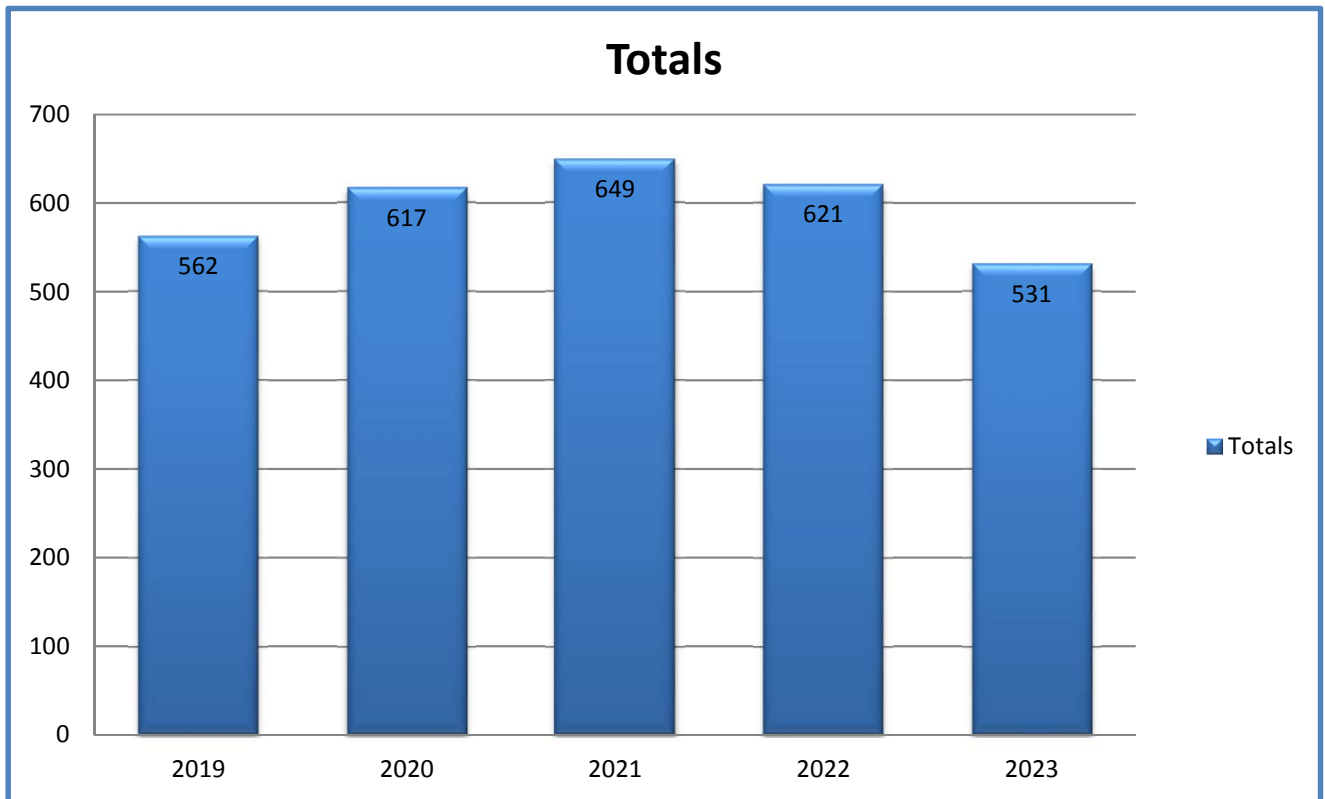
8/9/23 – Red Diesel tank overfill of about 200 gallons at The Border Store. Appropriate DEQ agencies notified.



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Statistical Run Review
Five Year Comparison

AS OF AUGUST 27 - INCIDENT #605

Call Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alarms	10	15	16	18	15
EMS	521	541	531	507	431
HazMat	5	5	12	7	11
Other	44	85	88	107	92
Public Service	30	26	51	75	27
Structure Fire	12	13	22	11	10
Wildland Fire	27	41	39	13	19
Totals	649	726	759	738	605



COMMENTARY: Call volume is down 18% from this time last year. July has been the busiest month so far in 2023 with 102 incidents. The busiest day was on January 28 with 11 incidents.