

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**December 21, 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Kevin attended a two-day Volunteer Recruitment and Retention course sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) at the UFRA campus in Provo on December 4-5. The IAFC will cover all costs. The course was very interactive and led by several experienced fire service leaders from the east coast. The course provided numerous contacts and links for RR resources.

The Washington County meetings were held on December 9, including the SW Utah Health Coalition, WC Fire Chiefs, WC EMS Council, and the WC LEPC.

Kevin met with Harrison Johnson of Hildale City and Alyssa Gamble with the Five-County COG to review the Hildale Natural Hazard Risk and Mitigation Plan. This is a required document prior to Hildale receiving FEMA funding for projects.

The 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application was submitted prior to the deadline. The application is requesting \$86,280 for a new breathing air compressor to replace a 30 year old compressor at Station 1. The old compressor is end-of-life and is no longer serviced. Parts and filters are no longer available. The new compressor would have automated safety features, such a CO and other contaminate monitoring. Local match would be \$4,108.57 if awarded.

**TRAINING REPORT:** There was no ALS Inservice in December.

One evening of training was focused on violent incident or active shooter response. After a review of the county-wide operating guidelines, the crews simulated a response to a local school to become familiar with apparatus positioning and ballistic PPE donning.

Another evening was on electric vehicle emergencies. The vehicles add a new dimension to extrication or fires due to the high voltage and lithium ion batteries. A drill was held using new SWRRT equipment to tilt a small car as would be required to access the undercarriage for adequate cooling of the batteries.

The Special Operations training was a comprehensive review of procedures and equipment used in a confined space rescue response.

The MCC EMT class finished and will have their NREMT test on December 18. The MCC Paramedic course is complete and a short graduation was held on December 10. They tested NREMT the next day—all passed. Our four students have also passed the NREMT written exam and will be certified soon.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Work continues on the new paramedic rescue vehicle. The framework for the rear slide-out tray, decals, rear AC/Heating unit installation, and lights/siren and radio equipment installation are part of the process.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Porter and Jesse staffed a booth at the Water Canyon High School Job Fair on December 17. Over 200 students stopped by the booth. The students had a list of questions they were assigned to ask. They were also drawn to Year In Review videos that were playing.

A fire extinguisher training class was presented to the Creek Valley Clinic staff.

**OTHER:** A crew and ambulance provided a move-up for Hurricane Valley Fire Department so their crews could attend a department Christmas party.

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*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



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Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

12/18/21 – Engine 1011  
crew attending to a vehicle  
fire on University Avenue.

