

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**June 26, 2022**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Chief Barlow attended the Western Arizona Council of EMS meeting on July 7 in Pine Lake near Kingman.

He attended Utah CISM executive board meeting via Zoom on July 8.

Board Chair Jared and staff Kevin, Edwin, and Lily attended the three-day Leadership Conference co-hosted by the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association and the Arizona Fire Districts Association. The Conference was held in Glendale, Arizona on 7/12-14. A variety of sessions and keynote speakers provided pertinent information and education.

Daniel S. Barlow represented the department at the Southwest Regional Response Team meeting in Cedar City on July 12.

Preparation for the Strategic Plan process has begun. The first stakeholder meetings will be held on August 12 and 13.

The surplus equipment authorized for auction some time back by the Board has been sold on govdeals.com. The salvage only 1992 E1 Hush pumper went for \$400, the Panasonic phone system for \$200, and the 2005 Yukon for \$3,100. There is still one E1 Hush pumper that was approved for sale, but will be auctioned after a few more needed parts are removed.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The July ALS Inservice was held on a cool evening at Maxwell Park. Skills stations included setting up a Rehab station for major incidents, packaging a patient in a stokes rescue basket, attaching the stokes wheel, and stokes rope rigging. Hamburgers were fried on a large barbeque grill and were provided with all the fixings. It was a chance to wind down and enjoy each other's company.

All of the new recruits have now passed the Firefighter I and Firefighter II tests. Certifications are requested for those who have also passed the HazMat requirements.

Regular training has focused on basic operations to ensure fast set-up and fire attack times on structure fires.

The MCC paramedic course has completed their third 8 week block (out of 5). They will focus on trauma topics when they return from summer break in late August. They will use the break to continue required clinical shifts at area hospitals.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** L1011 is still out-of-service awaiting a motor water pump replacement. The new Rescue truck has been down for a week while leaf springs are added to accommodate the extra load it carries. The heat/AC system in the back shell will also be completed.

A large overhead door at Station 1 (water tender bay) failed. The bracket mounting the track to the ceiling broke and tweaked the door and tore the motor arm off. The mechanic crew had the door repaired and operational within a day. The east doors of Station 1 are close to 40 years old.

Mounting equipment on new ambulance has been started. The EMS equipment is being prepared.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** 59 students took CPR and/or First-Aid classes during June.

We provided EMS standby and then fireworks standby for a private music concert at Maxwell Park on July 2. The time for personnel and apparatus has been billed.

We were also on standby for a large July 4 fireworks display in Colorado City and a display in Centennial Park on July 23.

A group of special needs adults were given a station tour on July 14.

**OTHER:** Two patients were transported from a motor vehicle crash on Cane Beds road where 5-6 people were riding on a horse-drawn wagon and were hit from behind by a vehicle that didn't see the wagon in the dark.

Units responded to a large, 150 acre brush fire in Apple Valley caused by a lightning strike. Several agencies came together to stop the spread. No structures were involved.

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*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

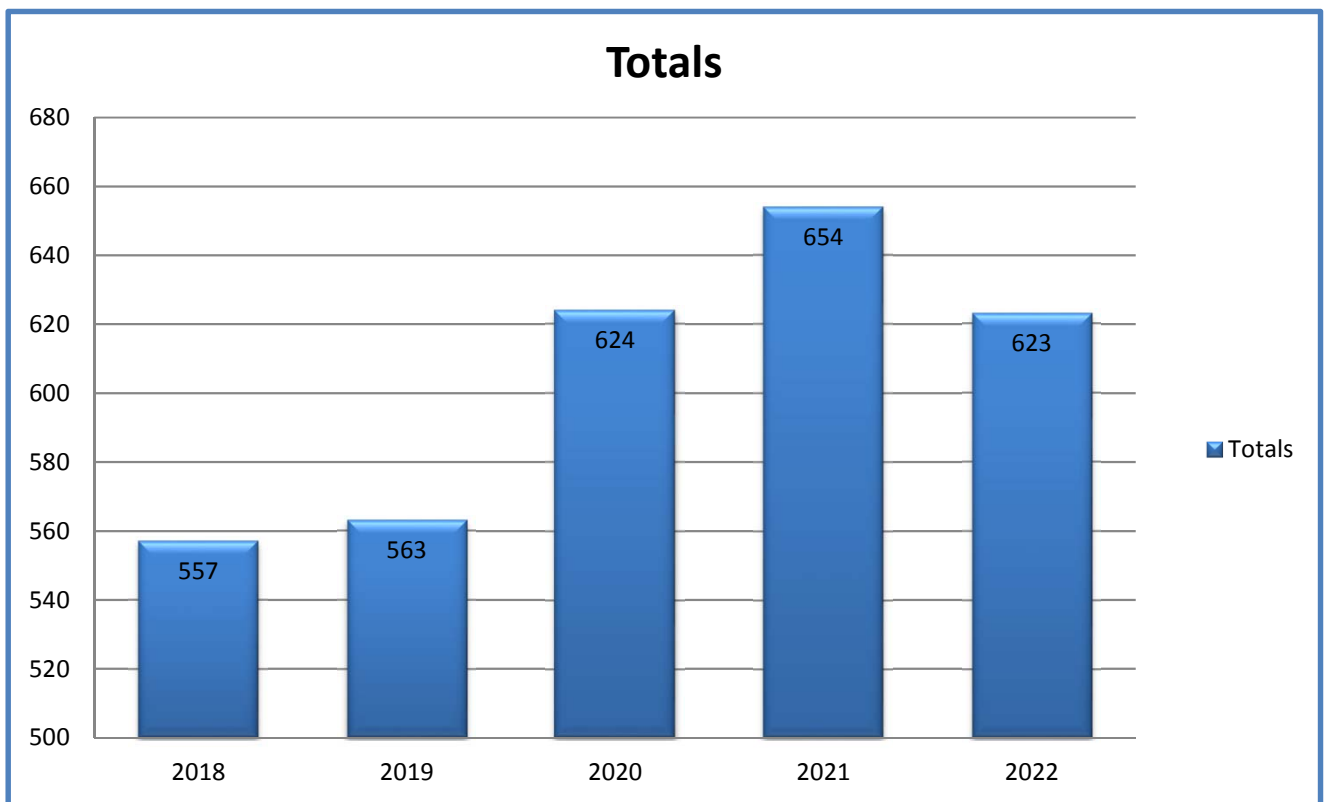


7/12/22 – 150 acre brush fire in Apple Valley. Caused by lightning strike.

**HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Statistical Run Review**  
**Five Year Comparison**

*AS OF JULY 25 - INCIDENT #623*

| Call Type      | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Alarms         | 10         | 10         | 15         | 15         | 17         |
| EMS            | 428        | 460        | 459        | 451        | 428        |
| HazMat         | 7          | 2          | 5          | 10         | 7          |
| Other          | 58         | 41         | 74         | 79         | 96         |
| Public Service | 15         | 23         | 24         | 43         | 51         |
| Structure Fire | 16         | 11         | 12         | 19         | 11         |
| Wildland Fire  | 23         | 16         | 35         | 37         | 13         |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>557</b> | <b>563</b> | <b>624</b> | <b>654</b> | <b>623</b> |



**COMMENTARY:** Calls are down by 5% from this time last year, mostly in the categories of EMS and Structure and Wildland fires. The 19% uptick in Public Service calls is largely due to controlled burn assists. A breakdown of the type of incidents categorized into "Other" is on the back of this report.

## 2022 Incidents Coded to "Other" Category

| Incident Type                                    | 2022 Count |
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| Assist police or other governmental agency       | 14         |
| Authorized controlled burning                    | 3          |
| Cover assignment, standby, moveup                | 7          |
| Dispatched and cancelled en route                | 20         |
| Fire, other                                      | 1          |
| Good intent call, other                          | 8          |
| Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.         | 4          |
| No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 9          |
| Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire         | 1          |
| Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire             | 3          |
| Passenger vehicle fire                           | 6          |
| Power line down                                  | 1          |
| Smoke scare, odor of smoke                       | 3          |
| Special outside fire, other                      | 1          |
| Special type of incident, other                  | 1          |
| Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke    | 1          |
| Unauthorized burning                             | 13         |
| TOTAL "Other"                                    | <hr/> 96   |