

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

August 26, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

I took a 10-day vacation and returned just yesterday. While I was away, crews responded to 54 different incidents, making it one of the busiest weeks of the year.

We were notified by our insurance company (VFIS) that our rates for volunteer firefighter workers' compensation were going to increase substantially. Matthew Zitting has conducted extensive research into the district's options, and we plan to discuss them later in this meeting.

Matthew Zitting, with the help of staff, has completed the FY25 inventory. This project involved merging multiple inventory lists into a single master list for easier tracking and reference. Additionally, Matthew informs me that we have provided Hinton Burdick with the necessary documentation to start the FY25 audit.

Chief Porter attended the Washington County LEPC and Washington County Training Officers meetings this past month. During these meetings, state officials warned agencies about the measles cases in the state. Since then, we have had more reported cases than any city in the county. We are in close communication with both county health departments and Emergency Managers.

Porter was able to complete all the required paperwork and submitted the billing on both the White Sage Fire and the Forsyth Fire. The revenue generated from these fires will significantly help the department.

We received two applications from our members for the part-time EMS operations assistant position. Shortly after, one applicant withdrew their application, leaving us with one applicant. After administration reviewed the one application, we were satisfied that we had a great person to fill the position. We have offered this position to Lucille Barlow, and we are now beginning the onboarding process.

TRAINING REPORT:

The August ALS Inservice training focused on airway management skills. Nordonna Richter took the lead on this training, with Porter and Lucille doing the case reviews and department updates. Medical control Dr. Mike Wilson was present and participated in the training. A catered meal was provided.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

DR has spent more time this past month entering additional secondary apparatus into MP Web, allowing us to use it to track maintenance and repairs. Regular truck check-offs by volunteers have been falling short, requiring staff to visit each piece of apparatus to do the truck check-offs.

A110 has been placed out of service due to possible turbo problems. Staff have determined that the turbo will need to be replaced. A new turbo has been ordered and will likely start this repair this week.

SQ1051 was taken out of service due to a radiator failure. Necessary repairs were made in-house by staff, and this truck is now back in service.

This month, staff have performed routine services and maintenance on several apparatus, including replacing batteries in a couple of the trucks and replacing a water pump on BR1011. Service and repairs have been completed on the ice maker at Station 1, and it is now operational.

I have directed staff to focus some of their time and energy towards making the necessary repairs to the multi-use training unit (MTU). This facility will be heavily utilized during our upcoming spring firefighter academy.

We have been working on specifications for a new C1002 vehicle. We decided to go with a pickup truck with a camper shell. We have yet to determine what finance program to use for this.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 8 community members in CPR/First Aid, and 6 of our members have received provider-level CPR training.

This month, we have reviewed and approved 2 residential building permits. Porter has done several inspections for fire sprinkler systems.

After a few months of repairs and cleaning, we have the life safety trailer ready to use in our fire prevention and public outreach programs. This is the trailer parked on the south side of Station 1 that is equipped with a simulated smoke machine and other home safety training props.

OTHER:

We have deployed BR1011 with one firefighter to be part of a Utah state task force deploying to Idaho for a 14-day wildland deployment.

We have responded to several significant incidents this past month. One incident involved a public works oil truck that caught fire and burned to the ground with one minor injury reported. A second incident involved a motor vehicle accident that involved three vehicles, with nine people injured, four of whom required transport to the hospital. Chief Kevin Barlow responded to this incident and operated as Incident Commander.

We provided a two-day EMS standby for the Annual Kaibab Indian Pow-Wow. Several of our members volunteered their time, as this was done at no charge.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief