

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**September 26, 2023**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Kevin and Dan S. spent two days at the Arizona Ambulance Association conference in Flagstaff on August 30 and 31. The conference provided important contacts with Arizona Bureau of EMS staff, updates from EMS attorneys on Medicare billing laws, and many other compliance pointers. It provided good one-on-one communication with vendors and software suppliers.

Kevin and Porter met with Kanab Fire Chief Brett Pierson over lunch at Bee's. Topics of discussion included mutual aid agreements, joint training opportunities, and standard operating procedures. Kane County EMS is in the process of applying for an Arizona EMS Certificate of Necessity to be able to better serve Fredonia, the Jacob Lake area, and House Rock Valley.

Kevin attended a valuable Zoom conference sponsored by Lexipol, with speakers on fire department law, hiring practices, and policies and procedures. The one day Lexipol Connect conference was at no cost to us.

On September 8-9 Kevin attended the Utah CISM new member training and Fall Training Seminar in Cedar City. Kevin moved from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Executive Board to President for the next year. The state covers travel costs, rooms, and per diem.

The SAFER award was accepted. A job notice for the Volunteer Coordinator position was posted and sent to all department members with a deadline of September 29.

On September 5, two representatives from the Utah Office of EMS, Marcie Willets and Felicia Alvarez visited here to review our ePCR submissions and talk about many other points of compliance with state rules. We are doing well, but can always do better.

The anticipated EMS Sales Tax initiative was put on hold by the Washington County Commission until further clarifications can be made to the law during the next legislative session. The funding is greatly needed, but if the amendments go through, it will be easier for each city and district to individually

**TRAINING REPORT:** The September ALS Inservice included a safety message, communications message and 12 Lead ECG review. One stroke case and three trauma cases were reviewed. Training was neonatal (newborn) resuscitation. Dinner was provided. There were 4 or 5 new EMT's from the Apple Valley Fire Department present also.

Fire training included aerial ladder operations and a good advanced extrication drill.

Special Operations training was a refresher on hazardous materials.

The UFRA Apparatus Driver-Operator course continues on two nights a week and most Saturdays. Testing will be in October.

Eight members were sponsored to the four-day Arizona State Fire School in Mesa. Courses included tactical hose management, extrication, fire pumps, and life safety educator. A small scholarship will help cover some of the costs.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** A nearby power transformer was struck during a lightning storm, knocking out one phase of power to the shop and disrupting servers and electronic equipment at Station 1. Most of it is back in service, but a printer will need to be replaced.

An alternator was replaced on Ladder 1011. Routine maintenance such as replacing batteries, conducting services, and other minor repairs is an ongoing and continual process.

The final contract was signed with Professional Sales and Service for the Horton ambulance in the amount of \$310,876. We will be working with Hildale City to arrange for financing. Delivery has been pushed back to at least November.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** 57 community students attended CPR/AED courses in August. Many of those students were police officers and all staff from both cities. Their classes also included Stop-the-Bleed training. All police and fire vehicles and every city facility now has AEDs and Stop-the-Bleed kits purchased with CARES Act funds.

Fire Prevention activity includes:

- Fire Investigation Documentation Training
- 2 Commercial Fire Inspections
- 6 Plan Reviews
- 1 Fire Investigation (assist HVFD and UT Fire Marshal investigate fire with 5 serious injuries)

**OTHER:** We have been on standby at several high school football games. We responded with Hurricane Valley FD to a multi-patient incident on SR59 with serious injuries.

Apple Valley Fire Department is finalizing their process to become a designated Quick Response Unit and will be responding to all medical calls within their jurisdiction. Hildale City will be adopting a Memorandum of Understanding as part of that process.

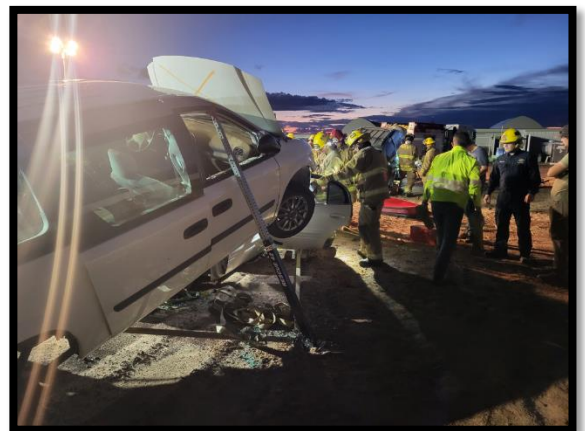
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief



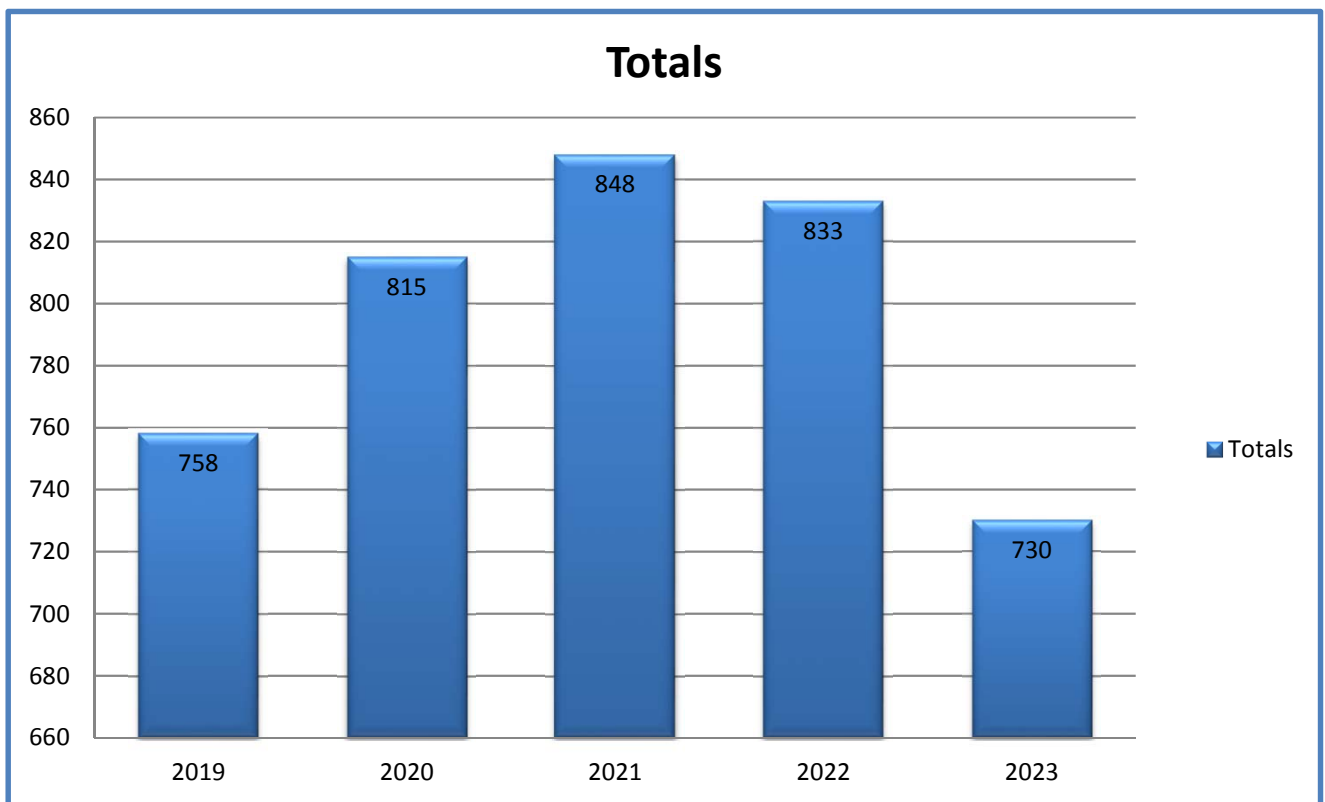
9/12/23 – Extrication training.



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

*AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 - INCIDENT #730*

Call Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alarms	11	16	16	18	15
EMS	606	606	604	582	516
HazMat	7	6	12	8	12
Other	48	95	98	121	119
Public Service	35	30	54	80	37
Structure Fire	17	15	23	11	11
Wildland Fire	34	47	41	13	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>730</b>



**COMMENTARY:** Even though total call volume is down 12% from this time last year, September was the busiest month of 2023, with 113 calls. September saw the most EMS calls of the year at 76-- the next highest was April with 63. The busiest day of the year was January 28, with 11 incidents.