

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

January 28, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: The Year-End Event was held on December 17, 2024 in the assembly room at the Mohave Community College Campus. Several members were recognized for length of service, over and above efforts, and training advancements. Promotion was announced for Eng. Sterling Barlow to Captain. Several videos were shown reflecting training, events and responses throughout the year. All members were given response tools such as a pocket knife, ball caps, and beanie hats. A catered meal was provided for members and spouses.

Asst. Chief Porter and Captain Sam Y. Barlow attended the Southwest Regional Response Team meeting in St. George on January 2. Discussion was had at the meetings about updating regional communications equipment.

Asst. Chief Porter Attended the Utah Fire Chiefs Association meetings in St. George on January 22-23.

The AFDA Winter Conference was on January 15-17 in Laughlin, NV. Jared Barlow, Jesse Barlow, Matthew Zitting, and Jessica Lane attended and received updates on legislation, budgeting, EMS regulations and administrative best practices.

Chief Kevin worked on and submitted the two AFG grants a few days before the deadline. He also has been working on the quarterly report and request for reimbursement for the SAFER grant.

I received notice that the chassis for the new brush truck has arrived at the dealership in Salt Lake City and is being prepared to be moved to the AES production center. Staff will need to meet once more with AES for final approvals before production begins.

TRAINING REPORT:

An officers meeting was held on January 7th to develop the master training calendar for 2025 which outlines each Tuesday night training and a team lead for that training.

The January ALS Inservice training was focused on Autism Awareness, Jeff Wilson and his autistic son conducted the training. This training helps all of our responders to better understand how to treat and work with our autistic population. Three case reviews were conducted, including two patients involved in an ATV accident, and one for an allergic reaction case.

Fire training this month included one night of station orientation and Captains expectations for crews, and an introduction for the station crews to our new Maintenance Pro Software.

Seventeen members were sponsored to classes at the Utah Winter Fire School in St. George on January 24 and 25. Classes included Advanced Command (ICS 400), Leadership topics, live fire exercises, fire service instructor, company officer inspector, firefighter survival, and driving simulators.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Lots of time has been spent this last month doing the vehicle data entry into the Maintenance Pro Software. This included developing weekly maintenance check list for each apparatus.

A111 remains out of service due to the turbo failure. We now have all the parts to make this repair, and staff will complete as they are able.

Daniel Roy will be working this next month on our annual Pump Testing which will be followed by our annual aerial ladder and ground ladder testing.

Daniel Roy and Sam Y. Barlow travelled to Salt Lake City to pick up the new Tahoe, while up there Dan visited the production center for the new brush truck.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 27 community members in CPR/First Aid.

Fire Prevention activity continued with several commercial inspections. Numerous building permits were reviewed and approved with the cities.

OTHER:

We have had several significant ATV accidents this last month, including a fatal ATV accident near Maxwell Park, 2 patient ATV vs parked trailer on Central Street, dirt bike accident near wide-spot on the creek, and a dirt bike accident near the south reservoir.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief