

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

December 19, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: Kevin attended a "Listening Session" in St. George hosted by the Utah Department of Public Safety regarding the transition of the Office of EMS from the Department of Health and Human Services to DPS by next July. The move is by legislative mandate. DPS representatives asked to hear from agencies what they see is important to change or continue and the bureau functions are moved under the new umbrella of DPS.

The Washington County LEPC meetings were held on December 7.

The mandatory reporting to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services was submitted by the November 30 deadline. This is a new requirement for ground ambulance services to provide comprehensive financial data including volunteer hours and facility costs. Hildale Fire Department was among the quarter of all agencies nationally that were selected just prior to the pandemic and was giving an extension. Colorado City FD is on the list to report for the current year. The report was a combined effort by GCS Billing, Daniel S. Barlow, Mary Barlow, Stacie Knudson, and Mildred Barlow.

TRAINING REPORT: One evening was used to catch up those who had missed the mandatory emergency driver refresher and also the SCBA timing and crawl-through evaluation. 68% of our responders participated in the EVO update and 60% of firefighters have completed the SCBA evaluation.

Special Operations training was a hazmat decon corridor drill set up at Station 1.

Both the MCC Paramedic and EMT classes have completed. Two department members completed the year-long Paramedic program and graduated. Five current members completed the EMT class. Seven other class members may be interested in applying for membership. Kevin and Lily also assisted with the NREMT testing for the Richfield Paramedic class.

The curriculum and schedule for the Firefighter Recruit Academy have been drafted. We will have 11 candidates, Kanab FD one, Hurricane Valley FD two, and Apple Valley FD two for a total of sixteen in the academy.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The replacement motor for A110 was finally delivered. The project required that the mechanics take the entire cab off the chassis. It is expected to take several more weeks to complete the job.

A great deal of effort has been put into cleaning Station 1 in preparation for the year-end dinner. All staff members and several volunteers put in two full days of cleaning, organizing and clearing out old outdated medications and medical supplies.

FIRE PREVENTION: The CPR Training Center certified 12 CPR/First-Aid students. Five department members were provided a new ACLS class.

Fire Prevention activity continued with several commercial inspections. Two more of the Cottonwood Village Apartments buildings came on line after fire system tests.

OTHER: Two structure fire mutual aid responses were made into Hurricane.

About 50% of our transports have been going to the new IHC Hurricane ED with about 50% directly to St. George Regional Hospital.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

