

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

February 22, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: Kevin attended the Utah Rural EMS Directors meeting via Zoom on 1/26/22. There are several pending legislative actions that would help rural EMS organizations.

The Chief sat in on two presentations at Dispatch from vendors offering call processing programs. The current system has become very cumbersome and can delay an EMS dispatch by several minutes due to the detailed information call-takers are required to obtain. The intent is to speed up the time from 9-1-1 ringing until units are notified, rolling out the door and responding.

Progress has been made in getting on line with the Advanced Problem Solving software. This service is being provided through a grant from the National Volunteer Fire Council. The software provides several services, including on-line continuing medical education (CME), training tracking, and a daily dashboard of events and activities. Every member is provided a login account and can use the CME option when they have time.

Town of Apple Valley representatives have scheduled a meeting with us on the morning of 2/22/22. The new mayor, fire chief and their liaison councilmember are anxious to improve the relationship between the entities, including dispatch.

Chief Barlow attended a Volunteer Chiefs Luncheon at UFRA in Provo on 2/9/22. The meeting gave an opportunity for open communication between UFRA directors and staff and several rural chiefs throughout the state. Training opportunities, training needs, and new programs were discussed.

Kevin attended St. George Regional Hospital trauma committee and the Washington County LEPC meetings on 2/10/22.

TRAINING REPORT: The February ALS Inservice included an After Action Review and trauma case studies related to the 1/21/22 MCI MVA. A safety topic, communications topic, ECG and Medication reviews were presented. A Zoom session was held with a representative from APS showing members how to access their CME software accounts. Dinner was provided.

The Recruit Fire Academy was off to a good start on 1/25/22. Twelve students are enrolled and moving forward with the schooling. One member was hired by Hurricane Fire and will be taking the RFA through them. The recruits have been meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings and every other Saturday. Several instructors are providing a strong program with a curriculum that will prepare the students for UFRA certification.

Tuesday night training for existing firefighters has been blended into the Recruit Fire Academy.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Work continues on the new paramedic rescue vehicle. The transition to computerized vehicle systems has been a challenge when interfacing emergency lighting systems into the vehicle.

We are slowly replacing outdated fluorescent light fixtures with newer LED lights in the Station 1 apparatus bay. Other station maintenance includes replacing or repairing bathroom fans and repairing ambulance 110v shorelines. Cables were ran to install a phone in the CPR office.

All of the AFG acquired radios have been received. We are waiting for the Utah Communications Network agency to program the 800 MHz side of both the mobile and handheld radios. We are also waiting for the chargers for the handhelds.

FIRE PREVENTION: Donna Black has been appointed to be the Training Center Program Manager. Martha Barlow has done a great job over the years but is no longer able to dedicate the time needed. The Training Center provides our CPR, First-Aid, ACLS, PALS and other classes for both citizens and our members.

Over 64 students took CPR and/or First-Aid classes during January. We currently charge \$40 for a combined First-Aid/CPR course.

OTHER: On the night of 2/14/22 we responded with SQ1031 and RH1031 into Toquerville as mutual aid to Hurricane FD for a stubborn structure fire. Crews were there for several hours through the night.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

2/19/22 – Cane Beds, AZ – Fully involved camp trailer that had been occupied by two people. One was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

