

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

March 28, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: Chief Barlow attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting in Desert Hills (LHC) on March 23.

Kevin spent the week of March 12-17 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD as a peer reviewer for AFG grants. FEMA pays all costs of travel and per diem. Dormitory rooms are provided on the NFA campus. 100 other fire service representatives were also doing the in-person reviews while another 100 were reading and evaluating grants on-line.

A FEMA SAFER application was submitted prior to the deadline. The application is requesting a full-time volunteer coordinator position. The grant would pay full salary and benefits for four years. The request also included the expenses of adding 16 more volunteer firefighters, including pre-hire NFPA physicals, turnout gear, and station uniforms. The total grant request is \$428,541.

A notice was sent to all Fire Department members offering two positions for hire. A half-time Fire Marshal position is open. The position is expected to have a minimum of Fire Inspector I certification. A short list of job responsibilities includes Fire Code Management, Fire Inspections, Plan Reviews, Fire Investigations, and Public Education. The second position is a full-time position as a Supply and Durable Medical Equipment Manager. The position is expected to have EMT or AEMT or Paramedic certifications. Duties would include EMS Supply Inventory and Ordering Medication Inventory and Ordering, Medical Equipment Tracking and Maintenance, Ambulance Check-Offs and Maintenance, Fire Equipment Inventory and Small Tool Maintenance. Interested applicants were to submit a notice of interest by the end of March 25. This second position will be to cover what Daniel S. Barlow has been doing as he transitions into the duties that Edwin has been doing regarding EMS documentation quality and billing company liaison.

TRAINING REPORT: The March ALS Inservice was held on 3/21/23. There was a safety topic and communications pointer. A 12-Lead ECG was analyzed, tying into the training topic of hypothermia. A nice meal was provided.

Other training throughout the month included attic fire tactics, salvage. A wildland and chainsaw refresher was taught by representatives from the Arizona Strip BLM fire management team.

An ACLS refresher was taught for a small group needing to keep their certifications current.

Lily has made a major effort over the past several months to enter continuing education records and process certifications with National Registry for all EMS providers. Many easily meet the required hours while others are short and require a last minute scramble to get the needed hours. There will be a few who will not be able to recertify due to being short on hours.

Porter Barlow and his son Samuel traveled to a National Volunteer Fire Council Wildland Symposium in South Dakota. The NVFC provided them each a \$600 travel stipend and the department covered the majority of other expenses.

The 2022 MCC paramedic class graduated on March 10. Of the six students completing the course, four are volunteers with the HCCFD. A new class started in January and are into their second eight-week block. Of the 11 students, two are our volunteers.

Three members of the Arizona DPS Shorthaul team drove to Kingman on March 23 to complete the required quarterly requalifications.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Daniel Roy and Capt. Guy Barlow left on March 18 for Columbus, OH to take the new ambulance chassis to the Horton factory. Edwin flew back and met them on March 20 for a prebuild conference at the factory. They worked with sales team and engineers to finalize the specifications and build order. All three flew home the following day.

Details have been completed on the station prox-card system. A final detail will be to modify the medication control cabinet to work on the same system.

Several routine services have been completed on fleet vehicles.

FIRE PREVENTION: There were a few First-Aid/CPR classes in February.

Several lot and building plans were reviewed with the city Building Department.

Several business inspections were completed upon request by owners.

OTHER:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief