

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**June 28, 2022**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Chief Barlow attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting in Lake Havasu City on May 26. He also attended the Mohave County LEPC meeting via Zoom on June 1.

Kevin attended the Utah Governor's Public Safety Summit in St. George on May 24 & 25.

A meeting of the Rural EMS Directors Association of Utah was held in Salina on June 9 & 10. The information shared and the contacts made are invaluable.

The proposed FY2022-23 Budget has been posted on the AFDA website to meet the required posting requirements. It was also mailed to all post office boxes for Hildale, Colorado City, Centennial Park, and Cane Beds along with a Report to Citizens.

On June 13, Washington County Commissioner Gil Almquist drove a new ambulance to Hildale and presented the keys to the Fire Department in the presence of Councilmembers Lawrence Barlow, Brigham Holm and City Manager Eric Duthie. This was one of five ambulances purchased by the county using COVID-19 CARES Act funds and have been distributed to rural agencies. The vehicle is still owned by the county and will need to be available for planned or unplanned major events.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The May ALS Inservice included a safety topic and a communications topic. An informative video on extra wide v-tach was viewed. Dr. Wilson was present and there was a good discussion on several medical topics. A nice meal was provided.

A formal Graduation ceremony was held on June 4 to acknowledge the efforts of both the candidates and instructors. The candidates had a slide show representing the six months of intense training and skills. All have passed the UFRA skills test and only two need to repeat a portion of the written test. Many family members and guests were present and a hamburger meal was provided afterwards.

The St. George Regional Hospital started their Quarterly EMS Conferences after a several year-long COVID-19 break. Several members were present in St. George and others attended via Zoom. This one hour session was focused on strokes.

There have been several opportunities for wildland training. Three personnel attended a one-day Wildland Engine Workshop in Duck Creek. Two took the wildland engine tract and the Chief took the Chief's Forum tract. Four new firefighters also attended a Chain Saw class and also an Urban-Wildland Interface class in Cedar City. Porter and D.R. were at the Color Country IC meeting on May 26.

Four of the new recruits finished a Hazmat Operations class in Dammeron Valley. This class is necessary to get UFRA firefighter certification.

The MCC paramedic course is just wrapping up the second 8-week block. Of the 9 students, 7 are from our agency. They have been not only meeting in class two or three times a week, but have been doing clinical shifts at hospitals in St. George, Kingman, Bullhead and Mohave Valley.

Captain Porter Barlow attended the two-day NVFC Health and Safety Summit in Orlando, FL on June 24-25.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** L1011 is still out-of-service awaiting a motor water pump replacement. The Water Tender is also out-of-service for repairs to the suspension system.

The new portable radios have been installed in the front-line fire apparatus. The VHF frequencies have been programmed into the radios, but the 800 MHz band is still waiting for the new statewide radio system upgrade in Utah. The current legacy system has met capacity and cannot add new radios.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** 51 students took CPR and/or First-Aid classes during May.

We were represented by an engine and ambulance crew at a Health and Resources Fair at Cottonwood Park on June 11.

We provided standby for a private fireworks display on June 4. We were paid the standby rate for the event.

**OTHER:** Dan Roy Barlow has been a member of a Color Country Type 3 Incident Management Team as a Safety Officer Trainee. He has deployed on the Dalton Wash Fire near Virgin and the Left Fork fire near Bryce Canyon. We pay his wages but are reimbursed by State Forestry. It is a good opportunity to get wildland experience that can benefit our operations.

We have provided mutual-aid or move ups to Hurricane Valley FD four times, including a structure fire response on the morning of June 22.

We responded to a significant motor vehicle crash on UT SR59 involving a fatality.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief



Commissioner GJ Almquist, center, delivers a new ambulance to the Hurricane Fire Department, June 13, 2022. Photo courtesy of Washington County Commissioner, St. George News

6/13/22 – Transfer of keys to new ambulance presented to the Chief by Washington County Commissioner Almquist. The vehicle is one of five provided by the County to rural agencies using CARES Act funds.

