

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

June 27, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: On June 6 and 7 Kevin attended the Rural EMS Directors Association meeting in Nephi, Utah. He also was at the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting in Kingman on June 22.

A meeting of the R&P Board was held on June 19. Guy Barlow has been a member of the board for many years and was appointed as president of the board to replace the position Edwin Barlow had held. Lily Barlow was appointed to fill the secretary position that Guy had held. The board directed that checks be written to all department members who had resigned during the past year. At the ALS Inservice training where many of the department members were present, Lily Barlow and Taylor Zitting were re-elected by the members to continue on the board. Jacob Zitting was elected to fill the spot opened by Edwin's retirement.

The FY2023-24 Preliminary Budget was adjusted as directed by the board to reflect a 5% salary increase. The budget was posted at three public places and on the AFDA website. It was mailed to all box holders within the district and Hildale City along with a Report to Citizens.

The staff continues to meet each Monday morning from 9:00 am to 10:00 am to report on the prior week's activities and needs for the coming week. We were honored to have Board Chair Jared Barlow attend one morning.

TRAINING REPORT: The June ALS Inservice was held on June 20. There was a safety topic and a motivational video Ted Talk by seriously burned Phoenix Police officer Jason Schechterle. A 12-Lead case study was analyzed. Two case studies of patients from the past month were reviewed. AirLife Utah out of Cedar City had flown in and landed in the town square just prior to class. The crew and their base manager were present and conducted the training on Landing Zones. Afterwards, everyone had a chance to tour the helicopter and ask questions about services provided.

Other training throughout the month included pump operator training on drafting from a pond. The new portable tanks were used. Ground ladder drills were the subject of another evening. The Special Operations training was rope rescue, with rappelling at a foothills location.

Funded through a grant from the Arizona DEQ, Daniel S. Barlow and Sam Y. Barlow, Jr. attended a week long International Hazardous Materials Response Team conference in Baltimore, MD. An emerging topic is response to Lithium-Ion battery incidents. The national Firefighter Safety Stand Down week sponsored by all of the major national fire service organizations was on this topic. We sent out an informational flyer to all members each day of the week focused on different aspects of Lithium-Ion battery fires.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Equipment projects have been slowed down due to the tight budget as we approach the end of the year.

The Ambulance 110 motor froze up during a transport. The patient was transferred to a Hurricane Valley Fire ambulance to continue the trip. Options looked at to get the ambulance back into service include ordering a new ambulance (2 years out and \$365,000); contracting a firm to remount the box onto a new chassis (1 year out at \$225,00,000); doing a remount in-house (18 months at \$100,000); replacing the motor in-house (3 months at \$20,000).

Several routine services have been completed on fleet vehicles.

FIRE PREVENTION: Six community students attended CPR/AED courses in May.

Fire Prevention activity includes:

60 contacts made at MCC Jobs Fair

11 Plan Reviews completed

3 Commercial Fire Inspections

2 Fire Investigations

OTHER: We have made two automatic aid responses into Hurricane for structure fires and one mutual aid request for two brush trucks for a 600 acre wildland fire. Apple Valley is working to become a designated Quick Response Unit. They have five EMT's currently in school. Their designation will require a MOU with Hildale FD as we are the licensed transport agency for their area.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

