

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

May 27, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Matthew Zitting and Chief Jesse have been working throughout the month to prepare a preliminary budget. This has required many hours gathering historical data and some conversations with our auditors and former staff to develop.

We are still working through vendor complications on the grant we received from the 100 Club of Arizona. The vendor that quoted the prices for gear said that they cannot honor the quote and increased the price significantly. We have contacted the 100 Club and received verbal permission to switch vendors to Sea Western, who said that they would honor their original quote. This will cost the District an additional \$2,000.

I attended the WACEMS meeting on May 15th held in Lake Havasu City. A week later, Chief Porter attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting held May 22nd in Lake Havasu City.

Chief Porter completed the applications for all of our firefighters' annual red cards. These are required for any wildland fire deployments throughout the coming fire season.

Sherrie has taken the lead in drafting and pricing equipment for the Utah BEMS competitive grant this year. We are applying for about \$56,000 for EMS training classes and equipment. Historically, this grant has not been available to our agency due to the county classifications, but with recent legislation, we are now able to apply for this funding.

We have secured an agreement with Reuben Cawley Esq. to serve as legal counsel for the Department. We have sent him the pending mutual aid agreements to review and will hopefully have them prepared for approval at the June board meeting.

TRAINING REPORT:

The March ALS Inservice training was provided by Garkane Energy. This training provided our responders with a better understanding of how to work safely with and around energized lines and power infrastructure. Garkane brought with them their prop for demonstrating an electrocution (pictures below). A catered meal was provided.

Some of our fire training this month focused on firefighter self-extrication and firefighter survival skills while working inside structures. Lead instructors for this training were FF Garrett Hammon, Eng. Dominick Draper, and Eng. Melvin Barlow. Other training provided this month was a refresher on Hazmat decontamination skills and decon corridor set-up.

Chief Porter, Daniel Roy, and Sam Y. attended an all-day class in St. George offered by the Utah State Fire Marshals Office on dealing with lithium-ion battery fires.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

R1011 developed some mechanical problems with the engine. It is still under warranty and was taken to Ford for diagnostics and repairs. Ford reported back to us that the engine needs to be replaced and they have already ordered a new one. This truck will likely be out of service for a couple of weeks to a month.

All of our apparatus that could potentially be deployed on a large-scale wildland fire have to be inspected. Staff are one at a time taking these vehicles down to Hurricane or St. George to get these inspections ahead of the fire season.

We are still waiting on a signed contract with AES for the new brush truck. Information we received this past week indicates that AES has lost their financial backing and will be requesting a prepayment. Staff will be on a conference call with them this week to determine what route to take.

This month, staff have performed routine services and maintenance on several apparatus, including air leak repairs on E1021 and Power Steering repairs on BR1012.

Dan Roy and Sam are still working on the upfit of lighting and emergency equipment on the new C1001 Vehicle (519). We have all of the supplies to complete this project.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 21 community members in CPR/First Aid, 1 provider-level CPR class, and 9 of our members in ACLS recertification.

We conducted a fire extinguisher training for 21 individuals who work for a local construction company.

We provided Learn not to Burn (LNTB) training for most of the 1st graders in the valley. These classes are taught annually and have shown to be a very effective form of fire prevention. This year so far, we have provided this to 162 1st grade students from 5 different schools.

This month, we have reviewed and approved 1 commercial building permit and 6 residential building permits.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief

