

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

April 29, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Matthew Zitting successfully updated the accounting for the Contribution and Relief Fund. We also made the disbursement from the fund to the recently retired members in the form of Cashiers Checks which I then personally handed to each of these retired members.

This past month, our staff came together for a work session to develop a Capital Replacement Plan (CRP). We consider this session to be very successful, as it has equipped us with a valuable tool for budgeting new equipment and determining how much money needs to be set aside in our capital equipment fund.

We received notification from the 100 Club of Arizona that our grant was awarded. Earlier this year, we applied for 57 sets of wildfire fighting gear, totaling over \$22,000. We are now working with LN Curtis to get our firefighter sized for the new gear. Thanks to Chief Porter for writing this grant. We have attached a copy of the thank you letter below.

Chief Porter attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting held April 24th at Golden Valley Fire District. He reported that the American Red Cross is establishing a division for northern Mohave County that will serve our district better.

Chief Porter traveled to Flagstaff and met with regional Fire Management Officer (FMO) Rick Miller from the Arizona Northern Region Division of Forestry and Fire Management. This was great contact to make as we head into the wildland fire season.

Chief Porter and Kendrick attended the Washington County Training Officers meeting as well as the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting in St. George.

Chief Porter attended an informational meeting in Cedar City regarding Utah HB 48 that deals with wildland-urban interface.

TRAINING REPORT:

The March ALS Inservice training was focused on Cardiology - 12 lead ECG interpretation. Chief Jesse was the lead instructor. This continued training provides our paramedics with the knowledge to diagnose and treat cardiac dysrhythmias that are found during our patient assessments. A catered meal was provided. We met again a week later and did hands-on training with the cardiac monitors, going over defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, and transcutaneous pacing, to ensure that our EMS providers are competent with each of these skills.

Paramedic School at MCC is going well. Sherrie reports that all students are doing well as they are well into block 2 of the 5 total blocks of training. HCCFD continues to support the program with skills instructors, training props, and equipment as needed.

Jared Zitting led training on two different occasions this past month at a property that is under remodel in Centennial Park. These training sessions were well attended by many of our newer firefighters. Training in these buildings gives the firefighters a realistic experience of interior fire fighting and scene incident management. With the low number of actual fires we respond to, it is vital that our firefighters continue to train locally as well as receive training externally as funding permits.

We have subscribed to a new service called EMS 1-Fire Rescue 1. This service tracks all EMS and Fire training hours for our members as well as provides training for those members that need additional hours for recertification. Porter and Sherrie have begun the process of entering each of our members into the software.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Staff have completed the repairs and services on E1051. This truck is now back in service after being out for a couple of months.

Daniel Roy, Porter, and Sam, met with AES representatives to work out the final build specifications on the new brush truck. AES is giving a late July delivery date for this truck.

Dan Roy has completed the pump testing for all of our Engines and L1031. He also performed the pump testing for Apple Valley Fire Dept's Engines which we were able bill them for.

This month staff has performed routine services and maintenance on 6 apparatus, replaced brakes, rotors, and calipers on A110, repaired broken doors on the MTU, replaced all of tires on SQ1031, and replaced rear tires on WT1011.

Dan Roy and Sam have begun the upfit of lighting and emergency equipment on the new C1001 Vehicle (519). We have all of the supplies to complete this and our goal is to have it done within the next couple weeks.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 2 community members in CPR/First Aid, 1 provider level CPR classes, and 17 of our own members recertified in ACLS.

We were invited to participate in the Centennial Park Youth Convention. This provided a recruitment opportunity as well as an opportunity to share fire safety messages to about 350 students. Myself and 6 volunteers attended.

As the school year ends we are scheduled to visit every 1st grade classroom to present our Learn Not To Burn (LNTB) presentation. Just today, Jay Jessop and myself have visited 2 of these groups with hopes of having visited each group by the end of the week.

This month has been slow with regards to inspections and plan reviews, with no activity to report.

OTHER:

We have sent a mutual-aid response into Hurricane a few times this month, with one incident being a working structure fire which kept the crew on scene for several hours.

We responded to a significant incident this past month which involved an individual that was shot multiple times and despite efforts to resuscitate succumbed to his injuries. Later our EMS units provided a standby for Law Enforcement Swat as they served search warrants.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief

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April 20, 2025

Re: Safety Enhancement Stipend Award 1st Quarter 2025

Dear 100 Club of Arizona,

On behalf of the Colorado City Fire District I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Safety Enhancement Stipend Award. We are honored to receive your generous support, which will significantly contribute to our efforts in updating and maintaining current and safe PPE gear for our Volunteer Firefighters. It is a comfort, knowing that in these uncertain times of failed grants and rising costs, especially those that far exceed the budget of our Volunteer Department, that there are generous and kind individuals who strive to build and maintain organizations such as yours. Your commitment and support will allow our volunteers the opportunity to better serve our community.

We are excited to move quickly in ordering and disbursing the new PPE to our volunteers and look forward to keeping you updated on the progress your organization has allowed us to make in better serving our community.

The PPE will not only enhance firefighter safety, but will encourage them to continue to push the mission. It will be like a kid waking up to Christmas morning. That is the best description that comes to mind with volunteers when they actually get new gear. It's like a breath of fresh air.

Once again, thank you for your support and trust in our organization. We deeply appreciate your investment in our vision, and we are eager to make a meaningful impact with your contribution.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Barlow", is written over a light blue horizontal line.