

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**July 25, 2023**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** On July 6, Kevin attended the Western Arizona EMS Council (WACEMS) meeting in Pine Lake near Kingman. The state Bureau of EMS revisiting the EMS rules and is seeking input. One requirement added by state law is that by the end of 2023 all ambulances are required to have GPS tracking system that monitors response times.

Kevin attended an executive board meeting of the Utah CISM Team in Salt Lake City on July 14.

Kevin, Jesse, Porter, and Lily attended the AFCA / AFDA Conference in Glendale on July 11-13. There were several great keynote speakers and numerous breakout sessions. The event had one of the largest numbers of registrants ever and the vendor show was expanded to additional areas.

A zoom meeting was held with Hurricane Valley Fire District and Hildale City Manager to plan the public message and facts statements in preparation for the upcoming Washington County election regarding a 1% sales tax for the provision of EMS. It will be important for all members to assist in getting the message out because the department and city cannot use public funds to campaign for the much needed vote.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The July ALS Inservice was held at Maxwell Park with training on MCI response and large event EMS standbys and response. The caterers provided hamburgers with all the fixings. Sam Johnson set up his large BBG trailer to fry burgers for the large showing. While some members played ball others relaxed in the pleasant evening and enjoyed a little time of relaxation.

Other training throughout the month included tactical hose management. Special Operations training focused on lithium-ion battery fire response.

The Arizona DPS Air Rescue flew in on July 13 to conduct short-haul requalification training for the three team members.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Tires were replaced on several of the vehicles. Oil and filter changes were done on 4 or 5 of the ambulances and small vehicles. Minor repairs seem to keep the shop crew busy.

A representative from the Road Rescue company spent two days here to perform warranty work on the new county ambulance.

A replacement motor has been ordered for A110.

Daniel Roy attended the Arizona Fire Mechanics Association training in Flagstaff on July 14-15. The focus was on firefighting foam and foam systems.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** There were numerous events that the department participated in during the first week of July, including three large fireworks displays. Other opportunities include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and EMS standby at the Maxwell Park.

Forty six community students attended CPR/AED courses in June.

Fire Prevention activity includes:

Participate with Washington County Library-Hildale for children's stamp book project

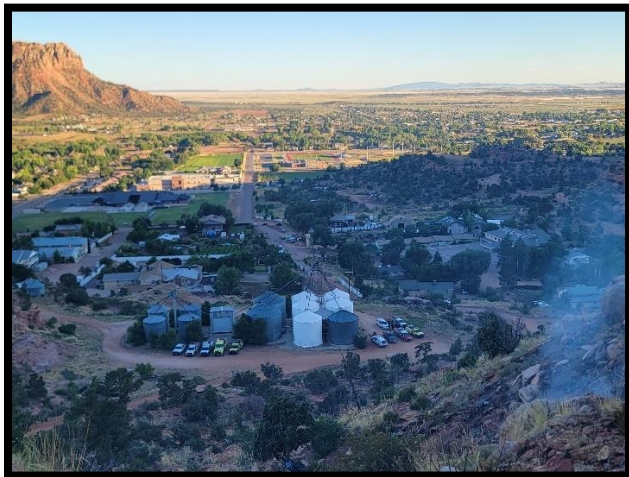
12 Plan Reviews completed

4 Fireworks Permits issued

**OTHER:** On Saturday, July 15 a wildfire response was sent to the hill between town and the Maxwell Park. Even though it ended up being just over 7 acres, the difficulty of access and the potential for spread required a lot of resources. Because it was entirely on BLM lands, we will be paid for our response.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*

  
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Kevin J. Barlow, Chief



7/15/23 – 7.3 acre “Saddle” wildland fire near the granaries. BLM and air resources part of the response.