

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Chief's Report to the Board

~~July 29, 2024~~ July 29, 2025

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**

With the new budget having been adopted, staff have completed the required postings and the notification of the required county and state officials. Along with this, we have worked closely with the TOCC staff to ensure that the payroll adjustments have been made for all of the district employees.

Matthew Zitting and I have had more discussions, and with a recommendation from the district's attorney, we have determined to somewhat re-draft the IGA agreement with Hildale City. We hope to have this ready for the Board's approval within the next couple of months.

Throughout this last month, I have spent many hours on the phone and in Zoom meetings with state officials and regional Fire and EMS directors, determining how to serve the northern Coconino County area surrounding Fredonia, as well as highway 89A. After much deliberation, the State softened its position and authorized Kane County Ambulance to continue to serve the area while the state conducts its investigation.

Porter submitted for reimbursement to the 100 Club of Arizona for the \$22,000.00 in wildland gear. Since then, the check has arrived and has been deposited.

Board member Michael Cawley, Staff members Matthew Zitting, Carol Zitting, and I attended the 3-day AFCA/AFDA conference in Glendale, Arizona.

With the firefighter academy approaching at the start of the new year, we have launched a recruitment campaign. This has been very successful, with approximately 15 individuals who have contacted me with an interest in joining the department. Over the coming months, we will go through the process of interviewing, testing, and selecting from these individuals.

Porter has been working with the state officials to get the required documentation to bill for the multiple wildland deployments so far this summer.

### **TRAINING REPORT:**

The July ALS Inservice training was held at Maxwell Park. The training topic focused on environmental emergencies, including those related to extreme heat and extreme cold. EMS Lt. Connie Johnson took the lead on this training. Our historic gathering at Maxwell in July allows the crews to enjoy the outdoors and cooler temperatures of the park. The department provided hamburgers for our members.

We sponsored a couple of in-house UFRA classes this past month. The first was a surface water awareness class where we were able to train and test 12 members in this discipline. The second was a Fire

Service Instructor I class, which included 6 of our members and 6 from other departments throughout the state.

Registrations have been made for 8 of our firefighters to attend the Arizona State Fire School coming up in September.

### **MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

R1011 has been placed back in service with a new motor and seems to be functioning properly.

A110 has been placed out of service due to possible turbo problems. With DR deployed out on fires, this will likely be a week until we can properly diagnose and repair it.

This month, staff have performed routine services and maintenance on several apparatus. Staff have been working on the ice makers at both Station 1 and Station 3 to get them repaired. This is not the time of year to have both machines not working.

### **FIRE PREVENTION:**

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 2 community members in CPR/First Aid, and 2 provider-level CPR classes.

This month, we have not seen any new building permits requiring our approval. Porter has done several inspections for fire sprinkler systems, including the new Chapel Building on Central Street.

### **OTHER:**

This month, our crews were busy with 4th of July EMS Standbys, multiple fireworks standbys, as well as several significant incidents, including a rollover accident with ejection and a cardiac arrest with ROSC obtained.

We have had crews deployed on both the Forsyth Fire near Pine Valley, as well as the White Sage Fire on Kiabab Mountain.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief