

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

March 26, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: Kevin attended the Utah CISM executive committee meeting in Salt Lake City on 2/29/24.

Two Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) applications were submitted prior to the 3/8/24 deadline. One grant requested firehose and nozzles to replace old hose that is an average of 15 years old. The recommended replacement age for firehose is 10 years. \$188,600 was the amount of the application. Another attempt to fund a new water tender was made, asking for \$911,030.

Time was spent managing the ongoing SAFER grant, ordering turnout gear and uniforms. A \$61,000 draw was requested for salary and physicals already expended as well as for the items on order.

An award notice was received for Hildale City from the Utah DPS for both the fire and police first responders in the amount of \$83,300 to fund mental wellness screenings, crisis management, peer support team development and membership training for a year.

TRAINING REPORT: The March ALS Inservice covered pediatric 12-Leads the two corticosteroid medications we carry. The training was a video presentation by an attending physician at the Kingman Regional Medical Center ER on syncopal episodes as it relates to cardiology. A catered meal was provided.

Regular Tuesday evening training included extrication skills. Another evening was pump operator drills in conjunction with Fire Academy live fire training in the MTU. Special operations training was focused on propane response, including a case study of a recent propane explosion in Wisconsin that killed a volunteer firefighter and injured several others.

On 3/7/24 we hosted a special training by Chief Chris Pardi of the Fort Mohave Mesa Fire District. Chief Pardi is a retired Phoenix FD Captain and was involved in the Brett Tarver Line-of-Duty-Death recovery process with the PFD. Chief Pardi has traveled around the country teaching firefighter survival topics. He conducted a four-hour afternoon session for firefighters, included attendees from our department and several neighboring agencies. That evening he taught a two-hour session for the new recruits. As payment for his time, we provided two nights lodging in Springdale and a few meals.

On 3/15/24, Kevin attended a one day seminar in St. George, put on by the Utah EMS for Children division. Kevin is the appointed Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) for Hildale Fire Dept.

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation sponsored a Leadership Management Conference in Prescott, Arizona based on the Yarnell Fire that took the lives of 19 wildland firefighters. A day of incident review was followed a second day with a field trip and hike to the burnover and shelter deployment site. The NFFF will reimburse the travel, meals and motel costs.

Kevin and Lily assisted the MCC with a paramedic NREMT test in Kingman on 2/29/24.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: A110 is in service and has been on several transports. An Arizona BEMS inspection was necessary because the vehicle had been out-of-service for over a year. The crews did a good job of preparing the truck, equipment and supplies and it passed without any deficits.

Brush 1013 required work to service the DEF regen system. The part was cut out of the exhaust system and rebuilt by Rush Trucks, then welded back into place.

DR and Porter have been communicating with the Arizona Strip BLM about a Type 4 Brush Truck that will be surplused late in the 2024 fire season. They have committed to transferring the vehicle to the CCFD. The brush truck is a large four-wheel drive unit that seems to be in good condition.

A new salesman for Road Rescue ambulances visited and will help us follow through some warranty issues with the county ambulance.

Several routine vehicle services were completed.

We still do not have the final delivery date set for the new Horton Ambulance.

FIRE PREVENTION: The CPR Training Center certified 29 community CPR/First-Aid students in February.

Several fire protection system inspections were made.

OTHER:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

2024 Recruit Academy –
Wildland fire training.

