

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**June 25, 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Many steps have been taken to transition duties from retiring personnel to new hires and appointments. Chief Kevin has been working with Jesse and Porter to show some of the duties, deadlines and reports as part of the Chief's position. Mary, Stacie, and Mildred have put in almost full-time to prepare year-end reports and to train Matthew Zitting on accounting processes, contacts, and the many reports related to the position. Sherrie Knudson has been stepping into the EMS QA work and learning to be the liaison with the billing services provider. She is also assisting with EMS training, certification management, and training records. Lily and Dan have been showing her the duties needed for the position. Donna has handed over the Training Center management to Connie G. Johnson.

Job notices were posted for the Administrative Assistant Position. Three applications were received and Jessica Lane was selected for the position. She has a background of many years of progressive management and HR position level work with a food service company, managing over 40 locations. She has been shadowing Lily in learning the duties of Board liaison and district management.

The district website development is moving forward and a meeting was held with Mr. Kevin Lebaron to finalize some of the details of how the site will look and function.

Jesse and Porter attended the Washington County LEPC meetings in St. George on June 13. Jesse attended the two-day Utah Public Safety Summit on June 11 and 12. Daniel Roy attended a meeting of the Utah Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) Coalition on June 10.

We are finalizing the agreement with the Arizona Division of Forestry & Fire Management for the brush truck grant award.

Losses are still being calculated in the Gold Cross billing error. Gold Cross was instructed to submit all un-submitted claims to Arizona so we will be able to have a more accurate picture of what was lost. The Arizona AHCCCS enrollment for Colorado City FD is renewed and there are still a few details being completed for the Hildale FD renewal.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The June ALS Inservice was interrupted by almost simultaneous motor vehicle crash response and a large fire in a recycling yard. The ALS training was a refresher on our rehab policy and set-up. Our fireground rehab program includes a retired ambulance equipped with supplies for drinks and snacks and equipment for cooling (and heating) personnel during prolonged events or extremes in weather. Different levels of set-up are specified in our policy.

Regular Tuesday evening training included refresher on response to buildings with automatic sprinkler systems. The crews then toured the sprinkler riser rooms at the Balance of Nature building and also the new Cottonwood Village apartment complex.

Crews spent a full Saturday (June 1) of live fire training at an acquired structure on Daniel Circle in Centennial Park. Several drills allowed firefighters to view fire behavior as it develops from incipient

stage to near flashover. Search and rescue drills were conducted. When the house became unsafe for interior drills it was allowed to burn to the ground, with efforts made to prevent spread to neighboring exposures. Crews from both Hurricane and Kanab participated and assisted. Chiefs Porter and Jesse oversaw the event and an Incident Action Plan was developed. Kanab Chief Pierson was very helpful in monitoring the safety of the drills, as he is a member of the Utah Live Fire Training committee. A full rehab station was set up for firefighter cooling and rehab.

Two hazmat technicians attended the four-day International Hazmat Conference in Baltimore, MD. The majority of the funding was through an Arizona DEQ training grant.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Several units required air conditioning system repairs. A110 remains out-of-service until funds are available to purchase the needed AC replacement parts.

Several of the units are in urgent need of tire replacement as soon as funds are available.

State inspections were processed for several of the units as a requirement to be listed on the state wildland deployment agreement. (BR1011 has already been on a paying fire in Virgin for part of a day.)

Arrangements are made for travel in mid-July to Columbus, Ohio to the Horton factory to do a final factory inspection and acceptance and take delivery of the new ambulance. The team will then drive the vehicle home

**FIRE PREVENTION:** The CPR Training Center certified 74 community CPR/First-Aid students in May, including a trip to Montana for a construction company crew. (Full expenses paid by the company.)

Several inspections and plan reviews were conducted.

**OTHER:** Several significant fire responses were made, including three structure fires. An operating commercial sprinkler system assisted in extinguishing a fire on a large piece of equipment at a cabinet shop, preventing extension to the building.

Three mutual aid responses to Hurricane included a large brush fire with several out-buildings in Virgin. An engine and ambulance also moved-up to cover the Hurricane area at the same time.

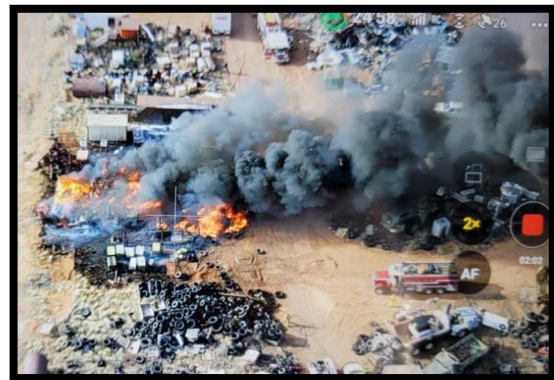
*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief



6/1/24 – Live-Fire Training at acquired structure in Centennial Park.



6/18/24 – Fire at recycling yard.