

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

March 25, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

A meeting of the C&R (Contribution and Relief) Board was held on March 19, 2025. The Board again appointed Guy Barlow as president of the board. Taylor Zitting was appointed to fill the secretary position that was previously held by Lily Barlow. The board directed that checks be written to all department members who had resigned during the past year. Discussion was had and action taken to move funds currently held at Wells Fargo to the Fire Districts account at Mountain America Credit Union. The next board meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2025. Since this meeting Matthew Zitting informed me that we have completed and submitted the annual report required by the Arizona State Fire Marshals Office making us eligible for this year's contribution.

Along with other Hildale City Officials, I attended a work session with various Washington County Officials at the county building in St. George to discuss issues related to Hildale as well as our interoperability with Fire, EMS, Police, and Dispatch with the rest of the County.

Myself and some members of staff met yesterday with representatives from the Utah Bureau of EMS Derin Bushman and Marcy Willits to discuss our operations, licensing, and inspections. Derin also gave us an update regarding the recent Utah legislative session and its effects on EMS agencies. Derin presented members of our department with years of service pins from the Bureau.

Jesse attended the Mohave County Fire Officers meeting held February 27 in Fort Mohave. Chief Pat Moore with Bullhead Fire District announced his retirement effective this week.

TRAINING REPORT:

The March ALS Inservice training was focused on Vascular Access. Sherrie Knudson was the lead instructor. Special training was provided for obtaining blood draws as we do these procedures regularly for the Police Department. Special training mannequins were set up and each member was able to get hands-on training and experience doing IV's. A catered meal was provided.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

The annual Ladder inspections were completed this past month with both L1011 and L1031 passing inspection with only minor findings which were corrected immediately. All ground ladders passed inspection with no warnings or deficiencies.

Daniel Roy and Porter have been working on the final build specifications for the new brush truck. AES representatives plan to travel here during the first week of April to finalize and sign off the build spec.

This month staff has performed routine services and maintenance on 5 apparatus, replaced batteries on L1031, replaced brakes on R1011, and replaced the catalytic converter on Chief Porters vehicle. Final

modifications were made to the emergency lights on SQ1031 which completes the project of switching out all the lights to LED.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 5 community members in CPR/First Aid, 2 provider level CPR classes, and 7 of our own members recertified in ACLS.

Chief Porter conducted 2 plan reviews and conducted a FDC flush inspection for a new commercial property.

OTHER:

We have been assisting 6 of our members currently enrolled in the MCC Paramedic program with travel to do their clinical rotations. Up until now we have been renting a vehicle from TOCC and supplying the fuel, due to the cost of renting the vehicle we have decided to limit the use of the TOCC vehicle and encourage these individuals to use their personal vehicle and we will continue to help with fuel.

We have assisted Washington County S&R twice in the last week with rescues up in the Water Canyon above Hildale. With the warm weather approaching we can expect more of these types of incidents.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief

