

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**January 30, 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** The Year-End Event was held on December 19, 2023. A nice dinner was provided and several members were recognized for length of service, over and above efforts, and training advancements. Promotions were announced, including Porter Barlow to Battalion Chief, Jesse Barlow to Captain, and Jared Zitting, Samuel P. Barlow, Jr., Kendrick Johnson, Sterling Barlow and Jay Jessop to Engineer. Several videos were shown reflecting training, events and responses of the year. All members were given response tools such as a headlamp and a beanie cap. A thumb drive containing the videos and other 2023 information was provided.

Chief Barlow attended the Southwest Regional Response Team meeting in St. George on January 4. He also attended Zoom meetings during the month for the Rural EMS Directors of Utah Executive board and the Utah CISM executive board. The Mohave County Fire Officers meeting was in Bullhead City on January 25.

The AFDA Winter Conference was on January 10-12 in Laughlin, NV. Kevin and Lily attended and received updates on legislation, budgeting, EMS regulations and administrative best practices.

A meeting of the Rural EMS Directors was held in Beaver, Utah on January 22 and 23. Representatives from the Bureau of EMS gave updates on legislation and the transition of the Bureau to DPS from the Department of Health.

Kevin attended the Utah Fire Chiefs Association winter meeting and Leadership Seminar in St. George on January 17 and 18.

**TRAINING REPORT:** An officers meeting was held on January 3 to develop the master training calendar for 2024. An outline of planned training for every Tuesday evening was developed. The schedule for the Fire Academy was finalized and special events were scheduled.

The January ALS Inservice covered four case studies, including a childbirth, STEMI, and cardiac arrest. Lily presented an overview of a high profile case in Colorado where two paramedics were criminally tried for a case of Ketamine administration resulting in the death of a patient. The case drew national attention and is an important one for our crews to be aware of.

Fire training included an opportunity for station captains to outline their expectations for the year. One evening focused on company drills. An EMS night covered the annual OSHA required refresher on Bloodborne Pathogens and infection control.

The fire academy is well underway, meeting two nights a week and every other Saturday. We started with 12 local recruits, but one withdrew. There are five students from other agencies, including Apple Valley, Hurricane Valley, and Kanab. As part of the SAFER grant, our candidates were processed through the required pre-employment NFPA 1582 physical at an office in Las Vegas. The academy is

supported by the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, and has included instructors from other agencies. The Mobile Training Unit (MTU) was moved from Station 3 to Station 1 to be closer to the classroom.

Thirteen members were sponsored to classes at the Utah Winter Fire School in St. George on January 19 and 20. Classes included Advanced Command (ICS 400), Leadership topics, live fire exercises, extrication, driving simulators, and grant sources.

Kevin attended a training on CPR and cardiac arrest advancements at the Fort Mohave Mesa Fire Department. Ways to increase cardiac arrest survival rates were introduced.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** The mechanics have been working diligently to install the new motor in Ambulance 110. The motor is now running, but final details of wiring and connections need to be finished before the truck is in service. A111 was out of service for a week while the front wheel seals were replaced.

Several routine services were completed.

Daniel Roy attended a training with the Arizona Fire Mechanics Association in Phoenix on January 26.

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

**FIRE PREVENTION:** The CPR Training Center certified 31 community CPR/First-Aid students.

Jesse attended three days of fire codes and plan review training with the Utah Fire Marshal Association prior to the Winter Fire School in St. George.

Fire Prevention activity continued with several commercial inspections. Numerous building permits were reviewed and approved with the cities.

**OTHER:**

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

1/26/24 – Early morning backhoe fire.  
Cause undetermined.

