

# HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

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**October 26, 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** Chief Barlow attended the Utah Public Information Officer (PIO) conference in St. George on the last three days of September. He also attended the Mohave County LEPC via Zoom.

Kevin met with the All-Hazards Committee with Southwest Regional Response Team at Ruby's Inn for a grant coordination and strategic planning session. Hildale is one of four main agencies participating in the hazmat and technical rescue teams. When a major incident occurs within the five county area of southwestern Utah, the closest teams respond to form a larger group and technicians and combined equipment. Other agencies include St. George, Cedar City, and Hurricane. This provides personnel and resources not otherwise available to any one community.

The Washington County LEPC meetings were held on October 21.

Kevin attended the annual meeting and training conference for the Utah Critical Incident Stress Management team in Midway, Utah on October 22 and 23. The CISM team covers travel expenses. Kevin is on the Executive Board as the Fire Service Representative.

One more young man's membership application has been accepted. This brings the total number of firefighters to 49, even though not all are trained yet. The roster has an additional 39 who are EMS responders only.

**TRAINING REPORT:** The October ALS Inservice was held on October 19. Three critical cases were reviewed, including a traumatic brain injury, stroke, and gunshot wound. The St. George Regional Hospital Stroke Program Coordinator and the Neuro Sciences Program Manager presented training on stroke recognition and assessment. SGRH has the capability of physically removing clots from the brain in large vessel occlusion strokes. Dr. Wilson was in attendance and led a discussion on use of medications used for sedation in combative patients secondary to TBI. He also gave an update on the uptick of RSV and croup patients. Dinner was provided.

Fire training was on tactics and procedures, including forceable entry and hose management.

Several members took advantage of a three day virtual EMS World conference projected at Station 1 with several general sessions and breakout sessions.

Kevin sat in on a virtual Utah Pediatric Care Coordinator training session by the Utah EMS-Children program. H-CCFD has always been active participants in training, skills, and equipment for caring for children.

Special Operations training was on trench rescue, with a review of OSHA regulations, safety procedures, rescue processes, and available equipment.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Work continues on the new paramedic rescue vehicle. The framework for the rear slide-out tray, decals, rear AC/Heating unit installation, and lights/siren and radio equipment installation are part of the process.

Specifications for a new ambulance are finalized. An order has been made for the base pickup truck using Utah Rural EMS grant funds.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** October is Fire Prevention Month. On the afternoon of the 5th, we conducted our Fire Safety Awareness drive with 19 pieces of apparatus. Several of the vehicles has safety message banners on the sides as they meandered their way through Hildale, Colorado City, and Centennial Park. Six young students who were drawn from last year's contest to submit safety messages were allowed to bring a friend and ride in an ambulance or fire truck.

Several station tours and presentations were given to family schools throughout the month.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, fire crews with three engines, a ladder truck, an ambulance, and support vehicles coordinated with the three main public elementary schools to conduct fire drills. As the alarms were pulled, the children exited to their designated gathering points to find the fire engines with their flashing lights and firefighters waiting for them. A brief reminder of fire messages was shared and then the apparatus left with sirens blaring.

Several station tours were hosted for home schools.

Our CPR Training Center continues to provide public First-Aid/CPR classes as requested.

**OTHER:** On October 1, we provided a fireworks standby for the Dream Center concert in Maxwell Park.

Crews have been on standby at two El Capital High School football games.

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*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



Kevin J. Barlow, Chief

10/19/21 – School Fire Drill response at Water Canyon Elementary.

