

HILDALE - COLORADO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief's Report to the Board

June 24, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Matthew Zitting and myself made final adjustments on formatting changes to the budget as well as began drafting changes to the IGA with Hildale City. Other projects we are working on include changes to the purchasing authorization requests and purchasing policy updates.

Chief Porter and myself met with the program directors at MCC to discuss the possibilities of a fire science program at the Colorado City Campus. Porter has scheduled a followup meeting to further discuss how this could benefit our department.

I attended the REMSDAU association meetings in Price Ut. This meeting provided updates on recent legislation, updates from the Utah State Bureau of EMS in regards to licensure, as well as leadership training. Since this meeting we were informed that Utah DPS Commissioner Jess Anderson will be retiring with Deputy Commissioner Beau Mason taking his place. State EMS Director Derrin Bushman is also leaving the Bureau, his replacement has not yet been announced.

We applied for and were awarded additional funding from WACEMS to assist Wesley Williams with tuition for his paramedic training at MCC.

Porter attended the Washington County LEPC and Training Officers meeting on June 12th.

I met with our district attorney Reuben Cawley and reviewed the pending mutual aid agreement with Fredonia. I also took the time to explain to him how the district operates, better preparing him to counsel and represent the District legally.

TRAINING REPORT:

The April ALS Inservice training provided by Chief Jack Yeager and Assistant Chief Mike Stapleton from the Kingman Fire Department. The lecture was on the importance of sleep and the effects of sleep deprivation in the fire service. A catered meal was provided.

Fire training this month focused on some "back to the basics" skills including, connecting to hydrants, ground ladder operations, and fire gear donning and doffing. Fire Eng. Jared Zitting took the lead on training.

Two of our hazmat technicians, Sam Y. Barlow and Sedric Meldrum, attended the four-day International Hazmat Conference in Baltimore, MD. The majority of the funding was through an Arizona DEQ training grant.

Chief Porter, Jay Jessop, and Samuel P. Barlow Jr. attended the 3-day NVFC Conference in Salt Lake City. This conference is focussed on volunteer departments and their needs.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

R1011 developed some mechanical problems with the engine. It is still under warranty and was taken to Ford for diagnostics and repairs. Ford reported back to us that the engine needs to be replaced, and they have already ordered a new one. Update on this project is that Ford has replaced the engine in this truck, and it is ready to be picked up.

This month, staff have performed routine services and maintenance on several apparatus, including A/C repairs on the maintenance pickup, new tires on SU1021, new tires on the fire prevention trailer, and power steering repairs on BR1012.

Staff have completed the upfit of emergency equipment on the new C1001 vehicle (519), and we have placed that new vehicle into service.

FIRE PREVENTION:

The CPR Training Center has trained and certified 7 community members in CPR/First Aid.

This month, we have reviewed and approved 5 residential building permits and are working with designers and property owners on a few commercial properties to ensure they meet the requirements prior to approval.

OTHER:

We have responded to several significant incidents this month including a head-on collision, a near drowning, and a couple of cardiac arrests incidents.

Sincerely,

Jesse Barlow, Chief