

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 21st, 2025

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ben Lehnhoff (Chairman), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), Nancy Livingston (Cleveland), Chase Majors (Huntington), Tracy Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh Arrian (Castle Dale), Scott McClaughty (Emery), Jamie Baird (Public), then made Member at Large, Commissioner Jordan Leonard, and Sheriff Tyson Huntington.

1. Approval of the June 16th, 2025, meeting:

Nosh made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss/Approve/Deny UFRA Comments and Business:

No one present

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny Forestry, Fire, State Lands Comments and Business:

Jeremy: No one present

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny BLM Comments and Business:

Cody: No one present

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Presentation by Sheriff Huntington:

The sheriff wanted to make sure everyone was crystal clear on what he was about to say. There were rumors going around that the Sheriff was giving permission to let fire fighters put red and blue lights in their personal cars to speed to fires, that is NOT accurate. If someone had red and blues in their car, deputies would stop them, arrest them and impound their car. Chase asked what the Sheriff's stance was on Amber colored lights to respond faster to call outs. The sheriff said he would refer to state code, if you put that light on after it left the dealership, it is illegal. Sheriff said anything that puts a privately owned vehicle into an emergency situation is not a good thing, simply for the liability.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Audit for Year End:

The biggest thing is the Assessor report. There is a copy of the fraud assessment, which we did. Our fund balance is good. The only recommendation that we received is that they would like to see the conflict of interest forms be filled out. That was the only thing we needed. All board members have completed the Conflict of Interest statements and turned them in. The sheriff said he does appreciate all that the Fire Fighters do for the county. It does not go unnoticed. The support will always be there from the Sheriff's Office.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny Change to MOU on Handheld Radios: (Section 3 #7)

We approved it last meeting, we are just trying to get the verbiage correct for the MOU. The discussion/motion last month was to put all liability of radios to the department and city which they are in. Every town will assume responsibility for damages.

****Old verbiage in MOU:** All departments and cities agree to keep new handheld radios mounted in trucks or at station, apart from the chief and assistant chief may carry theirs.

****New verbiage to discuss:** All departments and cities are responsible for upkeep and maintenance on all radios, and replacing radios that are damaged, lost, or stolen. All radios are subject to inspection from Emery County Special Service District Fire yearly. Chase made a motion to strike the old verbiage (see above) and the the last sentence of the new verbiage; all radios are subject to inspection from Emery County Special Service District Fire yearly, and made a motion to accept the top line which states; All departments and cities are responsible for upkeep and maintenance on all radios, and replacing radios that are damaged, lost or stolen, with a second from Tracey. Voting was unanimous.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny New Member at Large:

We got one application. Jaime Baird, he is the captain of the Castle Dales Fire Department. Scott recommended we make Jaime the new Member at Large with a second from Randy. Voting was unanimous.

9. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee (Kyla):

Scott: Joy is the new contract through UFRA. Scott talked to everyone on the training committee and it was discussed to keep the trainings the third Saturday of each month. UFRA will bring down the props. Scott told Joy what props they would want to be brought down. Right now August 19th is scheduled for the first training. Once everything is confirmed Scott will send an email out on what props will be brought down and what date the training will be held. Ben has Live Fire coming to Green River November 15th. He needs a count of how many firefighters the chiefs will be sending down.

10. Discuss/Approve/Deny Motion to Pay the Bills:

Nosh made a motion to pay bills with a second from Scott. Voting was unanimous.

11. Citizens Concern:

No one was present.

12. Chiefs Round Table:

Chase: Huntington Fire went through their 4th of July celebration and wanted to say thank you to the departments that responded to assist with that. It went very well. No serious issues or incidents. Huntington helped with Cleveland's fireworks and it also went very well. Huntington fire had BLM units assisting Emery County Sheriffs Office with traffic for Huntington's fireworks show. Stoney said that during the Huntingtons fireworks show he noticed there were several people parked on the road and wondered what the safety zone was. Chase said he had caution tape that marked the safety zone. There were two or three vehicles that were parked out on Hwy 31, he sent one firefighter over there to make sure there were no one inside the vehicles and also sent a deputy. As long

as they are east of the gate they are outside of the safety zone. Nosh asked if the fireworks were lit by chargers, Chase said they were handlit.

Nancy: Cleveland's fireworks were good. Emery Fire Department came to the parade and went through with Cleveland, Huntington Fire came and helped light fireworks, Elmo came and did fire watch, there were only two little fires. All was appreciated.

Randy: Peach Days is coming up and he has no idea where they will shoot fireworks. He will let everyone know when he needs the help. Peach Days is Sept. 5th.

Stoney: Lane should be getting the Fire Trucks listed pretty soon. There will be four listed.

Ben: He has a Live Burn trailer coming to Green River November 15th. They will start the training at 9:00 am. He needs a count on who will be there. The sooner he can get a count the better.

Commissioner Leonard: There will need to be a new MOU signed with the county and state. What the MOU talks about is getting to fires on private property as quickly as we can. The county has to pay a certain percentage if it's on private property. Once the MOU is available Commissioner Leonard will send it out to the Board

13. Adjourn:

Chase made a motion to adjourn with a second from Stoney.