

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 18th, 2025

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Ben Lehnhoff (Chairman), (Elmo), Nancy Livingston (Cleveland), Chase Majors (Huntington), Tracey Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh Arrian (Castle Dale), Scott McClaughty (Emery), Buzz Baird (Member at Large), Jeramy Jorgensen (State Lands), Paul Bedont (BLM), Cody (BLM), Marc McElreath (UFRA), Natalie Olsen.

1. Approval of the July 21st, 2025 meeting:

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

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

Mark: Sorry there was not a representative at the last meeting. There will be two of the replacements hired in September or October and will have a permanent program manager.

Winter Fire School will be January 23 and 24, 2026 in St George. Sign ups will open up the first week in November. Get on early to apply. There will be three Instructor one classes.

When you are hosting a class for UFRA we are doing a class sign up list that will be filled out 30 days in advance. If you are hosting a class and you are the point of contact expect to get that letter via email and share.

If there are any changes in your Fire Department please let them know so they can keep their records updated.

They do have ARFF classes if you want to schedule classes please do it early. They are scheduling into 2026. Get with Mark and reach out to him for that.

Fire Fighter I and II is being rewritten. The ninth edition will go into effect in December.

As that curriculum is being rewritten it will be a hybrid edition. Pumper and Ariel are getting a rewrite as well. There is a new book out on those as well.

Cancer initiative: The Legislature gave the Fire Service \$3.7million dollars every year for the next three years. They are going to start testing next month. Their goal is to test 500 firefighters. If you didn't receive a letter from UFRA asking for your roster to be updated, reach out to UFRA and you can be involved in next year's testing.

There is a grant opportunity from CHEMTREC . They opened the application period for their HELP Award, which will award six fire departments \$10,000 each , to enhance their response capabilities and increase local preparedness for haz mat incidents.

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

Jeramy: Stage II fire restrictions are still in effect. This covers all unincorporated county, private and state lands.

Those who are part of CWS and know who you are for PC, we need to start getting your project information turned in on the stuff you have completed. Give that to Jeramy and he can get it put in the system. If you need help with anything he can help.

Jeramy will meet with everyone through the winter and make sure you are set up on the new system.

There is a new CWS agreement for those PCHP's that they have come out with. They are in the process of getting those signed at the state level. Jeramy will get those handed out to whoever needs them when they are ready.

Those who are a part of the CWPP's need to have updated CWPP's by the end of the year or the state will be putting you on probation. There is a new template you need to use.

If you haven't turned in your DOT inspections please turn them in.

Jeramy needs all the info on the new trucks you just received. Just send him a copy of the title.

Make sure you keep an updated roster to the State Fires Marshall office and keep that up. If a firefighter were to pass away there is an insurance policy available so make sure it is always up to date.

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

Cody: Reiterating we are still in Stage II fire restrictions. There will be extended staffing through September.

Think about what training you want on the wildland side. The BLM will have funding to help provide material and instructors to help Jeramy teach the classes.

If you get roadside fires make sure you get them called in.

They are changing the task book, so if you have any firefighters that want to work on that you will be getting the new ones. You have 3 years to complete the tasks.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny PC Agreement:

Ben brought the PC agreement forms that Jeramy was talking about. Ben will get a hold of Jeramy and finish getting the website set up.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny MOU Change:

Ben will send the MOU over to Natalie. She will get the mayor's signatures, then put it on the September Commission agenda.

7: Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee

Scott: September 20th is county training. They are going to send down the EADS trailer, and cone course for training.

October 18th and February 21st are both county training days. Put the dates on your calendar.

Sign up through UFRA.

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

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

9. Citizens Concern:

No one was present.

10. Chiefs Round Table:

Tracy: Who has the pump test? Ben said he will check his email and see if he has them all.

Buzz: He got a new number and gave it out to everyone.

Ben: Please let Ben know if anyone wants to be a part of Green Rivers training on November 15th so he knows whether to do two classes or just one.

11. Adjourn:

Tracey made a motion to adjourn with a second from Nancy.