

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12th, 2026

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Nancy Livingston (Chairman, Cleveland), (Elmo), Chase Majors (Huntington), Steph Crabtree (Green River), Tracy Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), Nosh Arrian (Castle Dale), Scott McClaughry (Emery), Jamie Baird (Member at Large), (BLM), Paul Sullivan (UFRA), Jeramy Jorgensen (FFSL), Commissioner Jordan Leonard, Natalie Olsen

1. Approval of the December 15th, 2025 meeting:

Nosh made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous. Motion passed.

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

Paul with UFRA:

- **Flashover Training:** Scheduled for **February 21, 2026**, to be held at the Emery County Fairgrounds. Instructor staffing is confirmed. A student roster has been distributed; at the time of the meeting, three students were registered, with additional sign-ups expected from departments.
- UFRA requested a detailed map or Google Earth image of the training site to assist with logistics and placement of the flashover prop. Departments agreed to provide this information.
- **Online Written Testing:** UFRA is transitioning written testing to an online format. Testing is now live, with personal computers permitted. In-person testing remains available with a minimum of four participants, typically on Fridays.
- **Inspector I Curriculum:** The updated Inspector I curriculum is expected to be approved within approximately 60 days. The course will consist of 80 hours.
- **Winter Fire School:** Registration has closed with approximately 875 participants, including attendees from out of state.
- Additional upcoming training opportunities were announced, including:
 - Fire, Arson, Death Investigation & Prosecution Course – **May 7–8, 2026**
 - NFA 536 – Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction – **March 19–20, 2026**, hosted in Wasatch County

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

Jeramy with FFSL:

HB 48 & Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code: Departments were informed of a virtual meeting scheduled for **January 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss impacts of HB 48 and adoption of the WUI code. Adoption is required for Community Wildfire Services (CWS) compliance. Departments were encouraged to share information with city officials and mayors.

RT-130 Training: Two RT-130 refresher courses were scheduled:

- **Castle Dale:** March 25, 2026, from 5:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Huntington:** March 9, 2026, from 6:00–10:00 p.m.

Forest Service Staffing: FFSL reported that the Forest Service Type 4 engine stationed in Price will not be staffed this fire season due to hiring limitations. Departments may be contacted for assistance on Forest Service incidents if needed.

Engine Workshop: FFSL requested feedback from departments regarding desired hands-on, tactical training topics for the upcoming engine workshop. There is a continued emphasis on cost recovery and documentation for state-delegated fires.

DOT Inspections & Red Cards: Departments were reminded to complete DOT inspections and submit documentation promptly to ensure engines remain active in the system. Red Card physical agility (Pack Test) documentation is required by **May 1, 2026**.

CWPP & PC Commitments: Updates were provided regarding county and city CWPP participation and how costs and commitments may be credited toward program requirements.

S-270 Basic Air Operations: Departments were asked to gauge interest in hosting or attending an S-270 class. Information will be taken back to state leadership for consideration.

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

Jeremy reported that BLM operations remain business as usual.

- Both BLM engines in Carbon/Emery Counties are expected to be staffed this season following the hiring of a new engine captain.
- Departments were encouraged to request NWCG and other wildland-related trainings as needed.
- Updates were provided on the revised chainsaw certification process, including online coursework through the NWCG Wildland Fire Learning Portal followed by field training.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Members need special Service District Training:

Just a reminder to do your Special Service District Training online and send your certificate to Nancy.

- OPMA training must be completed annually.
- Special Service District Board training is valid for four years.
- Members were asked to email completion certificates to **fire@emery.utah.gov** for recordkeeping

6: Discuss/Approve/Deny Approve sell of Fire Trucks:

The three engines are posted on the surplus auction website. There are six days left on them. Emery's Becker has a current bid of \$5100.00, Orangeville's truck has a current bid of \$4051.00 and there are no bids on Elmo's Pierce truck. We need to decide if we sell the trucks that cheap or not because they have not met the reserve. The reserve that was approved in the previous meeting was \$40,000.00.

Nosh made a motion to deny the bids if we are able to and then look for alternatives with a second from Chase. Voting was unanimous, motion passed.

7: Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:

Flashover training is scheduled for February 21st at the Emery County Fairgrounds in Castle Dale. Hunter with the Huntington Fire Department will host the first UFRA

Fundamentals training for the north end of the county, with a tentative date of February 10th, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Randy with the Ferron Fire Department will host the UFRA training for the south end of the county, tentatively scheduled for February 25th, to be held following the regular meeting.

It was further discussed that developing a three- to six-month training schedule would be beneficial to allow departments to plan ahead.

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

Nosh made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Randy. Voting was unanimous, motion passed.

9. Citizens Concern:

No one present

10. Chiefs Round Table:

Chase: The spare becker that the district is using is needing batteries. It was decided to buy the batteries and send the bill to the district.

Randy: When does the Sheriff's Office want the becker that was donated to them? After discussion it was determined to just take it to the Sheriff's Office when it's convenient.

Nancy said get her the VIN number so she can get the title.

Nosh: Does anyone's email that they receive from Natalie go to spam? If you have Emery Telcom all government emails go to spam so look for them in your junk mail.

11. Adjourn:

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