

# Park City Fire District

## Administrative Control Board Report

### March 2026

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*March 5 – Chimayo Fire on Main Street*

### **Executive Summary**

March was a productive and operationally demanding month for the Park City Fire District. The organization continued to advance key strategic priorities while maintaining a high level of response readiness. While the month of March historically represents a busy time for ski transports, the weather this year had other ideas. While the beginning of the month provided familiar EMS rhythms, we also responded to significant structure and brush fires in our district and in eastern Summit County. Operational activity included complex structure fires, mutual aid responses, and high-acuity incidents, all handled with professionalism and coordination. In addition to emergency response, the district made significant progress in training, leadership development, and implementation of key programs, including Critical Care expansion, wildland readiness, and logistics improvements. The district also received strong positive media coverage from the Park Record highlighting participation in the Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb, reinforcing the connection between the organization and the community it serves.

## Significant Incidents

### *Chimayo Fire – Main Street (March 5)*

This incident involved a structure fire in a dense downtown commercial environment, presenting immediate exposure concerns and access limitations. Crews operated in a confined footprint with limited apparatus placement options, requiring coordinated use of aerial and ground resources. Operations focused on fire confinement, exposure protection, and maintaining control in a high-visibility setting.



Environmental conditions, including nighttime operations and water runoff creating icy surfaces, added complexity to the incident. Crews maintained strong operational discipline throughout, resulting in effective containment and protection of adjacent occupancies. This incident also generated significant positive media coverage, highlighting the professionalism of PCFD personnel and reinforcing public confidence in the district.



### *St. Regis Fire – Mutual Aid with Wasatch County (March 18)*

PCFD companies assisted Wasatch County Fire District on a structure fire within a resort occupancy. Crews were assigned to roof operations, supporting fire control and overhaul in a complex commercial environment.

The incident demonstrated effective interagency coordination and the ability to integrate into a unified command structure. Personnel operated efficiently in a high-value property setting, maintaining situational awareness and operational discipline.

### *Structure Collapse – Vehicle vs. Residence*

B Platoon companies responded to a vehicle into residence with structural compromise. Crews implemented a T-spot shore to stabilize the structure and prevent further collapse. A structural engineer was integrated into the incident, and coordination between suppression, technical rescue, and engineering resources was seamless. The incident highlighted strong technical rescue competency and effective use of specialized resources.

*March 29 - mutual aid to North Summit FD on an agricultural burn that became wind driven and got into heavier fuels, spanning several acres. PCFD provided a wildland crew, command staff, and an ambulance to assist on an unrelated structure fire/explosion that occurred in Coalville later that evening.*



### Additional Operational Activity

A Platoon responded to multiple motor vehicle accidents on I-80, two structure fires involving roof-level ignition, and a high-acuity e-bike versus vehicle accident requiring transport to Primary Children's Hospital.

Crews also supported law enforcement during a bomb threat at the Egyptian Theatre, assisting with building clearance and hazard evaluation.

## Operations – Platoon Reports

March operations were supported by a continued emphasis on training, readiness, and personnel development across all companies. Crews maintained a high level of engagement in both core suppression skills and technical disciplines, supporting consistent performance across a wide range of incident types.

With continued warm temperatures throughout the month, the ski season ended several weeks earlier than planned. We pivoted quickly to preparation and training efforts placing a strong focus on wildland readiness, including pumping operations, hose pack deployment, and initial attack fundamentals. PCFD units were called to assist with a handful of controlled burns that escaped containment in eastern Summit County.

Rope Rescue Technician training saw strong participation across the district, both from members completing the course and those supporting as instructors, further strengthening Special Operations capability. Probationary firefighter development remained a priority, with significant time dedicated to tower evolutions and scenario-based medical training.

Progress within the Critical Care program continued, with personnel advancing through training benchmarks and working toward near-term completion goals. Additional technical training, including Hazardous Materials Technician certification, contributed to maintaining and expanding district-wide specialty capabilities.

Operational readiness initiatives advanced during the month, including preparation for the implementation of LifePak 35 cardiac monitors. Crews began familiarization and review to support a smooth transition upon deployment. Additionally, development of an engineer spot check program is underway to reinforce operational fundamentals, equipment proficiency, and consistency across apparatus and crews.

Personnel development remains a strong focus, with members actively engaged in task book completion, promotional preparation, and leadership progression. This includes continued advancement in driver/operator qualifications, acting officer roles, and preparation for future command-level processes.

Overall, suppression operations in March reflect a disciplined and capable workforce, with continued investment in training, technical proficiency, and leadership development supporting both current response demands and long-term organizational readiness.

## Administration

March was a productive and forward-moving month for the Park City Fire District, with continued progress across facilities, logistics, technology, and organizational development. Administrative efforts remained focused on aligning day-to-day operations with long-term strategic priorities, while supporting field personnel with the tools, systems, and leadership necessary to maintain a high level of service delivery.

Leadership development and organizational alignment continued to be a central focus. Emphasis was placed on reinforcing expectations at the Battalion Chief and Captain levels, supported through one-on-one meetings, consistent monthly reporting, and ongoing performance discussions. These efforts are intended to strengthen accountability, improve communication, and ensure consistency in leadership approach across the organization. Planning is also underway for the upcoming Leadership Meeting, which will further align Command Staff and company officers around strategic priorities and expectations.

Significant progress was made in facilities and capital planning. Station 32 renovations were completed on schedule and are ready to support Wildland Division operations, with only minor remaining items being addressed. Station 34 repairs are nearing completion, with final work scheduled to minimize operational disruption. Broader evaluation of facility needs continues, with an emphasis on lifecycle planning, prioritization, and cost control across all district properties.

Fleet and capital planning efforts remain aligned with established lifecycle targets, with continued coordination on ambulance remounts and apparatus replacement timelines. These efforts are focused on maintaining reliability while ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility as the district continues to grow.

Logistics and technology initiatives continued to advance, most notably through the implementation of PSTrax. This system is improving visibility into apparatus readiness, equipment tracking, and maintenance workflows, while enhancing communication between field personnel, Fleet, and Logistics. Concurrently, development of a more structured logistics program is underway, with increased emphasis on accountability, standardization, and informed purchasing decisions.

Cybersecurity planning also progressed during the month, including the formation of an internal working group and development of a district-wide awareness and training initiative. This effort reflects a proactive approach to protecting district systems and data as reliance on technology continues to expand.

The Training Division transition was successfully completed, supporting continued alignment between training and operations. Focus areas include EMS performance, officer development, and recruit training structure, with an emphasis on consistency in expectations and delivery across the organization.

External engagement and community partnerships remain strong. Continued collaboration with Park City Hospital and the Medical Director supports ongoing EMS education, case review, and clinical performance improvement. Community outreach and public education efforts also remain a priority.

The district also received strong positive media coverage during the month, reinforcing the connection between the organization and the community it serves. This visibility reflects not only operational performance but also the broader culture of service and professionalism across the district.

Overall, administrative efforts in March reflect a disciplined and coordinated approach to supporting operations, strengthening internal systems, and preparing the organization for continued growth and evolving service demands.

### **Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb – Community Engagement and Recognition**

In March, 17 members of the Park City Fire District participated in the 35th annual Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb at the Columbia Center, climbing 69 floors (1,356 steps) in full turnout gear weighing approximately 50–70 pounds. The event brought together nearly 2,000 firefighters from around the world in support of Blood Cancer United.

The climb is both a physical and mental endurance challenge, requiring participants to manage heat, fatigue, and limited air supply while ascending in a confined stairwell. Firefighters often delay using their SCBA air until later in the climb, reserving it for the most physically demanding upper floors.

The Park City Fire District delivered a strong performance, placing **3rd overall out of 259 departments** and **1st in the chief division**, while raising more than **\$20,000** to support blood cancer research and patient services. Individual performances were also notable, with top finishers completing the climb in approximately 13 minutes.



Beyond the competitive results, the event reinforced core elements of the fire service culture, including teamwork, resilience, and service beyond emergency response. Participation also reflects the profession’s connection to cancer awareness, as firefighters face elevated occupational cancer risks.

The effort received significant positive coverage from the *Park Record*, highlighting both the performance of PCFD personnel and the strong support from the Park City community.

### **Closing**

The Park City Fire District continues to demonstrate strong performance across operations, training, and administration. Personnel remain committed to delivering high-quality service while advancing organizational priorities.

The combination of operational success, continued professional development, and strong community engagement positions the district well for the coming months.