

Park City Fire District

Administrative Control Board Monthly Report April 2026



Personnel honored at the PCFD Promotion Ceremony on April 30, 2026.

From left: Fire Chief Pete Emery; Battalion Chief McKay Wadley; Assistant Chief Sean Briley; Captains Jackson Letterman, Reed Wycoff, and Crispin Calvert; Paramedics Johnny Price, Russell Buhecker, and Gabrielle Longchamp; Rescue Technicians Cody Hughes and Porter Royce; Engineer Matt Carlton; Assistant Chief Ashley Lewis; and Battalion Chief Zane Thompson

Overview

April was a strong and purposeful month across the District, marked by continued momentum in our priority areas of wildland readiness, critical care capability, community risk reduction, and workforce recognition and development. Crews delivered high-level performance in both training and operations, including positive outcomes on time-sensitive medical calls, successful deployment of new Lifepak 35 monitors, and continued advancement of our Critical Care Paramedic (CPP) program.

Regionally, we strengthened coordination through a large-scale Rescue Task Force exercise and collaborative wildfire mitigation efforts, including the I-80 fuels project in partnership with UDOT and Summit County. At the same time, the District advanced its wildland program with targeted training, community engagement, and the successful transition of crews into Station 32 ahead of the fire season. Across all divisions, personnel continue to demonstrate strong engagement, adaptability, and leadership development, reflecting a workforce that is prepared and aligned with the District's strategic direction.

Operations

Significant Incidents

- **Multiple Time-Sensitive Stroke Responses:**
Crews managed several acute stroke incidents during the month, including two simultaneous responses on April 28. All incidents resulted in positive patient outcomes, reflecting strong clinical performance, coordination, and system capacity during high-demand events.
- **Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI):**
Crews performed advanced airway management, including at least one RSI, demonstrating continued proficiency in high-acuity critical care interventions and alignment with the District's expanding CCP capabilities.
- **Cardiac Arrest – Park City Hospital:**
Station 37 personnel assisted hospital staff with a full cardiac arrest, remaining on scene to support resuscitation efforts. Hospital staff expressed strong appreciation for the crew's clinical support and professionalism.
- **Concurrent High-Acuity EMS Demand:**
Crews effectively managed overlapping critical incidents, including simultaneous high-acuity calls, maintaining service levels and patient care standards during peak demand periods.

Training

Clinical and Critical Care Advancement:

All crews completed Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) training in preparation for recertification. Seven paramedics are currently enrolled in a 200-hour Critical Care program, supporting expansion of advanced EMS capabilities.

Equipment Implementation:

The District successfully deployed new Lifepak 35 monitors, with comprehensive training and immediate operational use in the field.

Complex Incident Readiness:

Participation in a multi-agency active shooter drill emphasized Rescue Task Force operations, with crews achieving rapid patient contact and transport benchmarks.



Multi-agency active shooter drill at Trailside.

Wildland and Engineer Competency:

Our wildland firefighters, engine bosses, and other suppression staff attended some or all of our annual spring wildland training, which focused on advanced wildland firefighting, pump operations, and safe and effective chainsaw operations.

Engineers completed annual competency testing using complex wildland pumping scenarios, with all personnel meeting standards.

Administration

Wildland Program & Community Risk Reduction:

PCFD partnered with UDOT and Summit County to complete the I-80 fuels mitigation project, expanding roadside grading to reduce ignition risk. The District also participated in the Wildfire Preparedness Fair, engaging community and regional stakeholders in coordinated risk reduction efforts.

Wildland Division Implementation:

Wildland crews transitioned into Station 32 and became operational May 3, expanding initial attack capability ahead of the fire season.

Facilities & Fleet:

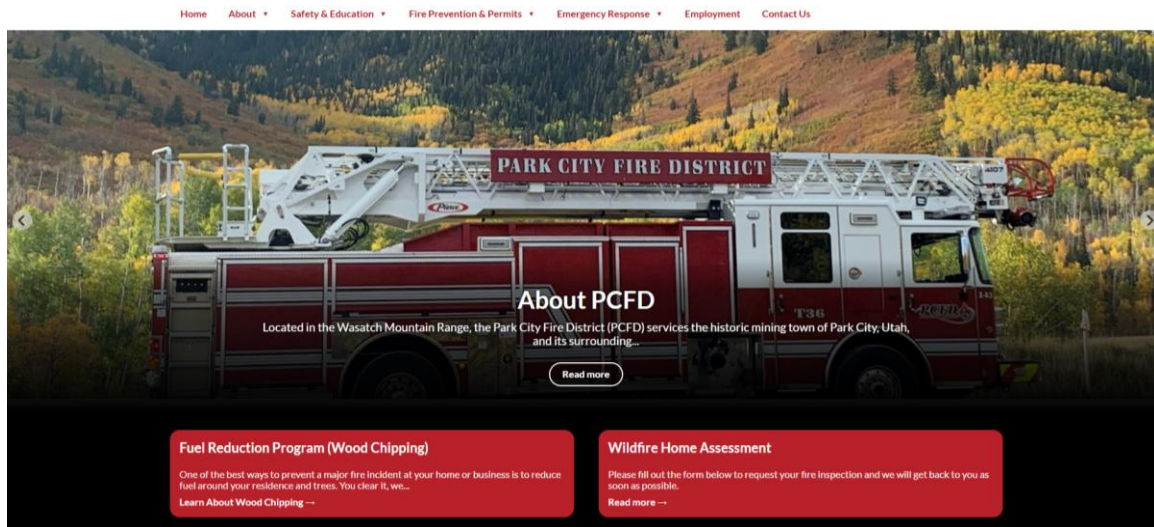
Station 34 improvements begin in May with completion expected in June. A multi-District fleet agreement is progressing, aimed at improving efficiency and capacity.

Leadership Development:

The April leadership meeting brought together officers and external partners to align priorities and reinforce organizational direction.

Public Information:

The new PCFD website (pcfdut.gov) is live, improving public access to information and services.



Employee Recognition: Promotion & Recognition

PCFD held its annual promotion ceremony in April, recognizing members who have advanced in rank and responsibility within the organization. This event reflects the District's commitment to formally acknowledging professional achievement and the continued development of our workforce.

The promotion ceremony is part of a broader, comprehensive recognition program that includes unit citations, field promotions, and holiday recognition events. Collectively, these efforts ensure that individual and team accomplishments are consistently acknowledged and provide opportunities for families, peers, and the community to share in these milestones.

In addition, several PCFD officers attended a paramedic graduation at Weber State University in April, supporting members as they completed this significant career milestone and reinforcing the District's commitment to professional growth and advanced clinical capability.



Hiring & Recruitment

In April PCFD initiated the process to fill positions to support summer staffing needs, with a continued focus on building a strong pipeline for future firefighter candidates. The process is currently underway, with entry-level testing scheduled to begin in late May, followed by ride-along evaluations through June and July.

The District maintains a rigorous and comprehensive hiring process designed to assess both technical capability and organizational fit. This approach has consistently produced high-quality entry-level employees who are well-prepared to integrate into PCFD operations and culture.

Selected candidates will be placed into the District's recruit academy, scheduled to begin in September.

Closing

PCFD continues to build capability, strengthen partnerships, and invest in its workforce. The District remains well-positioned heading into the summer months, with a focus on service delivery, community risk reduction, responsible use of public resources, and operational readiness.