

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

**INVOCATION BY: Pastor Greg Wright, Westside Baptist Church**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chief Joe Decker, Hurricane Valley Fire**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*(See attached sign-up sheet for names and subject)*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for April 22, 2026, through May 19, 2026
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-1319-O, on Sunday, April 26, 2026
- Consideration of Vehicle Surplus Disposition
- Consideration of ORS Lease Renewal
- Consideration of FY 2027 Washington County Pretrial Service and Supervision Grant
- Consideration of Approval of Hospitality Agreement for the Plein Air Convention
- Consideration of Approval of 2026 Cooperative Agreement with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY**

Jared Stephenson recognized Kimberly White on her 10 years of service at the Dixie Center, Andy Yergensen recognized Jared Davis on his 25 years of service in the IT department, and Jerry Jaeger was recognized on his 20 years of service at the Attorney’s office.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Lieutenant Danny Kroff of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office reported there were twelve (12) total calls from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> with a total of 346.5-man hours. There has been a total of 48 SAR incidents in 2026.

(See attached report.)

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

Sheriff, Vehicle (Ratification) .....	(\$39,934.00)
Sheriff, Bomb Tech Course .....	(\$10,104.59)
Sheriff, Fleet Vehicles (Including Trade-Ins) .....	(\$562,587.00)
Dixie Center, Ballroom airwall carpet replacement .....	(\$119,889.00)
Dixie Center, Vending Machines .....	(\$35,649.00)
Dixie Center, Gas Fryer .....	(\$43,989.00)
Tourism, UTIA Strategic Partnership 2026 .....	(\$10,000.00)
Tourism, Campaign with Astronomy Magazine .....	(\$10,100.00)
Fair, Hotels for Rodeo, Concert, Boxing .....	(\$16,000.00)
Roads, Dyed Red Fuel .....	(\$36,626.39)
Clerk/Auditor, Door .....	(\$15,666.04)
Commission, Canyon Media 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Donation .....	(\$10,000.00)

*All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.*

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1320-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1150 S. OLD HIGHWAY 91 FROM THE PD ZONE (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) TO PD MULTIFAMILY ZONE (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT MULTIFAMILY) AND ADOPTING THE PROJECT PLAN (APPLICANT: SILVER REEF RESORT, LLC)**

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained this project was originally zoned in the PD Zone, but with the recent addition of the PD Multifamily Zone, they would like to rezone the parcel to conform to those standards. Developer Jared Westhoff stated the intention is to sell the

properties to a builder in order to allow for middle income families to buy homes in Washington County.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1320-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 1150 S Old Highway 91 from the PD Zone (Planned Development) to PD Multifamily Zone (Planned Development Multifamily) and Adopting the Project Plan (Applicant: Silver Reef Resort, LLC). Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3752, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SILVER REEF RESORT, LLC FOR THE RED REEF VILLAS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT MULTIFAMILY PROJECT (APPLICANT – SILVER REEF RESORT, LLC)**

Deputy County Attorney Victoria Hales stated this went along with the previous Ordinance and would adopt the project plan subject to final review by the Attorney's Office. She also pointed out that no short term rentals are permitted in the multifamily zone.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3752, A Resolution Approving the Execution of the Development Agreement with Silver Reef Resort, LLC for the Red Reef Villas Planned Development Multifamily Project (Applicant – Silver Reef Resort, LLC). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3753, A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTING FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING A HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION ON PARCEL 3151-A-HV (WRIGHT DIRECTION LLC)**

County Engineer Elliott Taylor explained that the applicant is the owner of property that contains slopes subject to hillside development standards. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the Resolution.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3753, A Resolution of the Washington County Commission Adopting Findings and Authorizing a Hillside Development Permit for Excavation and Construction on Parcel 3151-A-HV (Wright Direction LLC). Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1321-O, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND AMENDING MISCELLANEOUS TITLE 10 ZONING REGULATIONS,**

**INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, MINING AND GRAVEL ZONE UPDATES, INDUSTRIAL ZONE UPDATES, AND HOME OCCUPATION PROVISIONS**

Deputy County Attorney Victoria Hales outlined several small changes to Title 10, including allowing porches on a setback, mining updates, and reducing regulations on home occupations.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-1321-O, An Ordinance Adopting and Amending Miscellaneous Title 10 Zoning Regulations, Including Supplementary Regulations, Hillside Development Standards, Mining and Gravel Zone Updates, Industrial Zone Updates, and Home Occupation Provisions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3754, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Washington County Fire Warden Heber Heyder stated that with the hot, dry weather, it is recommended to implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on federal, state, and unincorporated private lands beginning May 22, 2026, at 12:01 a.m.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3754, A Resolution to Adopt Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3755, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING GROUND LEASE RENEWAL AND ADDENDUM WITH YESCO OUTDOOR MEDIA LLC FOR SIGNAGE AT THE DIXIE CENTER CONVENTION FACILITY**

Dixie Center Director Jared Stephensen explained that YESCO has operated outdoor advertising signage since January 1, 2008, with a term ending December 31, 2027. It is recommended that the County enter into a renewed 20-year agreement commencing January 1, 2028.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3755, A Resolution Approving an Outdoor Advertising Ground Lease Renewal and Addendum with YESCO Outdoor Media LLC for Signage at the Dixie Center Convention Facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3756, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TOURISM TAX FUNDING TO ZION FOREVER PROJECT FOR SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE OPERATIONS AT ZION NATIONAL PARK**

Regional Tourism Regulatory Affairs Director Heath Hansen stated that during the 43-day shutdown this past winter, Zion National Park was unable to collect entrance fees and did not have sufficient funding to cover the full cost of the shuttle contract. Zion Forever Project was able to donate the shortfall, and the Washington County Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TAB) has agreed to reimburse Zion Forever Project in the amount of \$60,000 to help cover the funding.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3756, A Resolution Approving Tourism Tax Funding to Zion Forever Project for Springdale Shuttle Operations at Zion National Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3757, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A STRATEGIC CONTENT AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING, LLC**

Greater Zion Tourism Director Brittany McMichael explained they have negotiated a strategic content and sponsorship with What's Happening effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 to enhance visitor awareness of events, experiences and tourism in Washington County.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3757, A Resolution Approving a Strategic Content and Partnership Agreement with What's Happening, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3758, A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE UTAH OFFICE OF TOURISM FOR A UTAH CO-OP MARKETING GRANT FOR THE "ALL THINGS INTERNATIONAL" CAMPAIGN**

Ms. McMichael stated Washington County plans to submit a grant application to the Utah Office of Tourism Co-op Marketing Grant Program requesting \$215,000 in grant funding with a required match. If Washington County is approved for grant funding, this Resolution would approve up to \$215,000 in matching funds for support of the grant.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3758, A Resolution Committing Funds for a Grant Application with the Utah Office of Tourism for a Utah Co-Op Marketing Grant for the "All Things International" Campaign. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and

carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3759, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FILM INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH PROMONTORY ROAD LLC FOR THE PRODUCTION OF “BLOOD ON THE PROMONTORY” IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRANSIENT ROOM TAX FUNDS**

Ms. McMichael explained that “Blood on the Promontory” is an original Western drama currently being filmed in Washington County, and the TAB board has recommended a film production incentive to the filmmakers.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3759, A Resolution Approving a Film Incentive Agreement with Promontory Road LLC for the Production of “Blood on the Promontory” in Washington County, Utah and Authorizing the Expenditure of Transient Room Tax Funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3760, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR EVENT INCENTIVES TO COVER INCIDENTAL COSTS FOR THE PLEIN AIR CONVENTION & EXPO (PACE) TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH**

Greater Zion Tourism Meeting, Convention & Event Sales Manager Joy Schroeder stated the Plein Air Convention & Expo (PACE) has been awarded to Washington County and is scheduled to be held in May 2027 at the Dixie Convention Center. TAB has received an incentive funding request and recommends that TRT funding be held of up to \$60,000 to cover eligible incidental costs associated with PACE 2027.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3760, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Event Incentives to Cover Incidental Costs for the Plein Air Convention & Expo (PACE) to be Held in Washington County, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3761, A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TO THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND SANTA CLARA CITY FOR TOURISM MITIGATION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Iverson explained Hurricane Valley Fire and Santa Clara-Ivins Fire provide services responding to incidents related to tourism activity, and it has been recommended to

provide TRT (Transient Room Tax) mitigation funding to offset the costs of emergency medical and tourism mitigation services.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3761, A Resolution Approving Funding From Washington County to the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District and Santa Clara City for Tourism Mitigation and Emergency Medical Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3762, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LANDMARK TESTING & ENGINEERING FOR THE KOLOB TERRACE ROAD MIDDLE SECTION PROJECT**

Public Works Director Todd Edwards stated it is necessary to request professional services of an engineering firm for materials testing, engineering, inspections and construction management for the Kolob Terrace Road Middle Section project, and it is recommended that Landmark Testing & Engineering be contracted to do that work.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3762, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement with Landmark Testing & Engineering for the Kolob Terrace Road Middle Section Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3763, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH THE USDA, THE FOREST SERVICE, AND DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST FOR FORSYTH FIRE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION IN THE PINE VALLEY AREA**

Mr. Edwards explained that this project is to repair watershed protection necessary after the Forsyth Fire in Pine Valley, where the County will conduct emergency stabilization measures and address resulting drainage issues.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3763, A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Special Use Permit with the USDA, the Forest Service, and Dixie National Forest for Forsyth Fire Emergency Watershed Protection in the Pine Valley Area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3764, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROGRESSIVE CONTRACTING, INC. AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE NEW HARMONY, OLD HWY 91, ASH CREEK BRIDGE (D-211) PRESERVATION PROJECT**

Mr. Edwards stated that there is a 100-year-old bridge in the New Harmony area that needed repairs, and Progressive Contracting, Inc was the lowest responsible bidder, with the work being finished in April 2026.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3764, A Resolution Ratifying an Agreement Between Progressive Contracting, Inc. and Washington County for the New Harmony, Old Hwy 91, Ash Creek Bridge (D-211) Preservation Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3765, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE PINE VALLEY EWP**

Mr. Edwards explained Washington County is requiring construction services for the Pine Valley EWP in the Dixie National Forest. This is a NRCS project with a county funding match.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3765, A Resolution Approving a Construction Contract with Progressive Contracting, Inc. for the Pine Valley EWP. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3766, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING 2026 FUNDING TO SWITCHPOINT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

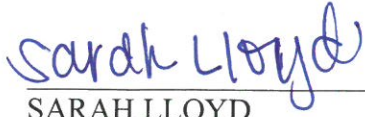
Commissioner Snow stated Washington County will be donating \$25,000 to Switchpoint for calendar year 2026 and challenged municipalities to also donate where they can.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2026-3766, A Resolution Appropriating 2026 Funding to Switchpoint Community Resource Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

None presented.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



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SARAH LLOYD  
DEPUTY CLERK



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ADAM SNOW  
COMMISSION CHAIR

## PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP

(Up to 10 people, one comment per person with a limit of two minutes each. You must be present in person and provide information on sign-up sheet prior to meeting; no comments will be taken on behalf of others. If there are more than ten people wishing to give input, they will be selected by random draw.)

	Name	Subject	Washington County Resident (please circle one) State National Yes / No Native of Utah
1	Bentley Murdock	Data Centers	State National <input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No Native of Utah
2	April Pinkston	Stand Your Ground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Laura Bean	Data Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Christina Calliste	Data Centers	Yes / No <span style="color: blue;">Trustee of estate</span>
5			Yes / No
6			Yes / No
7			Yes / No
8			Yes / No
9			Yes / No
10			Yes / No
11			Yes / No
12			Yes / No
13			Yes / No
14			Yes / No

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	MeetingDate
584196	H-DSP-A-91	2025	CHAPARRO BENITO	4,987.93	2,743.36	-2,244.57	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26
1054708	H-PNTS-1-30	2025	FOSTER JOSEPH GREG \ FOSTER AMY LYN	3,357.13	1,846.42	-1,510.71	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26
909849	SC-HSA-1A-103	2025	LANG STEVEN D TRUSTEES \ LANG STACIE TRUSTEES \ ST	4,642.54	2,553.40	-2,089.14	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26
847099	S-RDHK-7	2025	SOUTHWEST UTAH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	5,256.53	2,891.09	-2,365.44	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26
1187345	SG-RBES-37	2025	VAN NOY THOMAS LORAN TR \ VAN NOY NANCY JEWKE	7,499.18	4,124.55	-3,374.63	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26
637044	T-ACP-20	2025	WELLS NATHAN ROBERT & HEATHER ANN	5,193.62	4,075.66	-1,117.96	Assessment level changed to primary.	05/19/26

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	Meeting Date
798658	SG-TTER-1-7-B	2021	TONAQUINT TERRACE OWNERS ASSN	8.68	0.00	-8.68	Parcel was decided to owners association 6/24/21. Proration was too small to prorate and was not formally requested for the minimal amount. Change to exempt for all of 2021 to clear past due tax amount (per request by treasurer). <b>ADJUSTMENT ONLY - DO NOT SEND REFUND.</b>	5/19/2026



# **SAR Incident Synopsis**

**For April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Sheriff Golding,**

**Below is the SAR Report from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **April-May 2026 Report**

**Total Calls this report – 12**

**Total Non Certified Volunteer Man Hours – 346.5**

**Total Certified Man Hours – 44.5**

**Total Man Hours this report – 391**

**Total SAR Incidents 2026 – 48**

## **Rescued Subjects 2026**

**In County Residence – 37**

**Out of County (Utah) Residence – 21**

**Out of Utah –27**

**International – 5**

## **Highlights**

**04/24/2026 @1030, Side by Side Accident, Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 32 (Non Certified) 2 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Sand Mountain on a report of a female patient who had reportedly accidentally driven off a cliff. She suffered a suspected spinal injury. Life Flight was requested due to the nature of injury but they were unavailable. SAR members responded to the location of the patient and she was stabilized on a backboard. She was then loaded in a stokes basket and transported via side by side back to Incident Command. The patient was then loaded in the ambulance and transported to the hospital.

**04/26/2026 @1651, Injured Hiker, Welcome Springs Canyon – Man Hours – 67.5 (Non Certified) 11 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Welcome Springs Canyon area near Lytle Ranch Rd on a report of a female who had fallen into a hole approximately 10-15 feet deep. The patient's injuries were reported as a punctured lung and possible broken ribs. Due to the possible severe injuries Mercy Air was requested to respond. SAR members responded to the location of the patient and she was stabilized. Mercy Air was unable to land near the patient due to the terrain so they returned and landed at Incident Command (IC). Due to Mercy Air being unable to land anywhere near the patient, STAR9 was requested to assist with hoisting the patient. SAR team members utilized a ropes system to get the patient down the mountain to a better location for STAR9 to hoist from. STAR9 hoisted the patient back to IC. She was then loaded in Mercy Air and transported to the hospital.

**05/10/2026 @ 1525, Lost Hikers, Red Mountain, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve – Man Hours – 40 (Non Certified) 4 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Red Mountain on a report of a 53 year old male and a 44 year old female who were lost on top of Red Mountain. The male was experiencing what were likely severe heat related symptoms. Due to the male's condition and the remote area, deputies requested that Life Flight respond to assist with quickly retrieving the male. Incident Command was established at the Toe Trailhead in Ivins and SAR members began to respond to the patient location. Life Flight located the hikers and were able to land nearby. The male was loaded in the helicopter and returned to Incident Command and a waiting ambulance. SAR members located the female lost individual and escorted her back down the mountain to Incident Command. Both individuals declined medical transport.

**Additional Calls**

**04/29/2026 @1522, Lost Hiker, West of Enterprise – Man Hours – 2 (Non Certified) 3 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to a report of a male who had gotten lost while hiking west of Enterprise. STAR9 was requested to help search due to the vast search area. The male was located by STAR9 and SAR units went to his location. He was then provided with fluids, loaded in a vehicle, and guided back to his vehicle. He declined medical evaluation.

**05/01/2026 @ 1952, Missing Person, Apex Mine/Navajo rd Area – Man Hours – 32 (Non Certified) 2 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Navajo Rd area on a report of an elderly female with dementia that was lost in the area and was possibly in danger. SAR members located the missing individual and assisted with getting her back to the trailhead and to her spouse and vehicle. She declined medical evaluation. No injuries were reported.

**05/01/2026 @ 2042, Stranded Motorist, Slaughter Creek Wilderness – Man Hours – 12 (Non Certified) 4 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Slaughter Creek Wilderness on a report of a female who had gotten her vehicle stuck in an extremely remote area while driving on an ATV trail. SAR members responded to the location of the female and assisted with giving her a ride back to town. They also assisted with getting her vehicle unstuck. The female declined medical evaluation.

**05/03/2026 @1346, ATV Rollover, Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 28 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Sand Mountain on a report of a female who had rolled her four wheeler while going down Bob Sled Trail. The female suffered reported chest injury. Life Flight was requested due to the possible severity of the injury. SAR located the female and her group and she was stabilized. She was then loaded in a helicopter and flown to the hospital.

**05/03/2026 @1840, Stranded Hiker, Eagle Crags – Man Hours – 39 (Non Certified) 3 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Eagle Crags Trail area on a report of two females who were stuck in bad weather and lost. Due to the severe weather and the remote area that would take several hours for SAR members to access, STAR7 was requested to assist. STAR7 was able to locate the two hikers but were unable to land due to the terrain. The hikers were directed to continue down to the bottom of the canyon to a designated landing zone. SAR members and the helicopter crew made contact with the hikers and they were given a ride in the helicopter back to the trailhead where they were parked. No injuries were reported and both declined medical evaluation.

**05/03/2026 @ 1943, Stranded Hiker, Snow Canyon – Man Hours – 51 (Non Certified) 4 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Snow Canyon State Park on a report of a male who was stuck on a ledge. SAR members responded to the location of the male and utilized a ropes system to safely get him back to flat ground. He was then given a ride back to his vehicle. He declined medical evaluation.

**05/09/2026 @ 0945, Injured Hiker, Water Canyon – Man Hours – 15 (Non Certified) 6 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to Water Canyon on a report of a juvenile female hiker who was unconscious. Due to the patients injuries and the remote location, STAR7 was requested to assist. Life Flight was also requested. Life Flight landed at Maxwell Park. SAR members responded to the location of the patient and she was stabilized. She was then hoisted from the area by STAR7 and taken to Maxwell Park. She was then loaded in the Life Flight Helicopter and transported to the hospital.

**05/12/2026 @ 2115, Stranded Hiker, Canaan Mountain – Man Hours – 10 (Non Certified) 2.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue (SAR) responded to the Eagle Crags area of Canaan Mountain on a report of a female hiker who had gotten stuck while descending Eagle Crags from Canaan Mountain Wilderness. Due to the remote area and the darkness, STAR9 was requested to assist with retrieving the hiker. STAR9 was able to locate the stranded hiker and utilized their hoist to retrieve her. They then transported her to Incident Command at the Eagle Crags Trailhead. When she arrived, she declined medical evaluation and returned to her vehicle.

**05/17/2026 @ 1620, Side by Side Rollover, Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 18 (Non Certified) 1.5 (Certified)**

Search and Rescue Responded to Sand Mountain on a report of a side by side rollover. A female patient was reported as having a broken hand as a result of the rollover. SAR members responded to the location of the rollover and evaluated the patient. She was then transported down the mountain to Incident Command. When she arrived, she was evaluated in the ambulance and declined medical transport.