

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 18th, 2026

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Nancy Livingston (Chairman, Cleveland), Stoney Jensen (Elmo), (Huntington), Steph Crabtree (Green River), (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), (Castle Dale), (Emery), Jamie Baird (Member at Large), Cody (BLM), Paul Sullivan (UFRA), Jeramy Jorgensen, and Paul Bedont (FFSL), Curtis (Forest Service) Commissioner Jordan Leonard and Natalie Olsen

1. Approval of the April 20th, 2026 meeting:

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

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

Paul with UFRA:

- Tentative wildland training schedule distributed.
- Upcoming trainings discussed:
 - Live Fire Initial Attack – Huntington (September 26)
 - Ventilation Class – Elmo (October 24)
- Reminder given regarding poor attendance and no-shows at recent regional trainings.
- Departments are encouraged to ensure firefighters attend trainings once registered.
- 80% attendance required for certifications.
- Discussion held regarding firefighters scanning into classes and leaving early.
- UFRA reminded departments of commitment expectations for Firefighter I and II courses.
- ICS 300 refresher course available if departments have enough participants to host.
- Departments encouraged to complete ICS 300 and 400 training.
- Discussion held regarding firefighter PID numbers and registration assistance.
- Green River firefighter fundamentals class expected to continue as scheduled.
- UFRA exploring permanent ARFF training facility near Provo Airport.
- Departments are encouraged to contact UFRA with training requests or assistance needs.

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

Jeramy with FFSL:

- Reminder given about attendance issues at the recent engine workshop.
- Departments asked to ensure firefighters attend trainings once registered.
- New five-year MOU agreements distributed to departments.
- Mayors are now required to sign MOUs instead of chiefs.
- 2026 Fire Department Manuals distributed.
- Wildland engine inspections and MOU inspections scheduled before June 1.
- Departments instructed to provide DOT inspection documentation.

- Departments asked to submit registration information for new engines so units can be entered into the FBS system for reimbursement eligibility.
- Discussion held regarding potentially rotating future engine workshops to San Juan County to improve regional participation.

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

- BLM fire and fuels programs transitioning into the U.S. Wildland Fire Service.
- No operational changes expected locally.
- Chris Dietz announced as unit chief for eastern Utah DOI/BLM areas.
- Recent vehicle fire near East Carbon discussed; agencies encouraged to notify dispatch early for possible wildland response.
- Volunteer firefighters with IC5 or Firefighter Type 1 qualifications may assist as trainees if needed.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:

- Upcoming SCBA training discussed.
- June training schedule reviewed.

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

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

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny Fraud Risk Assessment:

- The board reviewed Emery County Fire SSD fraud risk assessment.
- Assessment outlined internal controls, policies, training requirements, and financial safeguards.

Buzz made a motion to have Nancy sign the Fraud Risk Assessment with a second from Steph. Voting was unanimous, motion passed.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny eDispatches/lamresponding:

Discussion held regarding replacing eDispatches with lamResponding.

Advantages discussed included:

- Lower cost
- Unlimited users
- Improved CAD notes and mapping features
- Unit tracking and messaging capabilities

Concerns discussed regarding notifications and navigation features.

Randy made a motion to switch from eDispatches to lamResponding with a second from Steph. Voting was unanimous, motion passed.

9. Citizens Concern:

No public comments presented.

10. Chiefs Round Table:

Nancy: Confirmation received that district payment due January 1 had already been paid in December.

Randy: Reported that he will attend the Rural Incident Command training in June.

Ferron Fire received a \$45,000 donation from Green River Energy/Solar Farm contractors for new Holmatro extrication tools.

It was discussed that Green River's spare extrication tools be transferred to Elmo after new equipment arrives.

Ferron reported ongoing summer fundraising activities.

11. Adjourn:

Stoney made a motion to adjourn with a second from Buzz.