

Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 15th, 2026

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

NEED APPROVAL OF PAYING THE BILLS AND WHO WAS PRESENT

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

1. Approval of the May 18th, 2026 meeting:

Buzz made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Randy. The motion passed, with Nosh abstaining due to his absence from the previous meeting.

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

Paul S:

Numerous firefighter training opportunities were announced for the summer and fall, including:

- Firefighter Fundamentals
 - Basic Wildland Courses
 - EADS Driver Simulator Training
 - Ventilation Training
 - Live Fire Initial Attack
 - Regional training events in September.
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- Additional wildland training schedule through 2028 was distributed.
 - Departments were encouraged to consider hosting new High-Rise and Big Box training courses.
 - National Fire Academy Community Risk Reduction and leadership training opportunities were highlighted.
 - Firefighter I & II curriculum will transition to the 8th Edition effective July 1.
 - Pump/Aerial Driver Operator curriculum will transition to the 4th Edition effective July 1.
 - Members were encouraged to review emailed training information and notify UFRA if interested in hosting courses.

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

Jeremy/Paul B:

- Nearly all annual MOUs have been received.
- Departments were reminded to submit any remaining Red Cards as soon as possible.
- Members completing online coursework were encouraged to coordinate field days while fire activity remains light.

- FFSL may be able to accommodate additional field day classes if requested.

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

Cody:

- Announced a federal organizational change creating the U.S. Wildland Fire Service, combining BLM, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs fire programs.
- Appreciation was expressed to Green River Fire Department for hosting the recent readiness review.
- Departments were encouraged to utilize available federal funding for training by coordinating through FFSL.
- BLM offered instructor assistance and training support.
- Departments were reminded to notify Moab Dispatch of highway starts occurring on BLM lands to allow BLM response and provide training opportunities.
- Communities were encouraged to notify BLM of upcoming parades, fireworks, and community events so federal equipment could assist when available.
- Upcoming July community celebrations were briefly discussed.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:

No formal County Training Committee report was presented.

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

???? made a motion to pay the bills with a second from ????. Vote was unanimous.

7. Citizens Concern:

No citizens were present.

8. Chiefs Round Table:

Discussion regarding transitioning from eDispatch to I Am Responding (IAR) for emergency notifications.

- EMS agencies have already transitioned.
- Fire departments will transition once implementation details are finalized.
- Members discussed benefits, including improved incident notes.

Commissioner Jordan Leonard provided mineral lease revenue updates:

- Fossil Rock Mine is entering a new longwall section.
- Additional coal exploration is occurring near SUFCO.
- Mineral lease revenues remain uncertain but may improve.
- Departments were encouraged to evaluate equipment needs early in preparation for upcoming budget discussions.

Departments discussed scheduling budget planning earlier this year due to uncertain revenues.

Fire restriction conditions were reviewed:

- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions were expected to be considered soon due to dry conditions.

- There was discussion of current drought conditions, Red Flag weather, and burn restrictions.

Shared updates on:

- Recent training attendance.
- Equipment transfers.
- Water shortages throughout the county.
- Fireworks concerns during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday.
- Solar and energy project commissioning dates.

9. Adjourn:

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