

PARK CITY FIRE DISTRICT

Administrative Control Board

August 2026 Monthly Report

**ROCKY CANYON FIRE****THAYNES FIRE — PCMR**

Executive Summary

August was an eclectic month across Park City Fire District. PCFD personnel supported the 16,464-acre Rocky Canyon Fire in the North Summit Fire District, managed the Thaynes Fire at Park City Mountain Resort, responded to cardiac arrests and a hazardous-materials incident, supported the community's return to school, and continued regional and interstate wildland commitments through NUIFC and EMAC. At the same time, the district celebrated paramedic graduation, onboarded two non-firefighter paramedics, extended job offers for the next recruit camp, and welcomed a new financial officer.

The central story was continuity of service. Resources moved across the district, county and region while prevention, training, critical-care transport, staffing and daily emergency response continued without interruption. August demonstrated the depth of preparation, personnel and partnerships required to sustain PCFD operations twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Operations

Rocky Canyon Fire

The Rocky Canyon Fire began August 7 near East Canyon State Park and rapidly grew to 16,464 acres across Morgan and Summit counties. More than 500 Henefer-area residents were evacuated as the fire threatened homes, transportation corridors and critical infrastructure. The incident is now 98% contained, and no residences were lost.

PCFD supported North Summit Fire District through initial attack, structure protection, logistical support—including food and water—and operational backfill over several days. The response required

coordination among local departments, emergency management, law enforcement, state and federal firefighting resources, incident-management personnel, public information officers and mutual-aid partners. PCFD's investments in wildland staffing, apparatus, training, planning and regional relationships contributed to a successful outcome.

Regional and Interstate Deployments

PCFD maintained a significant regional wildland presence throughout August. E138 completed a 14-day EMAC assignment that began on Oregon's Grasshopper Fire and continued on the Autumn Lane and Old Trails fires near Spokane, Washington. The crew also advanced a Heavy Equipment Boss task book during the deployment.

E3146 returned from Northern California and was reassigned for another 14-day assignment in Central California. At the Hawk Fire, the crew worked a 36-hour initial-attack shift as the fire entered a residential area. Several structures were lost, but the crew's aggressive structure-protection work helped prevent approximately six homes from burning. E3121 subsequently deployed to Elko, Nevada, before being reassigned to the same operating area. That assignment marked PCFD's eighth engine deployment of the season.

These deployments developed wildland, leadership and WUI structure-protection capability while reinforcing the value of EMAC, NUIFC and regional mutual-aid systems. The experience crews bring home directly strengthens the district's readiness for a similar incident.



PCFD E3146 at the Hawk Fire in Northern California

Emergency Response and District Coverage

- Thaynes Fire at Park City Mountain Resort, supported by air attack and a hand crew.
- Cardiac arrest with return of spontaneous circulation at a Deer Valley concert.

- Hazmat assistance with Park City Police during a suspected drug-lab response.
- Three critical-care transports from Park City Hospital during August 14–15.
- Three lightning-caused tree strikes at Utah Olympic Park, Ensign Ranch and Tollgate.
- Standby coverage for annual community events: notably the Mid Mountain 50K and Kimball Arts Festival
- A four-patient motor-vehicle collision at Round Valley Drive and Highway 224 required every front-line ambulance plus the surge ambulance; all four patients were transported to Park City Hospital.
- Crews responded with Canyons Bike Patrol to an unresponsive mountain biker found clipped into his pedals off the Crestline Trail. Bystanders initiated CPR. AirMed 20 could not use the closer landing zone because of elevation and weight limitations and landed near the 9990 lift. After nearly 50 minutes of resuscitation, crews consulted University of Utah medical control and terminated efforts.
- A single-vehicle rollover on Old Ranch Road left a vehicle on its driver's side in a creek. T36 extricated the driver, who was evaluated by A31 and released to parents.
- E33, ME37 and MA37 treated a one-year-old who became unresponsive and cyanotic after a fall and head injury. The child became more responsive during transport to Primary Children's Hospital.

Personnel and Professional Development

Operational development continued across all platoons. Captain Jahp completed his ENGB task book and deployed to Elko, Nevada. Firefighters Candari and Horne completed Probie Check #3; FF Bradley continued his ADO task book; FF Royce was hired by UFRA as an RCA instructor; and Engineer/Paramedic Wells moved into a back-seat medic assignment. FF Tuttle completed his paramedic program from UVU in August. Crews also supported engineer promotional-test tactical scenarios.



(Gabrielle Longchamp – far left; Hudson Zwahlen – center/left)

At the 24th annual Park City Elks Club First Responder Awards held at Rotary Park on August 15th, Paramedics Gabrielle Longchamp and Hudson Zwahlen were recognized for their excellence in service delivery. PCFD is incredibly proud of their efforts and contributions to our EMS service in general, and specifically for their work with our paramedic and critical care programs.

On A Platoon, Firefighters Gratien and Santana completed engineer testing. Engineer Horning continued preparing for the fall officer examination while serving as a Recruit Camp 19 instructor. Firefighter Hughes opened an Acting Officer-in-Charge task book with Captain Brigdon. Station 35 personnel continued the critical-care course, Station 37 medics advanced simulation testing toward task-book completion, and four probationary firefighters at Stations 31 and 34 prepared for final skills testing. Captain Jensen returned to duty and began planning a platoon ladder-training day and crew-specific task-book development. Officers continued mentoring personnel on leave use, career development, training and mental-health awareness.

Training and Operational Readiness

The Training Division focused on pediatric respiratory emergencies, multi-family structure fires and ladder rescues, confined-space technical rescue, hazmat coordination, engineer development and paramedic onboarding. The month's work connected classroom and scenario-based training directly to field performance.



Exterior offensive fire attack during the multi-family scenario. Ground-ladder victim rescue during multi-family fire training.

Medical and Fire Training

Crews completed a pediatric anaphylaxis and respiratory-distress scenario involving a 20 kg, 10-year-old patient. Objectives included weight-based epinephrine, Ambu-bag albuterol, advanced Hamilton ventilator settings and the new magnesium protocol. Magnesium was used operationally for the first time later in August and contributed to a successful patient outcome.

The multi-family fire scenario required one ground-ladder rescue and three aerial-device rescues. Crews practiced size-up, victim prioritization, exterior offensive attack, apparatus placement, aerial setup and second-floor fire attack.

Technical Rescue and Hazmat

Technical-rescue crews conducted vertical confined-space operations through the tower scuttle hatch using the new Lyfe pulley system. Teams built hauling and lowering systems, operated Ram fans, established communications, deployed the SAR cart air system and documented entry under OSHA permit-required confined-space procedures. Crews completed both a rapid SCBA/RIT-bag rescue and a full confined-space deployment.

Hazmat and technical-rescue crews joined the Summit County Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Emergency Management and the 85th Civil Support Team for a simulated drug-lab response. PCFD personnel identified exposure products and preserved evidence before advanced analysis and documentation by the 85th.

Engineer Development and Paramedic Onboarding

Six PCFD firefighters completed the weeklong Engineer I course, and three participated in the annual promotional examination. Eric Gratien earned the top score and was promoted to Engineer at Station 33 on B Platoon.

Chad Jensen and Justin Lyon completed PCFD's first three-week onboarding program for non-firefighter paramedics. The program covered advanced monitor skills, ACLS and PALS, trauma protocols, mapping and response procedures, MIST reports, documentation and human-resources orientation. Both will begin shift work in September.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Division completed 171 plan reviews, 90 routine inspections and 124 construction inspections during August, with 77 re-inspections. Activity increased from July across plan review, routine inspection and construction-inspection work.

Permitting, Inspection and Outreach

The division implemented new permitting and inspection software and continued importing existing projects. Contractors have generally used the system without major problems. Demand for wildfire home assessments also increased, with homeowners organizing neighborhood events focused on home hardening. Staff attended multiple Park City Municipal council meetings to support city initiatives and answer questions. No notable fire investigations occurred during August.

Staffing, Policy and Next Priorities

The division remains down one inspector following Johnny Cocca's retirement, which has delayed some inspection scheduling. Recruitment is underway. Staff completed training on Utah amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code and will focus next on Type I hood and other kitchen-protection systems.

The Utah Homebuilders Association is proposing legislation that would remove fire-agency involvement from single-family construction and remodeling. If adopted, the change would significantly reduce this

portion of the division's workload. September priorities include continuing project imports, providing inspectors access to updated codes and standards, and completing the inspector hiring process.

Administrative Report

August marked meaningful progress across the district's administrative functions. The month included an important financial milestone, continued succession planning, delivery of a new frontline apparatus, and sustained logistical support during a demanding regional fire season.

Fleet - PCFD took delivery of the new Medic Engine 37 during August, strengthening frontline response capability at Station 37 and continuing the district's investment in reliable, modern emergency equipment. Inspection, outfitting, and in-service work are underway.

Finance - PCFD officially became debt-free during August—an important organizational milestone and one of Chief Financial Officer Del Barney's final accomplishments before his departure. The district extends its sincere appreciation for Del's dedication, stewardship, and years of service.

The transition to the district's new financial officer continued as work advanced on the 2027 budget. Leadership met with division and program managers across multiple areas to review operational needs, priorities, and anticipated expenditures. The budget is approaching final form.

Information Technology - The district is preparing for an anticipated Information Technology leadership transition in January. The succession plan follows the approach used for the Finance transition: identify critical responsibilities, preserve institutional knowledge, and provide sufficient overlap for an orderly transfer and uninterrupted service.

Facilities - No significant facilities milestone was identified for August. Routine station support, maintenance coordination, and longer-range facilities planning continued. PCFD leadership continues to pursue a land purchase for the new station 35 in the Jeremy Ranch area.

Logistics - Logistics personnel supported daily operations and the month's larger incidents. During the Rocky Canyon Fire and other extended assignments, they coordinated food, water, equipment, supplies, and other field needs—essential work for incident effectiveness and continuity of service.

Summary

August reflected the full range of a modern all-hazards fire district: large wildland incidents, structure protection, advanced medical care, hazmat coordination, technical rescue, community events, prevention activity, personnel development and organizational onboarding. Each occurred alongside the district's routine emergency workload.

PCFD's ability to move resources outward while preserving service at home is the product of deliberate staffing, cross-training, mutual-aid relationships and continued investment in readiness. September priorities will include integrating new personnel, preparing the next recruit camp, completing outstanding station and division work, and carrying forward lessons from an active regional fire season.