

# Emery County Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 21st, 2026

Location: 75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah

Box Conference Room

In Attendance: Nancy Livingston (Chairman, Cleveland), (Elmo), (Huntington), Steph Crabtree (Green River), Tracy Addley (Orangeville), Randy Kenney (Ferron), (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 July 20th, 2026 meeting:**

Buzz made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Scott. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Paul S:**

- UFRA representatives provided updates on upcoming training opportunities, including live fire training, ventilation training, forcible entry, ARF training, and Winter Fire School.
- Chiefs were reminded to register for upcoming classes and complete the required health and wellness survey.
- Winter Fire School registration will open November 2 at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Jeremy:**

- Jeremy provided information on the upcoming S-131/S-190 wildland firefighter training and encouraged departments to register their firefighters.
- Information was also provided regarding the new S-112 chainsaw/sawyer certification, including online coursework and a future field day.
- Departments were reminded to ensure firefighters have current CPR and first aid certifications.
- An update was provided on billing for the Black Canyon Fire. Departments were reminded to carefully review shift tickets and billing information before submitting them and to regularly check the FBS system and email for rejected or returned bills.
- The new electronic shift ticket system is being encouraged in place of paper shift tickets.
- Departments were reminded that firefighters responding to known wildland fires need to wear appropriate PPE.
- Chiefs were reminded to notify dispatch when responding to known wildland fires outside their jurisdiction and to bring VHF radios for communication with federal agencies.
- Departments were encouraged to provide training on the use of VHF and 700 MHz radios and radio patching procedures.

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

~~Gody~~—No BLM representative was present.

- Chiefs were encouraged to participate in the upcoming wildland firefighter training.
- It was noted that the BLM will be moving to five-day staffing beginning in October.

#### **5. Discuss/Approve/Deny County Training Committee:**

- The County Training Committee provided an update on recent and upcoming training.
- The importance of completing classroom portions of training prior to live-fire or practical training was discussed.

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

Steph made a motion to pay any bills that come in with a second from Randy. The vote was unanimous.

#### **7. Discuss/Approve/Deny LN Curtis Rep Mike McSwain-(He would like to introduce himself to the chief's).**

- Representatives from L.N. Curtis were not present.

#### **8. Discuss/Approve/Deny Sid&Martin. (Introduction of new salesman. Mark is retiring)**

- Representatives from Sid&Martin introduced themselves to the chiefs.
- Mark introduced Nick Blackburn who will be the new sales rep. Mark announced his upcoming retirement and discussed the company's service and repair support available to local fire departments.

#### **9. Discuss/Approve/Deny Jeff Guymon- I am Responding training.**

- Jeff Guymon provided an overview of the I Am Responding system and how it receives CAD and audio incidents.
- The system provides incident updates, mapping, responder tracking, and the ability to view incident information.
- Departments were reminded to ensure members have the appropriate settings and notifications enabled on their phones.
- Some departments reported issues receiving audio notifications through I Am Responding. Jeff will troubleshoot the issue and provide an update to the chiefs.
- The system is now active, and departments were encouraged to continue becoming familiar with its features.

#### **10. Citizens Concern:**

No citizens were present.

#### **11. Chiefs Round Table:**

- The chiefs discussed how to use funds that have been made available to the Fire District.
- Turnout gear was discussed as a potential use of the funds, particularly for departments with older or expired gear and departments needing different sizes.
- Other possible uses discussed included pumps for flood response, wildland gear, technical rescue equipment, and other equipment needs.

- It was suggested that each department submit ideas for how the funds could be used and that the matter be revisited at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that if a decision is required before the next meeting, the funds would be used for turnout gear and distributed as equitably as possible among the departments.
- Scott made the motion, with Randy seconding. A roll-call vote was taken, with Tracy, Scott, Steph, Randy, Buzz, and Nancy voting in favor. The motion passed.

**12. Adjourn:**

made a motion to adjourn with a second from .