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Cedar City Fire Department's Regional Training Center becomes a state-wide draw

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CEDAR CITY, UT – If you find yourself driving along Lund Highway in Cedar City towards Enoch, you may come across Cedar City Fire Department's Regional Training Center which has continued to grow since it was first established 23 years ago as part of Fire Station #3. Firefighters in Cedar City and the surrounding Iron County area have been utilizing the Fire Training Center located at 3013 W 1600 N near the Cedar City Regional Airport for many years, where it has served as a home base for training hundreds of firefighters on local and state level certifications.

“We have come a long way with this training facility so that we can create realistic and relevant training scenarios for our firefighters,” said Fire Chief Mike Phillips. “Through grant funding, donations, and department budget, we have been able to slowly add props to build the site you see today, with future plans to continue making improvements that will ultimately benefit the entire community.”

Alongside the Fire Department's regular training, their volunteer firefighter program heavily utilizes the facility in training that includes auto extrication, search and rescue, command and control class (CTC), and live fires such as residential and high-rise structure fires.

As training props have been added, regional and even state agencies have caught wind of the training facility and have begun utilizing it beyond its intended purpose of firefighting.

Most recently, the 85th WMD CST Joint Army and Air National Guard unit traveled from Salt Lake City to participate in a week-long training at the facility, where their primary responsibility is focused on weapons of mass destruction response and hazardous material incidents.

“We have a major rescue training requirement twice a year and we chose Cedar City’s training facility because of the great relationship we have with the fire department and because this type of facility is hard to come by up north,” stated Commander Rob Dent of the 85th WMD CSD unit.

The team of 22 full-time National Guard members spent the first week of November utilizing the facility to focus on high-angle rescue and confined space rescue.

Other public safety partners, such as Cedar City Police Department and the Iron Metro SWAT team, utilize the facility for gas exposure, active shooter training, and clearing a building with the added stairwell feature.

The Cedar City Fire Regional Training Center has become an immense resource for Iron County and statewide for those who commit their lives to keep our community safe and we are thankful to have it readily accessible in Cedar City.

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About Cedar City, UT - Cedar City encompasses nearly 35 square miles and is located 250 miles south of Salt Lake City and 52 miles north of St. George on Interstate 15, with a current population of over 38,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the many programs and services provided to the community can be found at www.CedarCity.org, as well as via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.