

**City Council**  
**Staff Report**

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**Subject:** Fire Department August 2016 Report

**Type of Item:** Informational



**Summary Recommendations:** This report is for informational purposes as part of the Fire Department's Monthly Report to the City Council.

**Description:**

- A. **Topic:** Fire Department Monthly Update.
- B. **Background/History:** On July 16, 2013 the Fire Department presented a comprehensive fire service presentation. At that time the Council directed staff to begin providing comprehensive Monthly Reports regarding department operations.
- C. **Analysis:**

**OPERATIONS**

<i>Emergency Responses:</i>							
EMS	EMS YTD	FIRE	FIRE YTD	OTHER	OTHER YTD	MO. TOTAL	Year To Date
0	45	3	18	0	0	3	63
				Month	Year to Date		
<i>Civilian Fire Fatalities</i>				0	0		
<i>Civilian Fire Injuries</i>				0	0		
<i>Firefighter Injuries</i>				0	0		
<i>Monthly Fire Loss</i>				0	0		
<i>Significant Incidents</i>				0	0		

**Figure 1: Fire Department Calls for Service**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

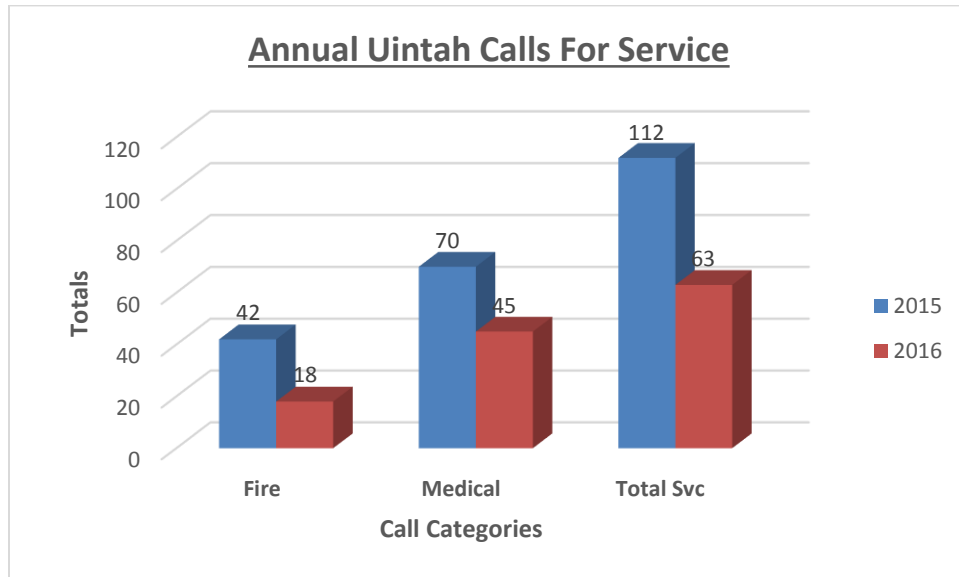
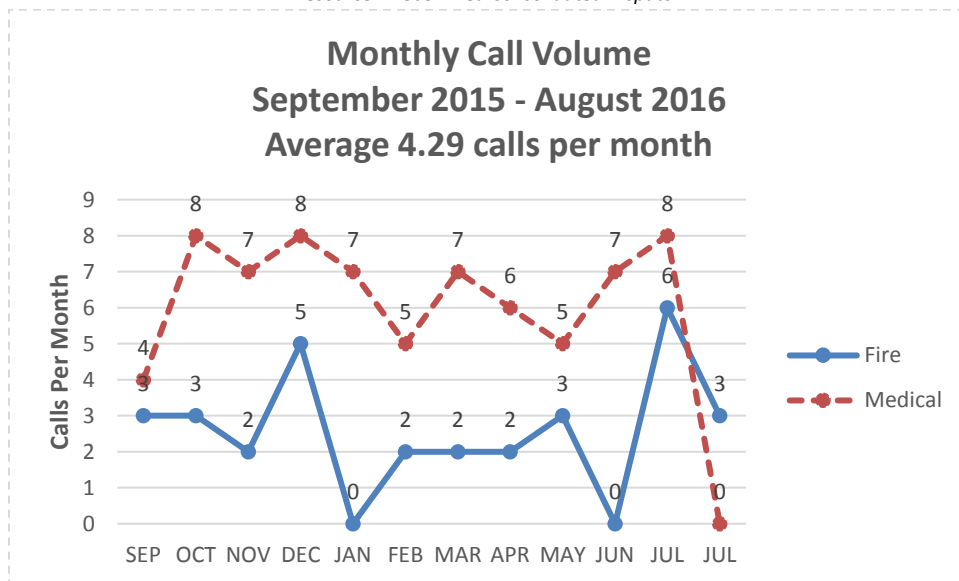


Figure 1 shows the total calls for service for 2015. Please note that 2016 is the call volume for January through August of this calendar year.

**Figure 2: Monthly Call Volume Longitudinal**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch



The trend indicated in Figure 2, shows call volume since September 2015.

**Figure 3: Monthly Medical Call Volume**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

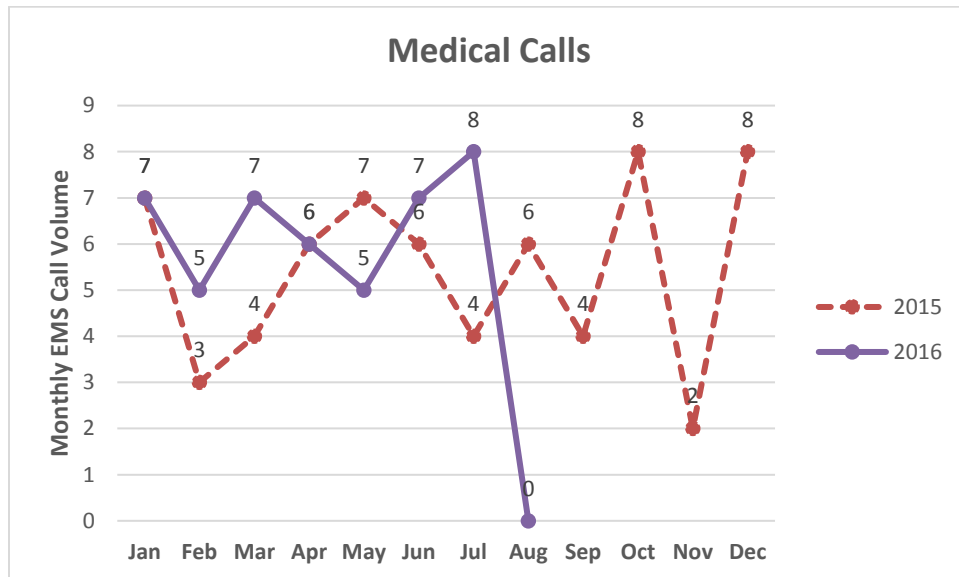


Figure 3: Monthly EMS calls for 2015, and January through August 2016.

**Figure 4: First Responder Medical Call Response**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

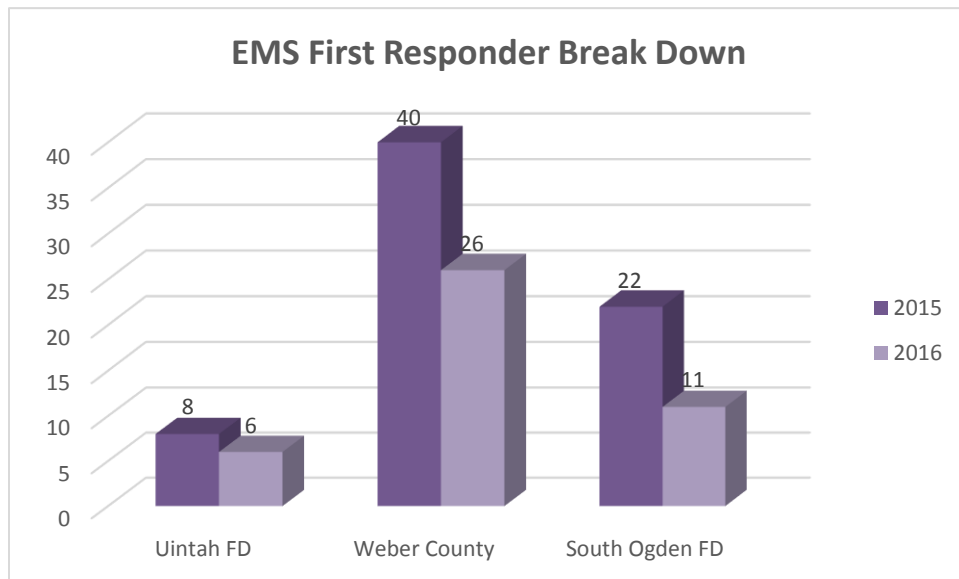


Figure 4 shows the First Responder Call Response, broken down by Primary Responding Agency.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Weber County Fire District is currently contracted to provide this service to Uintah City.

**Figure 5: Monthly Fire Call Trend**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

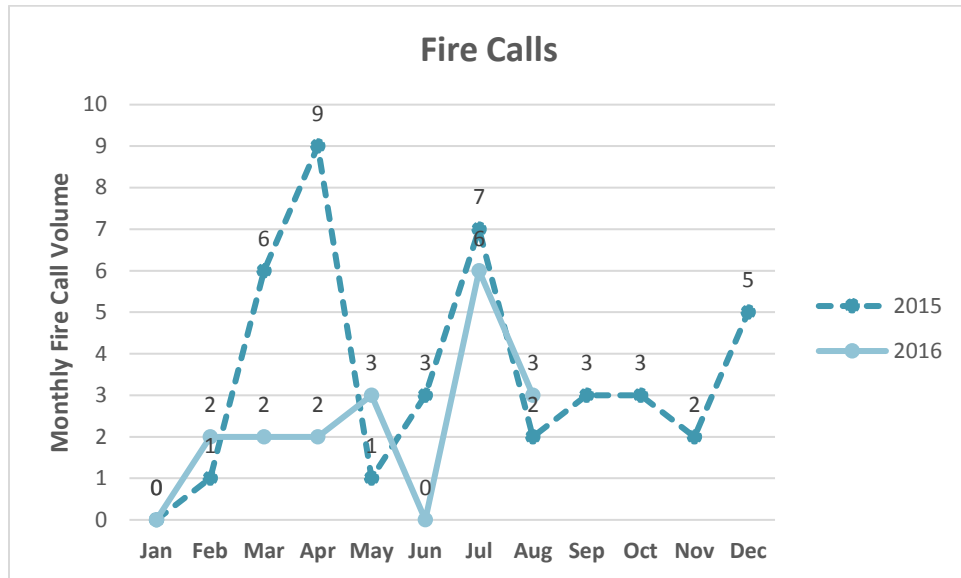
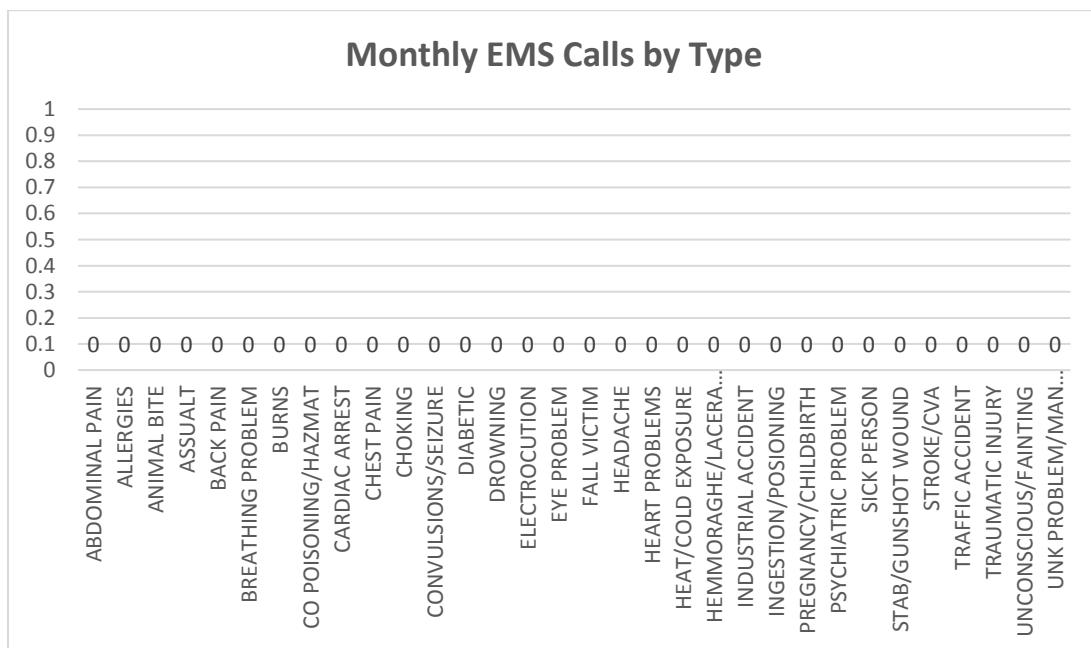


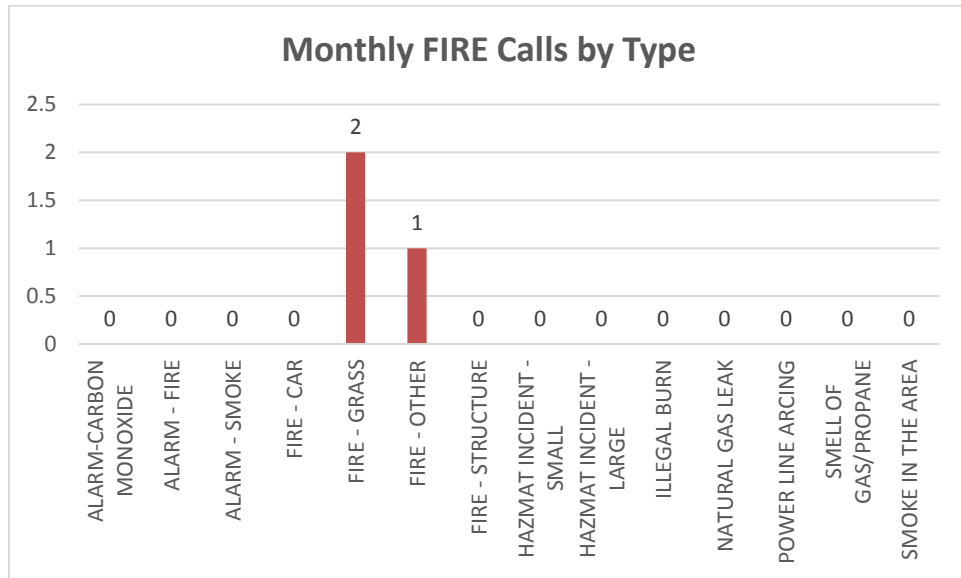
Figure 5: Monthly Fire Calls 2015, and January through August 2016.

**Figure 6: Monthly EMS Calls by Type**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch



**Figure 7: Monthly FIRE Calls by Type**  
Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch



## TRAINING

The department completed its regularly schedule training drills.

<i>Training:</i>							
<i>Mandatory Training</i>				<i>Optional Training</i>			
Fire	EMS	Monthly	YTD	Fire	EMS	Monthly	YTD
Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered	Offered
3	1	4	20	2	0	0	83

During these training offerings the following skills and topics were covered:

- \* Drug Administration
- \* Apparatus Placement
- \* EVOC Driver Course
- \* Patient Assessment
- \* Structure Fire Evolutions
- \* Wildland Fire Evolutions

## PERSONNEL

### *Staffing Levels*

<i>Operational</i>	Authorized	Staffed	Variance
Chief	1	1	0
Deputy Chief	2	2	0
Fire Marshal	1	0	1
Battalion Chief	1	1	0
Captain	4	2	2
Firefighter	20	12	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Support</i>	Authorized	Staffed	Variance
Support Volunteer	3	2	0
Support Intern	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Wildland</i>	Authorized	Staffed	Variance
Battalion Chief	1	0	1
Engine Boss	4	0	4
Wildland FF - Adv	4	0	4
Wildland FF - Bsc	4	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

**Current Vacancies:** Captain (2), Firefighter (10).

### *Personnel Changes*

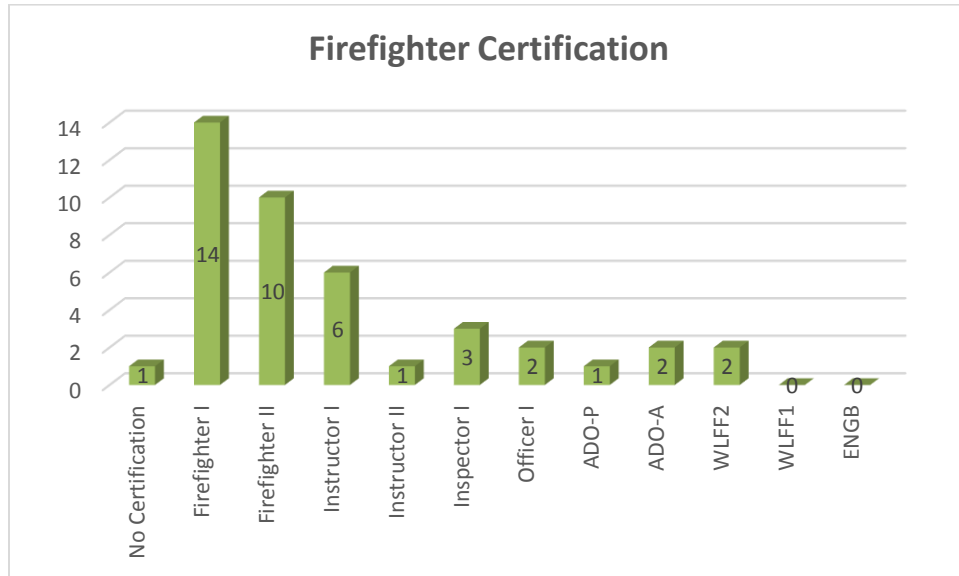
- Justin Gallegos joined the department after moving from New Mexico. Justin is certified as a Firefighter I/II, EMT, and wildland fire certified with several years of volunteer firefighter experience.
- Nathan Jorgensen joined the department. He was previously an EMT whose certification has lapsed, but is already enrolled in an EMT training to get recertified.

### *Personnel Change Summary*

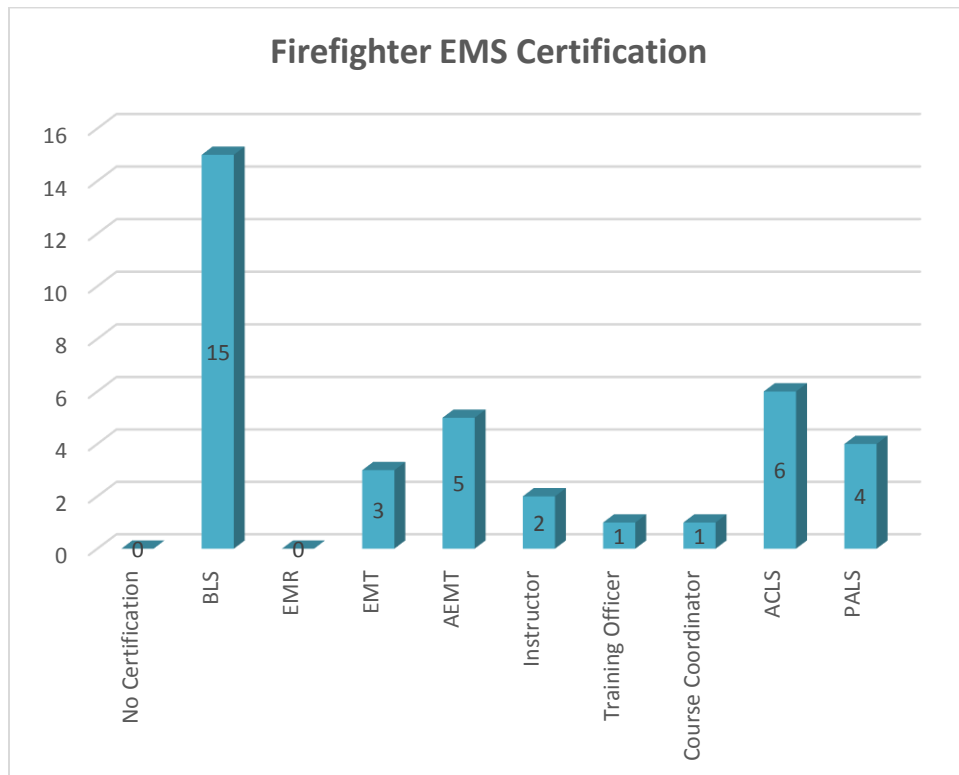
Reduction in Staff	0
Addition to Staff	2
<b>Net Change to Staff</b>	<b>+2</b>

## Personnel Certification

### Firefighter Certification Summary



### EMS Certification Summary





### Position Task Book Summary

In 2015 the Department instituted a series of on the Job Training Task books to ensure that all department personnel have met certain minimum qualifications for each job regardless of state certification. This indicates that there is a basic standard of safe and efficient training in an environment where full-time jobs may hinder rapid completion of Firefighter Certification. The following chart outlines the progress on each level of those task books:

	Probationary Firefighter	Firefighter	Engineer	Company Officer	Non Response Driver	Response Driver
CH W. Pope	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
DC M. Marz	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
DC J. Osgood	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
BC M. Sacco	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
CA D. Bird	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Complete
CA B. George	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Complete
FF M. Mettler	Complete	Complete	In Progress		Complete	In Progress
FF M. Dunham	Complete	Complete	In Progress		Complete	In Progress
FF K. Smith	Complete	Complete	In Progress		Complete	In Progress
FF E. Knowlton	Complete	Complete	In Progress		In Progress	
FF D. Sacco	Complete	Complete	In Progress		In Progress	
FF T. Hansen	Complete	In Progress	In Progress		In Progress	
FF J. Martinez	Complete	In Progress				
FF J. Gallegos	Complete	In Progress				
FF N. Jorgensen	Complete	In Progress				

## Personnel Attendance

Firefighter	Incidents	Required Training	Optional Training	Total Available
CHF W. Pope	100%	100%	100%	67%
DC M. Marz	100%	100%	50%	89%
DC J. Osgood	33%	50%	100%	56%
BC M. Sacco	100%	75%	100%	89%
CAPT D. Bird	33%	75%	100%	67%
CAPT B. George	33%	75%	0%	44%
FF M. Dunham	0%	75%	0%	33%
FF T. Hansen	33%	100%	0%	56%
FF E. Knowlton	0%	50%	0%	22%
FF J. Martinez	0%	75%	0%	33%
FF M. Mettler	0%	75%	0%	33%
FF D. Sacco	67%	50%	100%	67%
FF K. Smith	0%	75%	0%	33%
FF J. Gallegos	0%	50%	0%	22%
FF N. Jorgensen	0%	50%	0%	22%

## FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention	Monthly Total	Year to Date
Required Inspections	1	69
Voluntary Inspections	0	0
Plans Review	0	2
Vegetation Mgmt Inspection	0	5
Open Burn Permits Issued	0	118
Code Enforcement/Nuisance	0	13
Fire Investigations	0	2
Life Safety Education Presentations	0	2
<i>Number of Participants</i>		110

## FISCAL

### *Budget Information*

#### Monthly Budget Review

Monthly Expenditures	\$ 22,802.56
% of Budget Year Remaining	83%
% of Total Budget Remaining	81%

Budget Category	Monthly Expend	Annual Expend	Remaining Budget	Percent Remaining
Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 2,122.00	\$ 12,378.00	85%
Employee Benefits	\$ 63.92	\$ 114.96	\$ 885.04	89%
Equipment/Supply/Maint	\$ 642.82	\$ 706.47	\$ 11,293.53	94%
Telephone	\$ 151.24	\$ 151.24	\$ 2,328.76	94%
Professional/Technical	\$ 7,098.68	\$ 7,098.68	\$ 10,901.32	61%
Education/Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	0%
Dispatch Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	100%
Impact Fees	\$ 365.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 35.00	9%
Gasoline	\$ 252.17	\$ 252.17	\$ 747.83	75%
Grant Expenditures	\$ 12,773.73	\$ 15,818.89	\$ 72,192.11	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 22,802.56</b>	<b>\$ 26,629.41</b>	<b>\$ 113,461.59</b>	<b>81%</b>

## Volunteer Hour Tracking / Monetary Assessment / Savings to City

### Volunteer Hours Tracking:

August 2016

Firefighter	Hours Volunteered	Value of Hours Volunteered
CHF W. Pope	113.5	\$ 2,618.45
DC M. Marz	32.4	\$ 747.47
DC J. Osgood	44	\$ 1,015.08
BC M. Sacco	50.15	\$ 1,156.96
CAPT D. Bird	25.5	\$ 588.29
CAPT B. George	16	\$ 369.12
FF M. Dunham	25	\$ 576.75
FF T. Hansen	16	\$ 369.12
FF E. Knowlton	12	\$ 276.84
FF J. Martinez	12	\$ 276.84
FF M. Mettler	14	\$ 322.98
FF D. Sacco	25	\$ 576.75
FF K. Smith	12	\$ 276.84
FF J. Gallegos	8	\$ 184.56
FF N. Jorgensen	8	\$ 184.56
C Durga	4	\$ 92.28
K. Stuart	83.16	\$ 1,918.50
	<b>500.71</b>	<b>\$ 11,551.38</b>
Amount Paid Wages/Benefits		\$ 1,455.00
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS TO CITY</b>		<b>\$ 10,096.38</b>

- Value of Volunteer Hours is based of Utah FFSL Division for Firefighter Activities rate, currently set at \$23.07 per hour

## WATER UTILIZATION

	Monthly Water Utilization	Annual Water Utilization
<i>Training Use</i>	150	475
<i>Fire Response</i>	300	500
<i>HAZMAT Response</i>	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>975</b>

## APPARATUS STATUS

Designator	Utilization	Status
Engine 91	First Due Engine	In Service
Brush 91	Light Brush Truck	In Service
Brush 92	Heavy Brush Truck	Out of Service
Brush 93	Light Brush Truck	In Service

### ENGINE 91

Status: **IN SERVICE**

First Due Engine

1999 Pierce/International – 1000 Gallon Tank / 1250 GPM Pump

#### Recent Issues Addressed

- Installed electrical inverter

#### Immediate Maintenance Issues

- Needs Oil Change
- Repair lever for 2.5 inch pre-connect

#### Future Issues / Foreseeable Needs to Address

- Air Dryer Filter Needs Replacement
- Primer Leveler Needs Replacement
- Install Shelves in Compartment 3
- Install Dash and backup camera
- Remove Hose Reel
- Replace Right Rear Tire
- Flip SCBA Mounts in Compartment 2
- Recharge Air Conditioning

### BRUSH 91

Status: **IN SERVICE**

Light Brush Truck

2003 Ford F-550 – 590 Gallon Tank/ 250 GPM Pump

#### Recent Issues Addressed

- None

#### Immediate Maintenance Issues

- None.

#### Future Issues / Foreseeable Needs to Address

- Install flashlight mount/charger
- Install Dash and backup camera

**BRUSH 92****Status: OUT OF SERVICE****Heavy Brush Truck / Water Tender****1970 AM General M35A2 – 1000 Gallon Tank / Brush Pump****Recent Issues Addressed**

- None

**Immediate Maintenance Issues**

- Install Battery Maintainer

**Future Issues / Foreseeable Needs to Address**

- Plumb new pump to tank
- Vehicle requires scene lighting installed for night operations.

**BRUSH 93****Status: IN SERVICE****Light Brush Truck****2000 Ford F-350 – 250 Gallon Tank/ Brush Pump****Recent Issues Addressed**

- None

**Immediate Maintenance Issues**

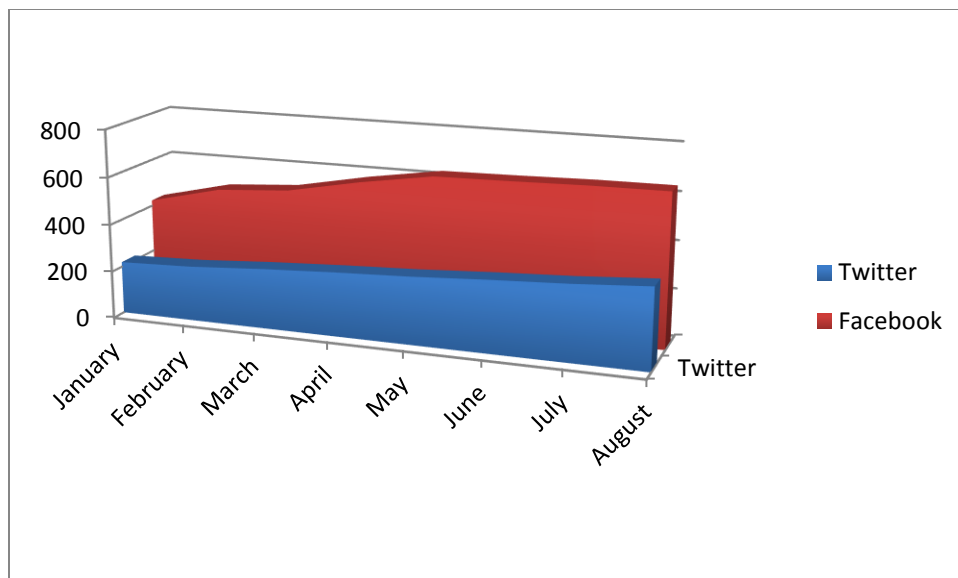
- Vehicle speedometer is not functioning. Needs to go to Ford Dealership.

**Future Issues / Foreseeable Needs to Address**

- Scene lighting needs to be installed on this truck for night time operations.
- Install flashlight mount/charger
- Install Dash Camera

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

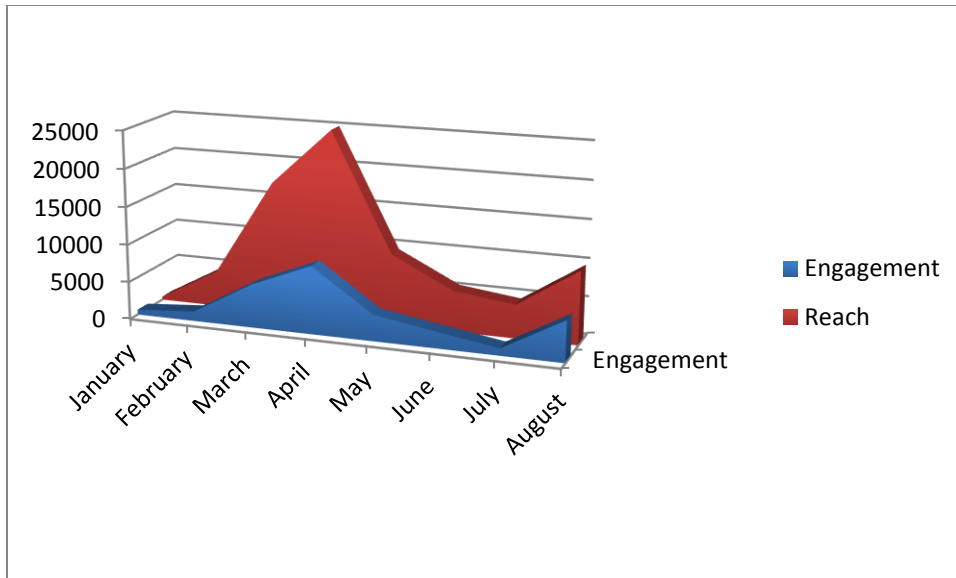
During the month of August, the Uintah City Fire Department maintained growth in reaching audiences through the social media platforms. With the perception of Emergency Service employees being negative to some demographics, it is crucial to build a positive and professional reputation both online and in person. Social media is an expedited way to create this reputation. It is also a way to disseminate information quickly in emergency situations or when a quick clear answer needs to be given in any situation that there is confusion or dissention.



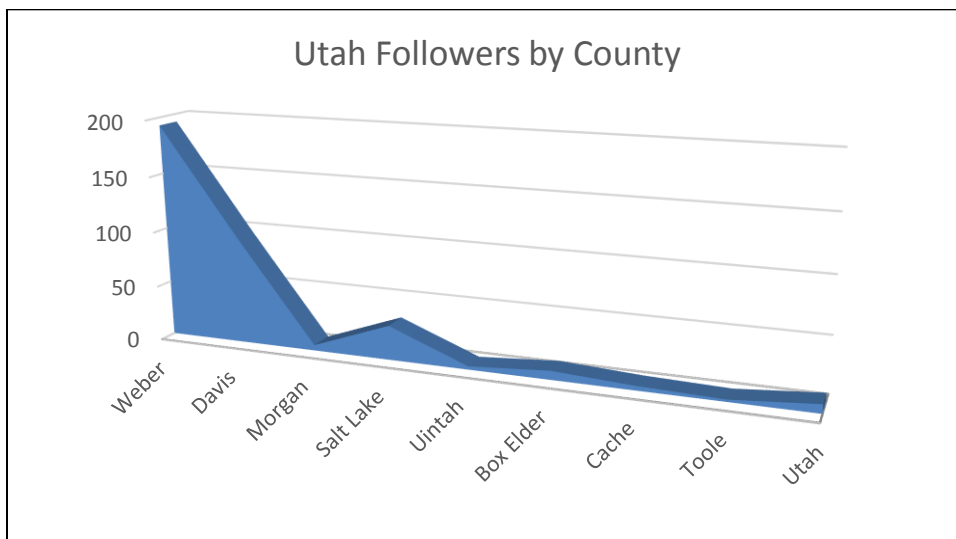
**Figure 1 - Social Media Followers**

The department also received more national attention through social media. Kidde Fire Services once again shared content giving Uintah City's Fire Department national exposure for the training they do and the professionalism they show for the fire service. Kidde takes pride in giving exposure to Volunteer Fire Departments allowing the public to see that there is absolutely no difference between a full time paid fire department and a volunteer department when it comes to passion, professionalism, knowledge and sense of community.

Building and maintaining community trust is the cornerstone of a successful fire department, and the building and maintenance of trust takes a great deal of continuous effort. This trust is a highly respected relationship between fire department and the citizens it has been entrusted to serve. In order to build that trust the community needs to be able to personally see the commitment of their fire department, the work they do, and the community outreach opportunities that they involve themselves in. Between social media, training, community events and assisting neighboring communities when asked, Uintah City Fire Department prides themselves in ensuring the reputation of the department, firefighters and the community of Uintah is positive and professional.



**Figure 2 – Facebook Reach and Engagement**



**Figure 3- Utah Followers by County**

During the month of August we completed honoring Station 91 by posting ***91 Days of Safety Tips***. Each day on the department's social media platforms safety tips were posted, liked and shared to educate and/or assist our community to stay safe in a variety of settings.

Equally important, community events are very important to the department. It allows us to get reach out to our community members on a one on one basis. It allows us to become more familiar with the community we represent.



In August, the Uintah City Fire Department was honored to bring on two new firefighters. Firefighter Jason Gallegos and Nathan Jorgensen. Both firefighters have the skills and/or experience needed to be a knowledgeable and dedicated firefighter to the city of Uintah. We also spent some time with our neighboring department to the south of us for their South Weber Days Parade and to assist them in fire stand by during their fireworks display.

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Uintah City Fire Department wants to help our community households. If a Uintah resident does not have working smoke alarms they can contact the Fire Department to set up an appointment for us to install **FREE** smoke alarms in their homes.

The department is continuing to build a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program for the city of Uintah. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

*“there's no harm in hoping for the best as long as you're prepared for the worst.”*

— Stephen King, *Different Seasons*

## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Uintah Fire Department Personnel participated in the following meetings:

- Utah State Fire Chief Association
- Weber County Fire Officers Association
- City Council Meetings
- City Planning Commission Meeting
- Weber County Operations Fire Sub Committee Meeting
- Weber County Operations Board Meeting
- Weber County Fire Protocol Meeting
- Weber County Special Meeting on Incident Alarm Stacking and Mutual Aid
- Utah State Fire Marshal Association

## STATUS OF SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DEPARTMENT IS ADDRESSING

- The department is undergoing hiring process for several positions.

D. **Department Review:** Fire Department

E. **Significant Impacts:** This report is for informational purposes only. If the council has specific questions or concerns that are not addressed in this report please contact Chief Pope at (801) 425-2802 or [wpope@uintahfd.org](mailto:wpope@uintahfd.org).