

**City Council  
Staff Report**



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**Subject:** Fire Department September 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
5	50	4	22	0	0	9	72
			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

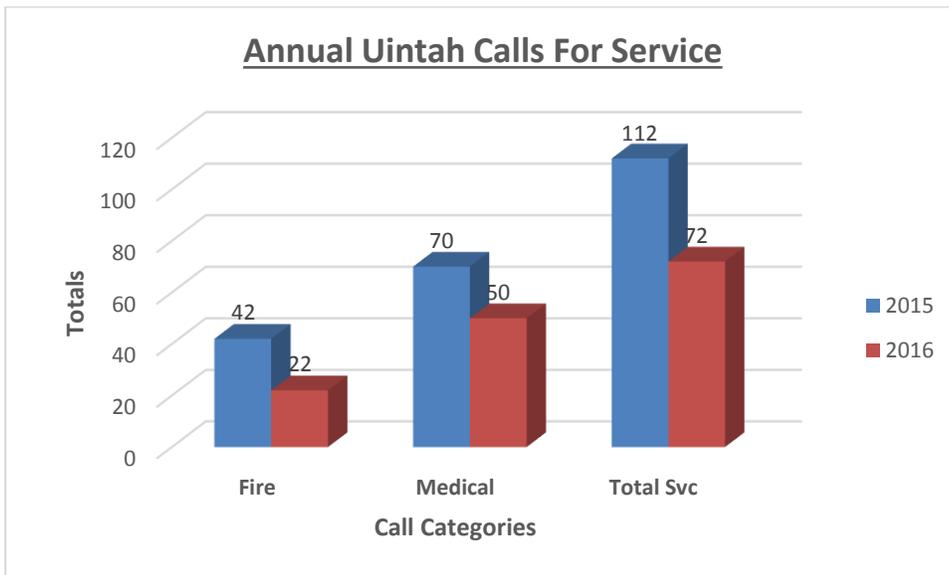
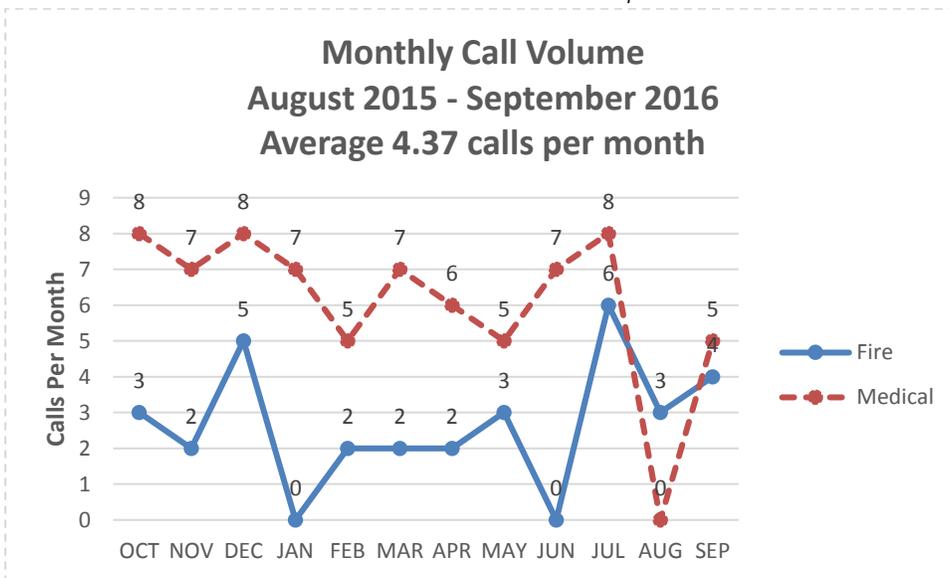


Figure 1 shows the total calls for service for 2015. Please note that 2016 is the call volume for January through September of this calendar year.

**Figure 2: Monthly Call Volume Longitudinal**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch



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

**Figure 3: Monthly Medical Call Volume**

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

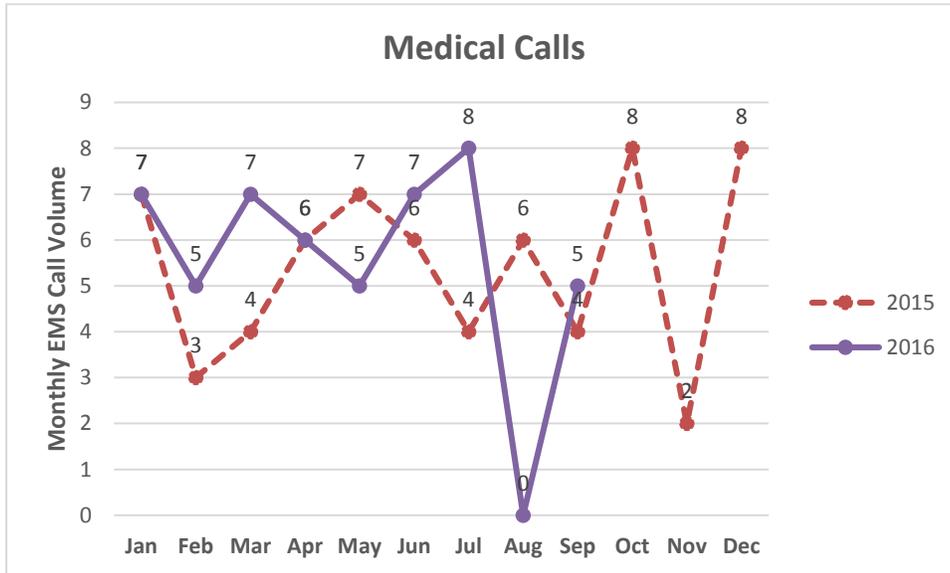


Figure 3: Monthly EMS calls for 2015, and January through September 2016.

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

Resource: Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch

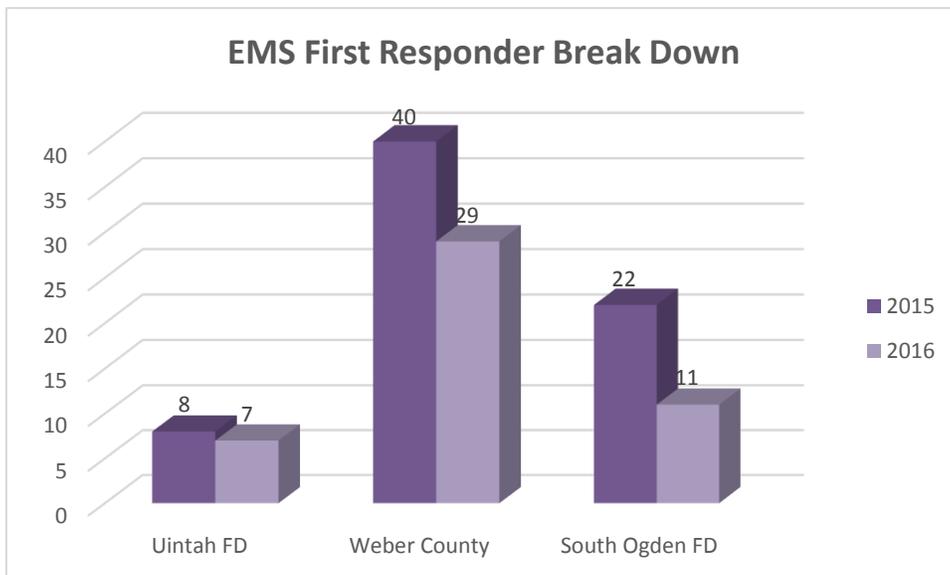


Figure 4 shows the First Responder Call Response, broken down by Primary Responding Agency.<sup>1</sup>

<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

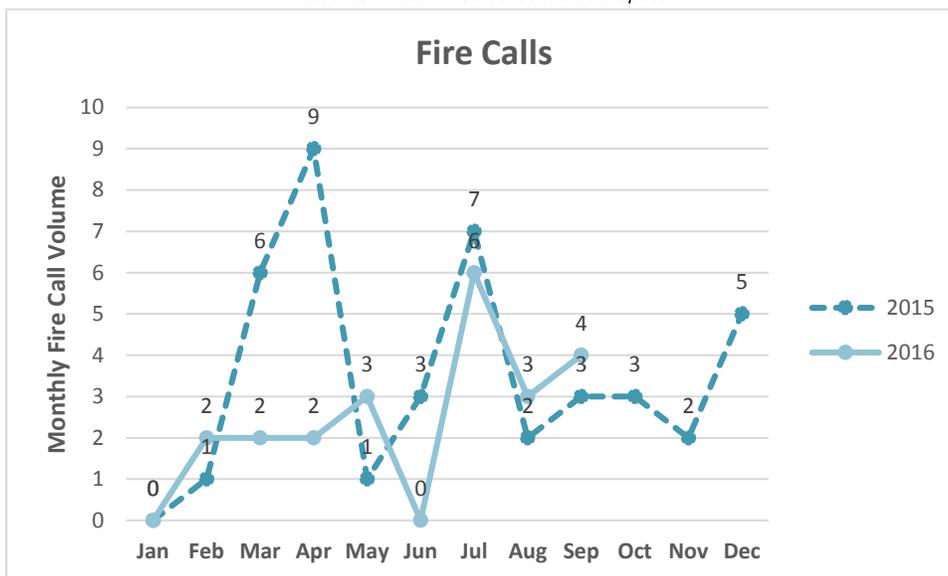
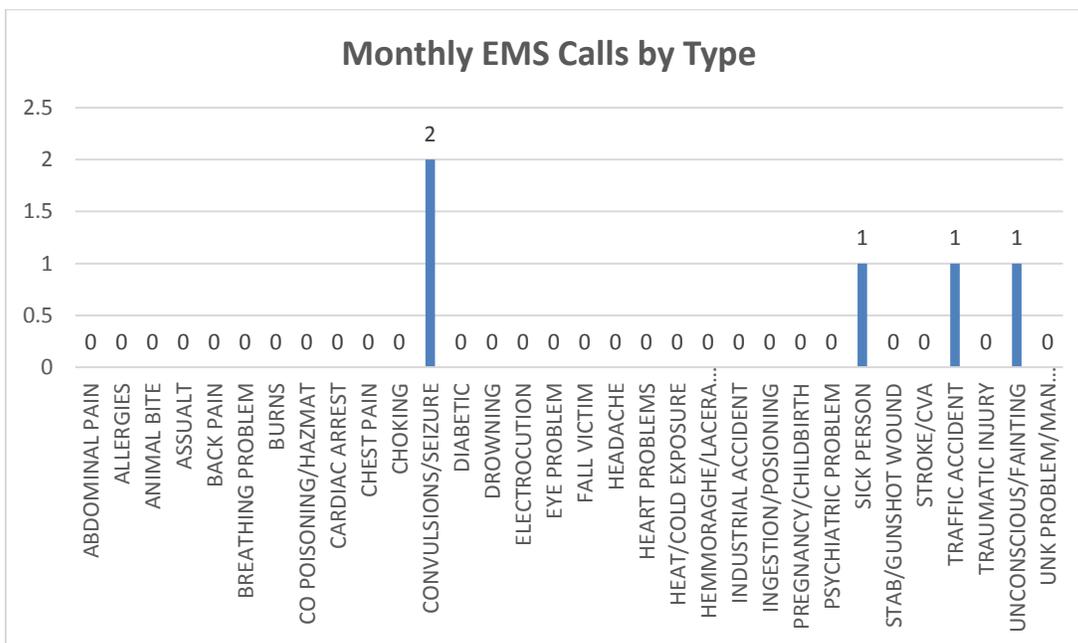


Figure 5: Monthly Fire Calls 2015, and January through August 2016.

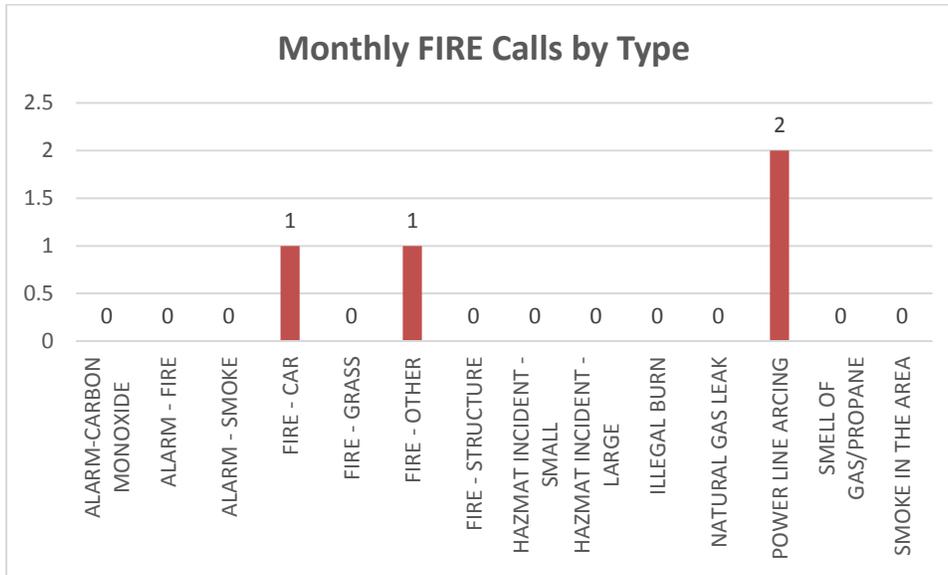
Figure 6: Monthly EMS Calls by Type

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>			
<b>Fire</b>	<b>EMS</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>EMS</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>	<b>Offered</b>
3	0	3	19	0	9	9	70

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* EMT Well Being</li> <li>* Legal/Ethical Issues</li> <li>* Documentation</li> <li>* Lifting/Moving Patients</li> <li>* Anatomy/Physiology</li> <li>* Scene Size Up</li> <li>* Primary Assessment</li> <li>* Airway Management</li> <li>* Detailed Physical Examination</li> <li>* Medical Patient Assessment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Engine Company Operations</li> <li>* Critical Thinking / Decision Making</li> <li>* Pharmacology / Med Administration</li> <li>* Respiratory Emergencies</li> <li>* Psychiatric Emergencies</li> <li>* Vehicle Fires / Tool Recognition</li> <li>* Forward Hose Lays</li> <li>* Hydrant Operation</li> </ul> |
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## 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
TOTALS	29	18	11
<i>Support</i>	Authorized	Staffed	Variance
Support Volunteer	3	2	0
Support Intern	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	2	0
<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
TOTALS	13	0	13

**Current Vacancies:** Captain (2), Firefighter (0).

### *Personnel Changes*

NONE

### Personnel Change Summary

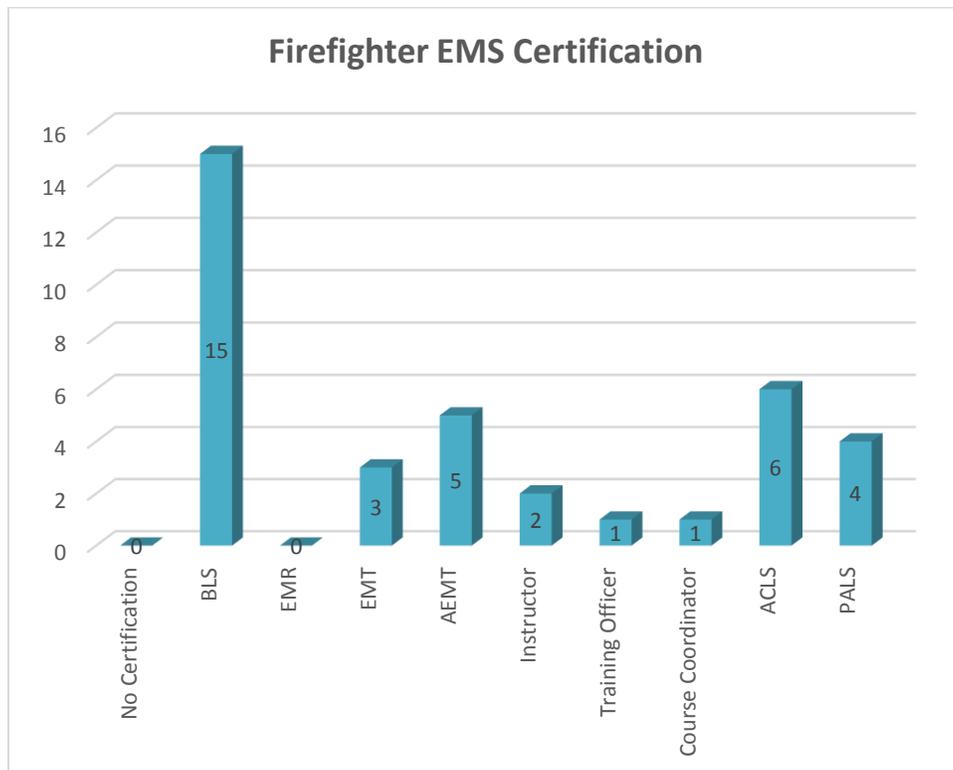
Reduction in Staff	0
Addition to Staff	0
Net Change to Staff	0

## 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%	100%
DC M. Marz	75%	100%	100%	88%
DC J. Osgood	50%	100%	100%	75%
BC M. Sacco	100%	100%	100%	100%
CAPT D. Bird	50%	100%	100%	75%
CAPT B. George	0%	0%	0%	0%
FF M. Dunham	50%	67%	0%	50%
FF T. Hansen	50%	100%	100%	75%
FF E. Knowlton	75%	100%	100%	88%
FF J. Martinez	0%	33%	0%	13%
FF M. Mettler	50%	100%	100%	75%
FF D. Sacco	75%	100%	100%	88%
FF K. Smith	25%	33%	100%	38%
FF J. Gallegos	75%	67%	100%	75%
FF N. Jorgensen	0%	67%	0%	25%

## FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention	Monthly Total	Year to Date
Required Inspections	0	69
Voluntary Inspections	0	0
Plans Review	0	2
Vegetation Mgmt Inspection	0	5
Open Burn Permits Issued	14	132
Code Enforcement/Nuisance	0	13
Fire Investigations	1	3
Life Safety Education Presentations	0	2
<i>Number of Participants</i>		110

# FISCAL

## *Budget Information*

Monthly Budget Review				
Monthly Expenditures	\$	76,103.33		
% of Budget Year Remaining		75%		
% of Total Budget Remaining		28%		
Budget Category	Monthly Expend	Annual Expend	Remaining Budget	Percent Remaining
Salaries/Wages	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 3,174.00	\$ 11,326.00	78%
Employee Benefits	\$ 56.55	\$ 171.51	\$ 828.49	83%
Equipment/Supply/Maint	\$ 3,671.29	\$ 4,377.76	\$ 7,622.24	64%
Telephone	\$ 114.96	\$ 266.20	\$ 2,213.80	89%
Professional/Technical	\$ 212.06	\$ 7,310.74	\$ 10,689.26	59%
Education/Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	0%
Dispatch Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	100%
Impact Fees	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,965.00	\$ 35.00	1%
Gasoline	\$ 59.91	\$ 312.08	\$ 687.92	69%
Grant Expenditures	\$ 68,336.56	\$ 84,155.45	\$ 3,855.55	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 76,103.33</b>	<b>\$ 102,732.74</b>	<b>\$ 39,958.26</b>	<b>28%</b>

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

**Volunteer Hours Tracking:**

*September 2016*

<b>Firefighter</b>	<b>Hours Volunteered</b>	<b>Value of Hours Volunteered</b>
CHF W. Pope	126.5	\$2918.36
DC M. Marz	80.25	\$1851.37
DC J. Osgood	40	\$922.80
BC M. Sacco	75	\$1730.25
CAPT D. Bird	25	\$576.75
CAPT B. George	61	\$1407.27
FF M. Dunham	13.5	\$311.45
FF T. Hansen	12	\$276.84
FF E. Knowlton	12	\$276.84
FF J. Martinez	12	\$276.84
FF M. Mettler	12	\$276.84
FF D. Sacco	12	\$276.84
FF K. Smith	12	\$276.84
FF J. Gallegos	12	\$276.84
FF N. Jorgensen	12	\$276.84
C Durga	0	\$0.00
K. Stuart	104.5	\$2410.82
	<b>621.75</b>	<b>\$ 14,343.77</b>
<i>Amount Paid Wages/Benefits</i>		\$1,052.00
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS TO CITY</b>		<b>\$ 13,291.77</b>

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

**WATER UTILIZATION**

	<b>Monthly Water Utilization</b>	<b>Annual Water Utilization</b>
<i>Training Use</i>	0	475
<i>Fire Response</i>	700	1200
<i>HAZMAT Response</i>	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1675</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**

- Lever for .5” Preconnect Repaired

**Immediate Maintenance Issues**

- Needs Oil Change

**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**

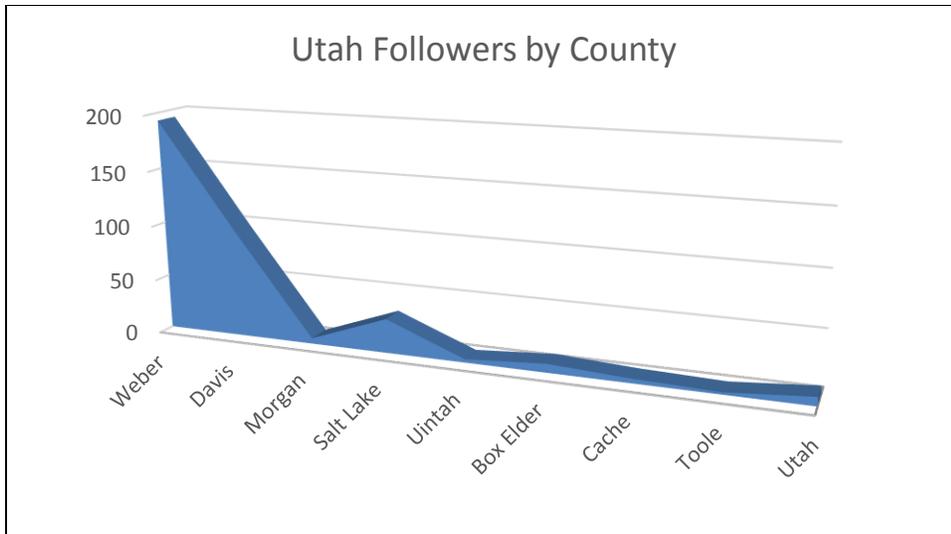
- Vehicle speedometer is not functioning. Needs to go to Ford Dealership.

**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**

In the month of September, the Uintah City Fire Department continued to maintain its customer base within its social media channels. Not only is it vital to maintain a positive image in public service, it is crucial to maintain it along with a professional reputation both online and in person.



**Figure 1- Utah Followers by County**

In the month of September the social media strategy was highlighting FEMA’s September National Preparedness Campaign. This yearly campaign served, as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live and work, Piggy backing off last years theme, *“Don’t Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today,”* this September continued an emphasis on preparedness for youth, older adults, and people with disabilities.

During the month of September Station construction was completed. Although a construction company may have built the walls of the station what was not visible to the public was the countless hours put in from the department staff from Chief Pope down to friends and family of firefighters to move out and then move back in all of the department belongings. Once that was complete then there were the hours put in for finishing touches and cleaning. A great amount of commitment, dedication and pride has made that station into what it is today.

The Uintah City Fire Department was honored to host Governor Gary Herbert, the Uintah City Council and Dixon Pitcher to the new station for a tour. It was with a great sense of pride we were able to show each elected official representing Uintah City where Engine 91 and the Uintah City Fire Department calls home.



In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Uintah City Fire Department is still offering FREE smoke detectors.. 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 detector in their homes.

Along with completing the finishing touches of the fire station, nearly the entire department is either teaching classes or attending classes. Firefighters are enrolled in EMR (Emergency Medical Responder), EMT, and Advanced EMT while many of the officers are teaching the class. This is above and beyond weekly training and their full time jobs and school.

Weber County experienced a Tornado pattern in September. Something that not many ever thought they would see in our area. Many homes were destroyed, and even more damaged. Power outages lasted more than four days for some. People commented it was “too close for comfort.” If anything was a wake up call to be prepared for a disaster our little tornado was it. A message resonated with many people and victims, and that was “We never thought that could happen here.”

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).