

WEBER FIRE DISTRICT FACT SHEET

Benefits of Joining a District

Fire Districts have been formed all over the United States to assist communities, both large and small, in providing a more cost efficient and effective way of providing fire service. And, even though many large cities utilize Districts (in Utah multiple larger cities are within Districts), the benefit is even greater to small communities. Just looking at Weber County, the cities of Farr West, Hooper, Huntsville, Marriott-Slaterville, and West Haven are in the Weber Fire District; while Harrisville, Pleasant View, and North Ogden are in the Northview Fire District.

Without Weber County's two Fire Districts, each of these cities would have to provide their own fire protection. This would be 8 separate fire departments! Adding the county areas we cover, that would make 9 or more. By joining Districts, these communities, and Weber County, can enjoy top-notch professional fire service at no direct cost to these cities, or to the county.

Fact is there is synergism within a district – by joining together we can recruit better, train better, equip better, and ultimately perform better, all at a lower overall cost. We also have the ability to provide services that small departments would not be able to provide (explained below).

Also important to note, Weber Consolidated Dispatch is a District as well covering all of Weber and Morgan Counties. How much more difficult would things be if each of the fire and police agencies in these two counties had to have their own 911 center? Districts work.

Responses into Uintah

The Weber Fire District has been responding on calls in Uintah for years. In fact, we are the first responders for medical, working under a contract with Uintah City. For structure fires, we have a Mutual Aid Agreement with Uintah fire, but often arrive first on scene. For other calls requiring only one unit to respond (small grass fires, power lines down, car fires, fire alarms, etc.), the District has historically left this up to Uintah Fire to request us if needed. However, there have been many occasions where we have responded when Uintah could not respond or had a delayed response (sometimes they have been staffed but did not have qualified personnel). Excluding the medical calls, Weber Fire has done this at no charge to Uintah City; meaning our taxpayers have covered this expense.

About the Weber Fire District

Weber Fire District was created as a special service area in 1982 by the Weber County Commissioners. Prior to its creation the department was known as the Weber County Fire Department.

The District provides emergency fire and medical services to all of the unincorporated areas of Weber County, and the incorporated cities of Farr West, Hooper, Huntsville, Marriott-Slaterville and West Haven.

The District covers a geographical area of approximately 511 square miles of land area with an estimated population of 51,000.

Services Provided

The Weber Fire District is a career professional fire department, providing an “All Hazards” response. This means our department and personnel are equipped, trained, and certified to respond to any emergency. Our services include:

- Fire Suppression
 - 5 front-line Engines
 - 3 Reserve Engines
 - 2 Ladder Trucks
 - 4 Water Tenders
 - 1 Battalion Chief
- EMS:
 - Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians
 - Paramedics
 - Three Ambulances
 - One Paramedic Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
 - Hazmat Technicians staffed daily
 - Fully equipped Hazmat trailer (tractor-trailer)
- Heavy Rescue:
 - Heavy Rescue Specialization and Certified staff on every day (Swift Water, Tech Rescue).
 - Heavy Rescue Equipment
 - Heavy Rescue Trailer
- Fire Prevention:
 - Two Fire Marshals
 - Three Fire Investigators
 - Public Education Programs
- Wildland Team
 - 8 Type VI Engines
 - 1 Type IV Engines

- 1 Tactical Water Tender

Staffing

Firefighting is one of the most dangerous jobs in America. According a study done by *24/7 Wall Street*, we are statistically one of the most dangerous jobs there is. Each year the fire service experiences nearly 80 to 100 line-of-duty deaths. Some involve deaths during fire suppression operations while others experience medical emergencies. For some quick statistics, in 2018 82 firefighters died, 44 of which were Volunteer and 33 of which were career (plus 5 Wildland firefighters).

Fighting structure fire takes training, experience, and commitment to do it safely and correctly. The district is part of a large system that regularly is engaged in fire suppression – whether it be structural, wildland, or property – we have a highly experienced and certified staff for response. These include:

- Operations Personnel
 - 3 Battalion Chiefs (guaranteeing Uintah a responding Incident Commander (NFPA Requirement))
 - 18 Captains
 - 60 Firefighters
 - 15 Part-time Firefighters
- Administration
 - 9 Member Fire Board, representing each of the Cities we cover, and all the unincorporated area (Uintah will appoint 1 member to this Board to oversee the Fire District)
 - 1 Fire Chief Administrator
 - 2 Deputy Chiefs – one over Operations and one over Fire Prevention
 - 1 Deputy Fire Marshal
 - 3 Fire Investigators
 - 1 County Fire Warden
 - 3 Administrative Assistants

Certifications

All of our operations personnel are required to have, at minimum, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, their Red Card (for wildland deployments), and their EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic. To drive they must have ADO-Pumper. To operate a Ladder they must have ADO-Aerial. Our Hazmat, Heavy Rescue, and Wildland Teams have multiple advanced certifications; and most of our personnel have certifications far beyond the basic list seen here.

Our Fire Marshal is a Certified fire investigator, is an ICC certified inspector (required for Plan Reviews), and a Utah peace officer (both of our fire marshals are peace officers).

The Fire Chief has 40 plus years of experience, and has a Masters in Public Administration.

Stations

- 6 Stations, the closest to Uintah being Station 64 in Uintah Highlands:
 - Located one mile from the Uintah Border, and 3.72 miles from the furthest border. This puts our response time well within a response time of under 5 minutes to any location.
 - Staffed with 3-4 personnel per day, responding with one Class A pumper and one Type Six brush truck.

System

- The Weber Fire District is a career professional department that is part of the county-wide Automatic Aid system for fire response. We are involved at both the operational and policy levels of the fire service within Weber County.