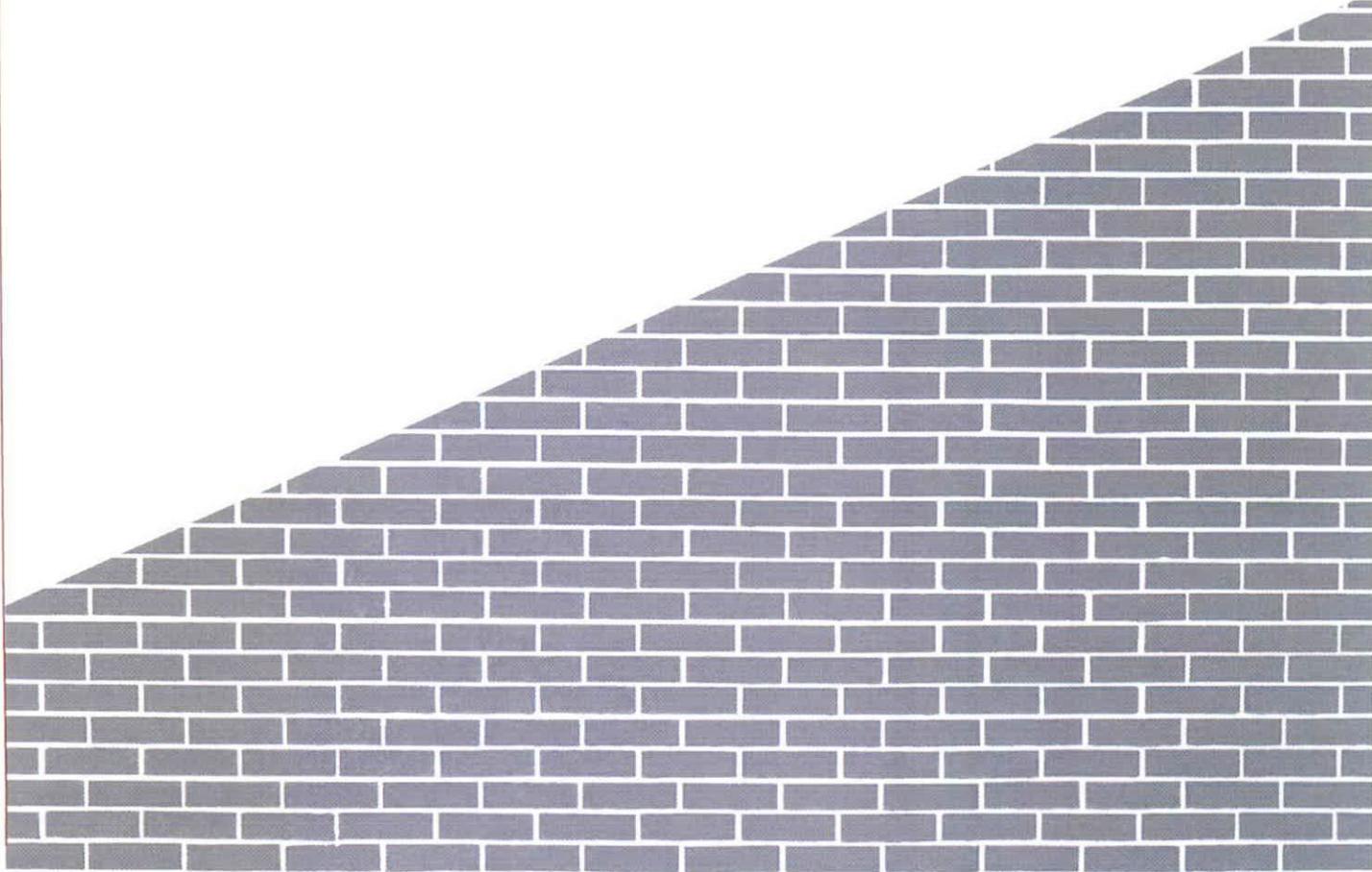




2021

Murray City Fire Department
Annual Report





**MURRAY CITY CORPORATION
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Blair Camp, Mayor
Jon Harris, Fire Chief
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Message from the Chief ...

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2021 annual report for the Murray City Fire Department.

This year, COVID continued to present many challenges to our community and department. Utah had approximately 623,000 reported cases, which resulted in over 3,800 deaths. Unlike many other professions, working from home wasn't an option for firefighters as they persevered throughout the year providing service to the community.

By the end of the year, our call volume had substantially increased back to pre-COVID levels. With 1,119 fire calls and 5,801 medical calls, we were dispatched to 6,920 calls for service.

We continued to revamp and enhance our training program. The training officer position was reclassified to the rank of Division Chief, a role requiring significant knowledge, skills, and abilities. This position requires a higher level of administrative responsibilities and with a flexible schedule, ensures that all three shifts are trained to the same high standards.

Throughout the year, we were able to attain access to several buildings scheduled for demolition. Not only did our crews experience invaluable hands-on training in these structures, but neighboring agencies also participated in the drills which increases our ability to work collaboratively during emergencies.

Serving this community is our primary responsibility, but we also understand the importance of assisting other communities when a major disaster strikes. This year our crews were sent out on four deployments to aid with wildland fires. While deployed, they are able to put their wildland training in practice improving their skills, not just in fighting forest fires, but also in the operations of the Incident Command System.

Maintaining our apparatus fleet is critical to our response. We received delivery of a new Pierce fire engine in the fall and have a new command vehicle and brush truck on order.

Many changes have occurred since the organization of the department in 1906, but our core values remain the same. Our members continue to provide the highest level of service in the most challenging circumstances, wherever they may occur.

On behalf of the Murray City Fire Department, it is an honor and privilege to serve this community.

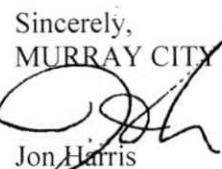
Sincerely,
MURRAY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jon Harris
Fire Chief

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Mission Statement

The role and mission of the fire department is to provide fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical services to the residential and business population of the city, with a well-trained staff in an organized and safe manner, at a minimal cost to the city, and to cooperate with other departments within the city.

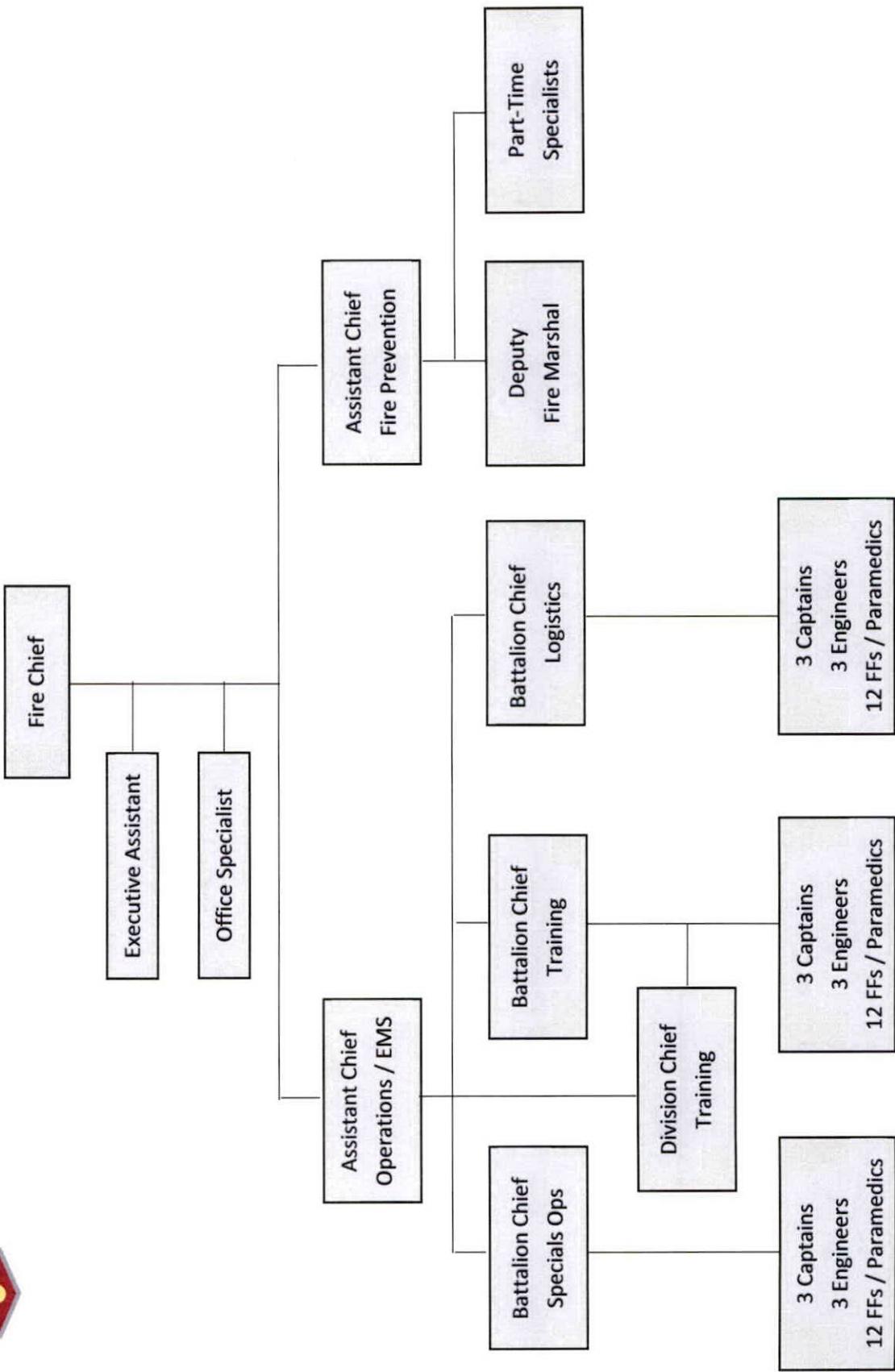
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Murray City Fire Department

Organizational Chart



Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division assisted on a record number of requests for new business fire inspections and construction projects over the past 12 months. One additional part-time inspector was added this year to keep up with the growing business and new constructions needs, as well as implementing the enhanced programs available that have been made available. A new labeling system for fire sprinkler systems throughout the city with reflective signs and GIS mapping will assist firefighters in locating key fire suppression equipment within the business community.

Some of the major projects reviewed and inspected this year included: Finicity/Security National Building #2, Towne Place Suites by Marriot, Abbington Senior Living and Memory Care, updates at Intermountain Medical Center, Scandinavian Design, Extra Space Storage, the 7-11 Store, and Cafe Rio.

Major fires that were investigated this year included: Stillwater Apartments, which was determined to be arson and displaced over 50 residents in July; an accidental fire at Paris RV, which burned three RV's and trailers in September; and the Jordan River field fire. Many smaller fires were suppressed quickly by the fire crews.

Our procedures for fire safety inspections and educational programs were expanded to allow for a total of four part-time positions. These positions are currently filled with retired fire personnel allowing us to utilize their knowledge and skills on special projects as well as teaching our CERT program, CPR and First Aid classes.

During Fire Prevention Week in October, our fire prevention staff and firefighting crews taught fire safety to over 500 second grade students, our senior citizens at the Senior Recreation Center, and released several social media messages addressing fire safety. This year's theme was "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

We've continued our partnership with the American Red Cross to distribute free smoke detectors to citizens in need. In the past 12 months, over 23 detectors were installed in homes throughout our city.



2021 Fire Prevention Statistics

New Business Inspections	623
Public Education, CPR, CERT, First Aid	53
Fire Investigations	13
Final Occupancy Inspections	85
Citizen Complaints	54
Firework Stand Inspections	21
Food Truck Inspections	31
Fuel Tank Removals	8
Fire Suppression System Inspections	10
Knox Box Updates	50
New Knox Box Installs	306
Paint Booth Inspections	4
Plan Reviews	77
Rough Inspections / Alarm Tests	126
State Required Safety Inspections	65
Temporary Occupancy Permits	16
Tent Inspections	8
Hydro Inspections	6





An early morning fire quickly engulfed several units and displaced at least 50 people from their homes on July 1st. All residents were evacuated without injury.

Firefighters arrived at the Stillwater Apartments, 5560 South Vine Street, shortly before 3 a.m. to find one of about 20 buildings in the complex in flames. Residents reported hearing a popping noise before the fire began.

A witness reported hearing a man forewarn, “There’s about to be a fire,” then saw him run down the stairs yelling “fire.” Forrest Zavier Wilkinson (27), was later charged with aggravated arson. Wilkinson claimed that he “sprayed lighter fluid all over his apartment and lit it on fire with a piece of paper.”

Facilities

Fire Station 81 – Headquarters 4848 S Box Elder Street

Station 81, a two-story 23,255 square foot facility was completed in April 2020. This building continues to serve as department headquarters. A paramedic engine, ambulance, two reserve pumpers, reserve brush truck, command vehicle, BC rig and generator are all housed at this station.



Fire Station 82 – 996 East Vine Street

Building of this facility was complete in the spring of 2008, and was built to provide emergency response to the newly annexed areas on the city's east side. A paramedic engine, ambulance, special ops vehicle, and a haz-mat trailer are housed at this station.



Fire Station 83 – 484 West 5900 South

Station 83 was ready for occupancy in the spring of 2009. At 17,000 square feet, this building is also the new home of the City's Emergency Operations Center. The 95-foot mid-mount platform, a paramedic engine, and ambulance are dispatched out of this station. It also houses our type 6 brush truck.



Fire Station 84 – 163 East 5900 South

Construction of this station was completed in May 1997, built to provide service to the southeast quadrant of the city. However, when annexations increased the city's east-side boundaries a new station was built, providing emergency response to that area. It currently serves as the main distribution point for medical supplies and houses two reserve ambulances.



Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Fleet

Every effort is made to make apparatus and vehicle additions and replacements as versatile and multifunctional as possible. There is a process for moving apparatus from frontline status to reserve and subsequently moving an apparatus from reserve to retirement. Apparatus data and records are maintained throughout the life of the vehicle, with evaluations for preventative maintenance servicing and annual performance testing (including fire pump and aerial ladder testing) to ensure in-service fire apparatus are in safe operating condition and ready for response at all times.

Ambulances:

We currently have five ambulances in our fleet. We run a paramedic ambulance out of each station for medical calls. Two of them are crew cabs, capable of manning three and four-man teams, including our most recent, a 2020 Ford four-wheel drive, which was put in service in June. We currently house two reserves, with one available for “wildland deployments.”

Engines and Trucks:

Murray currently has four engines and one truck. Stations 81 and 82 respond in an engine, while Station 83 runs an engine and a truck. Our most recent purchase, a 2021 Pierce Pumper, was delivered in October and will be dispatched out of Station 83. With only one reserve engine, it is imperative that we keep our engines and trucks maintained and replaced on schedule.

Wildland trucks:

Murray has two wildland trucks that respond for grass, brush, and forest fires. Our oldest brush truck, a 1989 Chevrolet one ton, is available to respond within the valley and is due to be replaced in 2022. Our 2013 Dodge 5500 has been used on multiple wildland responses throughout the western states.



Fire Department Fleet

Station 81

1989 Chevrolet One Ton	Grass Truck / Snow Plow
2001 Pierce Engine	1500 GPM Pumper w/water (Reserve)
2005 Pierce Engine	1500 GPM Pumper w/water
2005 MMD Portable Generator	100 kw Portable Diesel Generator
2016 Pierce Engine	1500 GPM Pumper w/water
2020 Ford Crew Cab Horton	Ground Ambulance

Station 82

2002 Enclosed Trailer	Haz Mat / Special Ops
2005 Ford F-550 Truck	Haz Mat Tow Vehicle
2020 Pierce Engine	1500 GPM Pumper w/water
2021 Ford Crew Cab Horton	Ground Ambulance

Station 83

2009 Pierce Mid-Mount Platform	1500 GPM Tower w/water
2013 Dodge 5500	Type 6 Wild Land Brush Unit
2018 Dodge 4500 Horton	Ground Ambulance
2021 Pierce Engine	1500 GPM Pumper w/ water

Station 84

2003 Ford F-350	Reserve Ambulance (Wild Land)
2006 Chevrolet Mobile Command Vehicle	Special Ops / Mobile Command Center
2017 Dodge 4500 Horton	Reserve Ambulance

Administration

2006 Dodge Ram Pick-Up	Reserve Vehicle
2009 Ford F-150 Pick-Up	Division Chief Vehicle
2010 Ford Escape	Fire Inspector Vehicle
2014 Ford Explorer	Deputy Fire Marshal Vehicle
2014 Ford Fusion	P.T. Fire Inspector Vehicle
2015 Ford Fusion	Day Shift Captain Vehicle
2017 Ford Explorer	Fire Chief Vehicle
2019 Ford Explorer	Assistant Chief Vehicle
2020 Ford Escape	Assist. Chief / Fire Marshal Vehicle

Utah Museum of Fire Service History

1947 American LaFrance

Antique Apparatus



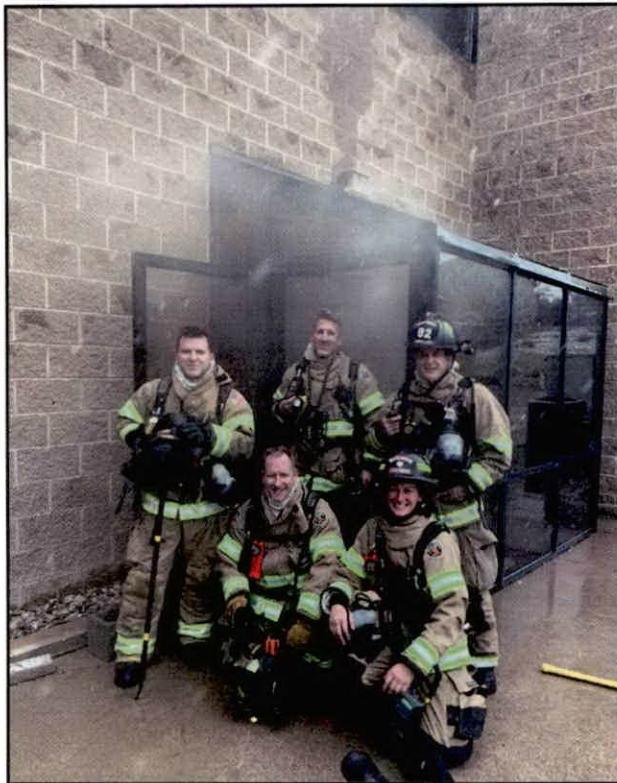
Fire Training Highlights

The Murray City Fire Department Training Division strives to enhance firefighter safety and performance through frequent, high-quality training based on current industry standards.

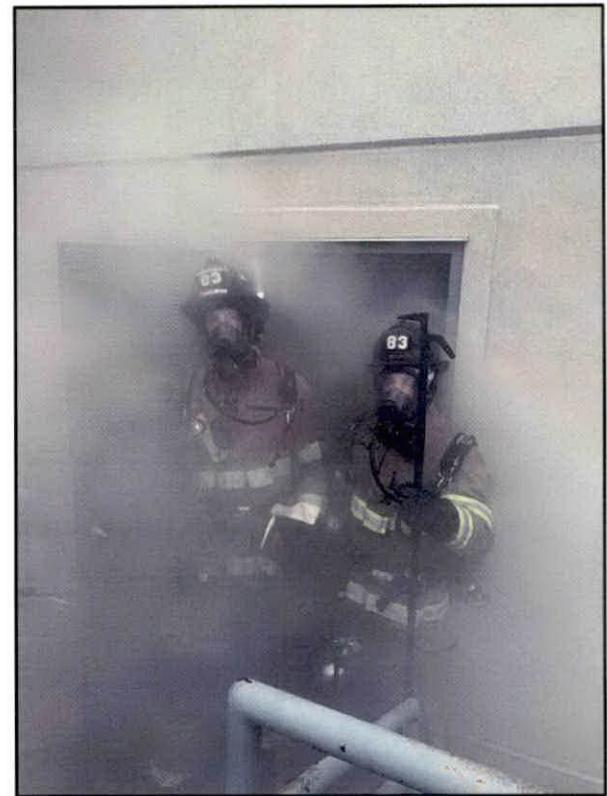
Firefighters were able to attend multiple hands-on training events. Five firefighters attended National Fire Academy classes in a remote learning capacity.

Firefighters also participated in structure fire training with surrounding agencies at vacated buildings within our city. This was made possible with the approval of Boyer Company at the RC Willey building and Hamlet Development at the U.S. Satellite Corporation building. Over 7,100 man-hours of training were documented this past year.





← Training at the U.S. Satellite Corporation building. PM Greenwell, Capt. Roberson, PM Bean, Eng. MacNeil, and PM Winters.



← Training at the RC Willey facility.

Fire Cadet Program

Becoming a Fire Cadet is a great opportunity for young adults 16 – 21 years of age who are interested in learning about the fire service. The program provides insight into the responsibilities and daily activities of a firefighter and helps young people make the decision as to whether they want to pursue a career in fire suppression and emergency medical response.

They gain an introductory level knowledge of firefighting and EMS skills as they accompany firefighters and paramedics on actual emergency calls and assist in a non-hazardous capacity. Many of them have gained full or part-time employment with us or other valley fire and dispatch departments.

The program was suspended early in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Once restrictions are lifted, the department plans to resume this worthwhile program.



Emergency Medical Services

Murray City Fire continued manning the front lines during a public health crisis due to the coronavirus, (COVID-19) pandemic. As it continues to spread across the country taxing emergency systems nationwide, with a concerted effort, we continue to overcome staffing issues, PPE shortages, and fatigue.

Training continues to be a priority to meet the changing needs. Our department is staffed with a Medical Training Division Chief responsible for maintaining employee knowledge of protocols and procedures and implementing testing as necessary.

Our Medical Director continues to be Dr. Adam Balls. Along with being our Medical Director he is the Chairman of the IMC Emergency Department. Under the direction of Dr. Balls we provide ongoing medical training and nationally recognized certifications for all fire department members.

This year's theme, "THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities," is particularly meaningful now, to remind people that every day we are still there to respond, support, and care for the needs of citizens in our community.

It is imperative that we keep a highly trained medical staff. Each year we provide the opportunity for our firefighter/EMT's to attend classes, test, and become licensed paramedics. This year was no exception, and we added another paramedic to our staff in August. Stephen Greenwell graduated with honors as "Class Leader." We currently have 48 licensed paramedics within our department.



Total Medical Calls & Transports by Month

Month	Medical Calls	Transports	Transport Percentage
January	470	201	43
February	374	154	41
March	434	196	45
April	460	211	46
May	453	204	45
June	532	239	45
July	542	248	46
August	550	260	47
September	487	216	44
October	496	201	41
November	480	214	45
December	523	254	49
Totals	5,801	2,598	45%

2021 Nature of Medical Call

Description	Calls
Falls	671
Sick Person	643
Vehicle / Traffic Accident	639
Breathing Problem	486
Unconscious / Fainting	398
Psychiatric	315
Overdose / Poisoning	267
Chest Pain – (Non-Traumatic)	249
Seizure	245
Unknown / Person Down	238
Assault	208
Cardiac Arrest / Death	171
Lift Assist	139
Abdominal Pain	136
Stroke / CVA	132
Traumatic Injury	123
Diabetic Problem	109
Welfare Check / Medic Alarm	88
Heart Problem	80
Hemorrhage / Laceration	77
Back Pain – (Non-Traumatic)	59
Allergic Reaction / Stings	58
Blood Draw (Assist PD)	58
Weakness/ Lethargic	45
Stabbing / Gunshot / Penetrating Trauma	35
Choking	26
Headache	24
Pregnancy / Childbirth / Miscarriage	23
Animal Bite	12
GI Bleed	9
Heat / Cold Exposure	8
Eye Problem / Injury	7
Pandemic	6
Burn Patient	5
Drowning / Diving Accident	5
Medical Standby	4
Industrial / Trapped	3
Total	5,801

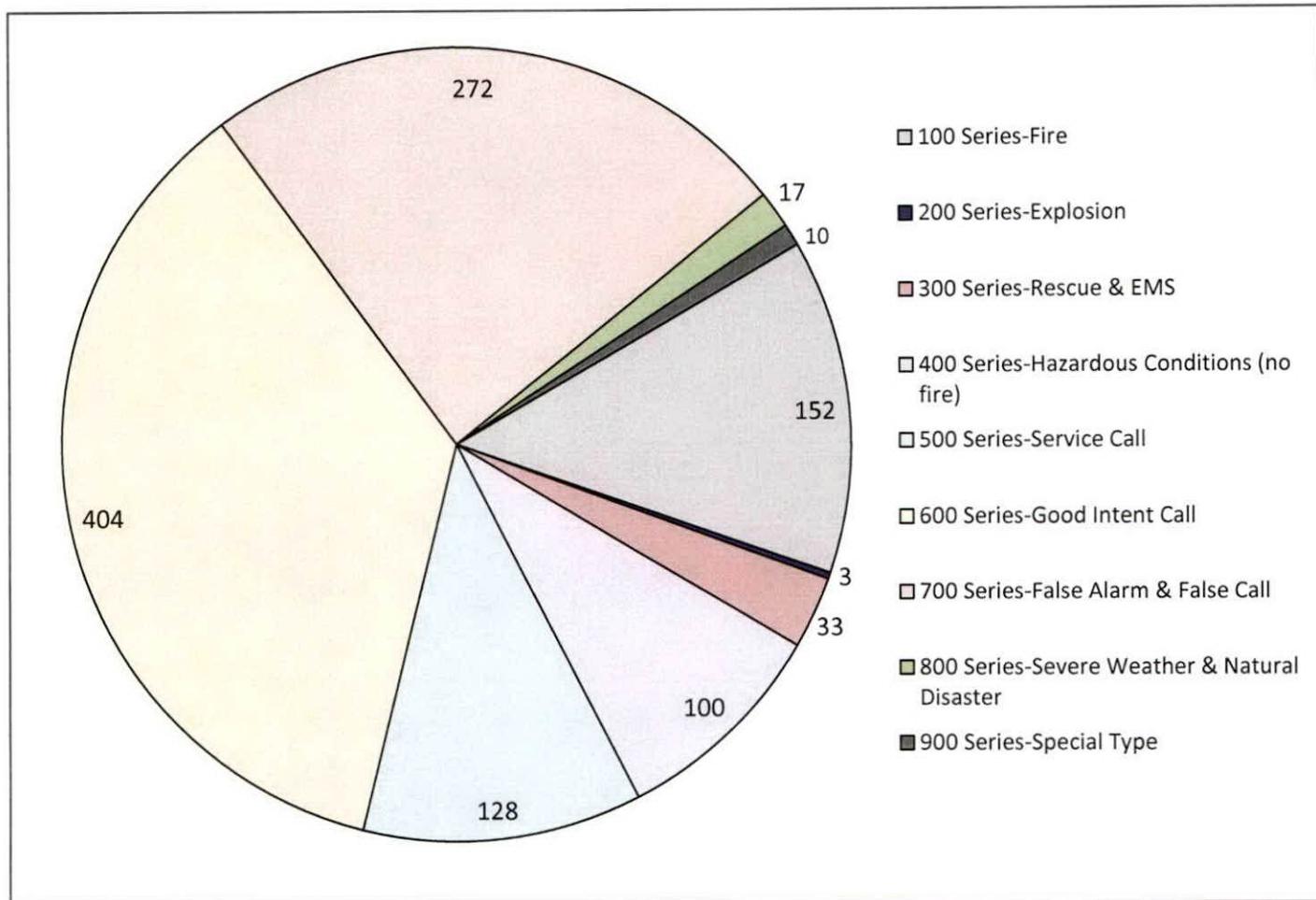
Calls canceled prior to arrival: 492 - Cancelled on/after arrival: 264

Fire Incidents by Type

Series	Type of Incident	Total Incidents
111	Building / Structure Fire	43
111	Building/ Structure Weakened or Collapsed	3
113	Cooking Fire (Confined)	15
114	Chimney or Flue Fire (Confined)	2
118	Outside Rubbish, Trash, Waste	10
122	Vehicle Fire, Recreational, Transport	23
142	Brush / Grass Fire	40
154	Dumpster or Outside Trash Receptacle	12
162	Outside Equipment Fire	4
212	Overpressure Rupture, Explosion	1
251	Excessive Heat / No ignition	2
311	Medical Assist	2
352	Extrication of Victim from Vehicle	9
353	Removal of Victim from Elevator	16
363	Swift Water Rescue	3
381	Rescue or EMS Standby	3
412	Gas Leak	45
421	Haz-Mat, No Spill or Leak	10
422	Gas or Flammable Liquid Spill	8
441	Defective Wiring, Overheated Motor	3
444	Power Lines Down	22
445	Arcing, Shorted Electrical	9
463	Vehicle Accident, General Clean Up	3
511	Lock In / Out	18
512	Ring or Jewelry Removal	2

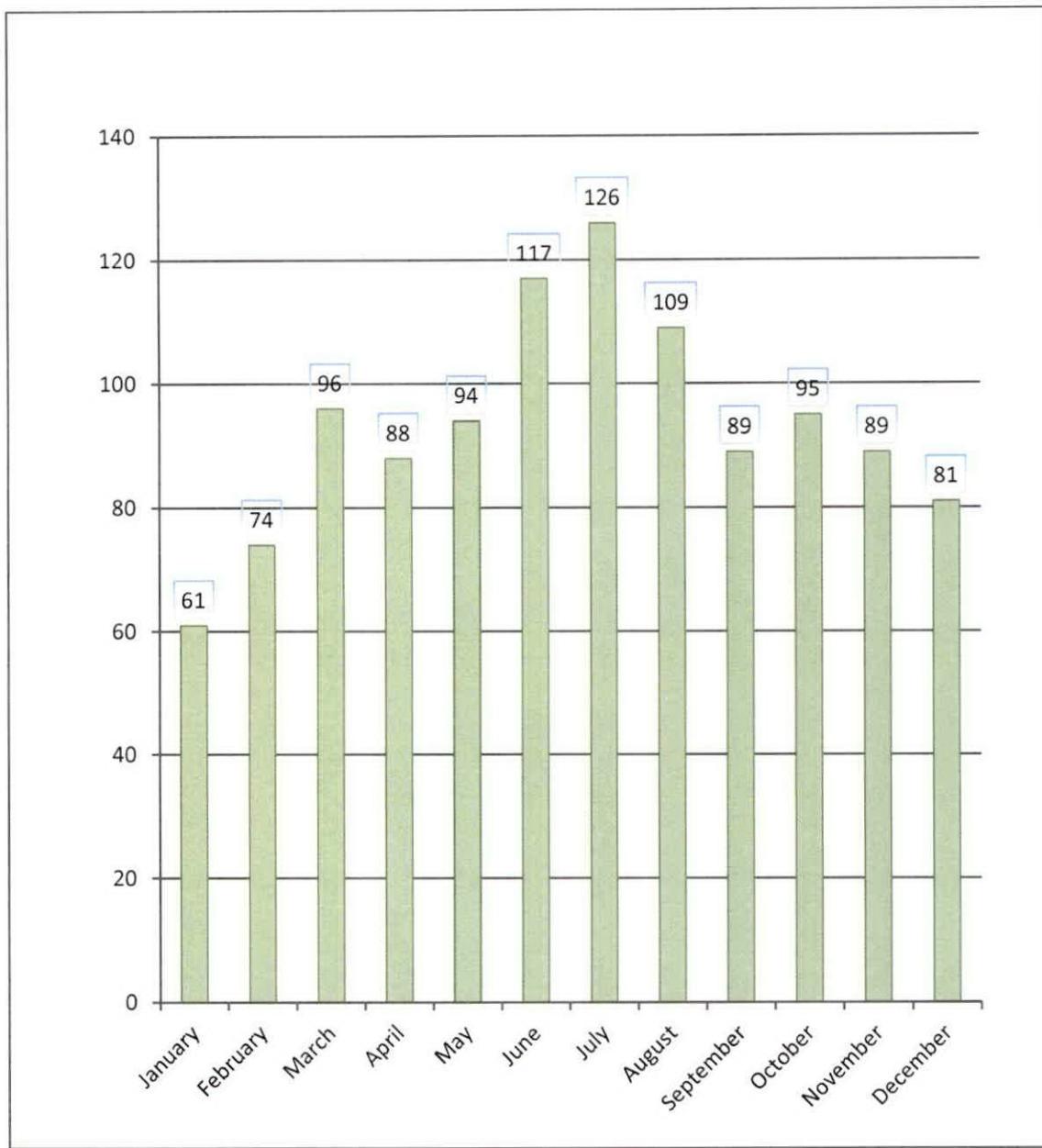
Series	Type of Incident	Total Incidents
522	Water or Steam Leak	8
531	Smoke or Odor Removal	28
541	Animal Problem	11
551	Assist Police or Other Government Entity	9
552	Police Matter	2
553	Public Service	27
554	Assist Invalid	12
555	Defective Elevator – No Occupants	3
561	Unauthorized Burning	8
600	Severe Weather or Natural Disaster	1
611	Dispatched and Canceled Enroute	370
622	No Incident Found	2
651	Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	31
700	False Alarm, False Call	75
711	Municipal Alarm – False Call	8
730	Alarm Malfunction (No Fire) Unintentional	75
731	Sprinkler Activation – No Fire – Unintentional	9
736	CO Detector / Malfunction	25
743	Smoke Detector Activation / Unintentional	37
745	Alarm Unintentional	43
812	Flood Assessment	17
900	Special Type of Incident, Other	5
911	Citizen Complaint	5
Total Number of Incidents		1,119
Total Number of Incident Types		48

Total of Fire Incidents in Series



Type of Incident	Total of Incidents
100 Series – Fire	152
200 Series – Explosion	3
300 Series – Rescue & EMS	33
400 Series – Hazardous Conditions (no fire)	100
500 Series – Service Call	128
600 Series – Good Intent Call	404
700 Series – False Alarm & False Call	272
800 Series --Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	17
900 Series – Special Type	10

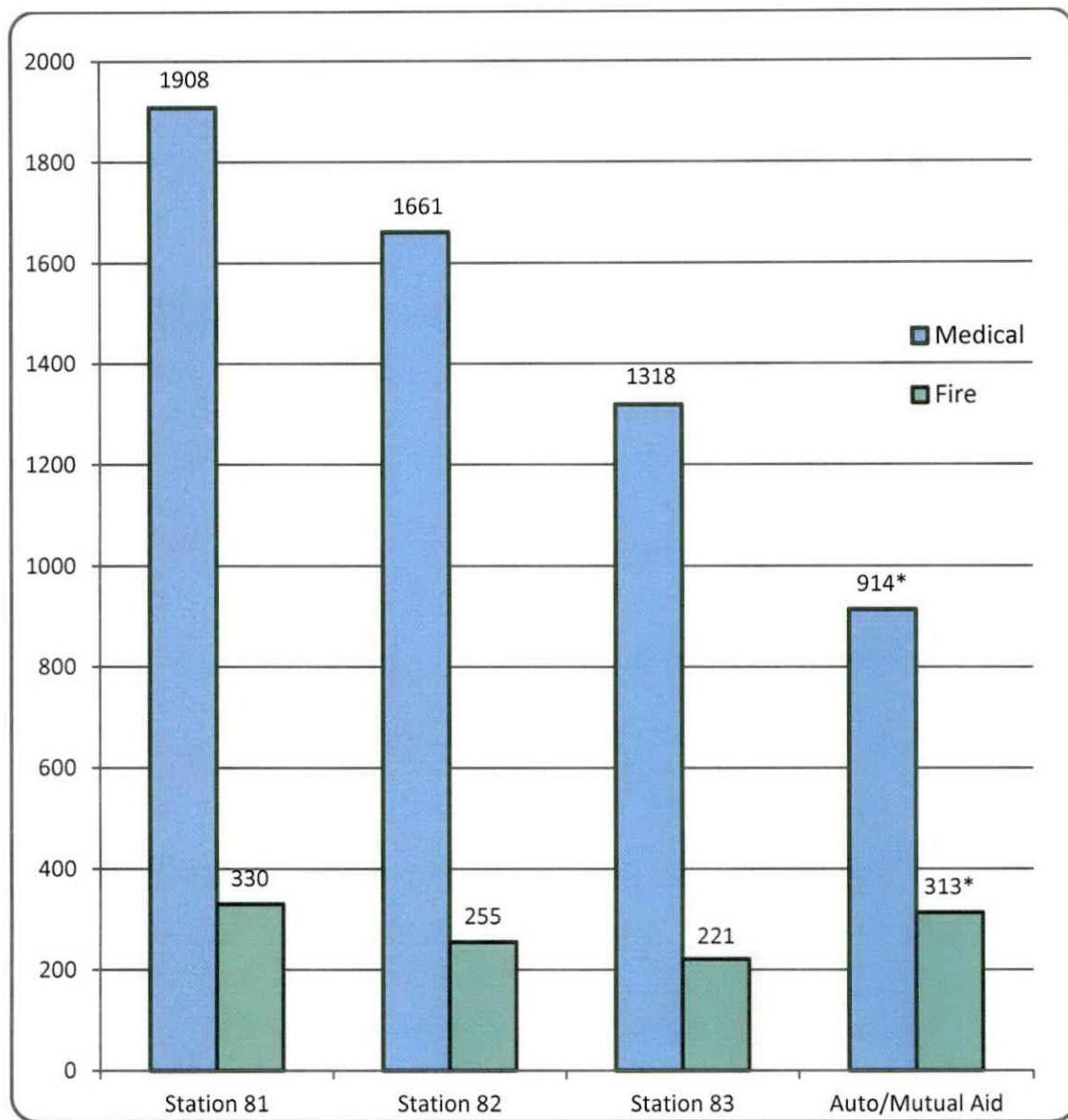
2021 Fire Response by Month



Vehicle Locator (AVL) dispatch. The closest response unit is dispatched regardless of jurisdiction.

Total Fire Calls: 1,119

Fire and Medical Calls by Zone



*Mutual/Auto Aid Calls = All Areas Combined (Includes Battalion Chief response)

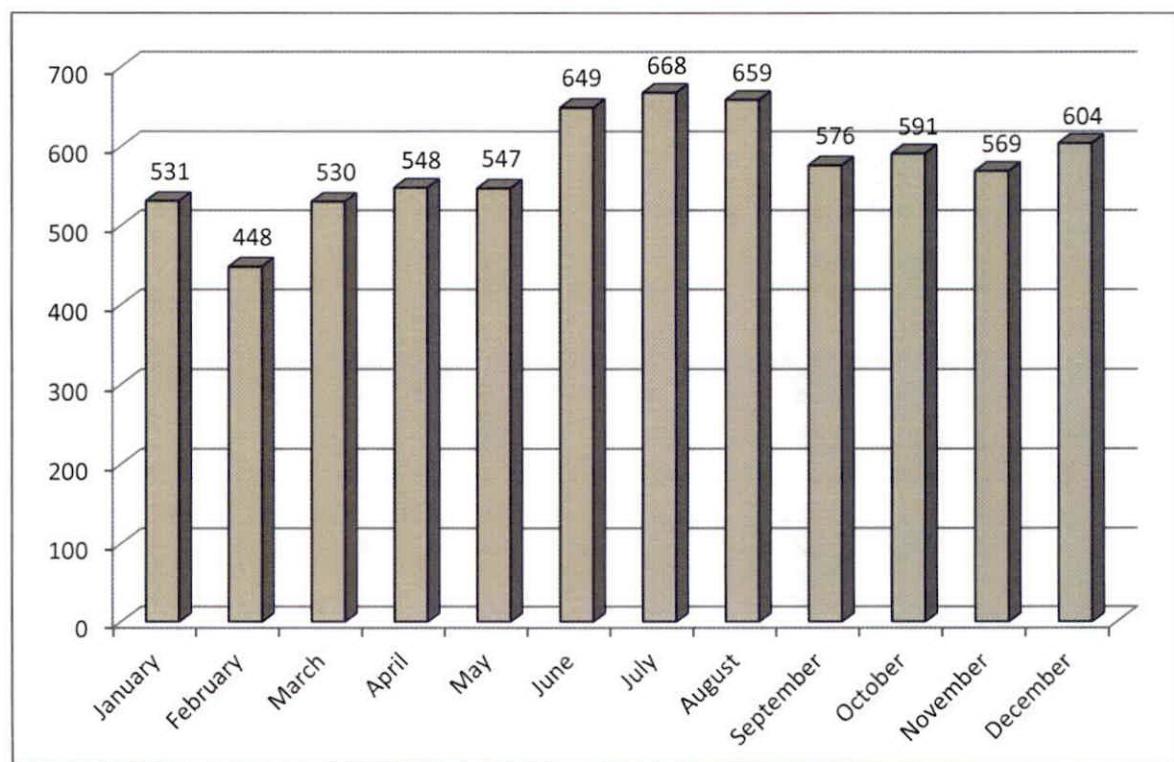
Percent of Calls by Station:

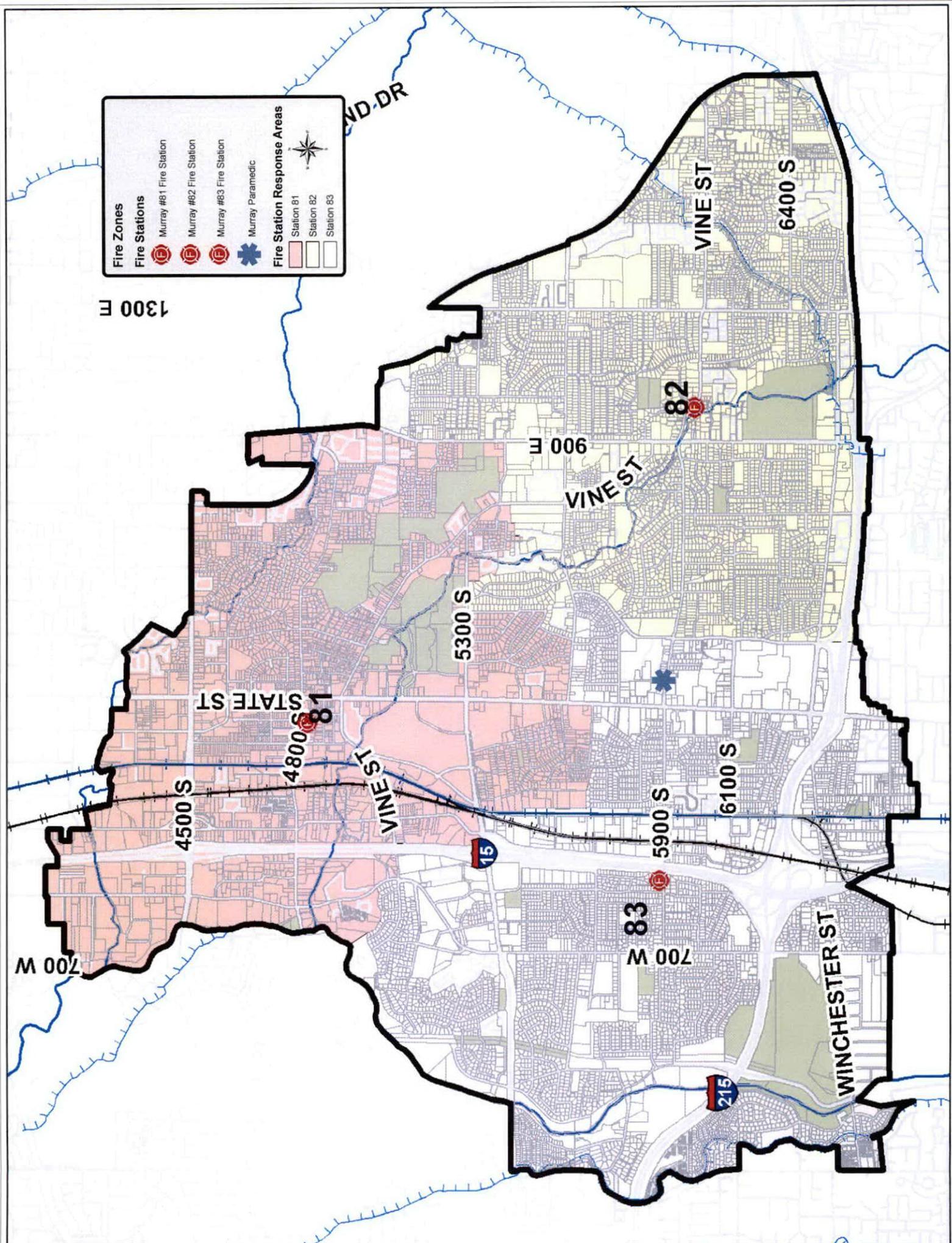
Medical	Fire
Station 81: 39%	Station 81: 41%
Station 82: 34%	Station 82: 32%
Station 83: 27%	Station 83: 27%

All calls are dispatched by Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) technology.

Total Fire & Medical Calls by Month

Month	Total Calls
January	531
February	448
March	530
April	548
May	547
June	649
July	668
August	659
September	576
October	591
November	569
December	604
	6,920





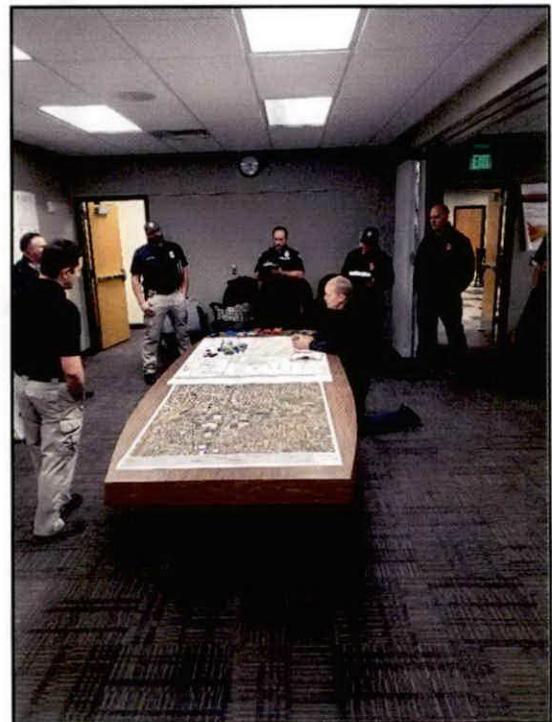
Emergency Management

Our “Whole Community Response Plan” was improved this past year by adding an amateur radio repeater onto the Murray radio tower located behind the animal shelter building. The repeater is available to our local Murray Amateur Radio Club (MARC) and serves as a backup radio system if our front-line first responder radios were unavailable. In May our education specialists provided a CERT class, with COVID precautions being taken. A second class was taught during September, and both had exciting final drills for the students at Dead City Haunted House.

In April, we participated in the Great Utah Shake-Out drill. All departments participated by means of virtual technology. Windshield surveys were successfully completed, and the EOC was set up with no problems. Two other local EOC drills were conducted, including a civil unrest drill for police, GIS, and fire to demonstrate how the emergency operations center operates.



EOC Drill – December 9, 2021



Grants

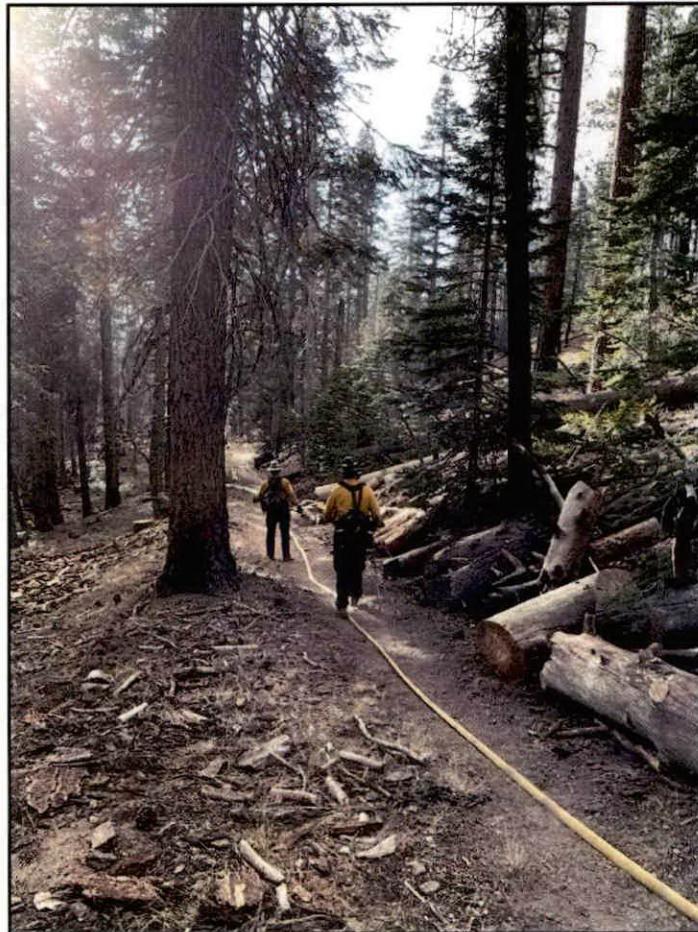
The Murray City Fire Department continues to receive grant assistance from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Grants are awarded based on per capita allocations. The Fire Department was awarded \$5,532 in per capita funds this year that were utilized for purchasing six automated external defibrillators also known as AED's.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) was applied for and received in the amount of \$9,000 to offset the salary for the Emergency Manager.



Deployments

This year, Engine-683 (our 2013 Type-6 wildland brush truck) was requested on several wildland incidents. E-683 with a full crew of four, deployed to three out-of-state fires on EMAC assignments from July thru September, once to Oregon and twice to California. Additional requests were received that we were unable to fulfill, due to staffing or apparatus already committed to other incidents. In total, our wildland personnel on E-683 were deployed for 49 days during the fire season. Our crews were given quality assignments and key suppression positions. Our specialized wildland fire training was put to the test as our firefighters were called on to make a positive impact on fire containment and control while at these large extended attack assignments.



California – Dixie Fire



California – Dixie Fire



Community Involvement

While COVID derailed many of our activities, we were able to participate in a few community events, including: the City's annual Fun Days celebration; in October, the Chili Cook-Off at the South Towne Expo Center, benefitting the U of U Kids Burn Camp programs; the annual Police & Fire Safety Fair in August; and Operation Cover-Up and Sub-for Santa in December.

In addition, during October, firefighters joined the Utah Food Allergy Network event in the IMC parking lot providing non-food handouts to over 300 children with food allergies. They also provided treats to the children at the annual Memorial Mortuary Trick-or-Treat event.



Recap of This Year's Events

The world continued to push through the turmoil caused by the Corona Virus, which hit hard and fast in 2019. With new vaccines available, many were taking the necessary steps to thwart off the disease as much as possible. Despite the almost miraculous development of effective vaccines against COVID-19 in 2020, the virus continued to spread and mutate throughout the last year. Our department continued to practice extreme safety measures and survived relatively well without any major setbacks.

Our call volume during the pandemic fluctuated since many of our citizens were working from home. The fire and medical calls for the year totaled 6,920. We ended the year with 1,119 fire calls and 5,801 medical calls. We treated 5,900 patients, with 2,060 ambulance transports.

FIRE APPARATUS

In February, the Fire Apparatus Committee met to finalize the specs for the new engine. Then in September, Asst. Chief Pascua, Eng. Brian MacNeil, and Eng. Oliver Webb visited the Pierce Factory in Appleton, Wisconsin for the final inspection. On October 22nd, we took delivery of our 2021 Pierce Engine and it is now dispatched out of Station 82. Mid-June, our new ambulance, a 2020 Ford four-wheel drive, was put into service running on calls out of Station 82.

Engineer Brian MacNeil attended a training course on the maintenance and repair of our aerial apparatus. The course was offered at the Pierce facility in Appleton, Wisconsin. Engineer MacNeil also works for Siddons-Martin when not at the fire department. He is devoted to keeping our apparatus in good condition. In a joint effort to provide training for Brian, Siddons-Martin and Murray City shared in the cost of this training.

PERSONNEL

In January, Firefighter Stephen Greenwell was enrolled in the paramedic course at Utah Valley University. Following his graduation in August and passing the State's paramedic test, he was promoted to paramedic status with our department on August 22nd.

In February, Chief Harris made the decision to upgrade the training position from that of a Captain to a Division Chief, a position on the same level as a Battalion Chief. This position requires a commitment of no less than two years, at which time the person can either revert back to his captain position or apply to stay in the position for an extended period of time. Matt Boulden was selected to fill the position, effective March 15th, at which time Captain Bodtcher, who had filled the position as Training Captain for the past two years, went back to being a captain over a platoon.

On May 28th, Engineer Jon Grangroth submitted his letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2021. Jon began his employment with Murray City in July 2000. He has accepted a captain position with North View Fire District.

June 16th, FF/PM Travis Allred requested and was approved for a one year leave of absence. He later, on November 19th, rescinded his “Leave of Absence” from the department and submitted his “Resignation Letter.”

On August 10th, Jerrik Akina and Firefighter Tyler Esprit began their employment with our department. Jerrik came to Utah after spending his younger years in Oahu, Hawaii. Before his employment with Murray City, he was a part-time EMT with North Fork Fire Department. Tyler grew up in the Salt Lake valley and his interest in the fire/medical field was sparked while observing paramedics attend to medical emergencies of his own family.

On November 24th, Office Specialist Whitney MacPherson submitted her “Letter of Resignation.” Whitney was hired in November 2018 to assist with medical records and inventory of our medical supplies.

In the absence of our Deputy Fire Marshal, while on an extended leave of absence, Andrew Cassidy, at the end of November, was selected from five applicants to temporarily fill the position.

On November 30th, Fire Chief Jon Harris officially announced his plan for retirement. On December 28th, he submitted his official Letter of Retirement to the Mayor, with his intent to retire on February 16, 2022, with his last day at work set for February 11th.

TRAINING

In March, the crews were able to do “company evolutions” at a house scheduled for demolition. The training opportunity came about when Studio 56 made plans to expand their dance studio, by using the property where the house was located. Later in the year, the vacated RC Willey building was made available for all crews, including several surrounding agencies, to set up various scenarios and experience hands-on training. Then, in December, the vacant U.S. Satellite Corporation building on Bullion Street was made available for firefighter practical training.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On April 15th, the annual Shakeout Drill was carried out. All departments participated by means of virtual technology. Windshield surveys were successfully completed. The EOC at Station 83 was set up with no problems or concerns.

On December 9th, an EOC drill was conducted to lay out a plan should there be a case of civil rights unrest. The drill included police, GIS, and fire personnel to demonstrate how the Emergency Operations Center operates.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Most public events were canceled during the 2020 year as a result of the pandemic. In 2021, we were able to participate in a limited number of events. Fun Days was scheduled and the Fire Department was excited to, once again, get involved with the public, from displaying our eye-catching apparatus in the parade, providing medical assistance and water games throughout the day, and ending with an impressive fireworks finale.

On August 16th, the annual Safety Fair was coordinated with our Police Department at Murray City Park. Several booths were available with various displays of safety programs and equipment. In addition to our CERT information booth and swag for the children, the department educated and entertained the public with our ever-popular vehicle extrication, the Life Flight helicopter, and fire sprinkler burn shed demonstrations.

In October, we participated with valley fire departments in the annual Chili Cook-Off at the South Towne Expo Center. All funds raised were donated to the University of Utah Burn Camp to support their programs.

Our traditional fire safety presentations were made at all Murray elementary schools during the first two weeks of the month. The Fire Prevention division educated all second graders on fire safety and provided fire safety workbooks to each student.

WILDLAND DEPLOYMENTS

Between July and September crews from our department responded to three separate wildland deployments. On July 18th, a crew headed for Oregon to fight a fire in the Bend / Redmond area. Then in early August, another crew left for California to assist with fighting the Dixie Fire. Finally, in late August, another crew was on assignment to assist with the ravaging fires in California.

On December 17th, Pat Killion officially announced his plans for retirement, effective December 25th. Pat began his employment with the fire Department part-time in January 1993, and then full-time in July 1998.

