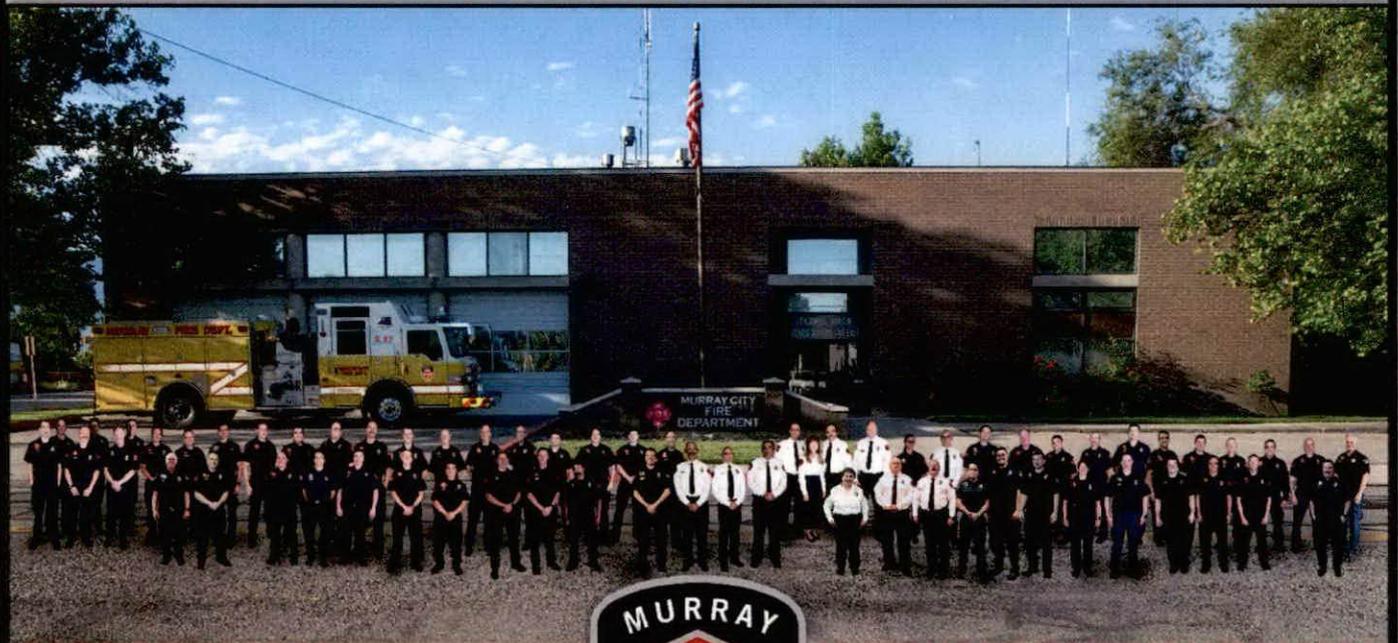
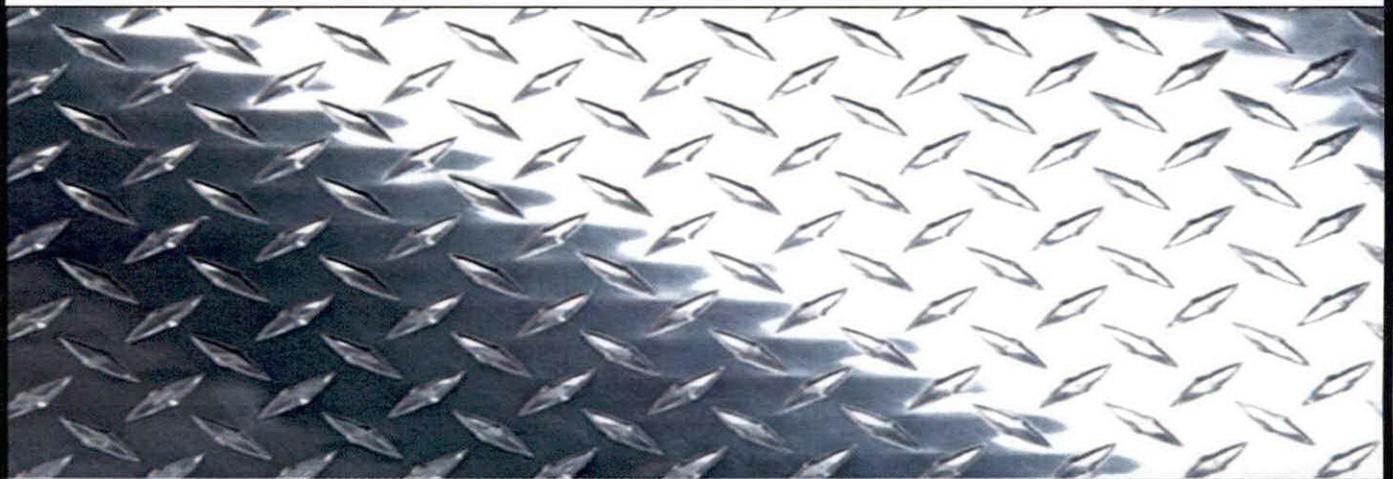


Murray City Fire Department 2018 Annual Report



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**MURRAY CITY CORPORATION
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Blair Camp, Mayor
Jon Harris, Fire Chief
801-264-2780**

Message from the Chief . . .

It is with great pride that we submit to you the 2018 Annual Report for the Murray City Fire Department.

In June of 2018 Gil Rodriguez retired after 13 years as Fire Chief and I was soon thereafter appointed. I am committed to continuing his legacy of compassion and professionalism as I take the helm of such a great organization.

For the first time in many years, we finished the year with about a 10% decrease in responses, with 6,126 incidents. This is our first decrease in call volume since 2013. Although it is impossible to determine the exact reason why we had a decrease in responses, we feel our ongoing inspection and community education programs may have played a role in making our city a safer place.

Near the end of 2018, we began construction of a new fire station. This fire station will replace the 40-year-old station located on 40 East 4800 South. The new station will be designed to meet the growing needs of our community for the next 50 years. We consider ourselves fortunate to have the continuing support of the City Council and Mayor's Office throughout this project.

We understand the value of helping neighboring communities during disasters. This year we sent crews on three separate wildland deployments, two to California and one to central Utah. We always evaluate our staffing and equipment and only send crews when the impact on our community will be minimal.

In November of this year we had a double fatality fire at a residence. We continue to be deeply saddened by this event and have reviewed the incident extensively to determine what we can learn from this tragedy as we try and move forward with the healing process.

We do not take lightly the faith you have placed in us to respond during your time of need. We continue to strive to meet the needs of our community and excel in our services. My staff continues to impress me with their dedication and professionalism, and I am honored to be a part of this organization.

Sincerely,
MURRAY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jon Harris
Fire Chief

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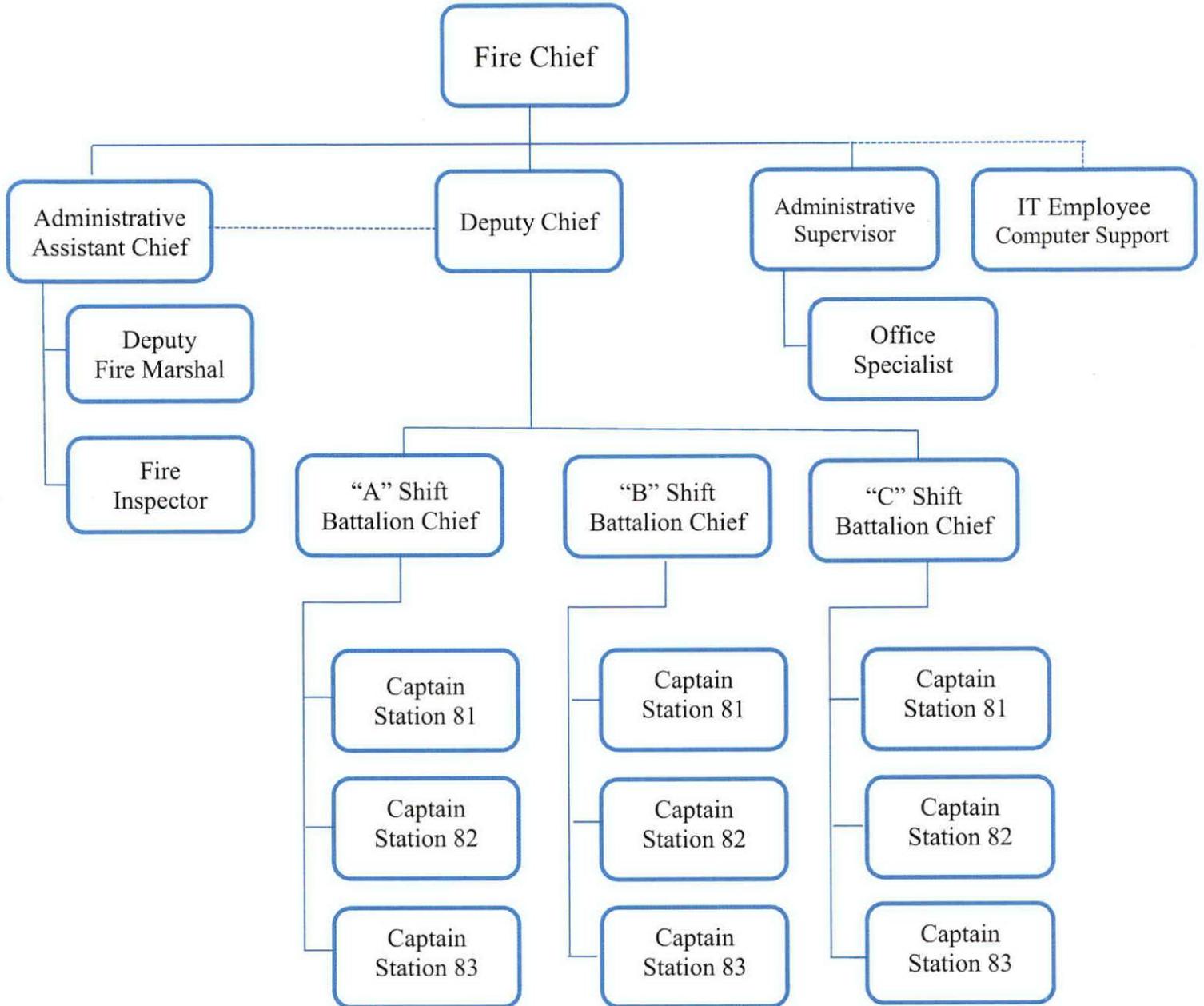
Mission Statement

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.

- Murray City Code, Section 2.22.010



2018 Organization Chart



Fire Chief Gil Rodriguez

Chief Rodriguez began his journey with the department 36 years ago as a volunteer firefighter. Within two years he was working full-time, moving up the ranks from engineer all the way to chief of the department in 2005.

He took advantage of a wide-range of training opportunities and attained certificates and recognitions throughout his career, including the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer accreditation.

His dedication extended far beyond the boundaries of the department as he served on numerous committees as a representative not only of the fire service, but various community boards as well. He served as President of Western Fire Chiefs Association, President Greater Salt Lake Chief Officers Association, and President Salt Lake Valley Fire Alliance. He chaired several committees and continues to serve on the American Red Cross Heroes Awareness board.

As Chairman of the Joint Council he dedicated extensive hours to fire-related issues before the legislature and improvement of conditions for firefighters. His vision and guidance have taken the department through major changes, to include ambulance transport service.

He provided major support to MDA not only through the "Fill-the-Boot" campaign, but went the extra mile reaching out to local families by sponsoring special events.

His dedication to the public was displayed in many facets of the community. He was passionate about the advancement of programs for young men and women, including the juvenile fire setter program and the department's fire cadet program, and was an avid football coach at Murray High School.

One of his most meaningful accomplishments has been the establishment of the western region golf tournament for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, serving as chairman for the past 10 years and raising over \$200,000 for the foundation.

Along with his 36 years of experience, achievements, and service to this community, he also found time to be a devoted husband, father, and friend. He has an affinity to the out-of-doors, golfing, hunting, skiing, and spending time tinkering at his cabin. He will long be remembered as the guy who broke his leg while working a hose line on a training fire, and as the owner of a shrimping business on the Great Salt Lake, hiring many firefighters to assist on their days off.

The department hosted an open house for family and friends in recognition of his many years of service on Thursday, June 14th.

Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for plan reviews, inspections, fire investigations and public education.

Major projects reviewed and inspected this year included; updates to Fashion Place Mall, the IHC Gardner Transformation Center, Metro at Fireclay, EMI Health, Bear River Mutual expansion, Advocates Law Office, Extra Space Storage and LaEuropa addition.

Major fires that were investigated this year included; house fire at 6020 South Riverbend Drive, vehicle fires at 5885 South Denarles Circle, house fire at 6825 South 75 West, storage unit fire at 5564 South 300 West, multiple fires in the area of 4300 South Commerce Drive (Fountain of Youth), house fire at 4510 South 600 East, house fire with two fatalities at 5729 South 700 West

CPR classes were taught on a regular basis to individuals and community groups, including medical staff, private business, schools, and various organizations. Fire safety and fire extinguisher training classes were also provided to community groups.

Fire Prevention Week activities included smoke detector assistance, home evacuation help, station tours, and elementary school education presentations to all second grade classes. The theme for this year's campaign was, "**Look** for places fire could start; **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm; **Learn** two ways out of every room.

The annual Police/Fire Health and Safety Fair was held at Murray Park during the evening of August 13. There were several safety events and demonstrations, including fire department rappelling and the popular burn shed demonstration. Various other agencies participated with events, activities, and exhibits.



2018 Fire Prevention Statistics

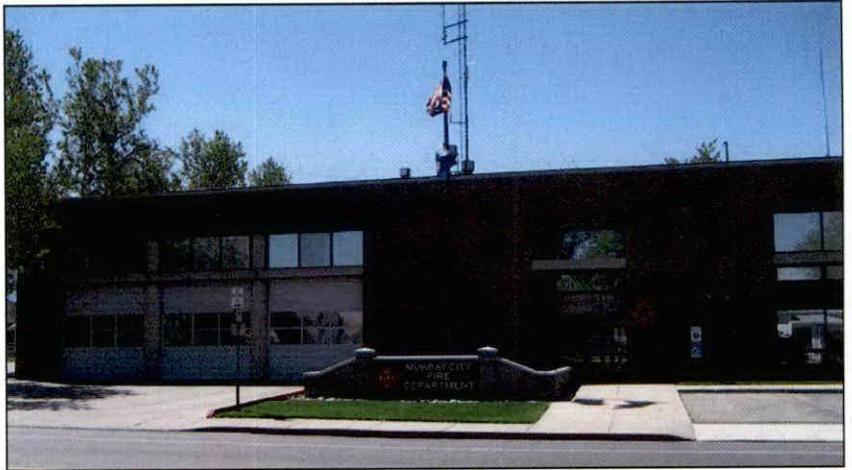
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| Fire Investigations | 19 |
| Annual Day Care and State Required Inspections | 65 |
| Construction Inspections | 119 |
| Suppression System Inspections | 51 |
| Special Inspections | 27 |
| Plan Reviews | 103 |
| Public Education/Assist | 11 |
| Special Events | 14 |
| New Business License Inspections | 675 |
| Engine Company Inspections | 747 |



Facilities

Fire Station 81 – Headquarters 40 East 4800 South

Station 81 was built in 1979 and is the center of operations. A paramedic engine, ambulance, reserve pumper, reserve brush truck, and command vehicle are all housed at this station.



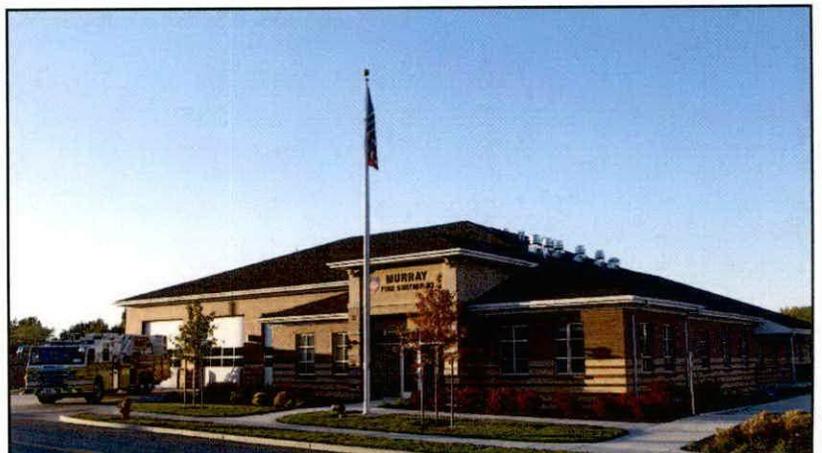
Fire Station 82 – 996 East Vine Street

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, an air and light unit, 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, an ambulance, and a reserve quint (pumper w/ ladder), are dispatched out of this station. It also houses our new type 6 brush truck and a special ops utility vehicle.



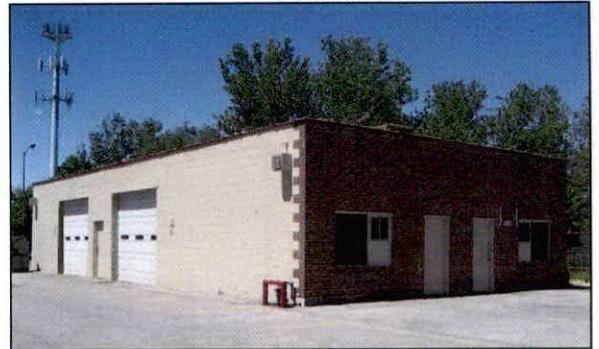
**Fire Station 84 –
163 East 5900 South**

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. With its central location, the shift battalion chief responds from this station. It also serves as the main distribution point for medical supplies and houses two reserve ambulances.



Fire Station Annex – 4844 South Poplar Street

The annex, located on the same property as Station 81, is used for housing of equipment and is also utilized as a fitness facility.



Fire Prevention Building

One of two portable buildings, acquired in 2003 from Murray School District and located at the south end of Station 81 property, provides office space for the fire marshal and the fire prevention division.



Community Education Building

The second portable building is located on the same property, just east of Station 81. This facility serves as a classroom for departmental training as well as community oriented courses, including C.E.R.T. and CPR classes.



Apparatus

Station 81

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1989 Chevrolet One Ton | Grass Truck / Snow Plow |
| 2005 MMD Portable Generator | 100 kw Portable Diesel Generator |
| 2005 Pierce Pumper | 1500 GPM Pumper w/water |
| 2006 Chevrolet Mobile Command Vehicle | Special Ops / Mobile Command Center |
| 2016 Pierce Pumper | 1500 GPM Pumper w/water |
| 2016 Dodge Horton 4500 | Ground Ambulance |

Station 82

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2001 Pierce Pumper | 1500 GPM Pumper w/water |
| 2002 Enclosed Trailer | Haz Mat / Special Ops |
| 2005 Ford F-550 Truck | Haz Mat Tow Vehicle / Air Cascade |
| 2015 Dodge Horton 4500 | Ground Ambulance |

Station 83

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1990 Ford One Ton Van | Special Ops Vehicle |
| 1997 Smeal 75' Ladder | 1500 GPM Ladder w/water |
| 2009 Pierce Mid-Mount Platform | 1500 GPM Tower w/water |
| 2013 Dodge 5500 | Type 6 Wild Land Brush Unit |
| 2017 Dodge | Ground Ambulance |

Station 84

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 2003 Ford F-350 | Reserve Ambulance |
| 2008 Ford F-450 | Reserve Ambulance |
| 2013 Ford F-350 | B/C-81 Command Vehicle |

Administration

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 2006 Dodge Ram Pick-Up | Reserve Vehicle |
| 2009 Ford F-150 Pick-Up | Fire Inspector Vehicle |
| 2014 Ford Explorer | Deputy Fire Marshal Vehicle |
| 2014 Ford Fusion | Fire Chief Vehicle |
| 2015 Ford Fusion | Administrative Assistant Chief Vehicle |
| 2017 Ford Explorer | Deputy Fire Chief Vehicle |
| 2019 Ford Explorer | Assistant Chief Vehicle |

Utah Museum of Fire Service History

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1947 American LaFrance | Antique Apparatus |
|------------------------|-------------------|



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 firefighting and EMS as a future career choice. The program allows them to gain a better understanding of the fire service and helps guide those interested in possibly pursuing the fire service as a career.

They gain an introductory level knowledge of firefighting skills, tools and equipment, CPR, and basic first aid. At times they may assist at the scene and help with community events.

Many of our cadets have gained full or part-time employment with us or other valley fire and dispatch departments.



Fire Training Highlights

This past year our firefighters received approximately 240 hours of training. Subjects covered included firefighting techniques, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, rescue, public relations, leadership and development, and a host of other topics we currently face in today's world.

A new web-based learning site was introduced this year, allowing officers access to monthly training topics, department classes, up-to-date information on training events, and other information which is directly aimed toward our needs. Given the dynamic demands of shift work, this mode of delivery offers the ability to conduct training when officers see fit throughout the month.

In addition to the training offered within the department, many members of our staff took advantage of outside training opportunities as well, including: Winter Fire School (St. George), the National Fire Academy (Maryland), National Fire Protection Conference (Las Vegas), Executive Fire Officer Symposium (Maryland), International Association of Fire Chief Conference (Dallas), and a host of other conferences.

Our fire training division remains committed to keeping our responders safe through proper education and job knowledge in a high-hazard service with a dynamic rate of change.





Firefighters training on vehicle extrication at a local tow yard.



Firefighters taking advantage of a training opportunity on an acquired structure.

Emergency Medical Services

Murray City continues to provide high quality medical services, continually meeting the needs of the community. A major accomplishment this year was establishing an agreement with the Utah Naloxone Coalition. Murray Fire now provides free Naloxone kits to anyone requesting this medication. Without cost to the city, we are able to provide life-saving medication to opioid overdose patients.

We are in the process of refurbishing the last of our original 2008 Horton ambulances. The chassis will be a crew cab Ford, which will increase our response options. We expect this vehicle to be in service by spring of 2019. By remounting our existing “box” to a new chassis, we provide a significant savings to Murray City. We hope to be able to continue the practice of refurbishing our older units, thereby saving money while keeping our fleet reliable.

We continue to have successful patient care reporting with our Image Trend software. Image Trend works well with our billing company and meets the EMS State reporting requirements.

Training continues to be a priority to meet the changing needs of EMS. All medical calls are being reviewed for quality and accuracy by our new full-time office assistant. We continue to train on Rescue Task Force (RTF) incidents in order to meet the needs of a mass casualty response.

An in-house Advanced EMT class was held for our firefighters. This voluntary program will help maintain staffing on our ambulances and increases the provider service level to the citizens of Murray City.

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 his direction, we provide ongoing medical training and nationally recognized certifications for all fire department members.

“Stronger Together” was the theme of this year’s EMS Week. A proclamation was read at City Council Meeting, and the week concluded with our annual tradition of an old-fashioned BBQ at Station 84.



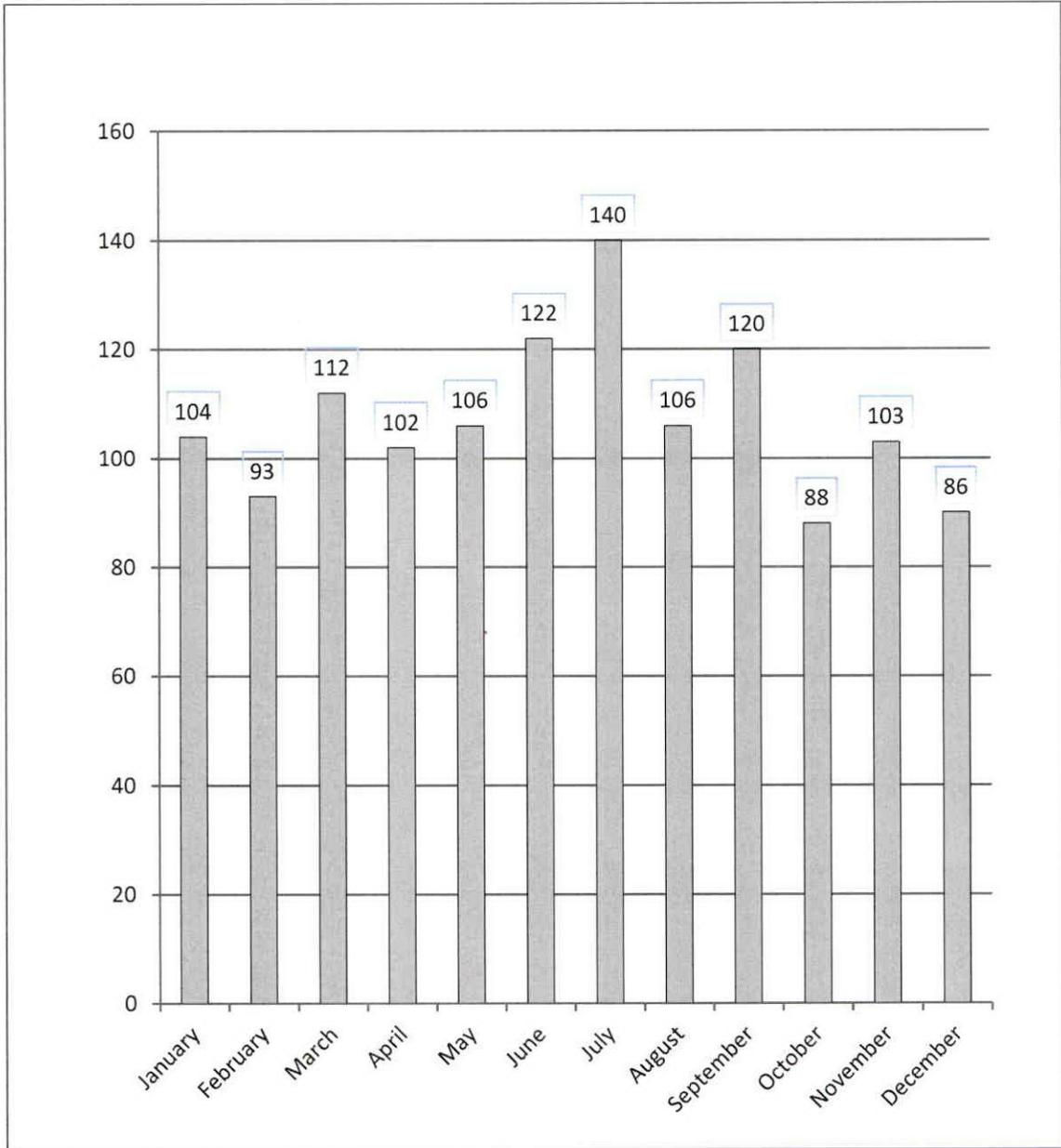
Total Medical Calls & Transports by Month

| Month | Medical Calls | Transports | Transport Percentage |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|
| January | 427 | 206 | 48 |
| February | 385 | 180 | 47 |
| March | 410 | 184 | 45 |
| April | 441 | 197 | 45 |
| May | 428 | 187 | 44 |
| June | 461 | 206 | 45 |
| July | 420 | 178 | 42 |
| August | 427 | 185 | 43 |
| September | 386 | 178 | 46 |
| October | 345 | 148 | 43 |
| November | 377 | 162 | 43 |
| December | 427 | 207 | 48 |
| Totals | 4,934 | 2,218 | 45% |

2018 Nature of Medical Call

| Description | Calls |
|---|--------------|
| Vehicle / Traffic Accident | 715 |
| Falls | 563 |
| Sick Person | 514 |
| Unconscious / Fainting / Near Fainting | 407 |
| Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior / Suicide | 389 |
| Breathing Problem | 280 |
| Unknown / Person Down | 260 |
| Seizure | 235 |
| Overdose / Poisoning | 228 |
| Chest Pain – Non Traumatic | 218 |
| Assault | 142 |
| Cardiac Arrest / Death | 115 |
| Stroke / CVA | 112 |
| Traumatic Injury | 107 |
| Hemorrhage / Laceration | 99 |
| Diabetic Problem | 71 |
| Heart Problem | 55 |
| Blood Draw – Police | 51 |
| Other (Includes Canceled Calls) | 373 |
| TOTAL | 4,934 |

2018 Fire Response by Month



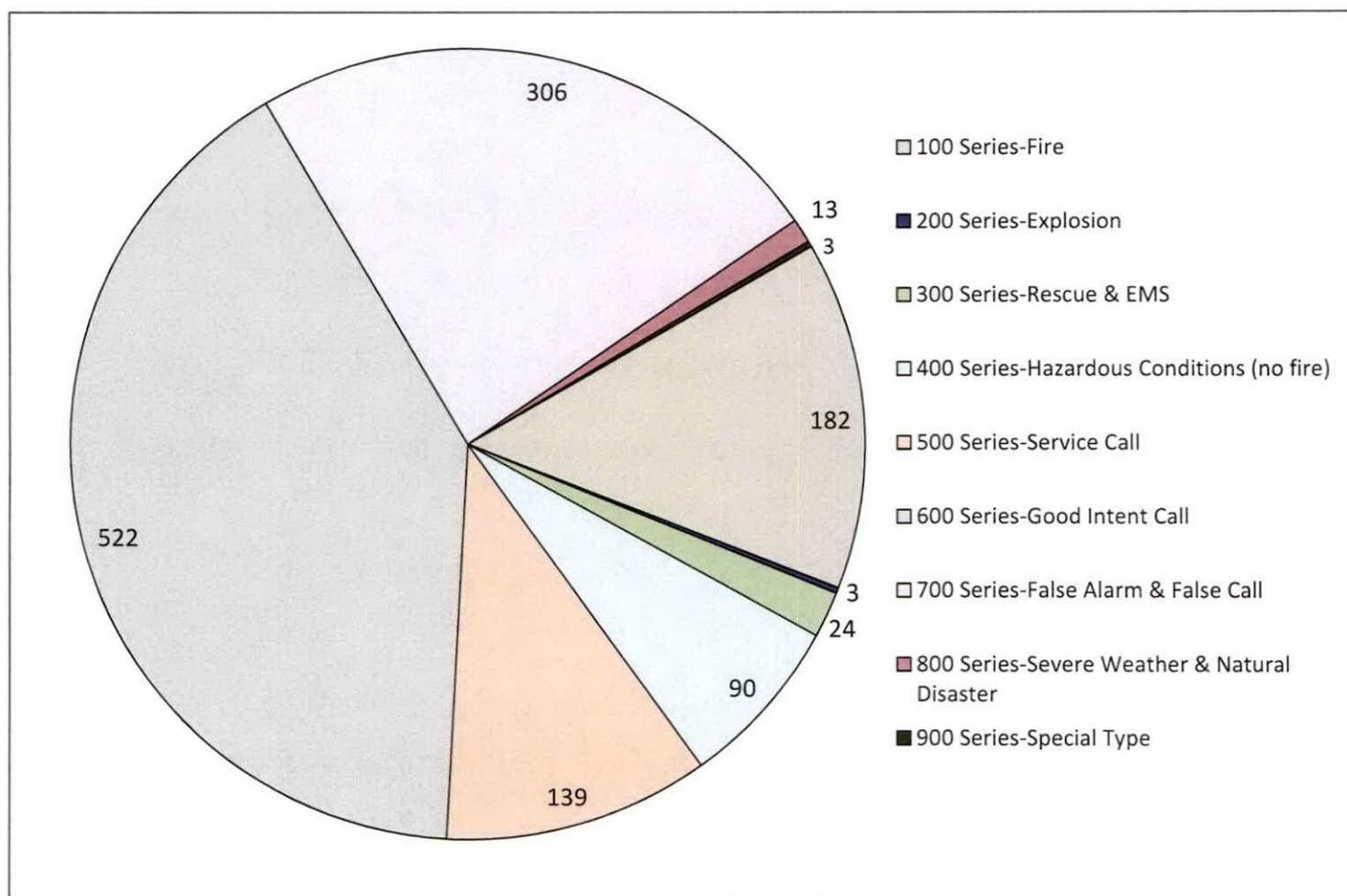
Total Fire Calls: 1,282

Fire Incidents by Type

| | Type of Incident | Total Incidents |
|-----|--|-----------------|
| 111 | Building / structure fire | 61 |
| 113 | Cooking fire, confined to container | 13 |
| 118 | Trash or rubbish fire, contained | 3 |
| 121 | Fire in mobile home – fixed residence | 1 |
| 122 | Fire in motor home, camper, recreation vehicle | 1 |
| 131 | Passenger vehicle fire | 24 |
| 132 | Road freight or transport vehicle fire | 2 |
| 137 | Camper or recreational vehicle fire | 1 |
| 142 | Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire | 19 |
| 143 | Grass fire | 26 |
| 151 | Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire | 12 |
| 154 | Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire | 14 |
| 162 | Outside equipment fire | 4 |
| 163 | Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion | 1 |
| 223 | Air or gas rupture or pressure | 1 |
| 251 | Excessive heat scorch burns with no ignition | 2 |
| 311 | Medical assist, assist EMS crew | 2 |
| 331 | Lock-in | 7 |
| 352 | Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle | 1 |
| 353 | Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator | 13 |
| 363 | Swift water rescue | 1 |
| 411 | Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill | 14 |
| 412 | Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 30 |
| 413 | Oil or other combustible liquid spill | 1 |
| 421 | Chemical hazard (no spill or leak) | 1 |
| 422 | Chemical spill or leak | 1 |
| 424 | Carbon monoxide incident | 13 |
| 441 | Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn | 2 |
| 442 | Overheated motor | 6 |
| 444 | Power line down | 12 |
| 445 | Arcing, shorted electrical equipment | 7 |

| | Type of Incident | Total Incidents |
|-----|--|-----------------|
| 461 | Building / structure weakened or collapsed | 1 |
| 463 | Vehicle accident general cleanup | 2 |
| 511 | Lock-out | 18 |
| 522 | Water or steam leak | 15 |
| 531 | Smoke or odor removal | 30 |
| 542 | Animal rescue | 2 |
| 551 | Assist police or other government agency | 17 |
| 553 | Public service | 39 |
| 554 | Assist invalid | 8 |
| 561 | Unauthorized burning | 3 |
| 571 | Cover assignment, standby, move-up | 7 |
| 611 | Dispatched and cancelled en route | 437 |
| 622 | No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 18 |
| 641 | Vicinity alarm | 1 |
| 651 | Smoke scare, odor of smoke | 44 |
| 652 | Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke | 5 |
| 653 | Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle | 6 |
| 671 | HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 9 |
| 672 | Biological hazard investigation, none found | 2 |
| 700 | False alarm or false call | 45 |
| 710 | Malicious, mischievous false alarm | 7 |
| 721 | Bomb scare – no bomb | 4 |
| 730 | System malfunction | 6 |
| 731 | Sprinkler activation due to malfunction | 2 |
| 732 | Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction | 2 |
| 733 | Smoke detector activation due to malfunction | 24 |
| 735 | Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 48 |
| 736 | CO detector activation due to malfunction | 7 |
| 740 | Unintentional transmission of alarm | 12 |
| 741 | Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional | 3 |

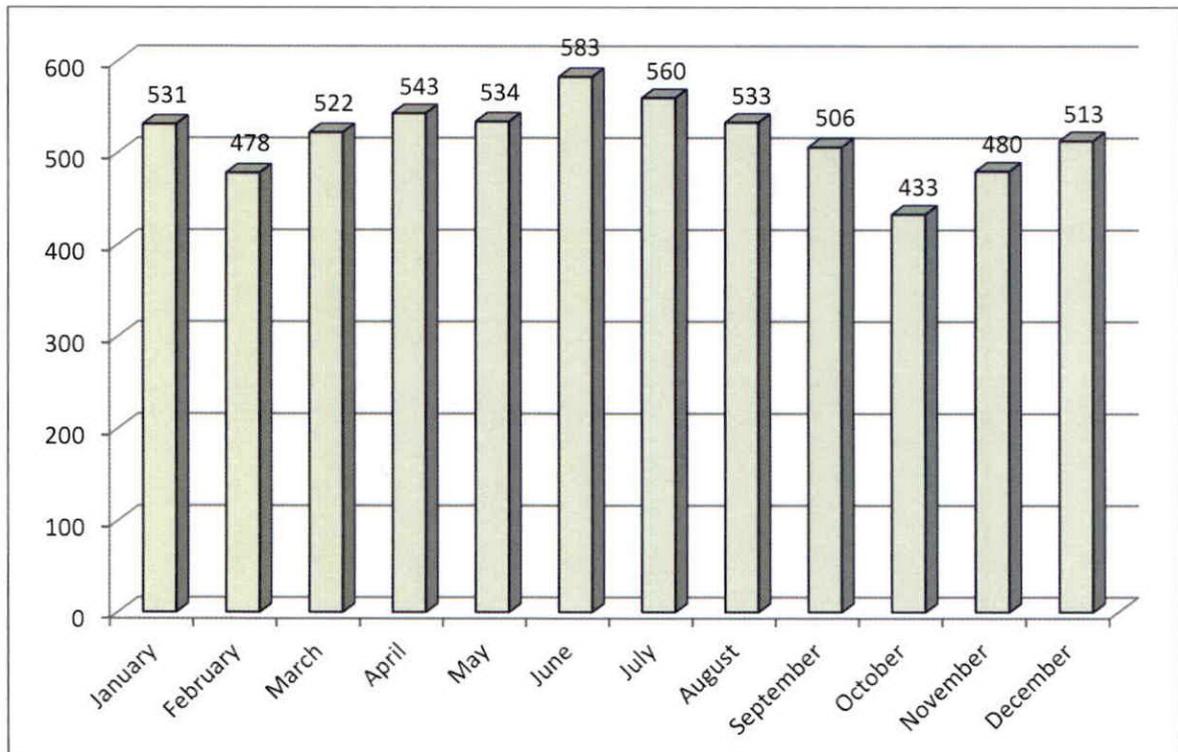
Total of Fire Incidents in Series



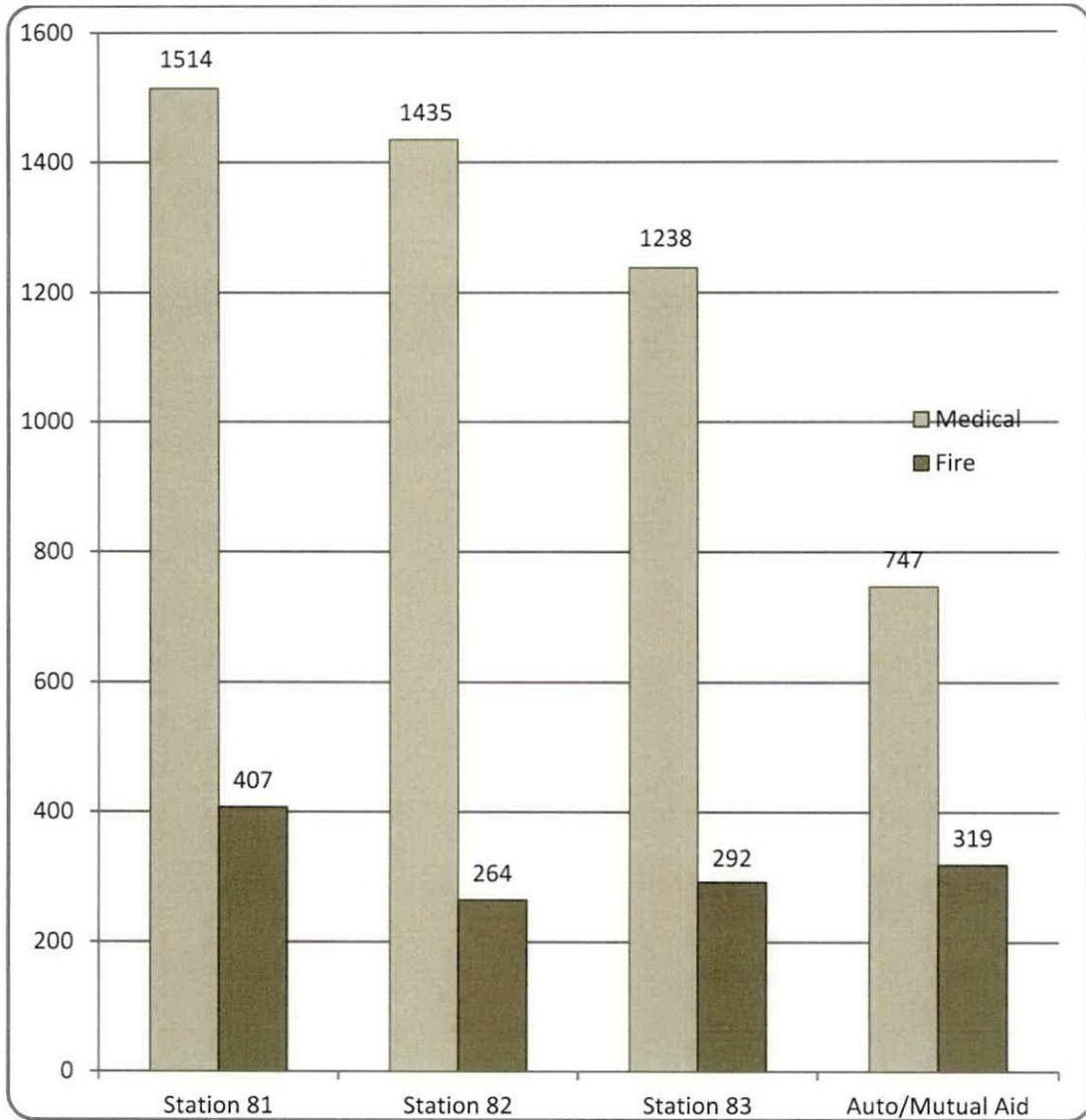
| Type of Incident | Total of Incidents |
|--|--------------------|
| 100 Series – Fire | 182 |
| 200 Series – Explosion | 3 |
| 300 Series – Rescue & EMS | 24 |
| 400 Series – Hazardous Conditions (no fire) | 90 |
| 500 Series – Service Call | 139 |
| 600 Series – Good Intent Call | 522 |
| 700 Series – False Alarm & False Call | 306 |
| 800 Series --Severe Weather & Natural Disaster | 13 |
| 900 Series – Special Type | 3 |

Total Fire & Medical Calls by Month

| Month | Total Calls |
|-----------|-------------|
| January | 531 |
| February | 478 |
| March | 522 |
| April | 543 |
| May | 534 |
| June | 583 |
| July | 560 |
| August | 533 |
| September | 506 |
| October | 433 |
| November | 480 |
| December | 513 |
| | 6,216 |



Fire and Medical Calls by Zone



Mutual/Auto Aid Calls = All Areas Combined

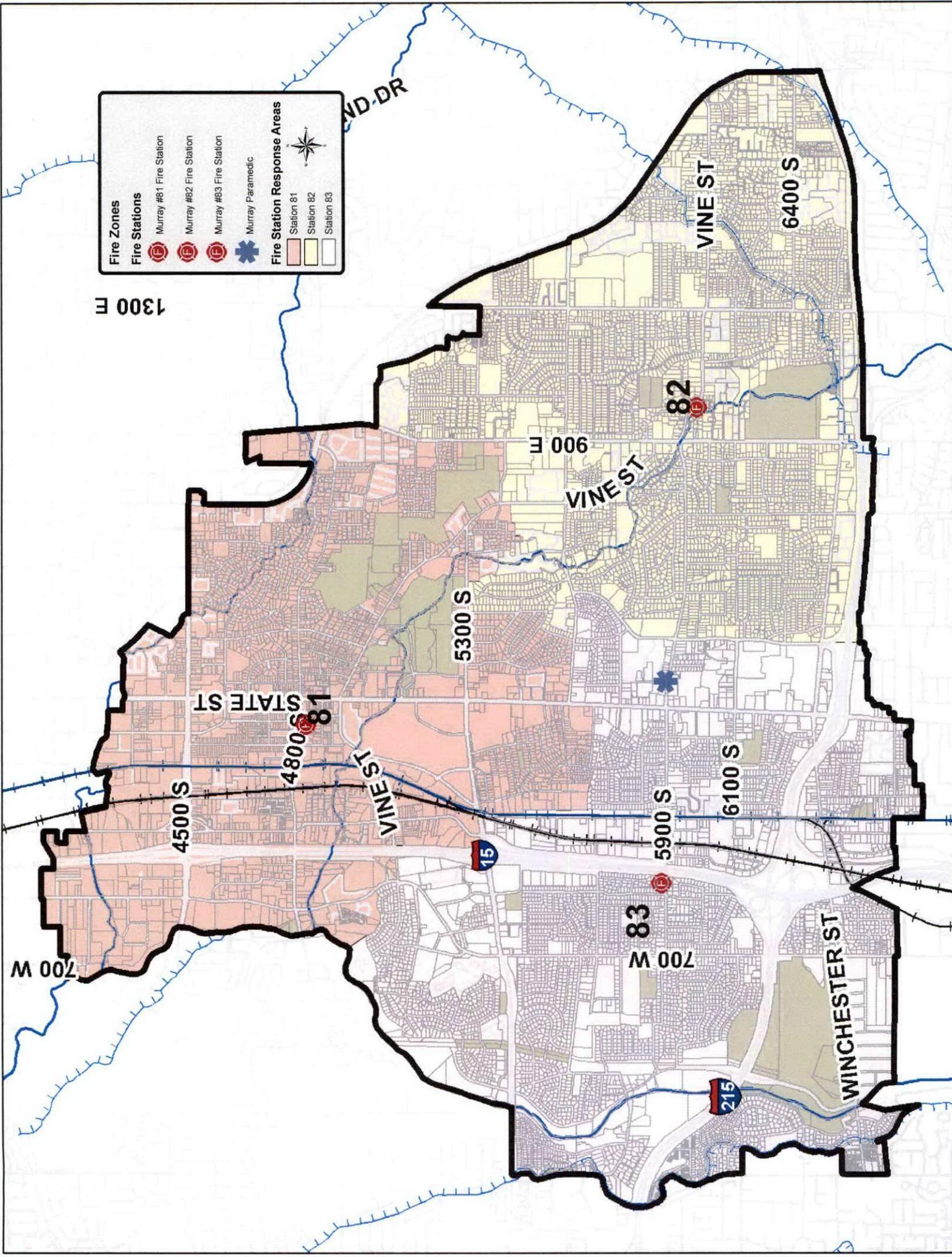
Fire Zones

Fire Stations

- Murray #81 Fire Station
- Murray #82 Fire Station
- Murray #83 Fire Station
- Murray Paramedic

Fire Station Response Areas

- Station 81
- Station 82
- Station 83



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4800 S

VINE ST

5300 S

900 E

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5900 S

6100 S

VINE ST

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700 W

WINCHESTER ST

82

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Emergency Management

Two emergency disaster drills were conducted at the Emergency Operations Center in Station 83 during the year. An Emergency Response Manual was distributed to each department to assist employees with procedures to follow in case of a disaster.

A new Amateur Radio Club was formed and is known as the “Murray Amateur Radio Club .“ The club will be working with emergency management employees to offer a backup radio communication system to be used in the event of a disaster. The amateur radio club will also serve as a communication source to our seven residential districts to transmit and receive information between Murray City and the citizenry.

Citizens are highly encouraged to get involved in the Community Emergency Response Team program. CERT courses help prepare citizens to be better prepared in the event of a disaster. Utilizing volunteers and current organizations, the emergency management division has identified many resource options to supplement the needs of our city during a disaster situation.

Communication with key personnel during a disaster has been enhanced through utilizing the Federal Wireless Priority Services Telecommunication system. This is completed through FCC regulations (GETS/WPS) and has been proven effective during hurricanes and floodings throughout the United States over the past 2 years. We have already linked over 30 priority personnel and will be adding all fire and police members to the system.

Prevention, preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery are our main objectives in the event of a disaster. Our motto is to prepare for the worst and train to provide for the best possible outcomes.



Grants

The Murray City Fire Department continues to receive grant assistance from the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Funds are based on per capita allocations. The Fire Department was awarded \$3,706 in per capita funds this year and was utilized for medical training equipment.

We continue to receive grant assistance from the State Homeland Security Performance (SHSP) Grant Program. This program provides Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to Salt Lake County and entities within the County. The program is through the State of Utah and administered by Salt Lake County. This source of funds continues to diminish. The final award for this year is estimated to be \$15,843. This money will be used to purchase additional protective equipment for rescue task force (RTF) operations.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) was applied for and received in the amount of \$11,000 to offset the salary for the emergency manager. No Competitive Grant funds were received this year.



Deployments

Ukiah, California

August 2 – 17, 2018 – Our wildland engine with a crew of three were deployed to the Mendocino Complex fire near Ukiah, California. Murray Engine-683 was assigned to Task Force-2, with Draper City Battalion Chief Matt Burchett as Task Force Leader. Each of the 24-hour shifts on "Charlie Division" included back-fire operations, to burn and hold check lines made by bull-dozers and hand tools. This was the same division we were assigned to on the operational period of August 13, where the fire-line accident occurred that resulted in the "Line of Duty Death" of our Task Force Leader, Matt Burchett.

Central Utah

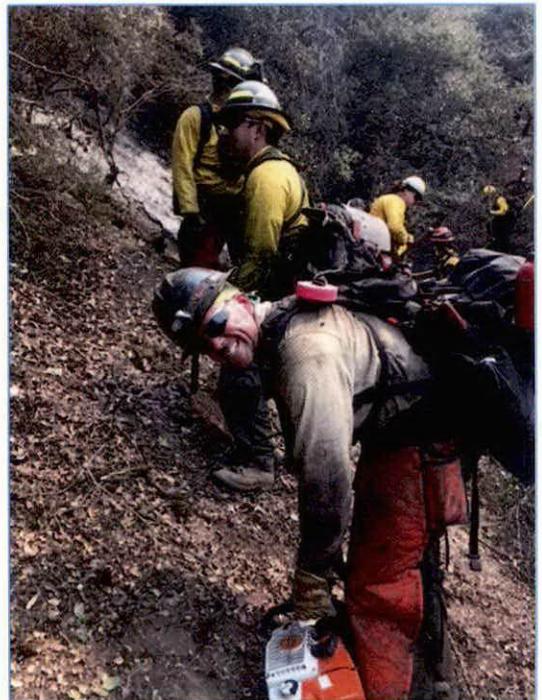
September 16 - 19, 2018 – Three firefighters responded in our Aux 83, Type 6 Wildland Engine to the Pole Creek fire in central Utah. The initial request of 48 hours was extended to 72 hours for firefighters to provide structural protection, and sawyer work on the fire line.

Sept 18 – Oct 1, 2018 – A second request was made for a paramedic ambulance. This was for EMS response for any such needs at the fire. Two paramedics in our reserve ambulance were sent as EMS standby, treatment and transports, and were based at the north end.

Los Angeles, California

November 11 – 19, 2018 – Four firefighters, in our 2005 Reserve Engine, left on Sunday, November 11th, to help fight the Woolsey Fire in California, located on the border of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. They were assigned as Task Force 2, one of four Task Forces from Utah. The crew was assigned to backfill and fight brush fires. The crew assisted with fire suppression and resource protection in Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley including the historic Corriganville, movie ranch where movies and television shows were filmed with stars such as Roy Rogers, John Wayne and Gene Autry. This fire ultimately resulted in 96,949 acres burned, including 1500 structures and the loss of three civilian lives.





Community Involvement

One of the important aspects of being a firefighter is community involvement. Public service is a way of life for firefighters. In addition to providing station tours and educating the public on fire safety and how to protect their home, business, or family in the event of a fire or other catastrophe, they regularly get involved in charitable events, both on and off duty.

A few of the charities firefighters participated in this year were the annual U of U Burn Center Chili Cook-Off, IHOP Pancake Eating Contest for Children's Network, Fight Against Cancer-Relay for Life, Angel's Hands Motorcycle Ride, and Operation Santa.

Major annual events included the following:

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation – Golf Tournament



The 11th Annual Wasatch Front Golf Tournament was held at Talons Cove Golf Club in Saratoga Springs on Friday, June 29th, raising close to \$24,000. Our tournament consistently ranks in the top 5 for funds raised. The mission of the NFFF is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes, provide resources to assist survivors and work to reduce firefighter deaths.



July 4th - Fun Days

Murray's "Fun Days" event was established in 1958 and has become a longstanding 4th of July tradition. A family day with a host of events in and around Murray Park, firefighters participate in various activities throughout the day. In addition to the parade, water activities, and fireworks, firefighters are on hand to attend to medical emergencies.



Fire/Police Health & Safety Fair

The annual Police & Fire Health/Safety Fair was held Monday, August 13th from 6 – 9:00 p.m. at Murray Park. This event is free to the public and fun for the entire family. The evening included police and fire demonstrations, public safety exhibits, entertainment, food and games.



MDA "Fill the Boot"

The MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign has been a strong firefighter tradition. Funds raised go toward lifesaving research and for the benefit of those with neuromuscular disease. Firefighters know that what they do truly makes a difference in the lives of so many. This year Murray Fire Department collected \$21,258.20 for this organization.

Station 81 - Groundbreaking

In what is to be the first of many new developments in downtown Murray, the city broke ground for a new fire station on Oct. 16. Station 81 will move to the corner of 4800 South and Box Elder Street.

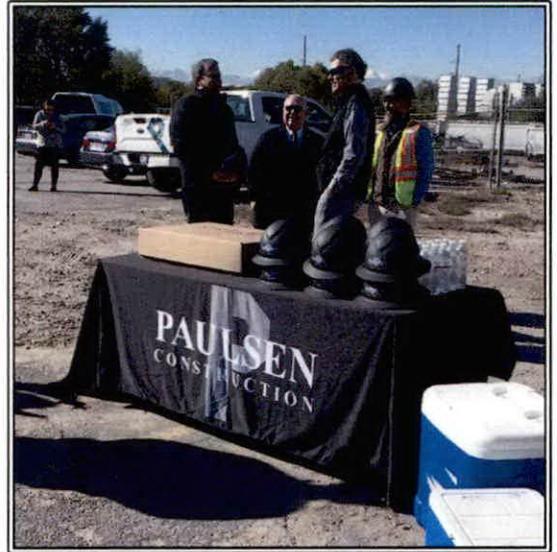
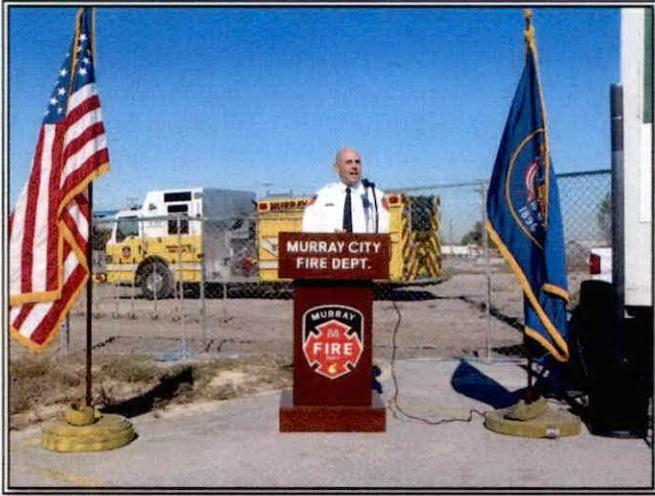
The city's plan to extend Hanauer Street, places the current fire station's property in the middle of the planned roadway.

A significant improvement with the new facility is the ability to run several different companies out of the same building. Murray Fire Department will be able to run a fire engine, two ambulances, and a battalion chief all out of this station. The station will also be set up to send alert tones to wake up only the personnel who need to respond.

This station will have an onsite training ground that will keep Murray Fire crews in their response area during training. This allows the crews to train while still being able to respond on calls.

The fire station will be built with a higher price tag than originally planned, as steel and labor costs have skyrocketed since the original estimate. City planners had estimated the station would cost \$5.5 million, but bids came in approximately \$833,000 over the budgeted amount—just for construction. The contract was ultimately awarded to Paulsen Construction.





House Fire Claims Two Lives

At 7:29 a.m. firefighters responded to a house fire at 5729 South 700 West. When firefighters arrived the house was fully engulfed in flames.

A woman and her adult brother were outside the home, but the woman's 7-year-old daughter and mother were tragically unable to escape.

Following the investigation, the fire was determined to be accidental and caused by electrical overload and resistance heating.

