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UFA Modifies Staffing Levels & Implements Efficiency Changes Effective July 1, 2017

With a number of changes taking place within the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) over the past year, newly appointed Chief, Dan Petersen, has taken the opportunity to review the organization's staffing and response configuration for each of their service areas.

The statistics were analyzed by an internal committee with collaboration from respective local elected officials as well as neighboring fire departments. Consequently, there were two particular stations where the UFA was not serving the public as effectively as it could. It was identified that Station 120 in Riverton City and Station 107 in Kearns Township be closed with their personnel reallocated. Each were underutilized in the current model. The future use of these two UFA fire station properties will be decided by the UFA and UFSA Boards. It is anticipated that each station's use will be repurposed to benefit the entire organization.

Fire Station 120 in Riverton is located at 13000 S. 2700 W. and averages less than one emergency call per day. The station is flanked on both sides by other UFA/Riverton City fire stations that can provide the four-minute travel time objective for this area from their respective locations. The decision has been made to close this station and reallocate its three firefighters per day to the adjacent Riverton City fire station 121.

"The result of these changes is not the loss of a fire station, it is about the ultimate improvement of "in-service" capability through strategic staffing increases and improved procedures that allow UFA to respond faster and more efficiently to more emergencies each day."

~Sheldon Stewart-UFA Board Chairman, Riverton City Councilmember

Fire Station 107 which services Southwestern Kearns Township is located at 6305 S. 5600 W. West Jordan City annexed nearly 1,000 acres of unincorporated Kearns back in 1999. This station now physically sits within West Jordan City limits and services areas of both West Jordan and West Valley City more than Kearns Metro Township. Over 60% of this station's call volume were for calls outside the UFA jurisdiction. The decision has been made to close this station and reallocate its three firefighters per day to other areas of the UFA's west side. Areas of SW Kearns will now be serviced by Station 109 which is also located in Kearns at 4415 W. 5400 S.

"After careful consideration of the closing of Station 107 and measuring all mitigating factors, we as a community will benefit in closing this station and allowing for staffing increases to our other stations. This move enhances the UFA's capabilities through strategic staffing and improved procedures."

~Kelly Bush- Kearns Metro Township Councilmember, UFA Board Member

Beginning July 1, 2017 the UFA will operate 24 engines and trucks, 18 of which are four handed Advanced Life Support (ALS) units with two paramedics on each rig. There will be 10 ambulances with two EMT's on each that cover the UFA response areas. The public can be assured that there will be continuous monitoring and re-evaluation to ensure that we have achieved the desired effect and that we consistently meet the needs of the public we serve.

Thank you for your consideration. For questions or comments please call or email.

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