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SOUTH JORDAN CITY
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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2025 MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



CHRIS DAWSON
FIRE CHIEF

Thank you for reviewing the South Jordan Fire Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report highlights our work over the past year and reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality, dependable service to the community we serve.

As South Jordan continues to grow, the Fire Department is evolving to meet the needs of a larger and more complex city. Through thoughtful planning and strategic decision-making, we are working to ensure our operations, staffing, and resources keep pace with current demands while positioning the department for the future—all while maintaining the level of service our residents expect and deserve.

Throughout 2025, the Department focused on strengthening key operational capabilities that directly support public safety. A significant achievement occurred within our Special Operations Programs, which included the deployment of a new Heavy Rescue Engine at Station 64. This apparatus replaced a traditional fire engine and a standalone heavy rescue vehicle by combining both functions into a single unit. Unique within the State of Utah, this innovative approach improves efficiency, reduces vehicle procurement and maintenance costs, and ensures the assigned crew remains available for fire, EMS, and technical rescue responses at all times.

We also continued to invest in specialized training and equipment to address the increasing complexity of emergency incidents. Our hazardous materials response capabilities were enhanced, and our technical rescue program expanded to better support confined space, trench, rope rescue, water rescue, and vehicle extrication incidents. In addition, we continued to advance our Critical Care Paramedic Program, providing exceptional, high-level medical care to the community.

The South Jordan Fire Department remains committed to continuous improvement. By embracing new technologies and industry best practices, we are strengthening our readiness to respond to fire, medical, hazardous materials, technical rescue, and environmental incidents in a safe and effective manner.

None of this progress would be possible without the dedicated men and women of this department. Their professionalism, compassion, and commitment to excellence define who we are as an organization. I am proud to serve alongside such a skilled and motivated team, and I am grateful for the work they do each day on behalf of this community.

It is an honor to serve as your Fire Chief. We value our connection with the community and appreciate the trust placed in us. We remain committed to being engaged, accessible, and ready to serve whenever needed.

With appreciation,

Chris Dawson
Fire Chief, South Jordan Fire Department



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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

As an all-hazards emergency response agency, the South Jordan Fire Department is committed to providing exceptional service to our community. Our professional firefighters operate from four strategically located fire stations throughout the city, ensuring rapid and effective response coverage.

South Jordan firefighters respond to a wide range of incidents and perform many critical functions, including fire suppression, advanced emergency medical care, ambulance transport, hazardous materials response, technical rescue operations, fire prevention, and community education.

The Operations Division is led by one Deputy Chief, two Division Chiefs, and three Battalion Chiefs who provide daily oversight for more than 95 sworn personnel. Together, they serve a population of approximately 90,000 residents across 26 square miles. South Jordan City is located in the rapidly growing southwest area of the Salt Lake Valley.

Each day, the South Jordan Fire Department maintains the following staffed response resources:

- 1 Operations Battalion Chief
- 4 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Fire Ambulances
- 1 Single-Role Paramedic ALS Ambulance
- 1 Tractor-Drawn Aerial (Ladder Truck)
- 1 Heavy Rescue Engine
- 1 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Engine
- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Type 3 Wildland Engine
- 1 Type 6 Wildland Engine
- Various support vehicles and specialty trailers



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FIRE STATIONS



STATION 61

10758 SOUTH REDWOOD ROAD



STATION 62

4022 WEST SOUTH JORDAN PARKWAY



STATION 63

10451 SOUTH 1055 WEST



STATION 64

5443 WEST LAKE AVENUE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF



CHRIS DAWSON
FIRE CHIEF



RYAN LESSNER
DEPUTY CHIEF



JON STONE
BATTALION CHIEF A PLATOON



RYAN RAY
BATTALION CHIEF B PLATOON



CLAYTON MILLER
BATTALION CHIEF C PLATOON



LAURA EARLEY
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



MICHAEL RICHARDS
MEDICAL DIVISION CHIEF



DAVID LEE
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION CHIEF



STEVE STENQUIST
TRAINING CAPTAIN



SETH DREW
TRAINING CAPTAIN



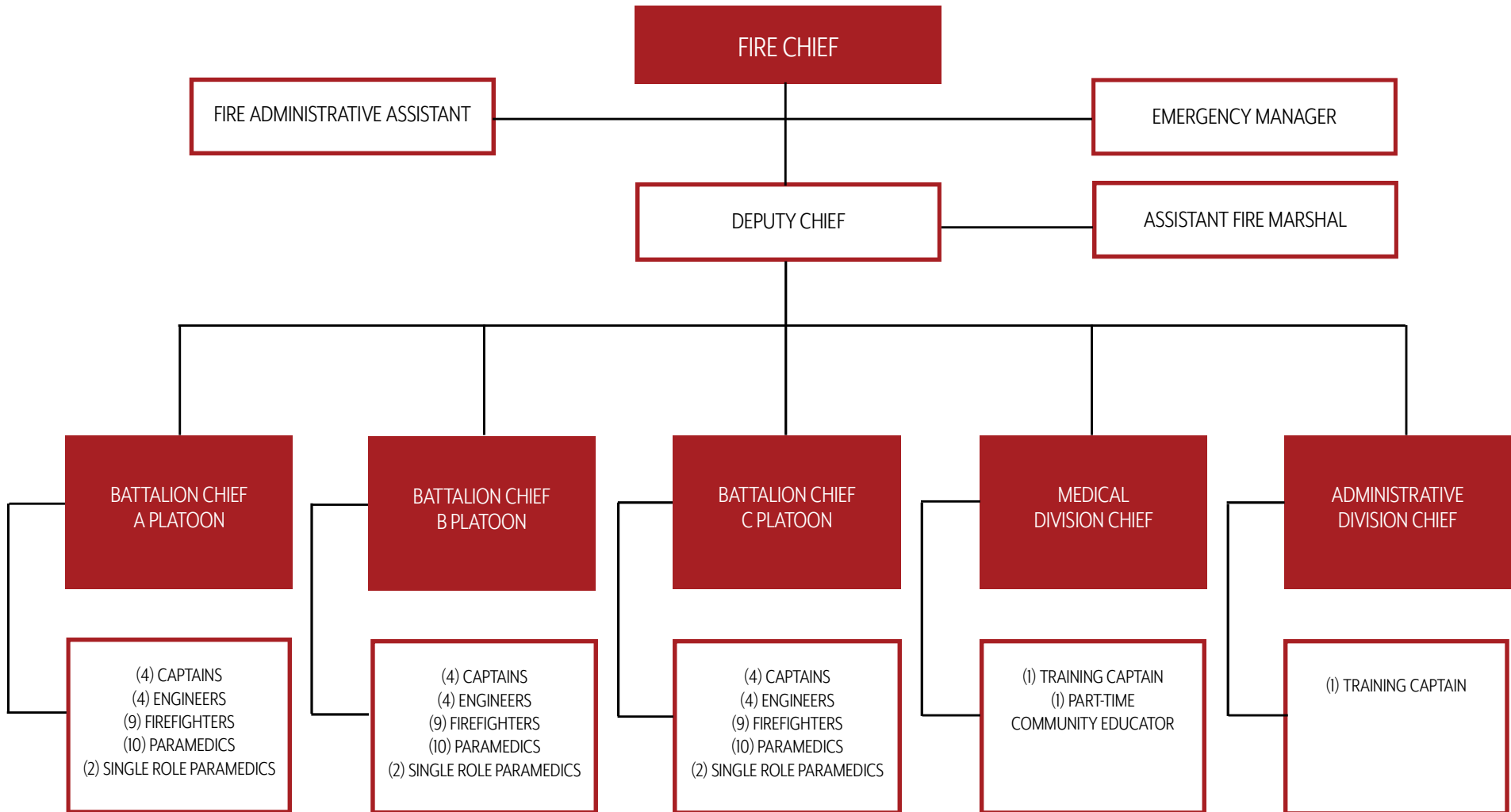
RUSS AVERY
ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL



AARON SAINSBURY
EMERGENCY MANAGER

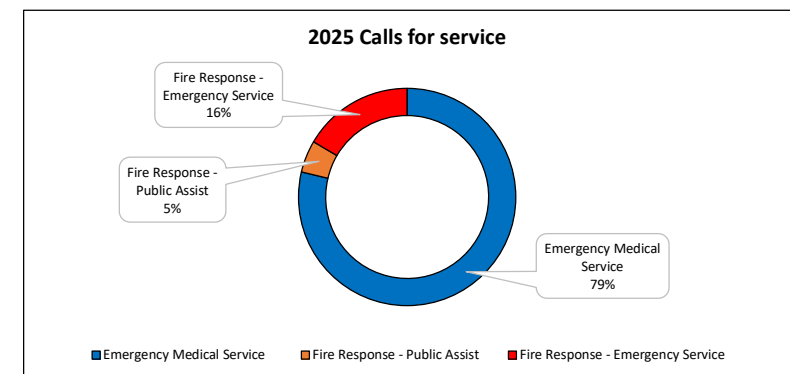
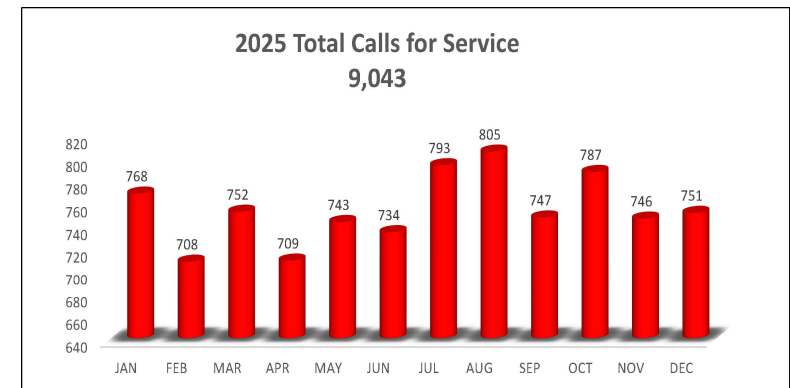
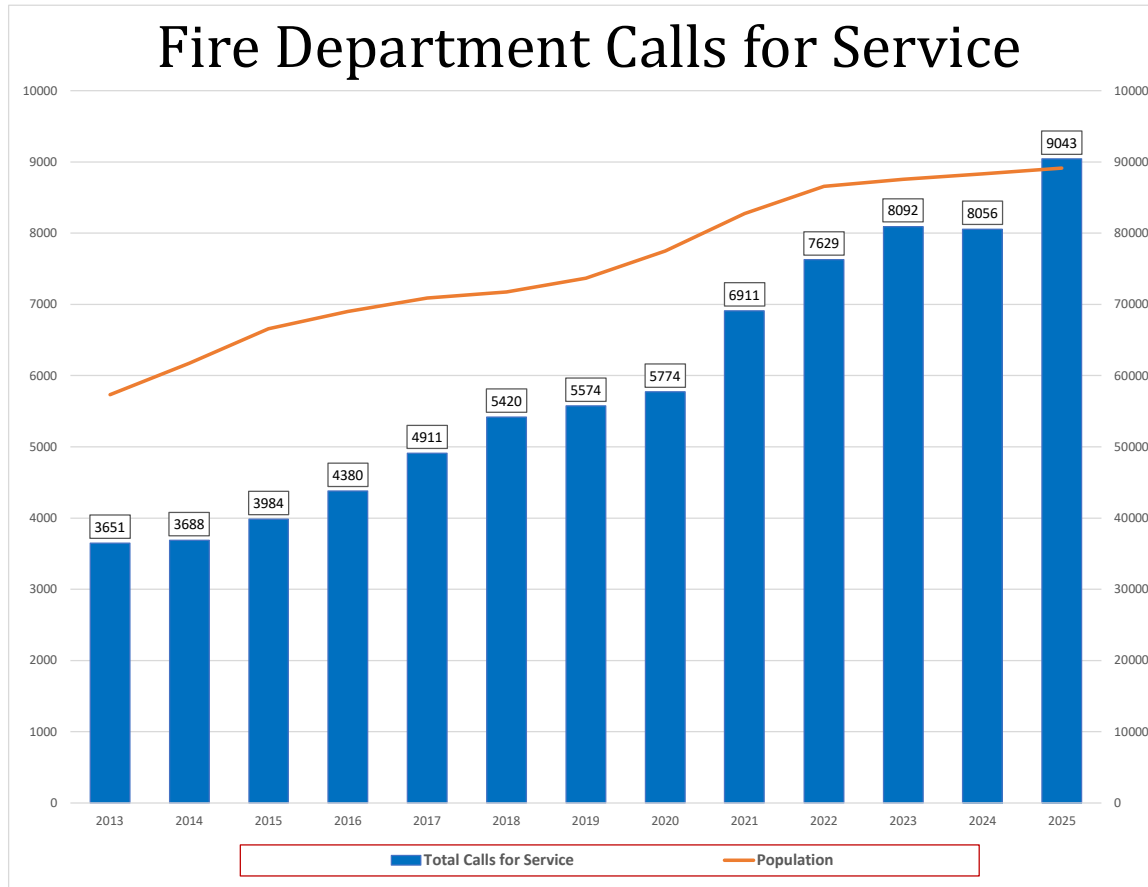
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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RESPONSE DATA

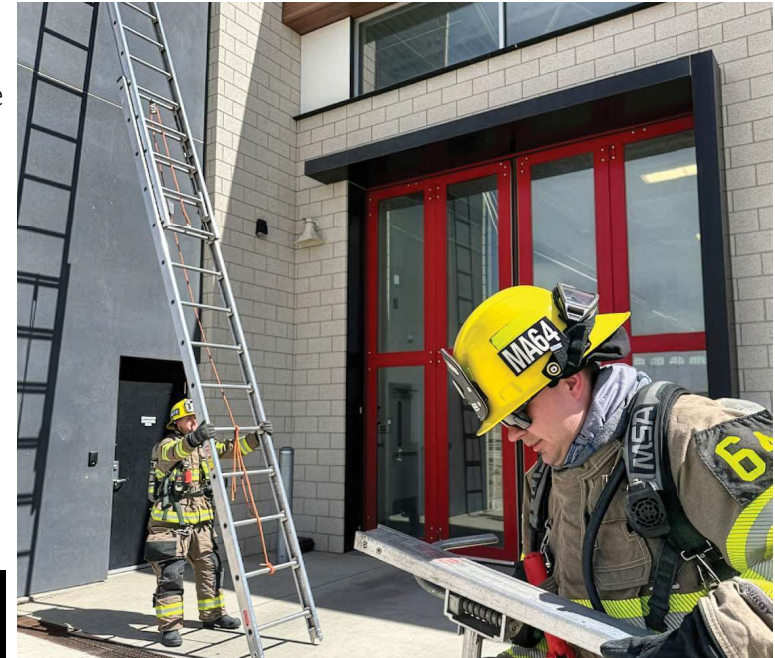
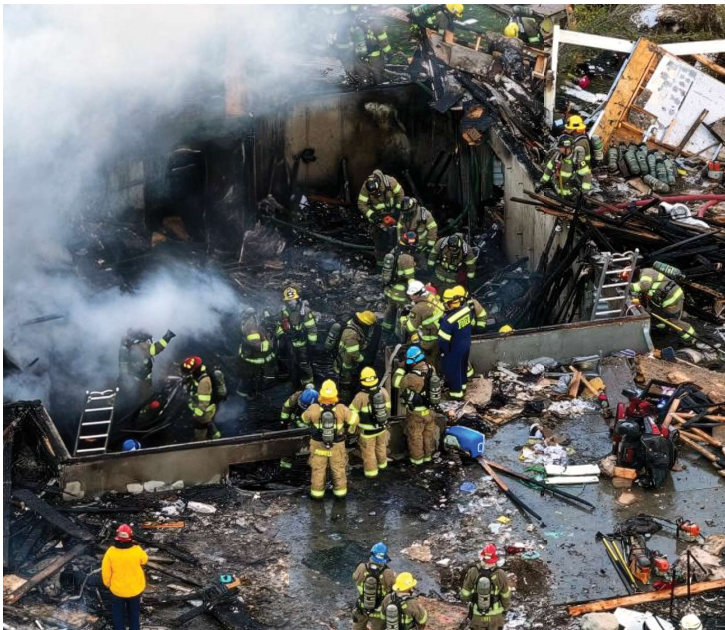


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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Our 2025 Annual Report highlights key achievements across a range of specialties. With the continued support of City Administration and our elected officials, we have bolstered our response capabilities in fire suppression, advanced medical care, hazardous materials response, and technical rescue. A significant milestone this year was the arrival of a new Heavy Rescue engine at Station 64. This versatile unit consolidates traditional fire engine operations with high-level technical rescue tools, creating a more efficient response platform. Additionally, to keep pace with the increased demand for emergency medical services, we placed two new Paramedic Ambulances into service. Our Emergency Manager also continues to enhance citywide infrastructure to ensure interoperability during large-scale disasters. Recent improvements include upgrading critical communication networks and installing a weather monitoring station for real-time environmental data.

The South Jordan Fire Department is committed to providing outstanding service while meeting the evolving needs of our community. We pride ourselves on delivering superior public safety through a culture of forward-thinking strategies and continuous professional development. As our city's landscape shifts, we prioritize the advancement of our personnel to ensure we are prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.



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In Memoriam: Senior Firefighter Corban Summers

The South Jordan Fire Department suffered a profound loss with the passing of Senior Firefighter Corban Summers, who died in the line of duty as the result of a medical event on April 21, 2025. Corban's death deeply impacted our department, our partner agencies, and the community he served with pride.

Corban was widely known for his quick wit, spontaneous sense of humor, and contagious positivity. His humor—often delivered at just the right moment—kept morale high and, at times, kept his supervisors on their toes. Beneath that sharp sense of humor was a firefighter who cared deeply about his coworkers, his profession, and the people he served. Corban had a remarkable ability to connect with others, and he consistently delivered exceptional customer service with professionalism, compassion, and authenticity.

Corban was also a dedicated mentor and teammate. He worked hard, maintained a positive attitude, and was always willing to help—whether that meant supporting a fellow firefighter, guiding a newer member of the department, or stepping forward when something needed to be done. His presence made those around him better, and his absence is felt across every level of the organization.

In recognition of the lasting impact Corban had on this department, he was posthumously named the South Jordan Fire Department's **2025 Firefighter of the Year**. In addition, the Department has established the **Corban Summers Award**, which will be presented annually to members who exemplify the qualities Corban embodied: a positive attitude, strong work ethic, a willing spirit to help at all times, and a genuine connection with others. This award ensures that Corban's legacy will continue to inspire our department for years to come.

We are deeply grateful to the members of the South Jordan Fire Department and the many surrounding agencies who came together to honor Corban during the memorial services held on April 25–26, 2025. The professionalism, unity, and support displayed during these services provided a fitting and honorable tribute, and ensured Corban received the meaningful send-off he deserved.

Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Corban's wife, children, and family. Our thoughts remain with them as they navigate this profound loss. Corban's legacy lives on through the lives he touched, the friendships he built, and the example he set as a firefighter, mentor, and friend.

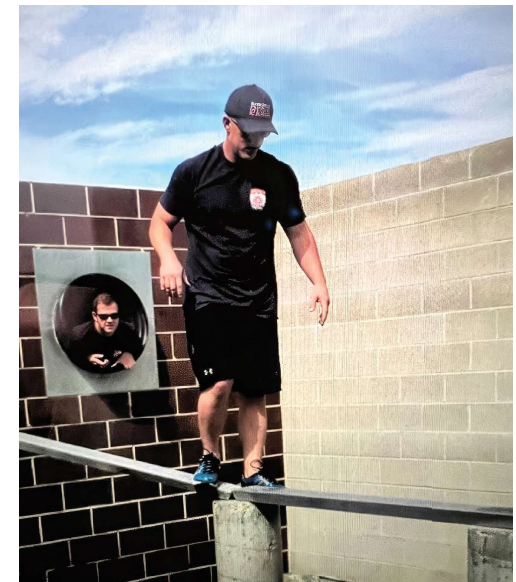
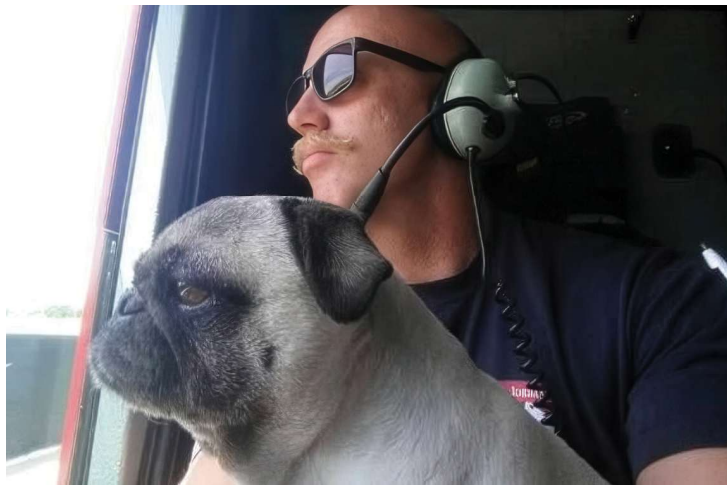
Corban will always be remembered, honored, and deeply missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CORBAN SUMMERS



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FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - CORBAN SUMMERS



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2025 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

PROMOTIONS

ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL RUSS AVERY
CAPTAIN SETH DREW
CAPTAIN LAURA REESE

NEW EMPLOYEES

FIREFIGHTER WILLY DINKEL
FIREFIGHTER IAN MOSS
PARAMEDIC BARCLAY BEVERIDGE
FIREFIGHTER DREW SORENSEN
FIREFIGHTER STEPHANIE OGUAY
FIREFIGHTER NICHOLAS PARKER
FIREFIGHTER AELIAS MCHAM



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Fire Captains serve a vital leadership role within our organization. They oversee daily operations, lead emergency incident responses, and support the growth and development of personnel — all of which directly contribute to the safety of our members and our community. Because of the importance of this position, the department conducts a fair, structured, and comprehensive Captain promotional process each year.

In May 2025, the department completed its annual Captain promotional assessment — a rigorous two-day process consisting of five evaluated components. The Tactical Assessment required candidates to manage a simulated three-story residential fire with heavy smoke and fire conditions, along with a simulated firefighter injury, requiring candidates to address multiple operational priorities simultaneously. The Conflict Resolution Assessment evaluated each candidate's ability to investigate and resolve a workplace personnel conflict. During the Presentation Assessment, candidates developed and presented practical staffing solutions related to personnel promotions and hiring needs associated with the opening of Fire Station 65. The Interview component evaluated leadership readiness, ethical decision-making, and problem-solving ability. The process concluded with an In-Box Assessment that measured administrative judgment, prioritization, communication skills, and professional decision-making under time constraints. Together, these assessment components help ensure that future Captains are well prepared to lead their crews and support the continued success of the department.

Our department's greatest strength is our people. Ongoing professional development at every rank strengthens current leadership and prepares the organization for future challenges. Leadership and Driver Development remain key focus areas, and South Jordan Fire Department continues to expand training opportunities through both internal programs and external partners. We regularly host outside instructors and specialty courses to reinforce our commitment to continuous improvement and operational excellence.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Training Division

The South Jordan Fire Department Training Division is dedicated to ensuring the safety, competency, and operational readiness of all personnel in order to effectively protect the community. The division oversees in-service and continuing education, recruit academy training, special operations training, officer and mentorship development, safety and wellness programs, and compliance and training record management.

The Training Division also participates in the Salt Lake Valley Training Alliance, which promotes regional coordination, consistency, and interagency collaboration among fire service agencies throughout Salt Lake County.

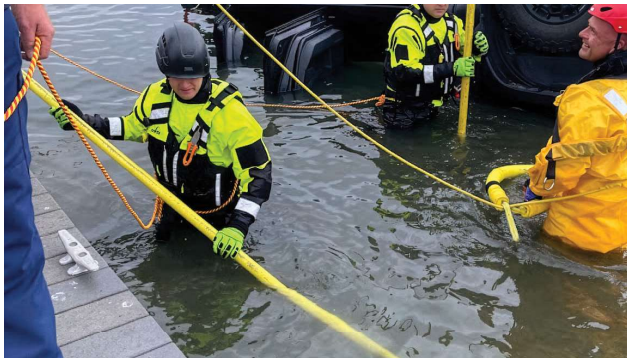
Key training focus areas include:

Fire Training

As building materials, construction methods, and fire behavior continue to evolve, ongoing fire training ensures our personnel remain proactive and aligned with current industry standards. Training emphasizes modern fire science, updated tactical strategies, and evidence-based operational practices rather than outdated methods. This approach develops professionals who are not only committed to service but are also highly prepared to manage emergencies with precision, speed, and effectiveness.

In 2025, department members participated in a wide range of specialized fire training initiatives. Crews took part in monthly “Live Fire Tuesday” training events, conducting hands-on, scenario-based exercises alongside partner agencies across the Salt Lake Valley. These joint exercises strengthen interagency coordination and operational consistency. Many personnel also expanded their professional qualifications by completing advanced coursework and earning additional certifications, further strengthening departmental capability.

To address increasing construction density and building complexity on the west side of the city, crews completed targeted training focused on mid-rise structures, large multi-occupancy residential buildings, and response considerations at the new Ballpark at America First Square.



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TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

2025 TRAINING HOURS

15,145 HOURS

4,355 HOURS FIRE TRAINING

2,600 HOURS MEDICAL TRAINING

3,015 HOURS APPARATUS DRIVER TRAINING

4,545 HOURS SPECIALTY TRAINING

630 HOURS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Special Operations Training

As South Jordan City continues to grow, so does the demand for firefighters with advanced specialty skills capable of managing complex, high-acuity incidents. To meet this evolving need, the department prioritizes specialized training that builds upon core Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) competencies. Specialty training areas include rope rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, water rescue, ice rescue, heavy vehicle extrication, structural collapse response, hazardous materials response, and wildland-urban interface (WUI) firefighting.

During the past year, firefighters completed several significant specialized training initiatives that strengthened the department’s technical response capabilities. In preparation for the deployment of a new specialized Heavy Rescue Engine, members of the Technical Rescue Team completed intensive Technician-level Confined Space Rescue certification training, adding advanced capability for managing complex entrapment incidents. Members of the Hazardous Materials Team also completed Technician-level Hazardous Materials Response certification, ensuring a high level of proficiency in mitigating chemical and environmental hazards.

Personnel also participated in advanced wildland firefighting training, including specialized Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) strategy and tactics. Some of these trained members were subsequently deployed to assist with multiple large-scale wildfires across Utah and neighboring states, demonstrating strong regional response capability and interagency support.

Safe Driver Training

Vehicle operations safety and driving discipline remain critical priorities for the department. All personnel complete a minimum of 24 hours of annual emergency vehicle operations training. Additional focused training hours are provided for members qualifying on new apparatus, preparing for promotional requirements, and conducting response-area hazard familiarization.

Department members also complete specialized training through the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program. This instruction emphasizes best practices for operating safely and effectively at roadway incidents, reducing risk to responders and the traveling public.



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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Fire Investigations

In 2025, the South Jordan Fire Department added three investigators to the Investigations Division, expanding overall investigative capacity. Two investigators completed an intensive two-week investigation course sponsored by the Salt Lake Valley Metro Investigations Group and hosted by Salt Lake City Fire Department. In addition, four South Jordan Fire Department investigators successfully completed the annual investigator conference and certification testing conducted by the Utah Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

South Jordan Fire Department remains an active member of the Salt Lake Valley Metro Arson Group, which includes representatives from fire agencies throughout the valley. This partnership strengthens interagency coordination and supports collaboration with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), allowing access to additional federal resources. Through this cooperative network, South Jordan Fire Department investigators also assist with investigations in neighboring jurisdictions when requested.

Urban Search and Rescue

South Jordan Fire Department continues active participation in Utah Task Force One (UT-TFI), with seven department members assigned to the team. UT-TFI is one of 28 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams nationwide, trained to respond to large-scale natural and man-made disasters involving structural collapse, confined space, high-angle, water, and wide-area search operations.

During 2025, South Jordan Fire Department task force members completed more than 200 hours of specialized training, much of which was volunteered time. Training included advanced out-of-state exercises at the Disaster City training center in Texas, focusing on large-scale collapse scenarios and earthquake response conditions, as well as multiple local training events covering structural collapse, high-angle rescue, confined space rescue, and water operations.

UT-TFI members from South Jordan Fire Department were also deployed to Ruidoso, New Mexico to support search and rescue operations following severe flooding and remained in place to assist with additional storm related flooding threats.

Fire Prevention

During Fire Prevention Week 2025, the South Jordan Fire Department provided fire safety education to approximately 1,100 elementary-age students. Throughout the year, personnel also conducted numerous station tours and community education visits for scout groups, church groups, and other local organizations, including instruction on fire extinguisher use and training for merit badge requirements.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

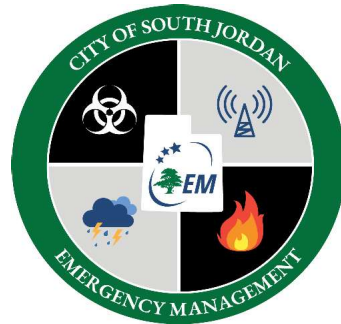
The City continues to strengthen public safety and community resilience through ongoing investments in emergency preparedness and coordination. Recent accomplishments include upgrades to the emergency communications network, installation of a new weather monitoring station to enhance real-time situational awareness, and expanded community preparedness education and outreach programs.

All planned events and emergency operations are managed using nationally recognized incident management systems to ensure effective coordination and response. The City also completed an update to its Hazard Mitigation Plan, identifying current risks and strategies to reduce future impacts. These efforts are supported by strong partnerships with neighboring communities, Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, and federal agencies to ensure a coordinated regional approach to protecting the whole community – including residents, businesses, and visitors.

Emergency Management and the Fire Department regularly train with community and regional partners to strengthen readiness and coordination. During the year, multiple tabletop exercises and a functional operations-based exercise were conducted in partnership with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), testing plans, communications, and multi-agency decision-making. These exercises included participation from local, regional, and state partners, as well as the Civil Support Team (CST), whose specialized capabilities and operational experience added significant value to overall preparedness.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Critical Care Paramedic Program

The South Jordan Fire Department remains committed to advancing emergency medical care for our community. In 2025, the department's six Critical Care Paramedics significantly expanded prehospital capabilities. They completed protocol development and training requirements for Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) and received approval from the State Medical Director and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. South Jordan Fire Department is now the only ground ambulance service in Utah authorized to perform prehospital POCUS.

Critical Care Paramedics also completed training and began carrying additional advanced medications — including ipratropium, calcium, magnesium, and norepinephrine — further enhancing treatment options in the field. Work is underway to obtain variances that would allow on-scene blood testing during medical emergencies. Upon approval, this would represent another first for a ground ambulance service in Utah.

To maintain a high standard of clinical proficiency, Critical Care Paramedics participate in hospital emergency department and operating room rotations, working alongside physicians and clinical specialists. They also provide department-wide training on advanced equipment and medications introduced this year, including the Hamilton T1 ventilator. Their leadership and instruction continue to elevate the level of care delivered during respiratory, cardiac, and other critical emergencies.

Single-Role Paramedic Program

The department continues to see strong results from its Single-Role Paramedic Program, launched in 2023. These six paramedics provide dedicated medical response and have become valuable contributors to both patient care and internal training. Several have earned American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor certifications and actively support department training efforts.

The program's van-style ambulance platform provides measurable cost savings through improved fuel efficiency and reduced maintenance expenses. While single-role paramedics are not required to hold fire certifications, the program allows for future transition into firefighter roles if aligned with individual career goals.

This additional medic unit has improved system balance and response coverage across the department's other ALS ambulances, supporting more efficient service delivery as call volume continues to grow with community expansion.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Fire Prevention and Public Education

The South Jordan Fire Department is committed to equipping the community with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively during emergencies. In 2025, the department achieved several key milestones in public education and emergency medical support:

- **CPR and First Aid Training:** Conducted 20 CPR and Healthcare Provider courses and 4 First Aid classes, certifying 224 students.
- **EMS Coverage for Special Events:** Provided EMS and water rescue standby coverage for numerous community events, including medical support for 86 events at The Ballpark at America First Square, home of the Bees.
- **Fire Prevention Education:** Delivered fire safety education to approximately 1,000 elementary-age students during the 2025 Fire Prevention Campaign, with additional outreach provided to schools, businesses, church groups, and scout organizations.
- **Life-Safety Inspections:** Completed 2,149 life-safety business inspections to support community risk reduction and code compliance.

Mission Lifeline

In 2025, the department responded to 195 patients with symptoms consistent with heart attack or stroke. Of those patients, 25 presented with STEMI (ST-elevation myocardial infarction) indicators and 36 showed positive stroke findings.

Through rapid response and advanced life support care, these patients received timely, high-level treatment. In recognition of this performance, the department received the American Heart Association Gold Mission: Lifeline Award and placement on the Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll. South Jordan Fire Department has received Mission: Lifeline recognition from the American Heart Association for 11 consecutive years.



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Heavy Rescue Engine

In September 2025, the South Jordan Fire Department received a new Heavy Rescue Pumper, which represents a significant enhancement in emergency response capabilities and is the first of its kind in the Salt Lake Valley. This hybrid unit combines the full functionality of a traditional fire engine with the specialized features of a heavy rescue apparatus, supporting rope rescue, confined space operations, trench rescue, and heavy machinery/vehicle extrication from a single platform. By integrating these essential functions into one apparatus, the department eliminates the need for two separate units, reducing the delays associated with switching between them. This design also leads to considerable cost savings in fleet maintenance and long-term apparatus replacement. Ultimately, this innovative approach enhances operational readiness, streamlines deployment, and significantly improves response times for the community we serve.

FLEET AND APPARATUS

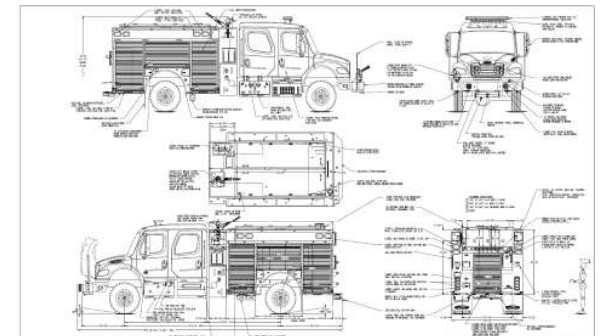


Paramedic Transport Ambulances

In September 2025, the South Jordan Fire Department placed two new Type I Horton ambulances into service. Designed with both efficiency and fiscal responsibility in mind, these units feature a semi-custom configuration that delivers high-quality performance without the extended build times or higher costs associated with fully custom designs. Completed in just 12 months—compared to the two- to three-year timeframe typical for custom ambulances—these vehicles were rapidly deployed to meet the city’s growing emergency medical needs. Despite their accelerated production schedule, the new ambulances are durable, highly capable, and fully equipped to support advanced patient care. Their efficient design provides long-term operational reliability while offering meaningful cost savings for the department and the community.

Type 1/3 Fire Engine

In 2025, the South Jordan Fire Department completed design work for a versatile Type 1/3 Pierce fire engine that combines the full capabilities of a traditional structural pumper with the specialized functions of a wildland engine. Built on a durable four-wheel-drive chassis, this apparatus is designed for enhanced mobility and dependable performance in remote, rugged, and uneven terrain—areas where standard engines cannot effectively operate. It’s dual-purpose configuration allows crews to support both urban fire suppression and the increasing demands of wildland-urban interface incidents, particularly on the city’s west side. This new engine is planned for assignment to the future Fire Station 65 as part of the city’s ongoing development. Expected to be delivered in May 2026, it will be strategically positioned to support the community’s growth and the expanding wildland-urban interface.

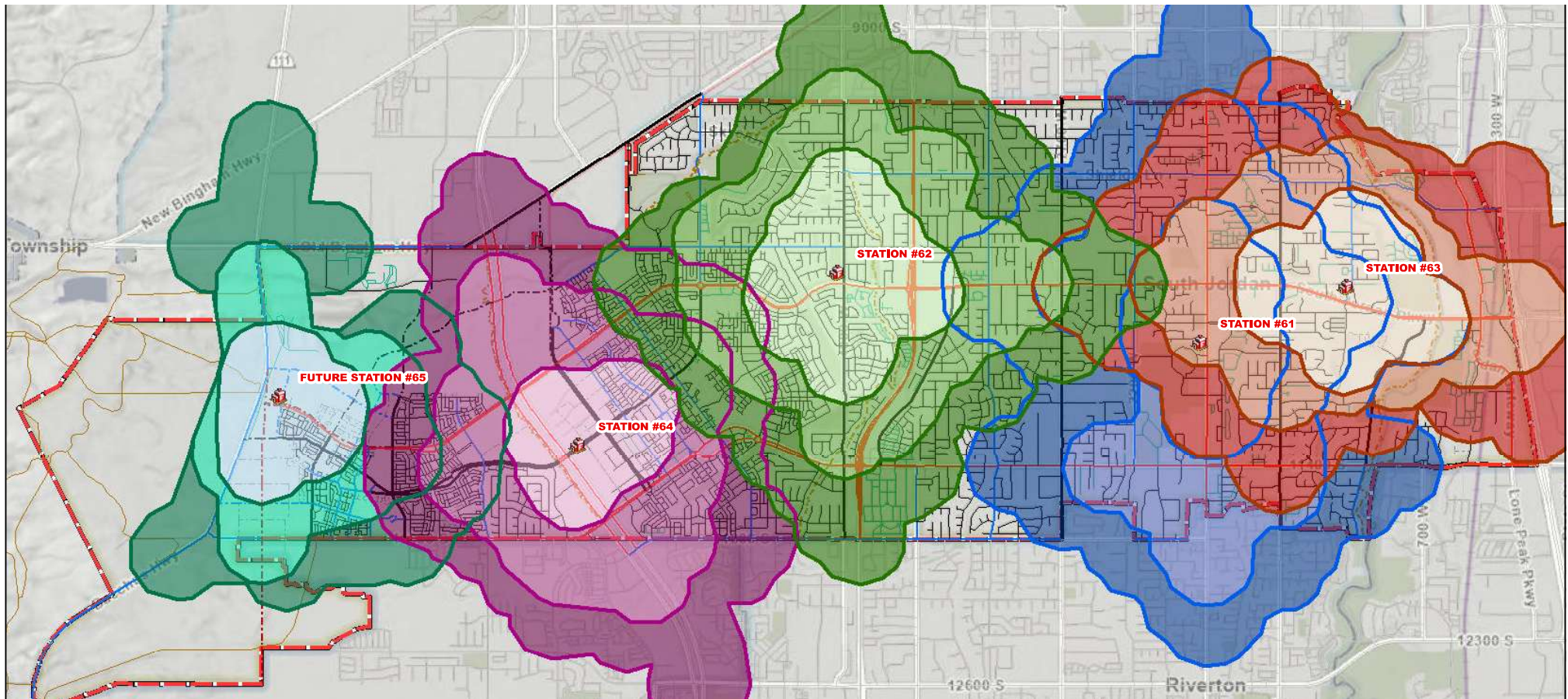


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FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

Response times within South Jordan are continuously evaluated to ensure the Fire Department delivers the highest level of service to residents. The color-coded zones shown for each response district illustrate the department's response time goal of five minutes or less. These zones represent average travel times based on current road networks and posted speed limits.

Average emergency response times improved following the addition of Fire Station 64 in 2021. As development continues on the west side of the city, the department remains committed to ongoing evaluation of response coverage and community needs. The Fire Department is working with elected officials and city administration to determine the appropriate timing and funding strategy for a fifth fire station to serve the far west area.



* Response zones are based on existing roads only and do not represent future roads that will be developed.

