



SALT LAKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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As record temperatures hit, peak high-water season is quickly approaching. Most of our waterways are located near popular outdoor recreation areas such as campgrounds, picnic areas, parks, and hiking trails. And Utah's spring runoff can be deadly due to swift currents and extremely cold water.

It only takes one foot of water traveling at 6.7 mph to knock over an adult. Keeping that in mind, here are some tips to be mindful of:

1. **Watch your kids.** Designate an adult to watch the kids, and give clear clear directions to the person responsible for watching them.
2. **View the scenery from a safe distance.** Remember the edges and rocks around any flowing water will be slippery and it only takes one fall.
3. **Learn CPR and basic first aid.** The response time to a canyon located along the Wasatch Front can be several minutes or longer. A patient's chance of survival increases when you initiate lifesaving procedures, such as CPR or wound treatment, early.

Join Us for the Grand Opening of Station No. 14

On May 17, join the Salt Lake City Fire Department (SLC Fire) for the new Fire Station No. 14 ribbon-cutting ceremony with Mayor Jackie Biskupski and Fire Chief Karl Lieb.



Here is the schedule of events:

- Kick-off reception at 9:30a.m.
- Dedication ceremony at 10:30a.m.
- Open to public until 4p.m.

The station, which is located at 3800 W. California Ave., will be open that day until 4p.m. to the public for tours. No reservations necessary. Take a walk-through and mingle with our fire crews.

If you've never been inside a fire station, this is a great opportunity to do so. It is the second fire station in the nation to be built with sustainability features that make it net-zero and LEED Gold certified.

Employee Spotlight

The SLC Fire Swiftwater Rescue Team responds to surface water and ice water rescue calls. These types of calls usually involve a person in the water, a person possibly in the water, a car in the water with known occupants, or a car in the water with unknown occupants.



The SLC Fire Swiftwater Rescue Team is fully staffed and ready to deploy 24 hours per day and 365 days per year, which is unique to the region.

The teams responds on average from 12 to 20 calls for water rescue per year, and provides mutual and automatic aid throughout the valley and into Davis County (upon request). All members are responsible for passing a rigorous swim test every year, and maintaining swiftwater rescue training hours.

4. **Watch your dogs.** Your family dog is just as susceptible to the dangers of swift currents and cold water. Make sure your dog is on a leash when visiting areas with creeks, or rivers experiencing high water levels.

For more information visit:

<https://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/utah-high-water-safety-tips.html>

Stay safe,
Chief Karl Lieb

SLC Fire Q&A:

Why do we send multiple apparatus (vehicles) to a scene?

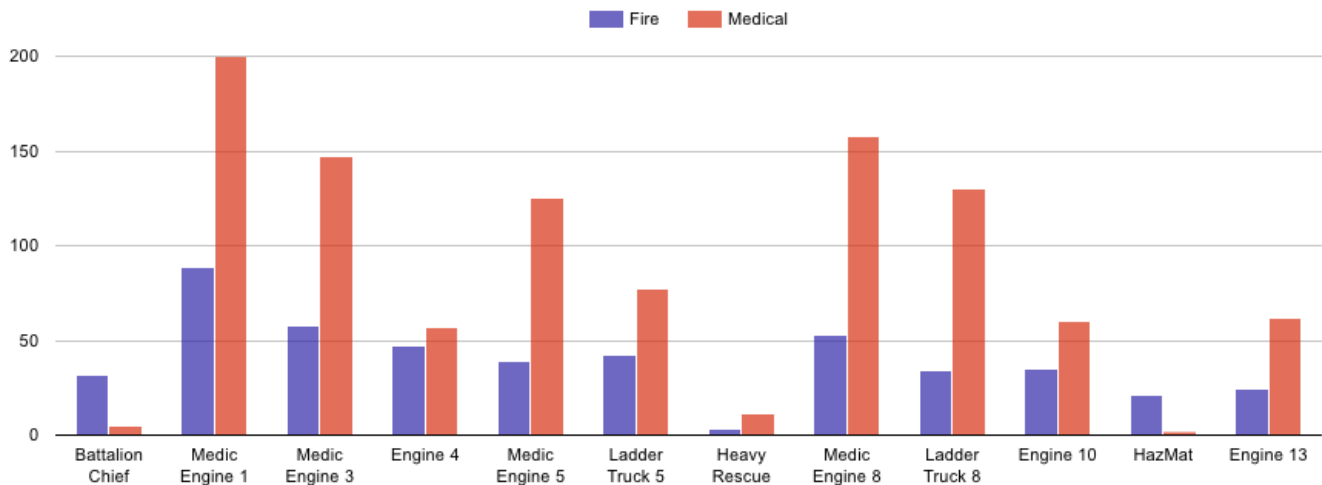
There is a distinct difference between what a Fire Truck does and what a Fire/Medic Engine does.

Our Fire Trucks are essentially the "tool boxes" of our department, but require the support of Fire/Medic Engines to operate. We will use a Fire Truck to assist with fires because aerial ladders and unique tools are needed. We use a Fire/Medic Engine to pump water through our hoses.

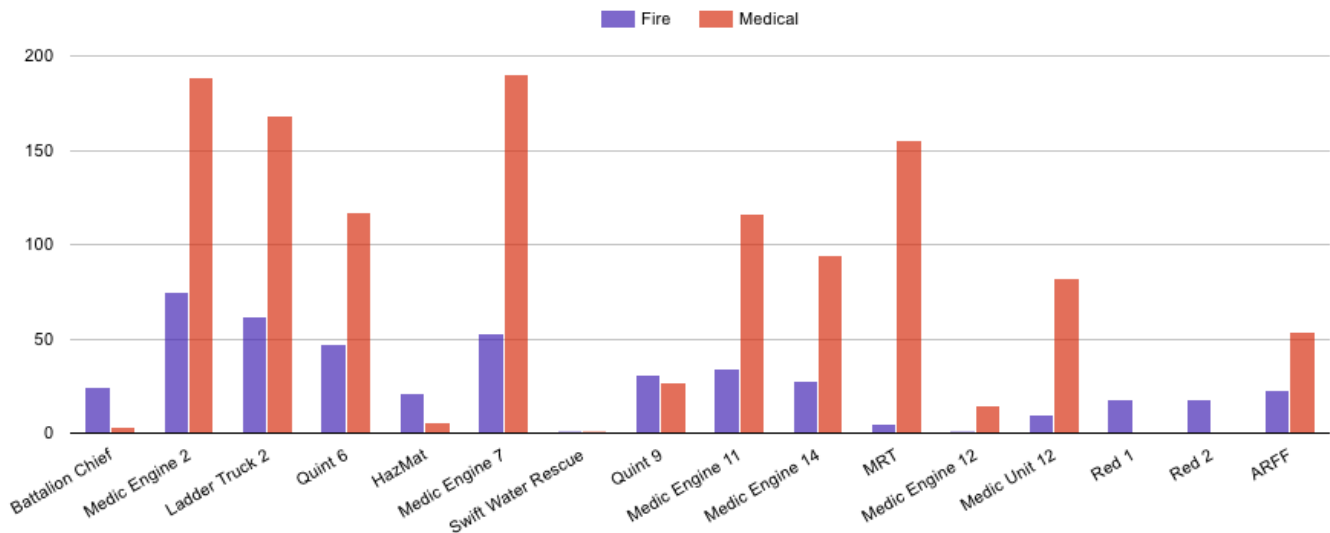
When you see multiple apparatus (vehicles) responding, it is because:

- The incident requires multiple apparatus, such as trucks and engines for a large fire;
- If the incident requires hospital transport, SLC Fire partners with Gold Cross Ambulance;
- Finally, the department offers Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) care. BLS calls will have the nearest Fire/Medic Engine respond (plus a Gold Cross ambulance for transport). ALS calls will have the nearest apparatus, regardless of type, to stabilize the scene. ALS will then arrive to take over advanced medical treatment.

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