

South Salt Lake Fire Department

Budget Priorities 2015/2016

1. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) - \$65,883

27 SCBAs and 80 masks @ \$128,883

I have \$63,000 of Hazardous Materials money to use towards these.

We are currently using two different generations of SCBAs, both of which are no longer current. We have twenty 2007 compliant SCBAs. We have twenty seven 1997 compliant SCBAs (these SCBAs have been partly upgraded to 2002 standards but not completely). The 2007 SCBAs are primarily used on the front line apparatus. We need to start replacing the 1997 standard SCBA, and moving 2007 standard SCBAs to the reserve status of our 1997 SCBAs. This will bring us in compliance with the 2013 NFPA standard.

2. Engineers Position - \$37,720

Salary for 9 Engineers - \$32,400

Acting-in-pay - \$5,320

Having an Engineer assigned to our heavy apparatus will bring the city many benefits. First, by having a designated Engineer that has completed a competitive written and skills exam demonstrating that he/she has the skills and knowledge needed to operate the heavy equipment safely and effectively will relieve the city of great liability in case of an accident. Second, the daily maintenance on our apparatus will be improved and more consistent. This should keep our apparatus out of the shop and hopefully increase their life expectancy. Third, it will begin to give our firefighters a career ladder that they can pursue throughout their careers.

3. Part-time Emergency Manager - \$44,568
\$32,760– salary and \$11,808 – Benefits

This budget request will allow us to hire a part time emergency manager. We have tried to implement this program with existing personnel and have had very little success. With the growth of the city programs and our continued effort to involve the community I believe at least a part-time emergency manager would be an integral part of the team.