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*Unified Fire Authority*

**QUARTERLY REPORT**

FISCAL YEAR 13/14

First Quarter: July 1 through September 30, 2013



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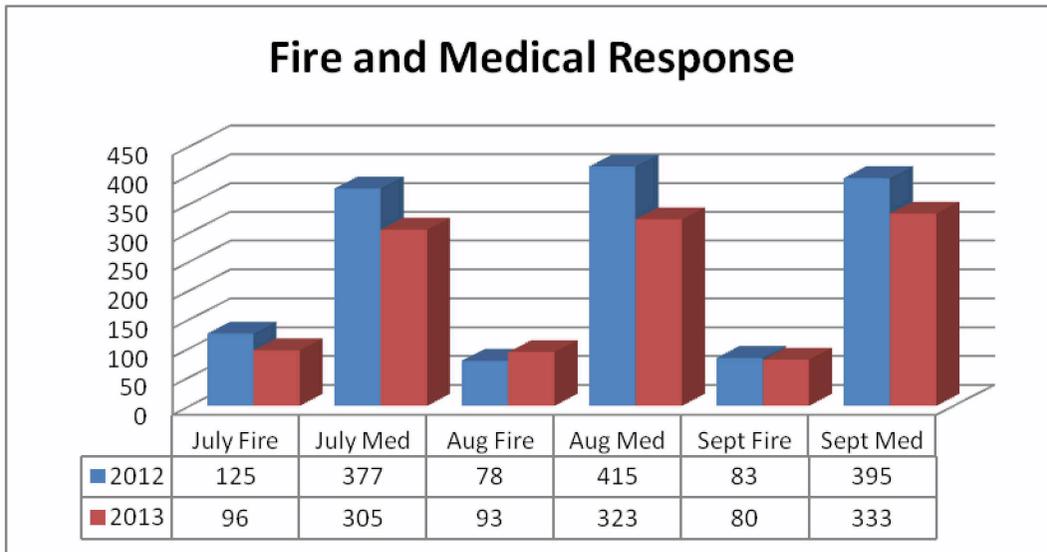
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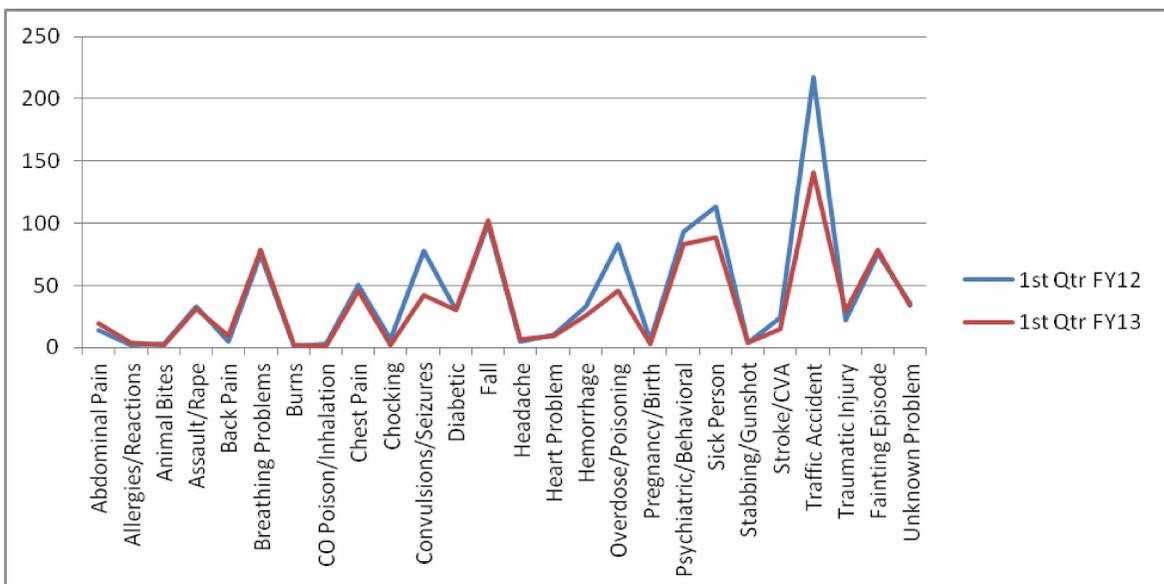
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## STATISTICS

*Unified Fire Authority responds annually to nearly 27,000 emergencies, including medical, fire, and hazardous materials incidents. Note: UFA changed vendors with respect to Record Management on July 1, 2013. As such, these numbers reflect Stations 117 and 118 during the quarter, but do not include Station 109's responses into the City (which were included in the 2012 comparison). This should be corrected in future reports.*



*The total number of medical responses listed above breaks down into the various categories, based on dispatch coding through Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) and is charted below and on the next page.*



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Medical Call-Outs	1st Qtr FY12	1st Qtr FY13
Abdominal Pain	14	19
Allergies/Reactions	2	4
Animal Bites	3	2
Assault/Rape	33	31
Back Pain	5	9
Breathing Problems	75	79
Burns	1	2
CO Poison/Inhalation	3	1
Chest Pain	50	46
Chocking	7	2
Convulsions/Seizures	78	42
Diabetic	30	30
Fall	100	102
Headache	5	7
Heart Problem	10	9
Hemorrhage	33	26
Overdose/Poisoning	83	46
Pregnancy/Birth	6	3
Psychiatric/Behavioral	93	83
Sick Person	113	89
Stabbing/Gunshot	4	4
Stroke/CVA	24	15
Traffic Accident	217	141
Traumatic Injury	22	29
Fainting Episode	76	79
Unknown Problem	36	34

## ACTIVITY REPORT

*In addition to emergency responses, crew personnel have other various duties and tasks to perform each day. On the next page is a listing of fire prevention activities conducted by field and administrative personnel, and below is a summary of educational and community activities during the period.*

Both stations attended the **Night-Out-Against-Crime** and the **Open Streets** event, as well as various block parties over the summer. They also assisted with medic stand-by for the football games.

### Station 117

- Station Tours: Four with 41 people
- Off-Site Talk and Demo: Two with 210 people
- Ride A Longs: Two
- Brown Bag for Citizen Info: Two Meetings
- Internships: Two people
- Children's Parade: 70+ peopel

### Station 118

- Station Tours: Fourteen with 264 people
- Off-Site Talk and Demos: Four with 197 people
- Ride A Longs: Five
- Juvenile Fire Setter Program: Two participants (Engineer Jarad Wayman, Chair of the Program)
- Brown Bag for Citizen Info: Two meetings
- Internships: 1 person

*Pictured Across: On September 19, the City sponsored a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Valley Regional Park. Many members of the community attended and UFA was proud to have various specialty apparatus in place during the event – as a way of promoting our programs and call capabilities. Personnel from the Heavy Rescue and Hazmat Teams were present from Stations 121 (Riverton) and 109 (Kearns). Among the various showcases, attendees were allowed to ride in a haul system, which is usually set up to rescue trapped citizens from a variety of conditions.*



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### *FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES*

<b>OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS</b>	
Assembly Occupancies Inspected	10
Business Occupancies Inspected	13
Educational Occupancies Inspected	7
Factory Occupancies Inspected	0
Hazardous Occupancies Inspected	5
Institutional Occupancies Inspected	5
Mercantile Occupancies Inspected	11
Residential Occupancies Inspected	140
Storage Occupancies Inspected	0
Daycare / Preschool Inspections	10
Pre-Construction / Site Inspections	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>PLAN REVIEWS</b>	
Commercial Project	21
Residential Project	9
Other / Miscellaneous	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM INSP.</b>	
Fire Alarm Systems	11
Fire Sprinkler Systems	7
Underground Water Mains - Hydrants	3
Wet Chemical Systems - UL300	4
Other (Clean Agent, Standpipes, etc.)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	
Code Consultation	121
Complaints Checked	16
Fire Clearances Issued	164
Meetings Attended	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>

### **NOTABLE CALLS**

- On July 4, residents at the Atherton Park Apartments awoke to a rather unpleasant situation – a main storm drains had backed up over night, creating a flood within 24 lower-level units. ME117, along with several other UFA personnel, UPD and Public Works, evacuated nearly 75 people from their homes, which had 4” of standing water in some places. While initial mitigation took place (squeegees, pumps, etc.), power and gas also had to be shut off. This, along with restoration and final inspection added to the delay of some being allowed to return to their homes for several days.
- On October 21, there was a fire in an apartment complex (5721 South Hillwood Avenue). The fire originated in a third story apartment of a 3-story



apartment building. These units house 12 apartments each (see picture above). Station 117 was the first arriving crew along with the ambulance from Station 118. They had heavy smoke and flames blowing out of three openings on their arrival. The crew from 117 pulled an alley lay and extended two lines off it to the 3rd floor. (I need to interject at this point that their ability to accomplish this was enhanced by the fact that they

had an extra paramedic with them who was being evaluated – and this gave them an extra set of hands to be able to accomplish the initial attack much more effectively.) As the crew was making entry to the main fire structure, the room flashed over which forced the crew back to the stair landing. The ceiling of the floor landing collapsed on the firefighters at this time, but after a quick check, they realized it was just the sheetrock that came down on them, and they proceeded forward again. They had a very rapid knock down of the fire and were able to contain it to one apartment. *(Continued next page.)*

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There was no extension into the attic and none of the walls were breached. Six units were displaced after being red tagged by the Taylorsville building inspector, and the residents were relocated by the Red Cross. Through the quick actions of the on scene crews from UFA, West Jordan, West Valley, and Murray, the building was spared from extensive damage and possible loss of life. There were no fire-ground injuries. The cause of this fire is part of an active investigation at present, and specific details need to remain closed. *Original write-up submitted by Battalion Chief Todd Caldwell.*



- On August 12, crews from Taylorsville, Kearns, and surrounding areas responded to the report of a house fire, located near 5500 South and Tropicana drive. Smoke and flames were visible on arrival, and crew immediately began working to mitigate, as concerns mounted over the potential exposes (other homes) near the primary occupancy. Initial fire attack focused on the outside, and while no one was reported inside, crews nonetheless made entry and were successful in fighting the fire from the inside – after

pulling the ceiling sheetrock and gaining better access into the attic. Red Cross was contacted by incident command, as there was significant damage to the structure, which displaced the homeowners. *Pictured top: Smoke and flames seen from atop the house. Pictured just below: Personnel performing overhaul activities.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Besides providing emergency services, UFA is also committed to a variety of other activities within the City. Below is a report from our Community Service Bureau (CSB), featuring just some of the events in which fire and staff personnel participated during the past quarter:*

### **Night Out Against Crime**

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, UFA participated in the annual Night-Out-Against-Crime. Paramedic Specialist John Harris is a member of the Public Safety Committee, the sponsors of the event, and worked to coordinate the following support that night: First aid coverage with 2 EMT's, the Fire Safety Trailer (an educational prop for children of all ages), the 'burn pan' which is used for demonstrations and practice on the proper use of fire extinguishers, an apparatus display, as well as hats, badges, and stickers to pass out (again, to children of all ages).

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## **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**



This quarter, UFA is pleased to introduce you to Battalion Chief Ross Fowlks, who has been employed with UFA (and former Salt Lake County Fire) since July of 1990. Ross has worked out of Taylorsville for just over one year as a BC, but has also worked on and off within both Stations 117 and 118 during his career.

He was among our first graduates of our “in-house” accredited Paramedic program, which is still going strong today. He also holds certifications in Hazmat and technical rescue. Among his accomplishments, Ross was one of the original proposers and organizers of our

ambulance service, which he also administered for five years.

Chief Fowlks and his wife, Shelli, are the proud parents of four children. His oldest son, Jordan, currently serves as a paramedic in UFA. Ross also enjoys camping, traveling, hiking, and spending time with his family.