

Farmington Fire 2025 Annual Report



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Department Mission Statement

“To serve and protect our community through excellence, professionalism, compassion, and integrity”.

History of the Department

On May 13, 1907, an ordinance was passed by the Farmington City Council, headed by Mayor James H. Robinson. This ordinance created the fire department in Farmington City. The mayor appointed L.H. Oviatt as Farmington’s first fire chief with the following business owners and prominent men as members; Fred Abbott, Otto Lindecke, Nephi Palmer, Walter Rampton, C.L. Robinson, W.W. Rose, Horace VanFleet and J.D. Wood.

To date, Farmington’s mayors have appointed 17 fire chiefs. Ernest Walker was chief during WWII, when most of the town’s able-bodied men were drafted into the service, high school boys were needed as firemen. Wilson Steven took over the reins of chief, just a mere two weeks before the 1953, devastating Lagoon fire. It caused \$500,000 worth of damage (over \$6 million by today’s costs). In 1963, Chief Stevens called on his dedicated team of firemen to help in the neighboring town of Centerville with the Smoot Dairy fire. The fire demolished 11 buildings and took the lives of 150 registered Jersey cattle.

As the fire service industry began to evolve, firefighters began to provide first aid as part of the Farmington Fire emergency services. It was during Chief Don Ball’s tenure that firefighters earned formal certifications in first aid. As this trend continued, certifications for emergency medical technicians emerged. In 1978, the department signed a contract with The South Davis Ambulance Association. This contract acquired the first ambulance in Farmington.

Disaster continued and in 1976, a fire broke out and ravaged one of the town’s vital employers, Miller Floral. The first, women’s auxiliary in 1979, supported the firefighters with refreshments during extended fires. They also assisted with fund raising in order to purchase needed equipment for the department as well as provide education to the public. Farmington was partially evacuated on Memorial Day weekend 1983, when water rushed out of the mountains, creating floods and causing mountain fires in Farmington City.

In 1990, under the command of Chief David White, the dedication of a new fire station occurred. This became Fire Station 71 and it remains an occupied, functional station today. As the city began to grow, Chief Larry Gregory was instrumental in starting a city-run ambulance service during this time. Chief Guido Smith continued the trend by adding additional staffing, certifications and apparatus to accommodate the city’s booming growth. This trend began the

department's transition from a volunteer department to a fully paid department. Chief Rich Love continued this transition with the addition of firefighter paramedics and advanced life support services.

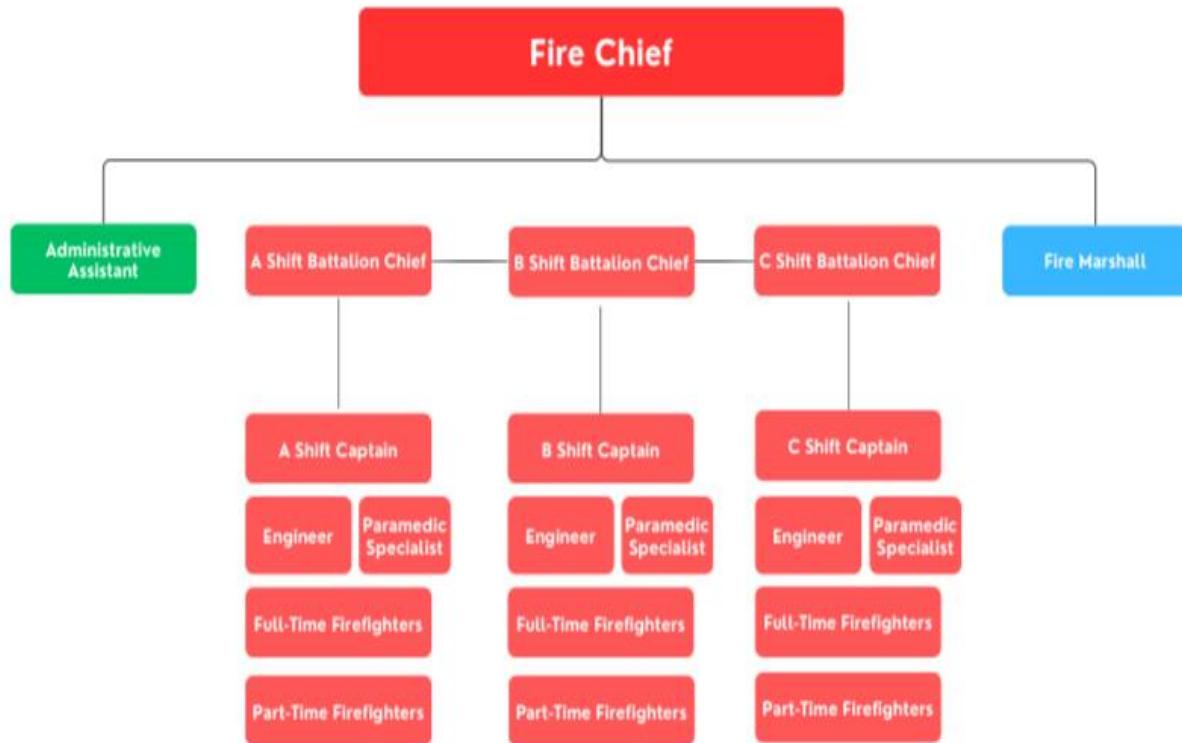
Today, firefighters provide a wide range of services to the community. Fire and EMS emergency response, technical rescues which include mountain rescue, water and ice rescue, hazardous material response, vehicle extrications, fire prevention services, emergency management and community service. Currently, the department responds to approximately 2500 calls for service a year and serves both Farmington City and the City of Fruit Heights, providing inspection services to both areas as well.

This is only a small reflection of the department's leadership and events in Farmington Fire's history. Most importantly, the men and women from this team have served the department over the past 118 years. The men and women providing these services have seen fire, medical emergencies, floods, the east winds, earthquakes and the numerous rescues in our local canyon. These men and women are always present; day and night. Their actions make Farmington City a better place to live, work, and play.

I am honored to be a part of this Team!

Shelby Willis,
Fire Chief

Farmington Fire Organizational Chart



Daily Staffing and Resources:

Farmington Fire strives for 8 firefighters on duty daily, with 7 being the acceptable minimum manning level. Operational staffing includes the following:

- 1 Battalion Chief
- 3 Person Fire Apparatus
- 2 Person Paramedic rescue
- 2 Person Advanced EMT Ambulance

In addition, Farmington Fire has a full-time administrative Fire Chief and a full-time administrative Fire Marshal.

Farmington Resources

Farmington Fire has the following resources available on a daily basis. Crews will jump staff units based upon the incident type.

- 2024 Rosenbauer Timberwolf 1250 GPM Engine (E 71)
- 2013 Rosenbauer Timberwolf 1250 GPM Engine/Reserve Unit (E 72)
- 2005 Pierce Lance 2000 GPM Heavy Rescue/Engine (HE 71)
- 2013 Pierce/Bronto 116' Aerial Apparatus (T 71)
- 2006 Ford 550 Brush Truck/Reserve Unit
- 2022 Dodge Ram 5500 Brush Truck
- 2012 Polaris Ranger – Canyon Response (Patient Transport Unit)
- 1986 AM General 1500 Gallon Water Tender
- 2024 Ford F 450 Ambulance
- 2022 Ford F 450 Ambulance
- 2018 F 150 Medic Rescue Unit



Service Delivery

Farmington Fire provides a wide range of services with regard to "Emergency Response". Services include response to emergency and non-emergency fire and EMS calls for service, event standby's, fireworks patrols, technical rescues, hazardous material response, and emergency ambulance transports. Farmington Fire is also contracted to provide EMS and fire response to the City of Fruit Heights. Call volume, type of calls and call data are identified in the Call Volume section.

The Fire and EMS Emergency Response District is approximately 10 sq miles and encompasses a variety of challenges. Farmington has a population of over 24,500 citizens who reside within this emergency response district. Daily population swells to 60,000 due to travelers and visitors.

Farmington City is flanked on the East by Farmington Canyon, which includes residential occupancies, Farmington Pond and wildland areas. This area is termed a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) and is a common area for outdoor recreation such as mountain biking, hiking, motorcross, camping and hunting. The area has over 146.49 miles of trails within the Farmington area.

Farmington has 4 main interstates that separate the East from the West side of the city. Traffic through these roadways allow for citizen and business travel and within the general area of the city, I-15 is estimated to see 160,000-170,000 travelers per day, Highway 89 on average sees 25,000-50,000 travelers per day, Legacy Highway 30,000-40,000 per day, and Highway 177 sees an anticipated 25,000-30,000 travelers per day.

The Front Runner Railway system also travels through the Farmington area with a stop at Station Park. The Front Runner has an estimated 14,900 daily commuters from Ogden to Provo.

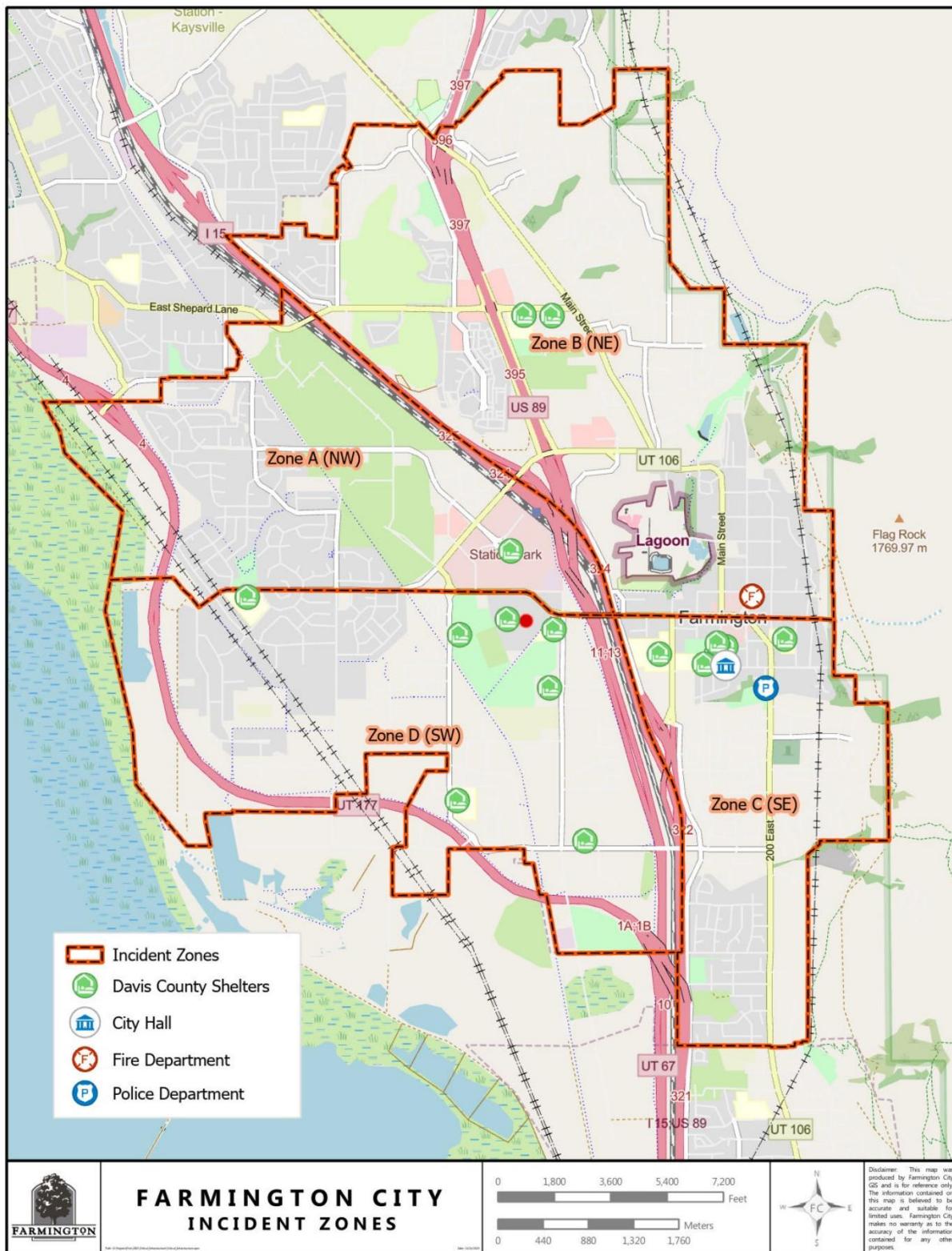
Lagoon Theme Park is located on the East side of the city and during the seasonal schedule this theme park can see upwards of 25,000 visitors per day.

Station Park is a large, outdoor retail venue that holds 100 commercial stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and a hotel. This area brings in a large number of patrons on a daily basis with volume peaking late in the day and into the evening hours. Approximately 800,000 patrons visit this venue per month.

Farmington also has several medical facilities within the city limits as well as a large indoor sports complex that can host over 10,000 patrons at any one time.

Directly West is Farmington Bay which leads to the Great Salt Lake.

Map of the Farmington Fire and EMS Response District



2025 Emergency Calls for Service

EMS (Emergency and Non-Emergency Incidents) 1,883

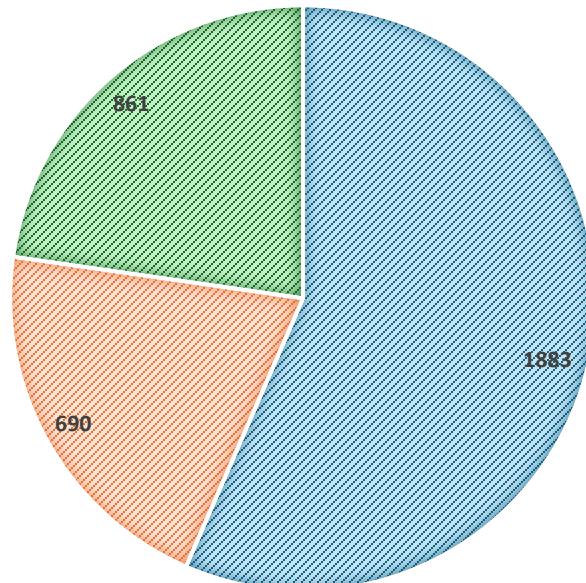
Fire (Emergency and Non-Emergency Incidents) 690

Emergency Ambulance Transports 861

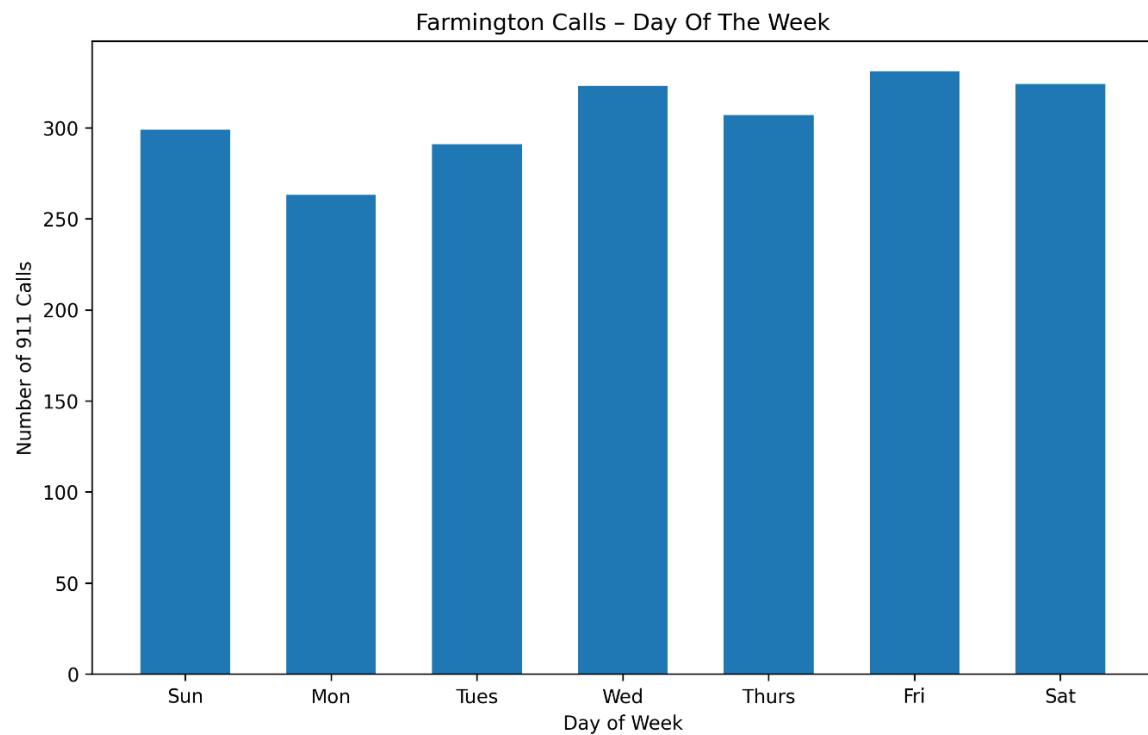
Total Incidents 2573

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE

■ EMS Emergency Calls ■ Fire Emergency Calls ■ EMS Transports



Days of Week

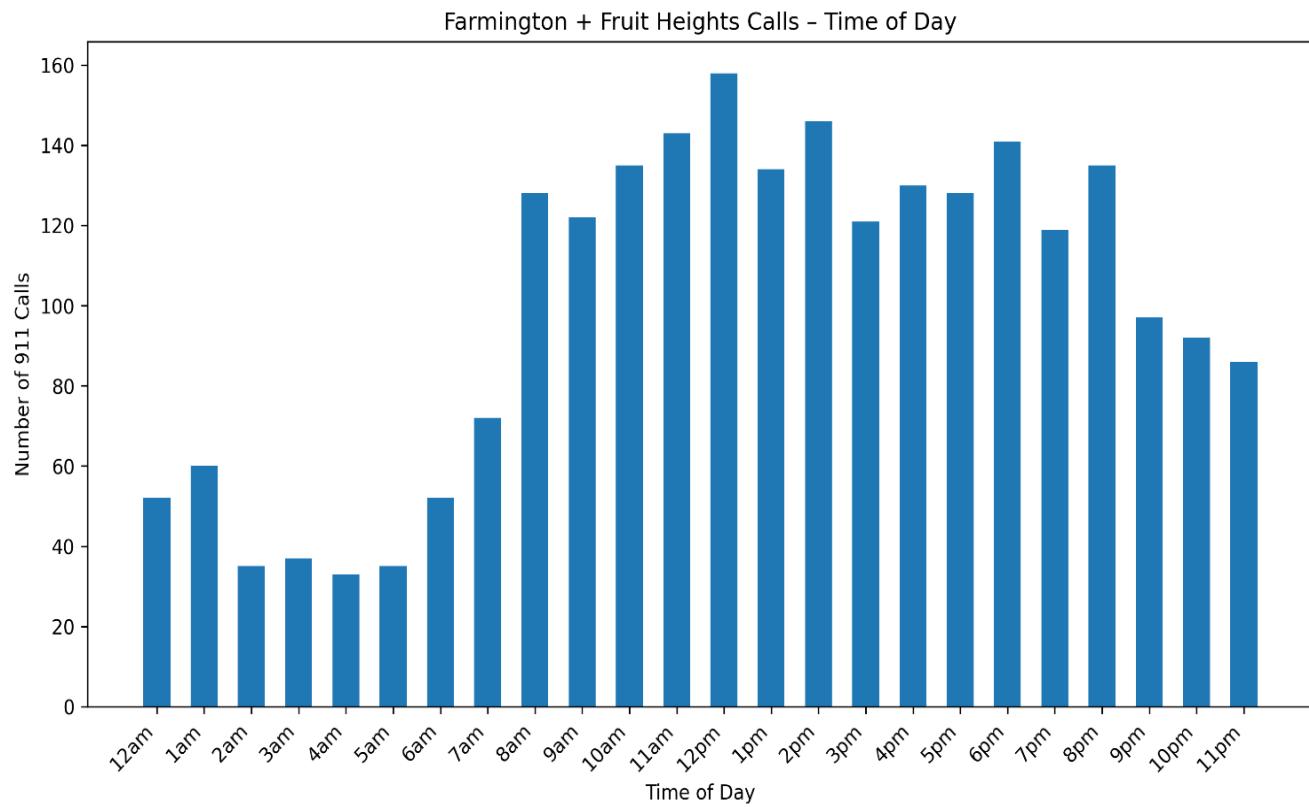


In 2025, the call volume is consistent across the weekdays with an average of 260-320 calls for service weekdays (Monday- Thursday). Weekend call volume increases slightly topping off at 350 calls on Fridays.

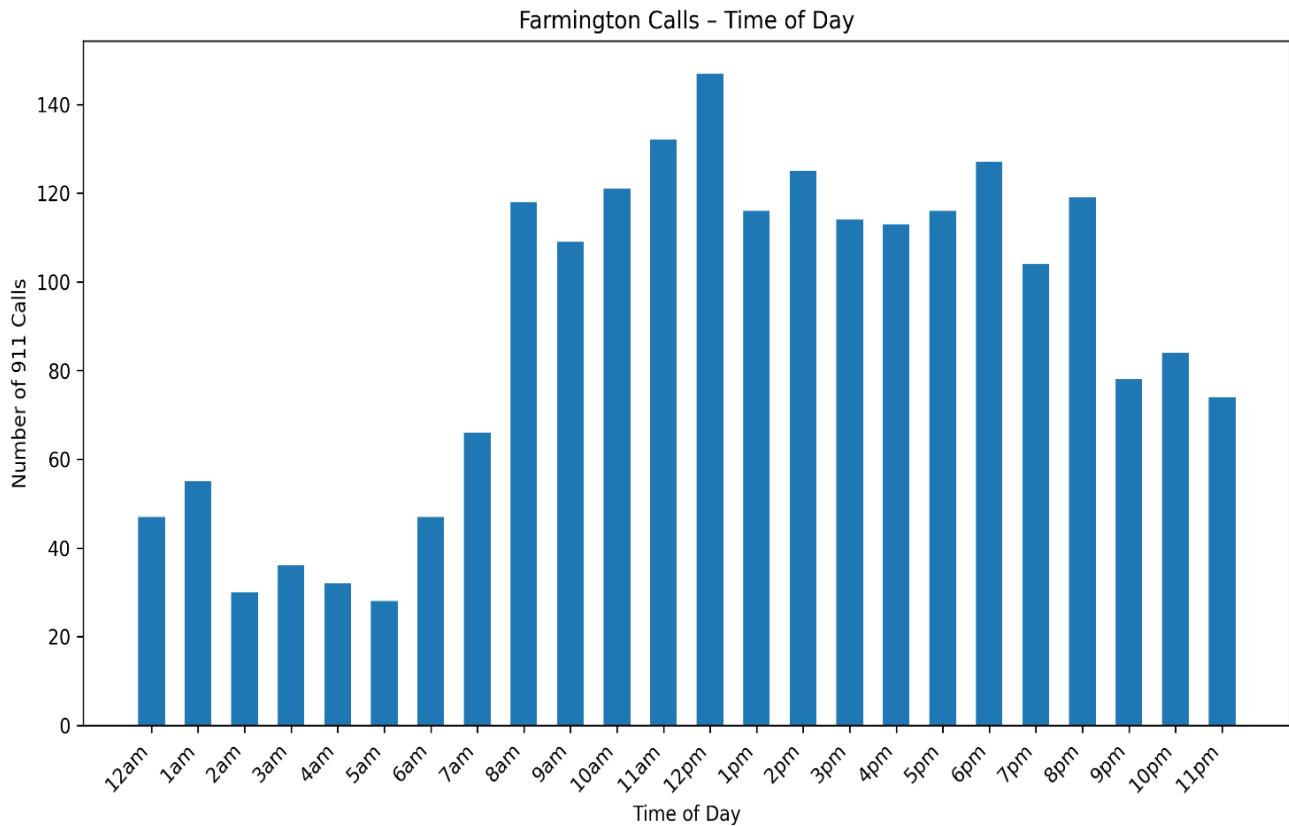


Time of Day Farmington and Fruit Heights Response District

In 2025, call volume peaked around the afternoon hours from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and then again in the evening hours between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm timeframe.



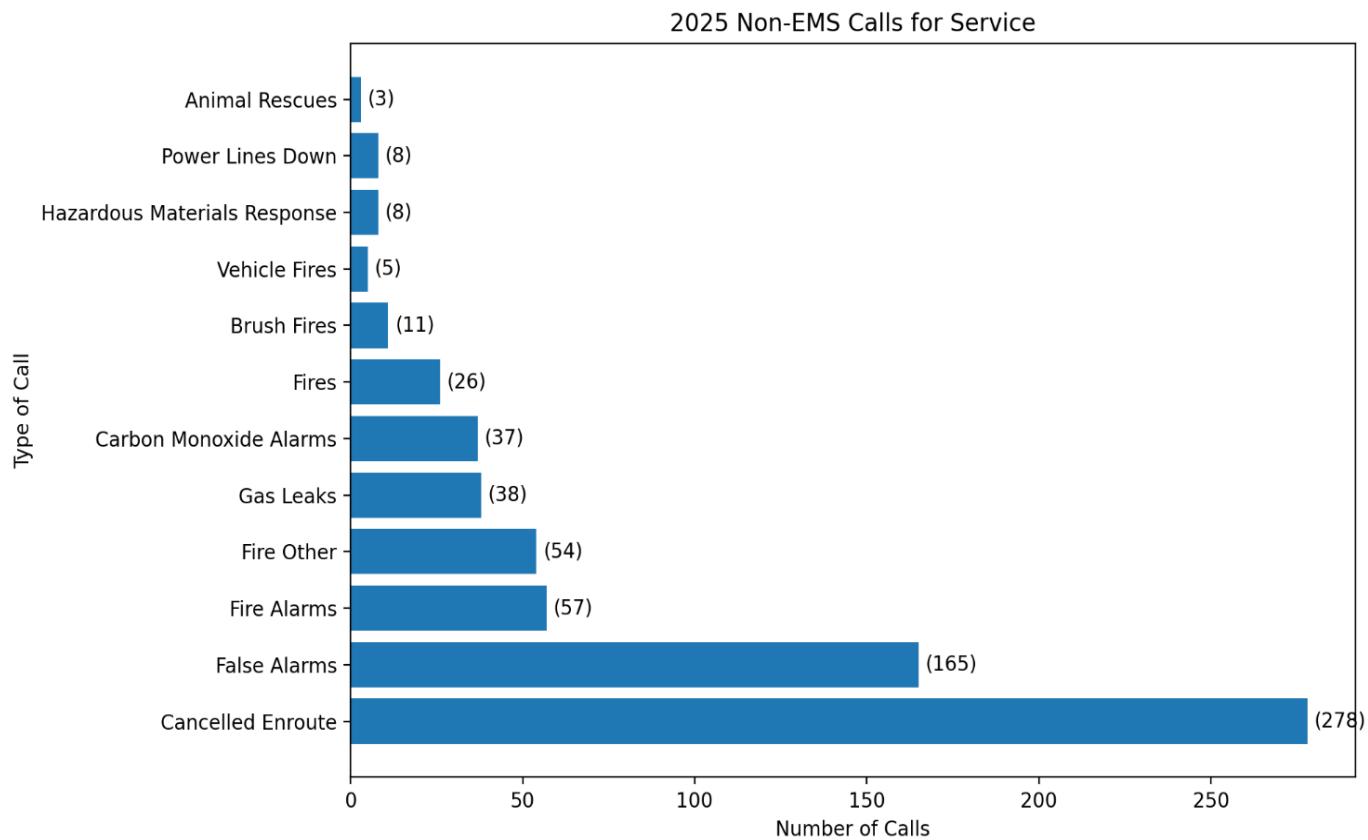
Time of Day Farmington Response District



Fire Incidents

Non-EMS emergency calls for service encompass a variety of incident types. Structure fires, fire alarms, vehicle accidents, gas leaks, carbon monoxide, brush fires, and false alarms are common non-EMS type calls.

Canceled en-route type calls are dispatched as an emergency call for service but are later canceled due to a closer unit responding, law enforcement arrives and determines a fire response is not needed or a business or citizen realizes an alarm was dispatched in error.



Total Non-EMS Calls 690

EMS Calls for Service 2025

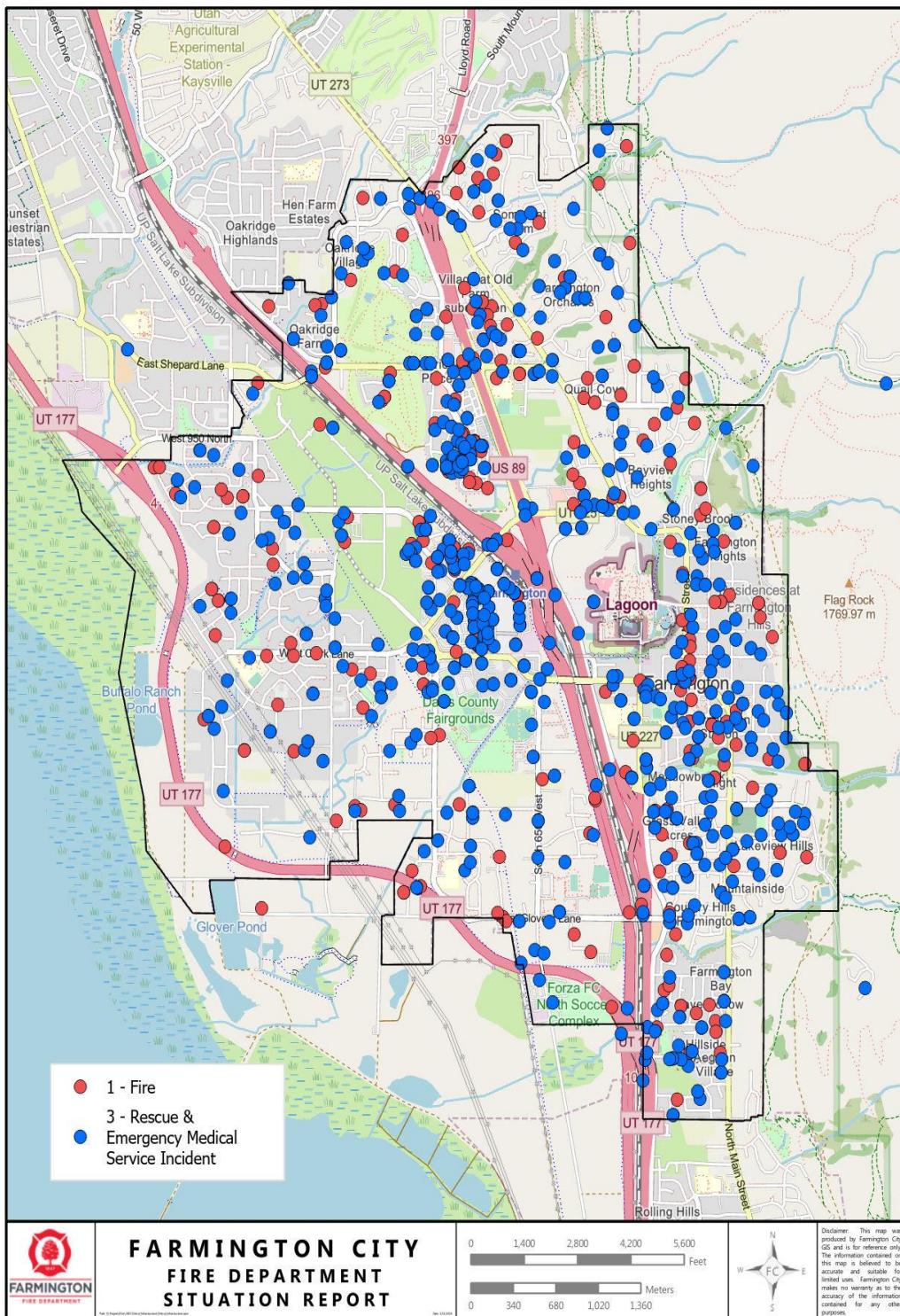
Alpha/Bravo calls are various types of medical calls that require assistance however, crews respond non-emergency.

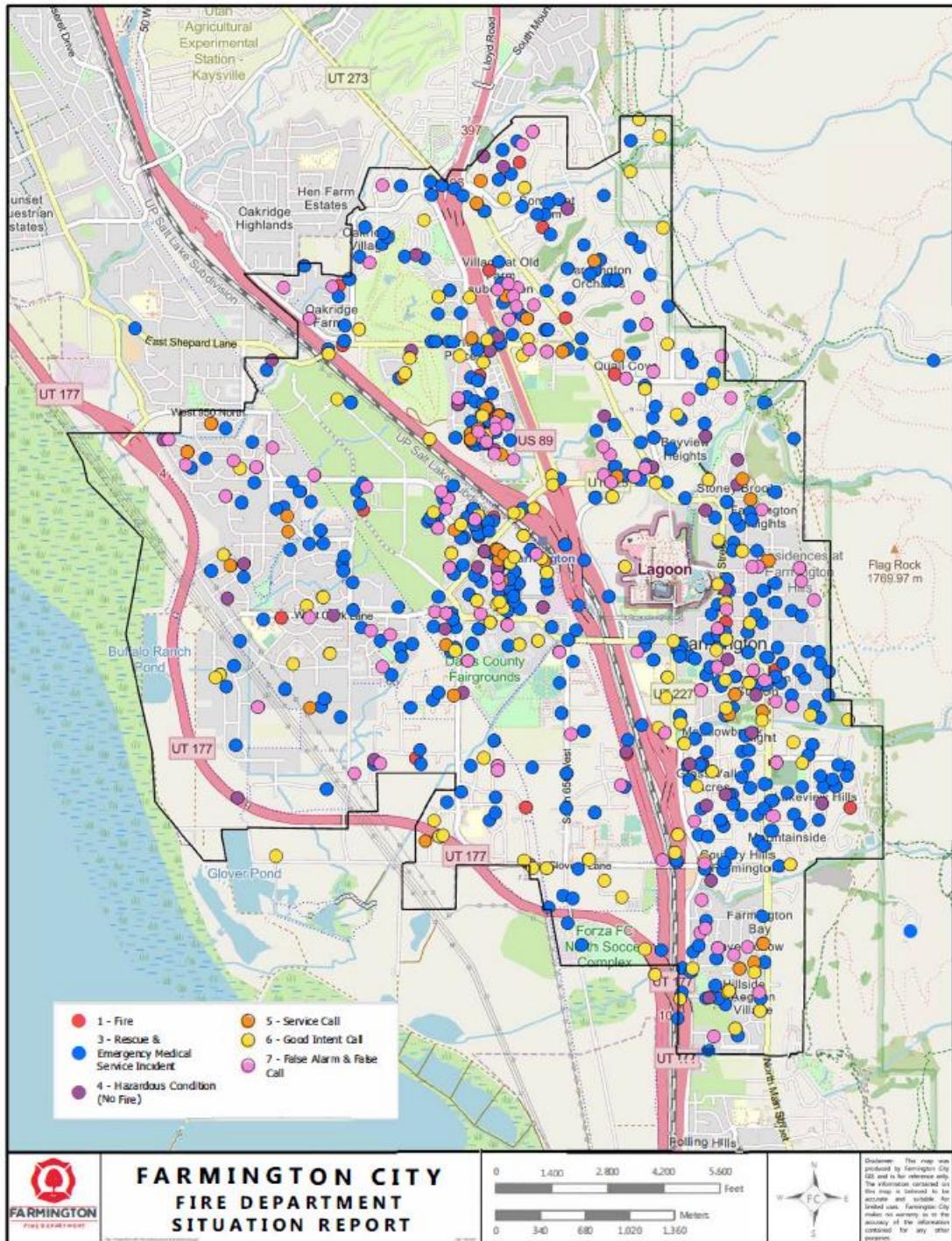
Charlie/Delta/Echo calls for service are considered emergency, and crews respond with lights and sirens.

Total Calls 1,883

A Complaint	B Alpha / Bravo	C Charlie / Delta / Echo	D Total Incidents
Falls	210	46	256
Sick Person	129	112	241
Chest Pain / Heart Problems	9	135	144
Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting	23	106	129
Altered Mental Status / Behavioral Health	87	21	108
Blood Draw	107	0	107
Breathing Problem	1	101	102
Seizure	31	53	84
Lift Assist	78	1	79
Traumatic Injury	38	16	54
Stroke/CVA	0	51	51
Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion	14	37	51
Hemorrhage/Laceration	21	13	34
Abdominal Pain/Problems	12	18	30
Cardiac Arrest/Death	3	25	28
Diabetic Problem	10	17	27
Allergic Reaction/Stings	3	21	24
Medical Alarm	15	0	15
Unknown Problem/Person Down	9	5	14
Assault	14	0	14
Choking	3	5	8
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	1	5	6
Stab/Gunshot Wound/Penetrating Trauma	0	5	5
Heat/Cold Exposure	2	3	5
Headache	1	2	3
Animal Bite	3	0	3
Standby	2	0	2
Pregnancy/Childbirth/Miscarriage	0	2	2
No Other Appropriate Choice	2	0	2
Carbon Monoxide Exposure	2	0	2
Burns/Explosion	1	0	1
Wellness Check	1	0	1

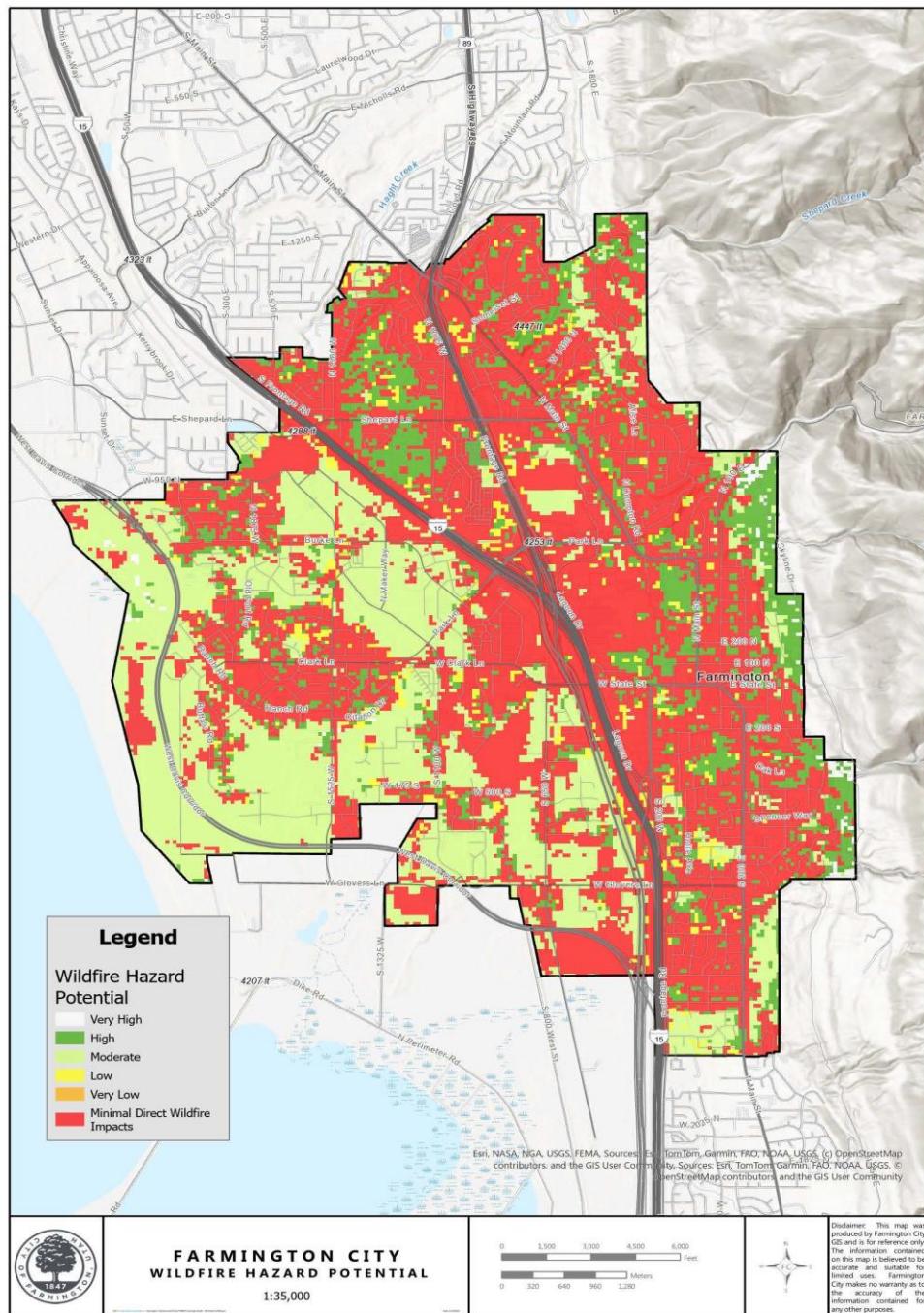
Heat Maps: Fire and EMS Calls for Service for 2025





Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)

Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas flank Farmington on both the East and West sides of the city. Residential properties', businesses and recreational space interface with wildland areas.



Challenges that are encountered include access points to areas for medical response and fire mitigation as well as sufficient amounts of water, should large scale incidents occur.

Firefighters train for technical rescues and fire suppression in WUI areas on an annual basis. Farmington Firefighters are required to maintain a Wildland Red Card certification that includes classroom and technical skills as well as a fitness test. This test requires fire personnel to briskly walk 3 miles with a 45 lb. weighted vest within a 45-minute timeframe.

Farmington mitigated 11 brush/grass fire incidents in 2025.



Community Risk Reduction

The Fire Prevention Division leads the fire department in the area of Community Risk Reduction. Inspections, plan reviews, hazard assessments, and safety inspections proactively address community risk. Farmington City has over 700 commercial structures within the city limits.

Inspection Criteria

Inspections are performed on newly constructed buildings and established businesses. Commercial structures are categorized by the type of structure, the square footage, alarm systems, access points for fire apparatus, occupancy rates, number of employees, and the location of structure if located within the wildland urban interface areas. A risk score is calculated, and commercial structures are inspected based upon the calculated risk.

- Day Cares, Facilities that sell alcohol, government buildings, Lagoon theme park are inspected on an annual basis
- High Risk properties are inspected annually
- Moderate Risk properties inspected every 2 years
- Low Risk properties are inspected every 3 years
- Seasonal businesses are inspected on an annual basis and include fireworks tents, food trucks, fairs and community events.

The Fire Prevention Division also conducts Plan Reviews for all proposed new construction and commercial renovations. Plan Reviews include review of sprinkler systems, fire alerting systems, fire suppression systems, and hydrant inspections.

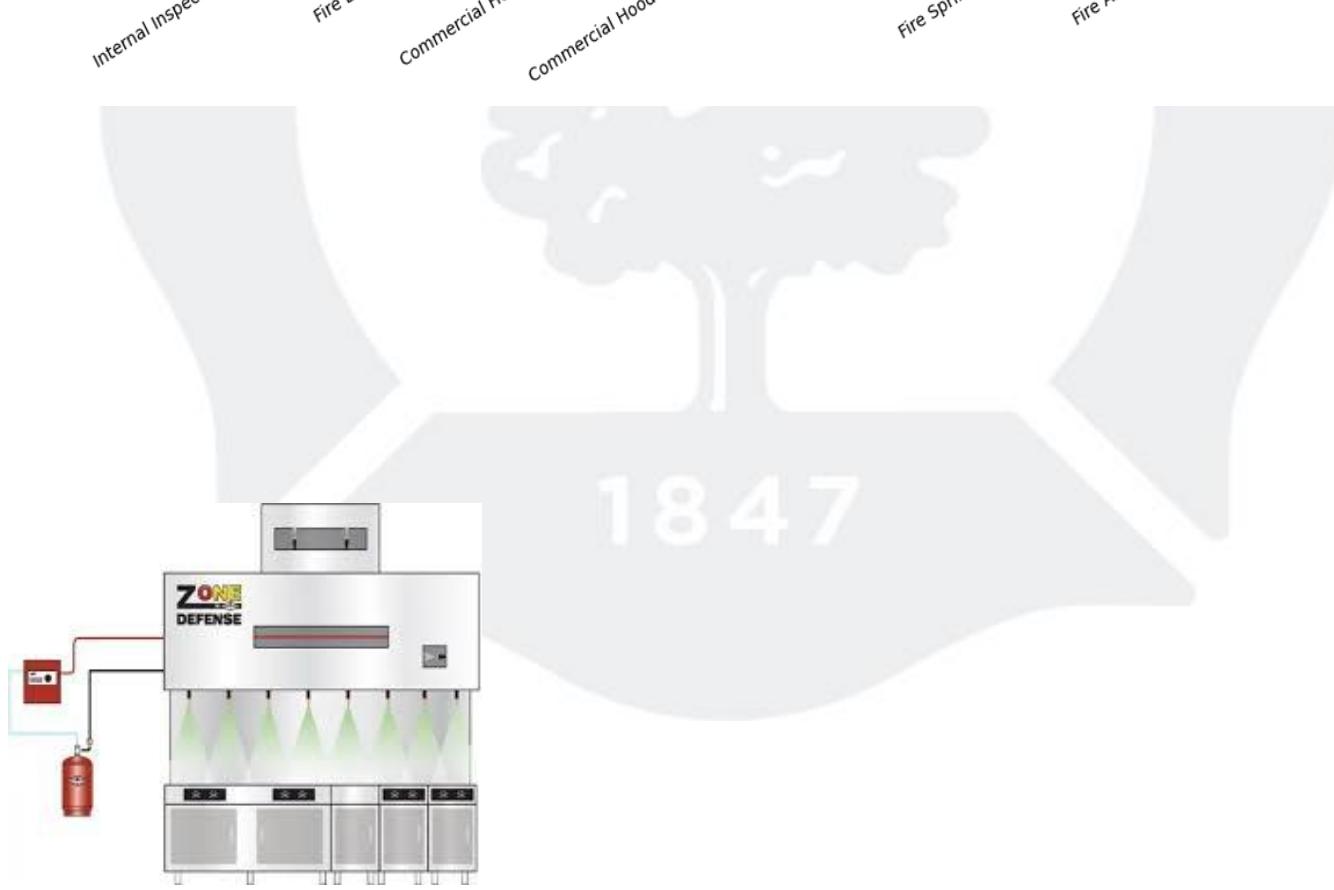
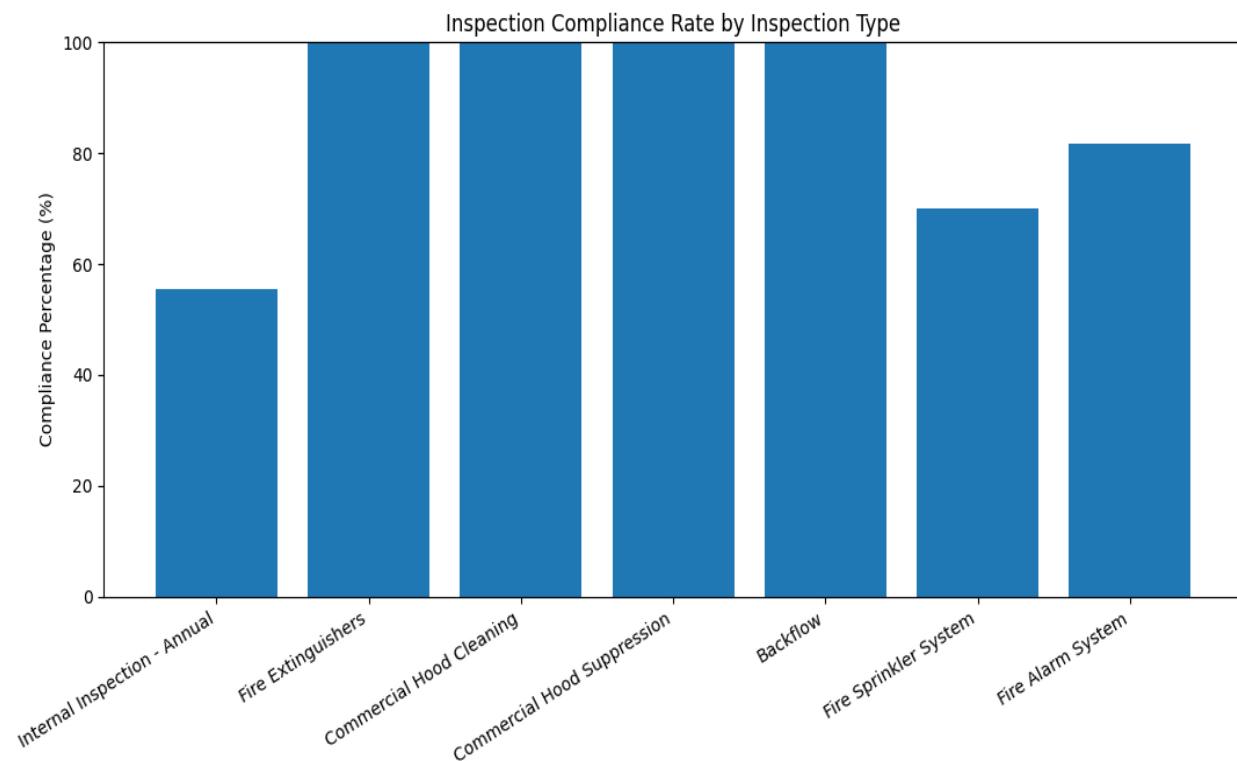
Finally, Hazard Assessments are completed for Wildland Urban Interface areas (WUI) and private safety inspections for residential structures, upon request.

In 2025, Fire Prevention completed 289 total inspections of commercial businesses.

High Risk 7

Moderate Risk 60

Low Risk 222



Training and Education

Firefighters are required to complete continuing education in both the areas of fire and EMS. As an Advanced EMT, each employee must complete 50 hours of medical training every two years to keep their national license active. Paramedics must complete 60 hours of education every two years with competency shown in CPR, Trauma, and Cardiopulmonary courses as a priority.

On the fire side of the profession, firefighters are required to minimally complete 192 hours of fire related training every calendar year. The training should include classroom and physical skill-based courses which include hazardous material response and fire ground tactics. Farmington partners with the surrounding fire departments to develop and deliver multi-agency training in areas of technical rescues, hazardous material response, multi-story or high-rise structure fires. The multi-agency training allows departments in Davis and Weber County to develop common practices for large scale events.

In addition, Engineers and Officers must complete additional hours of education to maintain their designations.

In 2025, Farmington Fire personnel completed a total of

4,170 Training Hours

- Public Education - 14 hours
- Fire Training - 886 hours
- Medical Training – 1,344 hours
- Officer Training - 501.5 hours
- Wildland Training - 183 hours
- Physical Fitness - 300+ hours
- Driving / ADO training - 386 hours
- Preventative Maintenance (PPE, vehicle inspections, etc.) - 313.75 hours
- Facility Training (Live burns, training towers, training centers) - 227 hours

Finally, Farmington Fire also places an emphasis on Leadership and Growth Training. This training is developed and delivered by both the firefighters and fire officers. This training also includes a collaboration with local departments to share opportunities for growth in leadership, disciplinary actions, teamwork, administrative and soft skills that are just as important in the fire service as technical competency.

Fitness

Farmington Fire requires a physical fitness test that all fire fighters must complete on an annual basis. The test requires personnel to don the protective equipment and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and move through the following stages:

The annual physical fitness test includes the following stages:

- Hose Drag – 100-foot, 3-inch hose line to be dragged 100 feet and then pulling hand over hand pulled until the final coupling crosses the 100-foot line.
- Ladder Raise - Lifting a 24-foot extension ladder and placing it up against the building
- Tire Strike - 8 pounds sledgehammer strike 10 times on a tractor tire. Head of sledge hammer is to be raised higher than the firefighter's helmet on every strike.
- Shoulder Load Stair Climb - 300-foot walk to a shoulder load (100-foot hose line) and go up and down stairs.
- Hose Roll Hoist - 200-foot walk to the second story above the PPE Bay, where a hose roll is hoisted with rope up and down twice (simulates a 3-story building).
- Farmer Carry - 100-foot walk to a farmer carry where you carry two saws an additional 100 feet.
- Victim drag - Drag 170 LBS victim 70 feet.

Firefighters must don full PPE including SCBA and perform the test while on air. Firefighters must continually move through the fitness test without stopping. The average completion time is six minutes. Fire fighters also have their blood pressure and pulse checked prior to and upon completion.



Community Outreach

Farmington Fire is honored to participate with our community. The department is dedicated to a partnership that is founded on teamwork and collaboration. The following are events Farmington Fire participated in during 2025

- Station Tours: Farmington Fire provides station tours to families, citizens, youth groups, the youth city council, and any other citizens who requested such a tour. These tours include an explanation of the fire department's role as well as education of fire and EMS safety. In addition, each group is given a tour of the fire station which highlights fire apparatus and equipment, fitness room, training room and living quarters.
- Elementary School Tours: Throughout 2025, the Farmington Fire Department provided station tours to the local elementary schools, as per school request. Each tour was tailored to the age group and included fire education, a station tour, and education as to how to respond to an emergency.
- Farmington Fire is investing in education for those who are entering the fire and EMS arena. Fire has a partnership with Weber State University and local high schools in Davis and Weber County to allow students to perform internships during the academic year. Farmington Fire had over 20 students perform ride-alongs with us in 2025.
- Festival Days: Festival Days for Farmington Fire began with a charity kick ball game. On July 11, 2025, the Farmington Fire Department participated in a "Guns vs. Hoses" Kickball game, versus the Farmington Police Department. The firefighters played their hearts out, while the police spared no feelings and won the game.
- Festival Days Parade: On July 12, 2025, the Farmington Fire Department participated in the annual Festival Days Parade which included an ambulance, a fire engine, and other fire apparatus in the local parade.
- Festival Days Firework Standby: On July 12, 2025, the Farmington Fire Department provided a "fire watch" standby during the annual Festival Days Fireworks show.
- Fireworks Patrol for July 4th and July 24th and surrounding days, the Farmington Fire Department provided a "fire watch" due to fireworks being discharged. This included the department driving throughout the city, showing presence, and ensuring there was a detailed eye working as a fire watch to prevent incidents.

- Firefighter Combat Challenge: On July 19, 2025, a few select members of the Farmington Fire Department participated in the “Hill Air Force Base Firefighter Combat Challenge”. This was a firefighting physical fitness/skill competition where local departments were invited to compete against each other in a series of firefighting skills. Farmington proudly participated as the only mixed gender team in the competition.
- 911 Lagoon Tower Climb: On September 11, 2025, the Farmington Fire Department, many city staff members, and members of the Farmington Police Department participated in a commemorative 911 tower climb. Lagoon allowed the individuals to utilize the ride “Cannibal”, to do a stair climb which represented the same number of steps as those who responded to the Twin Towers on 911. This climb required 110 flights of stairs and 2071 individual steps.
- Open House: On October 6, 2025, the Farmington Fire Department opened its doors to the public for the annual Fire Prevention Open House. Events included basic CPR training, Fire engine rides, activities for youth, and exposure to local emergency services such as police, Aeromedical services, and more.
- Football Games: In the Fall of 2025, Farmington Fire made appearances at the Farmington High School football games to support our local high school football team.
- Lunch with the Mayor: Once a month the fire department assists with a lunch time program that allows students to meet with the mayor and city staff to learn about city government, safety and community partnership. The program also includes transporting specifically awarded youth from local elementary schools in fire apparatus to and from the lunch program.

Employee Recognition

In 2025, Farmington Fire Team Members have reached significant accomplishment in the fields of promotion, tenure, education, awards, and recognition.

In 2025, Farmington Fire onboarded the following Full Time and Part Time Team Members

Full-Time Additions:

Tanner Probst Chanler Wade Aaron Roane Levi Blough

Zac Anderson Joey Thurgood Shelby Willis

Part-Time Additions:

Kaden Hartman Ethan Houdyshell Dakota Kistler Jared Ferrin

Mark Gordon Portia Lee Carter Leuba Rachel Walton

Transitioned from Full-time to Part-Time:

David Cerchio Jeff Jarrow

The Following Team Members Moved on to Different Career Paths:

Brandon Coover Jerry Woods Mikell Baron Lehi Jensen

Employee Tenure:

The following Team Members reached tenure milestones:

- 5 Years Dakota Kistler
Bri Taylor
Joseph Thurgood
- 10 Years Zac Anderson
Nathan Judson
- 20 Years Jason Hastings
Chris Winter
- 25 Years Shaun Smith

Promotions/Assignments:

The following Team Members were promoted to the following positions:

- Robert Anderson promoted to Captain
- James Morris promoted to Engineer
- Kathy Streadbeck promoted to Paramedic Specialist
- Briana Taylor promoted to Paramedic Specialist
- Chanler Wade promoted to Paramedic Specialist

Employee Accomplishments:

The following Team Members earned awards for outstanding efforts and accomplishments:

Awards:

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- Claire Grover was visited by three former patients who thanked her for outstanding care
- Shaun Smith earned Managing Fire Officer Designation
- Shaun Smith Davis County Fire Officer of the Year
- Briana Taylor earned Supervising Fire Officer Designation
- Chanler Wade earned an Honorable Citation for successful performance of a field cricothyrotomy

Education:

Robert Anderson earned an Instructor 2 Certification and completed the following courses:

- Command Officer Boot Camp
- Step up and Lead
- Rail car incident response for crude, ethanol, and other flammable liquids
- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations
- AWR-313 Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response
- School Bombing Awareness and Preparation
- C0266 - Personnel Management for the Fire Service
- C0258 - Political and Legal Foundations in Fire Protection
- C0287 - Community Risk Reduction for Fire and Emergency Services
- C0296 - Disaster Planning and Control
- Advanced Air Monitoring by The Meter Guys
- Difficult Airway Course

Levi Blough completed ADO Pumper and ADO Aerial and earned

- Youth Fire Setter Intervention Specialist Certification
- Fire Instructor 1 Certification

Dave Cerchio completed ADO Pumper and ADO Aerial

Will Fenton Fire earned Inspector 1

Claire Grover completed Anatomy and Chemistry 1 courses

Dakota Kistler completed the following courses:

- CTC Residential and Commercial Course
- ICS 300

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- ICS 400
- Fire Officer 1
- Fire Instructor 1

Gary McCloy earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration

Tristessa McKnight completed ADO Pumper and ADO Aerial

Aaron Roane obtained Fire Officer 1

Briana Taylor earned

- Company Officer Inspector
- Inspector I
- Instructor II
- ICS 300
- ICS 400
- ICS 703

Chanler Wade earned a MSA CARE Technician Certification, was selected for Davis County Honor Guard and completed:

- ICS 300
- ICS 400

Chris Winter developed and delivers monthly Growth Training for department personnel

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