



Professionalism • Community Involvement • Financial Discipline & Transparency • Service • Dedication



Compassion • Accountability • Respect for Citizens and Employees • Empowerment • Safety

Park City Fire Service District Annual Report 2020

TABLE OF CONTENTS

2	MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF
3	ORGANIZATION
4	FINANCIALS AND TRANSPARENCY
5	DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS
7	OPERATIONS
8	FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS
11	TRAINING
14	RESPONSE STATISTICS
15	ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION REPORT
17	RECRUITING
18	SAMPLE 2020 PCFD ACTIVITY
20	2020 PHOTOS



MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



The PCFD (Park City Fire District) is fortunate to serve one of the most desirable communities in the western United States. Park City became famous due in part to our world class ski resorts, the 2002 Olympics, and the Utah Olympic Park. Park City continues to gain increasing recognition as not only a great place to visit but also an exceptional community to live in. The recreational opportunities and civic mindedness of our community make this a great place to retire to, own a second home, or to raise a family.

In 2020 PCFD was part of a safety solution during a pandemic year. We kept our seven fire stations staffed with well-trained, ready-to-serve firefighters and paramedics. Our personnel were provided the best in personal protective and sanitizing equipment. Following safe guidelines we continued to train, keeping our knowledge, skills, and abilities at a very high level.

In addition to fire and medical emergencies, we prepare ourselves as an “All Hazard” response team. We are ready and able to respond to a myriad of emergency calls including trail rescue, trench rescue, heavy rescue, above-grade rescue, animal rescue, hazardous material incident mitigation, confined space rescue, earthquakes, collapses, and many other calls. We make sure our members have the most modern tools and apparatus available to respond safely and efficiently to the thousands of emergency calls we receive every year.

All of us here at the Park City Fire District hope you enjoy visiting or living in our fire district. It is also our collective hope that you will be safe in the many activities our area offers. But if you do end up in need of our services, rest assured some of the finest firefighters in the nation will attend to you, your friends, and family.

Please visit our website to learn much more about PCFD: www.pcfid.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Hewitt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Paul Hewitt
Fire Chief, Park City Fire District

ORGANIZATION

The Park City Fire District (PCFD) is located approximately 30 miles due east of metropolitan Salt Lake City, Utah, in the western portion of Summit County and can best be characterized as a residential/suburban ski resort community surrounded by wildland interfaces. The area is nestled in the grand setting of the Wasatch Mountains and is rapidly growing, partly due to its two world-class ski resorts and the Utah Olympic Park with its ski jumping and bobsled-luge-skeleton track facilities. The community consists of 32,000 year-round residents and draws 4 million annual daytime and over-night visitors, mostly in the winter and summer months. Additional day visitors frequent the area from the Salt Lake Valley area. Many visitors come from around the United States, as well as from around the world.

PCFD's 110 square-mile district consists of residential, commercial, and wildland urban interface zones. PCFD is home to over 70% of the population of Summit County's 1,880 square miles. PCFD employs 78 full-time firefighters and 19 administrative support personnel. PCFD also employs and manages two ambulance transport services of approximately 60 personnel for North and South Summit.

Although PCFD may be considered a mid-sized fire department, it provides a greater number of services than many larger fire departments. Indeed, it provides many urban-type services in a semi-rural/suburban setting. In addition to the typical fire suppression, rescue, and fire prevention services provided to the community from its seven staffed stations and one administrative facility, PCFD provides paramedic rescue services, EMT-Intermediate ambulance transport services, community EMS and CPR education and training, CERT instruction, and child safety and injury prevention programs.

Wildland fire suppression and prevention is also a focus of PCFD because of its significant wildland urban interface. The "Wasatch Back" (a two-county region just east of the Salt Lake Valley) developed a hazardous materials technical response team, which provides critical service not only to the Wasatch Back but also to larger regions of the State. PCFD employees are members of the FEMA urban search and rescue team, Utah Task Force 1. They are involved in all specialties and positions and are able to utilize their specialty skills on deployments during national emergencies. Other key services provided by the PCFD include backcountry, technical, and ice emergencies rescues.



FINANCIALS

Park City Fire Service District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-
Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2019*

	General	Capital Projects	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 12,433,303	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,433,303
Fee-in-lieu	289,613	-	-	289,613
Interest income	223,244	315,553	30,476	569,273
Other income	30,261	-	-	30,261
Grants and donations	42,303	-	-	42,303
Fees and permits	<u>3,150,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,686</u>	<u>3,470,985</u>
Total revenues	<u>16,169,023</u>	<u>315,553</u>	<u>351,162</u>	<u>16,835,738</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Personnel:				
Salaries and wages	8,227,212	-	-	8,227,212
Fringe benefits	3,618,729	-	-	3,618,729
Operations	1,579,814	-	-	1,579,814
General and administrative	274,077	15,969	2,550	292,596
Capital outlay	120,375	1,085,230	-	1,205,605
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	1,054,032	1,054,032
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,797</u>	<u>131,797</u>
Total expenditures	<u>13,820,207</u>	<u>1,101,199</u>	<u>1,188,379</u>	<u>16,109,785</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>2,348,816</u>	<u>(785,646)</u>	<u>(837,217)</u>	<u>725,953</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of assets	59,591	-	-	59,591
Operating transfers	<u>(1,732,250)</u>	<u>1,103,500</u>	<u>628,750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,672,659)</u>	<u>1,103,500</u>	<u>628,750</u>	<u>59,591</u>
Net change in fund balances	676,157	317,854	(208,467)	785,544
Fund balances – beginning	<u>12,331,211</u>	<u>10,313,795</u>	<u>1,541,541</u>	<u>24,186,547</u>
Fund balances – ending	<u>\$ 13,007,368</u>	<u>\$ 10,631,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,333,074</u>	<u>\$ 24,972,091</u>

* This is the final 2019 financial statement. The 2020 audited statement will be available after June 2021.

TRANSPARENCY

The Park City Fire District is open and accountable to the community it serves. All aspects of the PCFD budget and financials are public record in the effort toward total transparency and accountability. PCFD's website provides a link to download our current budget, as well as a link to the Utah State Auditor's website where our audit reports and financial information can be reviewed. Our 2019 independent audit was a clean audit with no adjustments or findings.

PCFD is a member of the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD), which promotes the proper and efficient operation of all special service districts in the State of Utah. Every year PCFD administrative staff and members of the PCFD Administrative Control Board take open meetings training provided by the UASD which is certified by the State Auditor's Office.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Promotions

Battalion Chief

January 2020



Battalion Chief
Ashley Lewis



Battalion Chief
Mike Owens

Captain

January 2020



Captain
Eric Anderson

Paramedic

October 2020



Paramedic
Crispin Calvert

Rescue Technician

December 2020



Rescue Technician
Reed Wycoff

New Hires

2020 Recruit Class — Graduation Date July 2, 2020



Firefighter
Jace Adams



Firefighter
Evan Esquivel



Firefighter
Christopher Hampton



Firefighter
David Horning



Firefighter
Dan Nord



Firefighter
Ryan Taggart



Firefighter
Hudson Zwahlen

Retirements

January 2020



Paramedic
Gary Brinkerhoff

June 2020



Training Division Public
Affairs Coordinator Tricia Hazelrigg

Awards

*Firefighter of
the Year*



Engineer
Chad Kramer

*Chief's
Award*



Captain
Chris Pendleton

*Customer
Service*



Training Division Admin. Asst.
Michelle Andersen

*Outstanding Crew
Station 33 "B" Crew*



Captain
Zane Thompson



Engineer
Chad Kramer

*Community Service
Fire Prevention Staff*



Fire Marshal
Mike Owens



Fire Inspector
Matt Dyer



Fire Prevention Specialist
Johnny Cocca



Paramedic
Brant Lucas



Admin. Asst.
Suzanne McMillan



Incident of the Year — Marsac Ave. Rollover, September 18, 2020

Battalion Chief Patrick Harwood; Captains Eric Gomm, Scott Greenwood, and Ron Palmer-Leger;
Engineers Neil Enquist, Jonathan Jahp, Matt Provost, and Wes Staples; and Paramedic Mason Wallace

OPERATIONS

Park City Firefighters spent many hours preparing to respond to 5,401 calls in 2020. Park City Firefighters are well prepared and have the training and equipment to provide the best possible outcome to any emergency. During the course of 2020, Park City Firefighters responded to calls for medical help, calls for smoke/fire investigation, hazardous material calls, and technical rescue calls. Some examples of medical incident responses are cardiac arrests, seizures, traumatic accidents ranging from traffic accidents to sports injuries, allergic reactions, diabetic problems, difficulty breathing, choking, lacerations, chest pain, drowning or near drowning, fainting, overdoses, strokes, and an array of other injuries and illnesses. Examples of non-medical emergency responses included gas leaks, fires, smoke investigations, structural flooding, chemical spills or leaks, extrication from stalled elevators, and many more.

The Park City Fire District maintains an equipment cadre capable of handling the different types of emergencies we face. A wide variety of apparatus with different capabilities aid us in accomplishing many different assignments. Our four-wheel-drive fire engines enable better traction on snow-covered roads and in remote areas that are accessed by dirt roads or require off-road capabilities. Our apparatus have been carefully designed to perform well in all areas we serve. Our ambulances are rotated throughout Summit County to keep each of these live-saving vehicles in top shape.

New Equipment

In 2020 one new staff vehicle and a utility pickup truck were added to the light fleet. In September 2020 the District took delivery of new Engine 38, a Rosenbauer Commander Chassis rear-mount pumper that is just short of 29 feet long and 10 feet high, which is the shortest engine in the PCFD fleet and will be able to safely maneuver the tight corners in the area it serves. It is the first vehicle with all electric power tools and also the first to have a clean cab concept, which completely removes gear from the cab to aid in cancer prevention.

Logistics

Maintenance of our facilities is imperative to maintaining operational readiness for emergency response. Several repairs were made at PCFD facilities in 2020. Stations 33 and 36 had the water inlet valves replaced, as they were old and leaking, and Station 37 had all bay doors replaced with a lighter door to help reduce the cost of servicing the motors due to lifting the old, heavier doors. Station 38 also had some water issues when a valve in a wall failed causing a slow leak, which in turn caused mold to grow and created a respiratory concern. The leak was addressed and the mold removed. Additionally, the north-facing concrete aprons of the Fleet Services building were removed and replaced due to a spalling issue that occurred with the original pour. By keeping up on station maintenance, stations are more efficient and functional for firefighters and supports the culture of PCFD. Clean, comfortable stations are safer, healthier, and give firefighters an environment they can thrive in.



FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

Fire Prevention Bureau Responsibilities

- Plan Review, Permit Issuance, Inspecting and Performing Acceptance Test of:
 - Fire Sprinkler Systems
 - Fire Alarm Systems
 - Specialized Engineered Fire Protection and Detection Systems
 - Smoke Control Systems
- Detailed Water Supply Analysis
- Interpretations of Fire Code Questions for Design Professionals
- Plan Review and Issuance of Project Clearance for New Construction
- Plan Review and Issuance of Project Clearance for Photovoltaic (Solar Panels) Installations
- Business License and Nightly Rental Inspections for New Businesses
- Inspections of New Construction with Fire and Life Safety Systems
- Issuance of Operational Permits for Activities Regulated by the International Fire Code
- Investigation of Fires to Determine Origin and Cause
- Publication of Operating Policies and Fire Safety Info Bulletins

Fire Prevention Bureau Activities: During 2020, the Fire Prevention Bureau accounted for the following activities:

- Fire & Life Safety Inspections – 1,790
- Business License Inspections – 300
- Consultations with Design Professionals – 190
- Project Clearances for Residential and Commercial Structures – 611
- Fire Protection System Plan Reviews – 412
- Fire Safety/Community Education – 32
- Fire/Special Event Permits – 25

Fire and Life Safety Plan Review of New Construction and Tenant Improvements

The Fire Prevention Bureau reviews construction documents to determine compliance with the International Fire and Building Codes as well as all local codes, ordinances, standards, and regulations. This includes plan review of building sites for adequate fire department access, hydrant locations, adequate fire flow, egress and exiting analysis, and requirements for fire and life safety systems such as fire sprinkler and alarm systems.

Fire Investigation Team

The Fire Investigation Team is under the direction of the Fire Prevention Bureau. All inspectors in the Fire Prevention Office have become certified fire investigators. Additionally, several on-duty firefighters are certified as fire investigators.



Public Education Highlights

COVID-19 created a unique challenge for public education in 2020. Rather than hosting our regular Fire Prevention Open House, we hosted three separate live tours of Fire Station 38. We invited all school classes grades K-5 to join us via Zoom for a tour of the fire station and a message on kitchen safety. The tours were recorded and placed on the PCFD YouTube channel. Aside from the initial participants in the videos, the K-1 grade video has been viewed 150 times, the 2-3rd grade video has been viewed 64 times, and the 4-5th grade video has been viewed 67 times.

In conjunction with National Fire Safety Week, PCFD hosted a multi-media contest. The contest was open to all children living in the response boundaries of PCFD under the age of 18. The challenge was to post a kitchen safety video and obtain the most “likes.” The winner was a young man who got to meet the firefighters and have his video posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Lastly, we continued our community wildfire education efforts. These efforts took two fronts. First, Brant Lucas continued to work with multiple HOAs to achieve FireWise Community status. He gave presentations to multiple HOAs and met with homeowner groups to discuss what can be done as a community. He helped the communities develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans and make plans to reduce the wildfire fuel loads in their areas. Brant also prepared a video series to educate homeowners on home hardening and defensible space. The video series has had 504 views to date.

Second, we hired an individual who met with homeowners at their request to discuss what each homeowner could do to their home and their property to make it more resilient to wildfire. Under this program, our Wildland Structure Inspector met with 124 members of the community. These meetings resulted in direct one-on-one education with homeowners. The education was based on the nationally recognized FireWise program and encouraged homeowners to “harden” their homes.

Wood Chipping & Fuel Reduction Program

2020 was another record-breaking year for the chipping program. Three full-time chippers working between May 1st and September 30th processed over 1,300 piles of wood. This year, the wood chips were shared with a local business owner who used the chips to create mulch to improve the quality of the soil in poor soil areas of the Old Ranch Road and White Pine Canyon areas. Chips were also piled in front of the Fire District offices for the public to take at no charge.

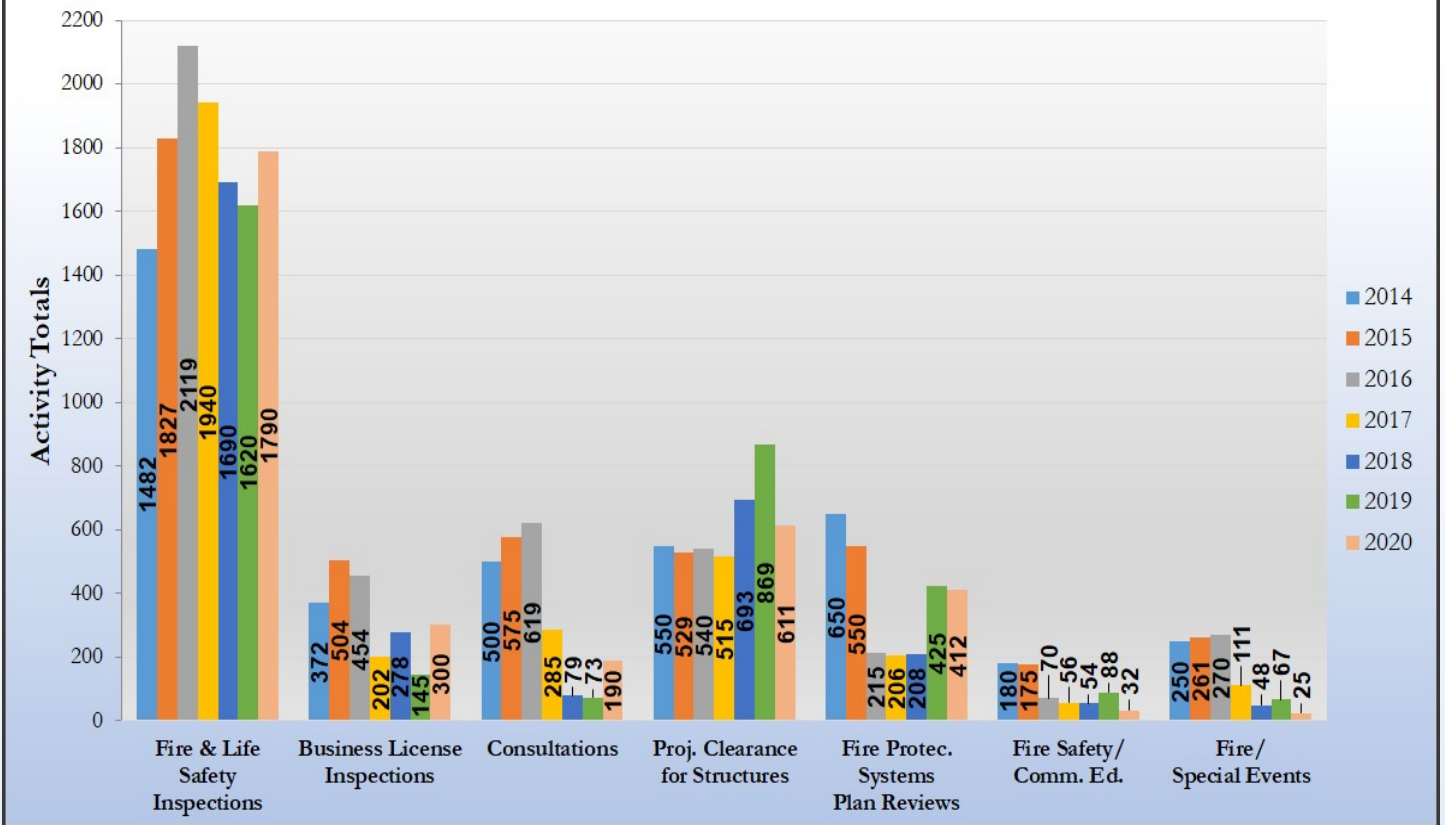
Awards and Accomplishments

The PCFD Fire Prevention Team was awarded the PCFD 2020 Community Service Award. This award was given to Fire Marshal Mike Owens, Fire Inspector Matt Dyer, Fire Prevention Specialist Johnny Cocca, Firefighter Brant Lucas, and Administrative Assistant Suzanne McMillan.

Fire Marshal Mike Owens was re-elected as President of the Fire Marshals Association of Utah. The Fire Marshals Association of Utah represents over 100 fire marshals and inspectors in the State of Utah and provides guidance to Utah Legislators. It also has a seat on multiple national boards representing fire prevention agencies.



Fire Prevention Annual Activity Report



TRAINING

Emergency Medical Services

Park City Fire District employees use the Medical Knowledge Skill Ability (MKSA) program for EMS training. The MKSA program was built by PCFD and meets both the State of Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services requirements as well as the National Emergency Medical standard. PCFD members complete a minimum of 60 hours of medical training every year. The Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services requires 30 hours a year. The MKSA program coincides with training delivered from the Training Division through lecture, EMS lab, and spot checks.

PCFD has added hypertonic saline to the Advanced EMT medical protocol. Previously, hypertonic saline was only allowed to be administered by paramedics. This allows hypertonic saline to be administered quickly on the east side prior to paramedic arrival. This required a variance through the Utah Emergency Medicine Bureau and a coordinated effort with the PCFD Training Division and the PCFD medical control doctor, Dr. Scott McIntosh. PCFD is the only ground-based EMS system in the state of Utah carrying hypertonic saline. This drug has shown benefits for head injuries that are common in PCFD's service area.

PCFD updated its resuscitation protocol to include the new Lucas automated compression device and automated ventilator. In an effort to increase the survivability of patients suffering from out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA), Summit County EMS is focusing on high performance CPR, revised airway management, and adopting the "pit crew" model of OHCA resuscitation. King County EMS (Washington), the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (Arizona), and many other communities have instituted this same philosophy in redesigning their resuscitation protocol and continue to have phenomenal success. Outcomes were measured in patients discharged using a cerebral performance category (CPC) score. This is a measurement comparing a victim of cardiac arrest at the time of discharge from the hospital to their neurological and cognitive status prior to the arrest. In these studies, if the patient's productivity and quality of life was relatively active prior to their cardiac arrest, a CPC of 1 or 2 means they will mostly likely return to that same level of activity at discharge. In the above-mentioned health care systems who have adopted this model, 45-62% of OHCAVT/VF patients are being discharged with a CPC of 1 or 2.



A hotload pilot program between AirMed and PCFD has been developed, the goal of which is to reduce scene times for critical patients. A hotload is where the helicopter pilot keeps the aircraft running and ready to lift off immediately after the patient is placed into the helicopter. In the past, PCFD crews have waited on scene for AirMed to arrive, sometimes delaying patient transport to a Trauma One center. The new program has four designated landing zones along the route PCFD ambulances travel to a Trauma One center. PCFD crews will dispatch AirMed to land at one of the predesignated landing zones ahead of them and perform a hotload with AirMed.

All crews participated in their biannual PALS training, which includes six hours of continuing education hours and two hours of hands-on training. Below is an outline of the program:

- ACLS Online Training through Target Solutions
- Review AHA ACLS Book
- Review ACLS Scenarios and Algorithms
- EMS Lab ACLS Practice – Scenario-based training intended to simulate adult emergencies in order to reinforce important concepts of systematic approach to adult assessment, basic life support, ACLS treatment algorithms, effective resuscitation, and team dynamics.

Paramedic Crispin Calvert graduated from the PCFD paramedic program, which includes the following key components:

- Formal evaluation each shift.
- Paramedic mentee will be observed and evaluated by their mentor on all calls.
- After any critical or ALS call, a full incident review is conducted.
- The mentee will be required to pass three clinical lab sessions in the EMS lab which will consist of an ACLS, ICLS, and PALS code. These will be at the end of each of the first three months of the program.
- The program consists of medical protocols, skills demonstrations, pharmacology, etc.
- The final assessment will be an EMS lab session consisting of one ACLS, ICLS, and PALS scenario as well as an oral review conducted by the PCFD medical control doctor.

Fire Training

Park City Fire District employees use the Knowledge Skill Ability (KSA) program with 19 sections that cover all pertinent fire skills ranging from accessing a hydrant to incident command structure. Sections are assigned on a monthly basis to all PCFD crews. The station captains have a month to review the assigned KSAs and sign each crew member off. The following month, spot checks are done with each crew on a few of the assigned KSAs from the prior month. These spot checks are performed by the Training Officer and are completed to make sure PCFD members' skills are consistent across the department and that individual skills are proficient.

PCFD graduated seven Firefighters in June 2020: Jace Adams, Evan Esquivel, Chris Hampton, Dave Horning, Dan Nord, Ryan Taggart, and Hudson Zwahlen. All seven have been assigned to stations and began work on July 1st. The recruit camp was a total of 10 weeks with all recruits receiving State certification in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Awareness, and Hazmat Operations.

Additionally, PCFD graduated eight firefighters from Module I of the Officer Development Program. The class had 8 students who attended 8 days of class with a total classroom time of 80 hours. Module I also includes instruction on the various forms of leadership, mentoring, and administrative tasks that PCFD captains are required to know. All students were also State certified in the State of Utah as an Officer One, which is a prerequisite to test for Captain in PCFD. Officer Module II will be offered in the spring of 2021.



All combat personnel participated in the Task Performance Test (TPT). PCFD had a 100% pass rate again for 2020 and no individuals were reassigned due to the TPT. The average passing TPT times per year are as follows:

- J 2014 3:57
- J 2015 3:34
- J 2016 3:15
- J 2017 3:16
- J 2018 3:11
- J 2019 3:05
- J 2020 3:10

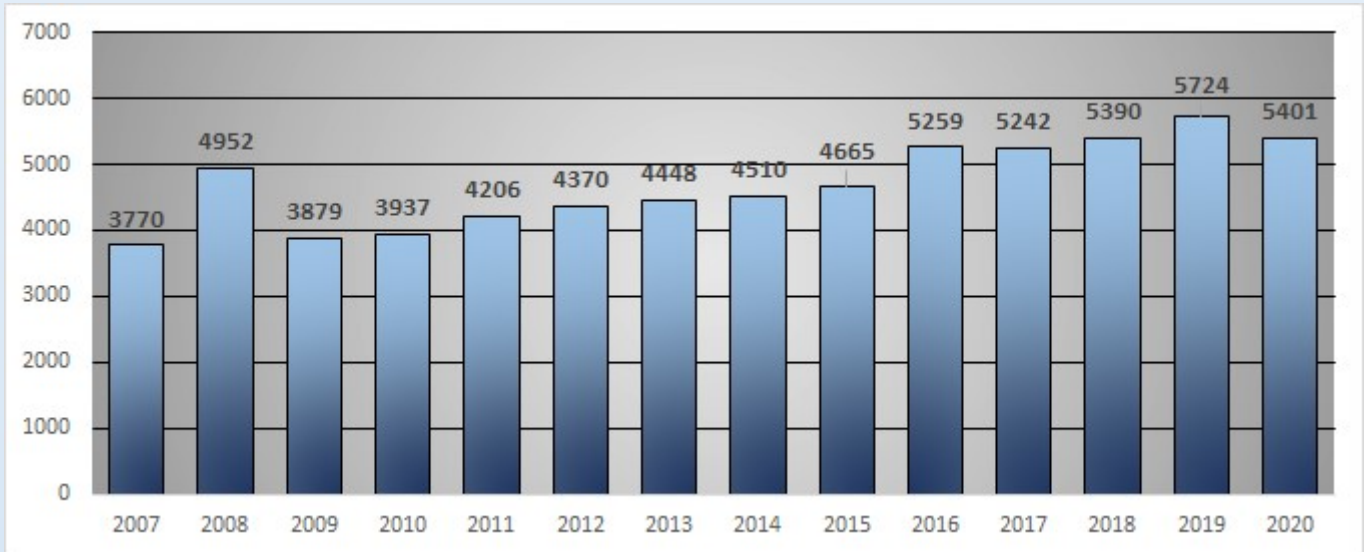
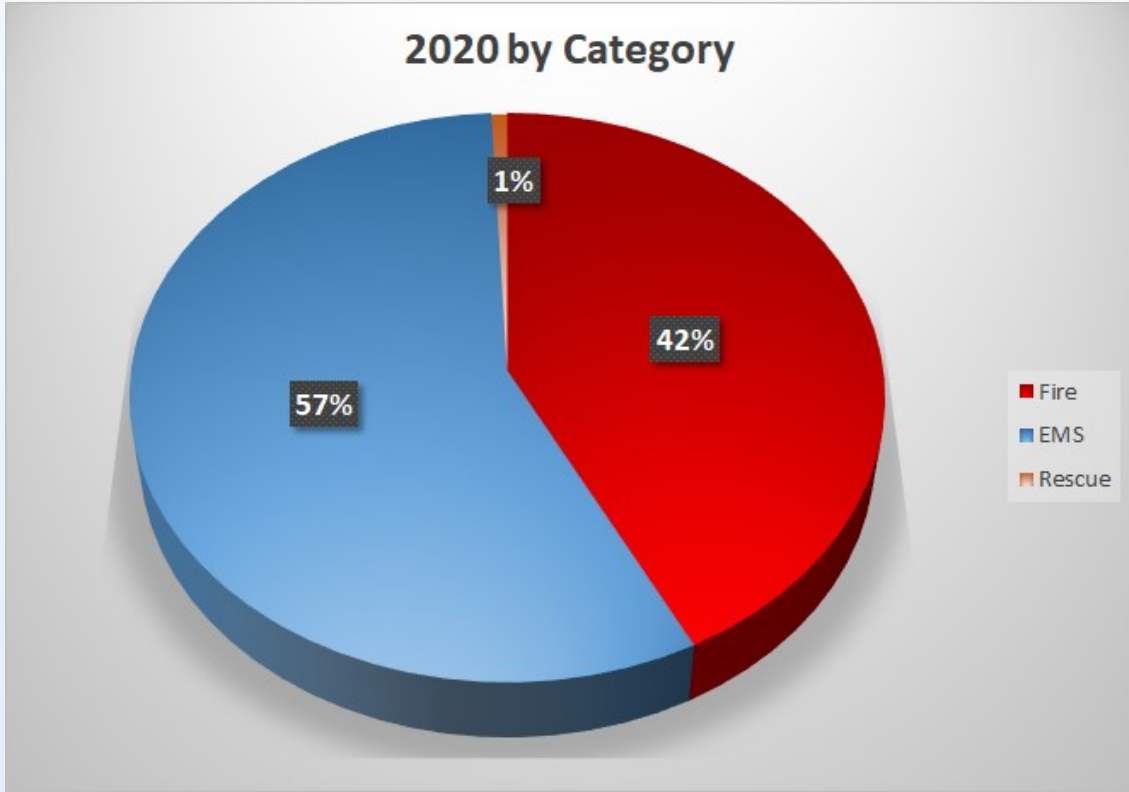
Special Operations

The Park City Fire District operates three special operation stations each day. The crew members of these stations are certified hazmat technicians and have training in trench, confined space, structural collapse, and high-angle rescues. Training on all five special operation categories is held once a year using scenario-based training.

PCFD graduated five firefighters from its hazardous materials technician course. The course began on September 14 and finished on October 16, 2020, with a day of state testing. The class was taught in accordance with NFPA 472 and NFPA 1072. The course will prepare PCFD responders to mitigate hazardous materials incidents, including incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. There were over 1,000 combined hours of training in this course alone.



RESPONSE STATISTICS SUMMARY



2020 Calls by Main Categories

Fire	2,295	42%
EMS	3,066	57%
Rescue	40	1%
	5,401	100%

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION REPORT

Ambulance Services

The Park City Fire District continues its long-standing partnership with Summit County to provide ambulance service within Park City and the surrounding communities. Significant challenges were presented in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic and necessary modifications to our EMS response. All areas of response were centered on provider wellness and patient safety. In 2020, Summit County leaders as well as local municipal leaders took a deep look into the EMS response throughout the county. An EMS Council was formed to dive into response metrics and other areas of EMS management. This council will continue to meet throughout 2021 to discuss the EMS system in Summit County and look for ways to improve the response with fire districts in the North and South Summit areas. Efforts continue to be made to work with our ambulance billing company, insurance companies, and collection agencies to provide the highest level of return in order to decrease the financial impact to our tax payers.



Park City Fire District

Under the direction of the on-duty Battalion Chief, 5 paramedic ambulances are staffed each day in the 110 square miles of the District. These ambulances respond to 911 scene calls, various recreation areas, and hospitals and clinics for medical aid and transportation of sick and injured patients. Three additional Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances are cross-staffed, as needed, to accommodate times of unusual demand on our EMS system. Emergency medical responses make up approximately 60% of the District's annual call volume. In partnership with Summit County, the Park City Fire District provides management and oversight to these ambulance services. PCFD is committed to providing the highest quality EMS services to Summit County.

Summit County EMS

Comprised of approximately 52 dedicated part-time personnel, Summit County EMS provides emergency medical services to over 1,000 square miles of eastern Summit County. Summit County EMS responds to over 800 calls for service annually. Beginning in 2019, ambulance staffing in the North and South Summit areas transitioned to full-time coverage from on-call and daytime coverage, marking a milestone in response and service delivery. EMTs are now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are ready to respond the moment a 911 call is received.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summit County EMS personnel did not participate in as many local events as years past. Events were limited in Summit County and EMS providers focused on response and COVID-19 precautions.

Community Education/Special Projects

Community CPR and First Aid

The Park City Fire District continues to offer monthly CPR and First Aid classes to the community. The American Heart Association CPR, First Aid, and Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC) courses offered provide information and the skills necessary to effectively assess and help those in critical emergencies until the arrival of EMS personnel. Classes were offered through the American Heart Association online portal and the skills were taught in small, individual groups to promote social distancing.

High School EMT Course

For the ninth year now, Park City Fire District has partnered with the Park City High School in offering an Emergency Medical Technician course. This yearlong course is designed to give students the opportunity and resources to learn about and explore career opportunities in the EMS field as well as prepare them for the National Registry Test and State certification as an EMT. Students as well as teachers made the necessary adjustments to navigate the pandemic and its impacts on the school system. Well over 250 students have had the opportunity to participate in this valuable training since its inception.

Information Technology

Our Information Technology division continues to advance and upgrade in an effort to keep our systems up to date and running properly. There were many improvements in 2020, including an overhaul of the phone system and a complete upgrade including the contracting, design, and implementation of a hosted Voice-Over-IP phone system in an effort to enhance the resiliency of the phone system in the event of a major outage. There were many IT measures implemented to support social distancing and work-from-home initiatives including a cloud-based management solution system to support this initiative. All monthly Medical Control meetings were also transitioned to an online distant learning platform.



RECRUITING

The Park City Fire District offers a challenging and rewarding career in emergency services. Our Firefighters enjoy excellent pay and benefits while working towards a state pension. While the work of a Park City Firefighter can be challenging, being a positive force in our community makes all the hard work worth it.

Once hired as a Park City Firefighter, many new opportunities to test for different positions and specialties will be available to you. On top of your work as a Firefighter, you will have the opportunity to earn a certification as a Paramedic, promote to Captain, earn a hazardous materials certification, obtain a wildland firefighting certification, and earn many other certifications during your tenure here. PCFD offers a career full of exciting challenges. The minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, an EMT certification, and the applicant must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

In addition to working for a great organization, where you will be working is an added benefit to your work as a PCFD Firefighter. Park City and the Snyderville Basin areas are some of the most picturesque mountainous terrain in the world. Off shift, our Firefighters enjoy meeting up for a trail mountain biking excursion or running on some of the over 400 miles of single-track trails in our District.

We invite you to join our family and become a Park City Firefighter. You can find more information about PCFD Firefighter testing on our website at: www.pcfcd.org. After learning about this exciting opportunity, please fill out a job interest card using the following link: [PCFD Job Interest Card](#).



SAMPLE 2020 PCFD ACTIVITY

- 1/7 Structure fire at Three Kings Court. A contractor had been hired by the homeowner to fix a leak in in the siding of the house where water was seeping in from the outside. He was using a hand torch to melt ice to access the leak and ignited the interior plywood backing. Fire personnel used an extinguisher and a hand line to extinguish the fire. The damage was confined to the area of origin, a 6' x 10' area on the exterior of the home.
- 3/14 Hazmat incident at St. Regis involving a liquid chlorine spill, level "A" entry. The Park City Hazmat Team responded to a small liquid chlorine spill inside a chemical supply closet on the parking level with one patient sustaining a respiratory injury. A leak was discovered by a building engineer. When the gentleman went to shut a valve to isolate the leak, he got product on this clothes and also suffered an inhalation injury. Chlorine gas fumes were inhaled and mixed with airway and lung secretions, resulting in pulmonary edema. The patient was quickly located, decontaminated, and transported to Park City Hospital. The Hazmat Team donned level A PPE and made entry where they identified the product, confirmed the leak had been mitigated, and neutralized/removed the product for disposal.
- 3/18 A magnitude 5.7 earthquake struck in Magna and was felt in Park City. A mutual aid response for the Hazmat Team was requested by Unified Fire Authority due to a potential large-scale chemical release at the Kennecott Plant. Resources from multiple agencies convened at the UFA Magna training facility to stage and wait assignment. PCFD Hazmat 33 received assignment for entry because they were one of the few technical teams available; however, the incident deescalated quickly following recon and investigation, and the team was released to return to Park City. This was a great exercise for Park City Fire to support and coordinate a response with Valley agencies.
- 5/12 Backcountry rescue in Round Valley off of Old Ranch trailhead. A 60-year-old female patient with chest pain and anxiety reported needing help while hiking in Round Valley. Stations 33, 37, 31, and MOTO 35 responded in an attempt to locate the distressed person. Many of the injured hikers and bikers requiring assistance are not familiar with the trails well enough to identify their precise locations without significant challenges. Often times, responses to Round Valley are best served by crews accessing the area from multiple trailheads and a MOTO unit to locate the patient quickly. This patient became frightened and anxious and attempted to return to the road by taking a short cut. Patient was transported to PKMC in stable condition for evaluation and care.



5/19 PCFD crews were dispatched to assist a trapped moose in distress that had fallen into a flooded foundation for a home in Summit Park. Crews arrived to find the moose swimming intermittently and attempting to get out of the water. The moose had injured legs and was becoming fatigued and at risk for drowning. PCFD and DWR deputies ultimately used a large rescue strap to wrap the animal by the thorax and use a small mini-excavator to hoist the moose from the water and over to dry land. The moose quickly regained its footing and scurried off into the trees where it was seen 20 minutes later eating a resident's flowers.



7/9 A detached storage shed caught fire after a juvenile playing with matches ignited a pile of stored mattresses and couches on the exterior of the building. Damage was limited to the exterior of the building eaves on one side and attic trusses over the east end. Contents were mostly saved with minor water and smoke damage to a few items.

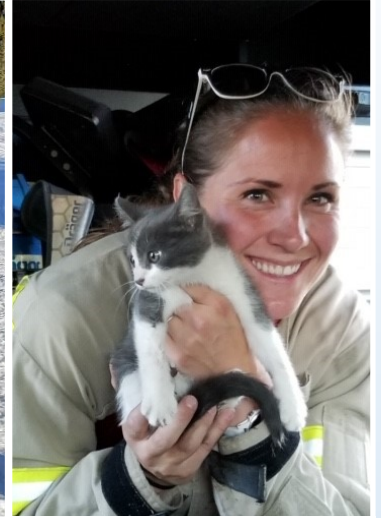
8/9 Paraglider crash on the south side of Jupiter Peak. The patient spun out of control shortly after launch, which was witnessed by two other pilots who rushed to his aid approximately 200 yards down the slope. Several PCFD units, Wasatch County Sheriff, and Search and Rescue responded. Access to the patient was gained with a short walk and a UTV ride. The patient sustained minor injuries and was otherwise stable upon transport to UMED.

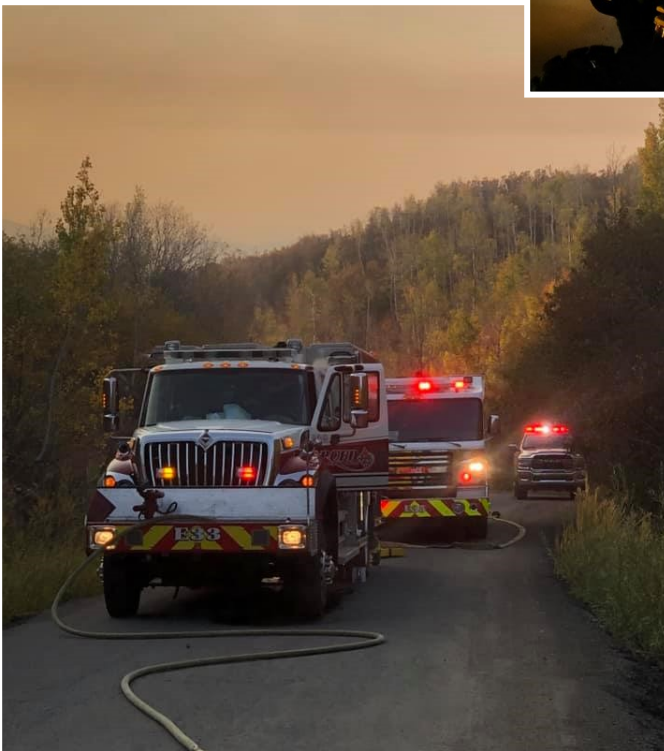
8/15 A backcountry rescue in Daly above the water tank and mine was completed for a middle-aged male involved in a mountain bike accident, Bravo condition. BC3, BK34, MA38, and E34 responded to the Ontario Mine to gain access. There were communication challenges with no radio and limited cell reception. Station 34's crew was able to locate and assist the patient down a technical trail with the wheeled stokes and he was eventually evacuated by the ranger to meet the ambulance crew.

9/18 A34, E38, BC3, HR36, and E35 responded to a dump truck rollover just above the Montage. The truck was headed down into Park City carrying a load of asphalt when it lost control and rolled onto its side. The truck came to rest after striking the guard rail, which prevented it from going over the side and down a slope into an aspen stand. The driver was severely pinned inside of the cab and this was complicated by the damaged guardrail being tangled in the crushed cab. Crews worked for nearly 90 minutes to extricate the operator, who was in critical condition inside. AirMed had been requested and was standing by to treat the patient once he was removed. The cab had to be completely cut away from around him, and the guard rail was cut away with the K12 gas-powered metal saw. The patient suffered head injury/lacerations, broken ribs, and a puncture to the abdomen, but he was stable for his flight to the University Medical Center. The call tested the skills and training of our Tech Rescue Team. It was an incredible effort by all involved.

10/17 Wildfire mutual aid for the Fire Canyon fire in Henefer. Summit County Fire Warden Bryce Boyer (3A401) requested a water tender, a brush engine, Battalion Chief, and our backcountry UTV to respond to assist on a human-caused fire at the Henefer exit. The fire began mid-slope and ran quickly uphill, aided by gusting winds. PCFD crews were assigned numerous tasks including water supply, fire attack, back burning, and more. The fire began at about 1:30 in the afternoon and crews were on scene until near midnight. Invaluable experience is gained working in large fires like this. Teams use different communication modalities, work within a growing command system, and work as a team with other agencies. PCFD is quick to offer aid to our neighboring agencies, we build bridges this way while protecting mutual interests and utilizing each other's resources and personnel. At no point was the fire near our District boundaries. We offered the same resources and number of personnel the following days. Eventually, an official wildfire deployment put a Type III engine and 3 personnel on the fire for several days. The fire was shy of 2,000 acres and required a week to control.

2020 PHOTOS







Park City Fire Service District Administrative Control Board

Alex Butwinski (Secretary), Tim Henney, Christina Miller, Michael Howard (Vice Chair/Treasurer), Jay Dyal (Chair)



Park City Fire District
736 W. Bitner Road
Park City, UT 84098
435-940-2500

The mission of the Park City Fire Service District is to enhance the quality of life for those we serve; safeguard the environment and economic base of our communities; make a positive difference; and provide excellence in service.