



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

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Strategic Plan update: The workgroup has been busy during July conducting station and division visits to learn more about the strengths, areas for improvements, opportunities and challenges they anticipate the organization facing over the next 3-5 years and beyond. Schedules for community meetings will be coming out shortly.

Wildland Update: Fire activity in our area has been moderate with fewer than normal fire incidents, compared to years past. Effective initial attack and increased fuels moistures have kept fires small. The recent storms have resulted in a few lightning caused fires within UFA response areas, however, the crews were able to quickly locate and suppress these fires, preventing them from spreading. The Wildland crews will continue fuel mitigation efforts throughout UFA jurisdictions and remain available for wildfire response.

Construction update:

Station 251- Eagle Mountain

- We are preparing for furniture and furnishings to begin moving in.
- Turnout gear racks have been assembled and installed.
- The secondary water system in Eagle Mountain has yet to be pressurized due to leaks. The landscaping is currently being watered through a temporary connection to the culinary water supply.
- A 400-amp breaker has yet to be shipped and installed. It is expected to be shipped on August 11, 2023, but could be subject to delays as the delivery date keeps moving back. Transit in shipping is likely going to take about a week with another approximate week to install and swap temporary power provisions. High-capacity breakers continue to be a supply chain issue affecting the construction industry.
- Due to the delivery delay of the electrical breaker, we are now expecting that the earliest we could occupy the station may be the very end of August. However, this timeline is based upon receiving the necessary electrical component and could move back should there be issues with the delivery.

Station 253- Eagle Mountain

- All the exterior concrete that didn't meet standards has been replaced.
- Plumbing, HVAC, and electrical work has been completed.
- Landscaping is in and the sub-contractor is addressing some issues with dying trees, and watering changes.
- All electrical components, including breakers, are in place and functioning.
- A certificate of occupancy has been issued; however, the contractor is resolving issues on the punch list found during the architect's review, that could impact an occupying crew.
- Apparatus bifold doors are needing further adjustments and their safety features to be enabled.
- We anticipate the move-in to occur the second week of August.

Station 102- Magna

- Footing and foundation of the station monument sign, in front of the station are in.
- Front exterior concrete is being poured.
- Painting of the apparatus bay ceiling has been completed.
- Finish plumbing and electrical is continuing.
- Interior wood acoustical ceiling in the high ceiling area (dayroom/ kitchen area) is being installed.
- Electrical switchgear is being installed, however a splice plate is missing, and was supposed to ship on July 25th. We are working to determine if it was shipped and possible delays resulting from this unexpected shortage.

- We are tentatively expecting that the construction should be completed around mid-August with the move-in occurring 14-28 days after the last drive concrete has been poured to allow for sufficient curing. This projected completion could move back due to delays or other unforeseen issues.

Retirements: UFA had three firefighters retire recently: Engineer Todd Spratt retired the end of July while David Perry and Gordon O’Harra retire in mid-August.

Promotions: UFA had many promotions in August. These included: Nathan Kay being promoted to Battalion Chief, Megan Fenton is being promoted to Paramedic, Bethany Bitter and Daniel Egbert to Engineer and Travis Pharmer, Gabriel Ramirez and Justin Austin to Heavy Rescue Techs.

Lateral Hires: UFA also hired several lateral firefighters and finished their onboarding. These include: PMs John Hickey and Jonathan Larsen, and firefighters Keaton Smith, Sergio Alcaraz, Ashley Fyle, Manuel Mendoza, Trevor Gordon, and Kirby Grow.