



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

KAYSVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Kaysville Fire Chief Paul Erickson has approved this annual report for public distribution. The information given throughout the report reflects the calendar year of 2024.



Fire Chief Paul Erickson

"I continue to be honored to serve as the Fire Chief for Kaysville City. Since beginning this role in 2017, I've watched our department grow stronger, more capable, and increasingly connected to the community we proudly serve. In 2024, we continued our commitment to enhancing public safety through expanded training, investments in modern equipment, and ongoing support of our paramedic services."

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Kaysville Fire Department is to protect life, property, and the environment through skilled emergency response, fire prevention, and community preparedness.



Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Kaysville Fire Department is to serve our community with integrity, courage, and duty—guided by compassion, accountability, and a commitment to excellence.

Integrity. Courage. Duty.

-KFD Motto

DEPARTMENT HISTORY



The Kaysville Fire Department (KFD) was founded in 1911 as a volunteer fire service, built on the dedication of local residents who recognized the need for organized fire protection. Early firefighting relied on basic tools, such as hose carts. In 1922, the department built its first homemade fire engine from a modified Hudson automobile, marking a significant milestone in capability and innovation.

Throughout the 20th century, KFD operated out of various shared or repurposed buildings in downtown Kaysville. In 1969, the city completed its first station built specifically for fire service. In 2000, the department moved into its current facility at 175 S. Main Street.

In 2002, KFD transitioned from an on-call volunteer model to a paid part-time structure, expanding its emergency response capabilities and launching ambulance service for Kaysville and Fruit Heights. Continued growth and professionalization led to the department's transition to full-time career staffing in 2016.



From our earliest days as a volunteer brigade with hose carts and hand-built equipment, the Kaysville Fire Department has been rooted in service, innovation, and dedication to community. Over the course of more than a century, we have grown in size, capability, and professionalism—but our commitment remains the same. As we look to the future, we carry forward a legacy of excellence, integrity, and progress in serving the people of Kaysville.

- The Kaysville Fire Department (KFD) provides fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services to the City of Kaysville and portions of unincorporated Davis County.
- Our response area covers over 10 square miles and serves a residential population of 35,000.
- KFD operates from a single, centrally located fire station staffed by eight firefighters on duty 24/7. All firefighters are cross-trained as either Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs) or Paramedics.
- The department employs 23 full-time personnel, including a Fire Chief, an Administrative Assistant, three Captains (shift supervisors), three Engineers (drivers/operators), and fifteen Firefighters. KFD is supported by 15 part-time Firefighters.
- In 2024, KFD responded to 1,961 incidents. Of these, 61% were medical emergencies, while the remaining 39% involved fire suppression, rescue operations, hazardous materials responses, false alarms, or mutual aid provided to neighboring agencies.
- Daily staffing includes one ambulance, one paramedic squad, and one fire engine. A second-out ambulance, a ladder truck, and a brush truck are cross-staffed as needed.





FIRE CHIEF

Paul J. Erickson

Fire Chief Paul Erickson began his fire service career in May 1984 with the United States Air Force, where he served in various capacities, including Captain, Assistant Fire Chief, and ultimately as Fire Chief. During his military career, he held chief officer roles at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, Menwith Hill Station in the United Kingdom, all U.S. Air Force bases in Afghanistan during deployment, and finally at Hill Air Force Base in Layton, Utah. He retired from federal service in October 2017 when he became the Fire Chief of Kaysville City.

ADMISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Aryel Daniels



Aryel brings over 12 years of administrative experience across a variety of fields. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and is a certified paralegal. Prior to joining the Kaysville Fire Department in August 2023, she worked in the legal profession. In her current role, she supports department operations with a focus on organizational efficiency, enhancing critical functions, and advancing departmental goals to help ensure overall operational success.



A SHIFT CAPTAIN

Cameron McKinnon

Captain McKinnon began his fire service career with the Kaysville Fire Department in 2010. He has also served with the Farmington Fire Department and worked in the Davis County Sheriff's Office 911 division. In addition to his role as Captain, he serves as the department's Public Information Officer (PIO), managing our social media presence. He is a heavy rescue technician, supports our administrative functions and leads the department's fire training program.



B SHIFT CAPTAIN

Jason Taylor

Captain Taylor began his fire service career in 2004 and has held the ranks of Firefighter, Paramedic, and Captain. He has worked with Ogden Fire, Roy Fire, and Kaysville Fire. While at Roy Fire, he served on the Public Education Team for eight years. Captain Taylor currently serves as Kaysville Fire's Medical Training Officer and is a certified instructor in CPR, Pediatric Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.



C SHIFT CAPTAIN

Aaron Shupe

Captain Shupe began his fire service career in 1997. Prior to joining Kaysville Fire Department in 2016, he served with South Ogden and Syracuse Fire Departments, holding the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, and Lieutenant. He is certified as both a Hazardous Materials Technician and a Heavy Rescue Technician. At KFD, he oversees equipment and apparatus management and serves as a certified drone pilot.



Kaysville Fire Department operates from a single, centrally located station—Fire Station 61—at 175 S. Main Street. Built with five pull-through bays, six bedrooms, a training room, and administrative offices, the station was originally designed in 1999, when the city's population and call volume were concentrated east of Interstate 15.

As Kaysville has grown, so have the demands on our department, and the station has quickly become undersized. In 2021, two administrative offices were converted into additional bedrooms, allowing us to house eight firefighters around the clock. Looking ahead, the city is considering plans for a station expansion as soon as July 2026. If passed by the council, the addition would be funded through impact fees & other existing avenues. This addition would include four more bedrooms, expanded office space, and equipment storage. It would also allow us to staff two more personnel 24/7, staffing a second ambulance and a ladder truck crew, improving service and operational safety. Reclaiming converted office space will also accommodate much-needed administrative growth.

While this expansion addresses immediate staffing and space needs, response times on Kaysville's west side remain a primary concern for our department. When a 911 call is received, dispatchers have 60 seconds to process & dispatch the call, and crews have 60 seconds to mobilize (turnout). Then drive time begins - which cannot exceed 4 minutes, per national standards. For west side addresses, delays can become critical. Here are sample drive times to several west side locations from Station 61:

- 175 S Main St to Smith's Marketplace: 4 min 30 sec drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **6 min 30 sec total response time**
- 175 S Main St to Angel Street Soccer Complex: 6 min 30 sec drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **8 min 30 sec total response time**
- 175 S Main St to 50 East Shepard Ln: 6 min 30 sec drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **8 min 30 sec total response time**
- 175 S Main St to Pioneer Park: 7 min 30 sec drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **9 min 30 sec total response time**
- 175 S Main St to Southbound Hwy 177 950 N Exit: 9 min drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **11 min total response time**
- 175 S Main St to White Horse Circle: 10 min drive time
 - +Dispatch & Turnout Time (2 min): **12 min total response time**

These response times were compiled using a combination of real-time GIS mapping data and actual emergency incident records from the listed locations, all during daytime hours. The data assumes responses were made under normal traffic conditions using lights and sirens. Factors such as non-emergency calls (no lights and sirens), heavy traffic, or incidents occurring late at night or early in the morning—when firefighters are asleep—can all contribute to longer response times than those listed above.

All calls included in this analysis were handled directly by Kaysville Fire Department. When our units are already committed to other incidents, calls are dispatched to Layton or Farmington Fire through mutual aid. In those cases, response times can increase by five minutes or more.

In 2024, our **average response time to west side incidents**—measured from the time a 911 call was placed to the time a unit arrived on scene—**was 8 minutes and 15 seconds**. The longest recorded response time for a west side call was 13 minutes and 59 seconds. A total of **230 responses to Kaysville's west side** exceeded the **6-minute benchmark** set by national standards, and **53 of those incidents had response times greater than 10 minutes**.

Why does it matter?

In medical emergencies where a patient is not breathing, such as cardiac arrest, choking, allergic reactions, or trauma, severe neurological injury can begin within just 4 minutes without oxygen. **Brain tissue death** starts between **4 and 6 minutes**, and the **chances of survival drop to nearly zero after 10 minutes** without oxygen.

In cases of severe, uncontrolled bleeding, **cardiac arrest can occur in as little as 5 minutes**.

When it comes to fires, the commonly repeated phrase that "fire doubles in size every minute" no longer holds true. Due to modern furnishings and synthetic building materials, fires today burn hotter and spread faster than in the past, often increasing in size by more than four times within seconds. **One of the most hazardous fire conditions is flashover**, which occurs when the contents of a room ignite simultaneously. **This event is usually fatal** for anyone trapped and typically results in major property loss. In modern homes, **flashover can occur in as little as 5 minutes** and is usually fully developed within 10 minutes of the fire's initiation.

The most critical factor in saving lives and limiting fire damage during a structure fire is getting water on the fire before it reaches flashover.

With an **average response time of 8 minutes and 15 seconds to the west side of Kaysville**, the window for life and property-saving intervention is often narrow in medical and fire emergencies. That is why response time matters.

To address this, Kaysville City has designated land near 1250 S. Deseret Drive, just north of the Kaysville Power Substation, for a future second fire station—Fire Station 62. This location would provide central north-south coverage for the west side, with quick access to Burton Lane to assist with east side calls when needed. The property is also large enough to accommodate a training tower and grounds, a critical resource the department currently lacks.

Existing bonds from the Police Station and City Hall remodel are scheduled to be paid off in 2031 and 2033, respectively. Building a second fire station before that time would likely require a significant property tax increase. The City welcomes public input on whether residents would support bonding for the project sooner or prefer to wait until the current obligations are fulfilled.

Kaysville Fire Department recognizes the urgency for needing a second station, but we are also mindful of the financial impact additional taxes may have on our residents. Balancing public safety with fiscal responsibility is a conversation we're eager to have—with you.

Kaysville Fire Department maintains a diverse fleet of emergency response vehicles, including three Advanced-EMT level ambulances, two fire engines, one ladder truck, one heavy rescue unit, two brush trucks, one 6x6 brush/remote transport unit, one paramedic “rescue” truck, one hazardous materials trailer, and two command vehicles.

Due to limited on-duty staffing, we currently operate under a cross-staffing model. This means our crews select the most appropriate apparatus for each call based on dispatch information, moving their turnout gear from one vehicle to another as needed. While this system allows us to maximize the use of available resources, it is not ideal. Cross-staffing slows our response by increasing turnout times and limits the number of units we can deploy simultaneously during complex incidents.

The planned construction of Fire Station 62 on Kaysville’s west side will significantly reduce our need to cross-staff. Once operational, the Main Street station will staff an ambulance, a fire engine, and a paramedic vehicle. The west side station will staff an ambulance, the ladder truck, the heavy rescue unit, and a battalion chief command vehicle. This expansion will allow us to respond more efficiently and safely to the growing needs of our community.



Engine 61

2019 Pierce Quantum custom-built pumper Combination fire engine and heavy rescue

750 gallons of on-board water
1,500 gallon-per-minute water pump
Structural & wildland firefighting
Vehicle rescue, rope rescue, ice rescue
Advanced EMT level first responder unit.



Truck 61

2013 Pierce Quantum custom-built ladder Combination pumper and aerial ladder

105' aerial ladder
500 gallons of on-board water
2,000 gallon-per-minute water pump
Class A foam
First-in on all commercial responses
First-in on all mutual-aid/auto-aid responses



Engine 62

2007 Pierce Quantum custom-built pumper

Fire suppression apparatus
750 gallons of on-board water
2,000 gallon-per-minute 2-stage water pump
40 gallons of firefighting foam
Structural firefighting, wildland firefighting
Vehicle rescue



Heavy Rescue 61

2025 Pierce Quantum custom-built heavy rescue

750 gallons of on-board water
1,500 gallon-per-minute single stage water pump
20 gallons of firefighting foam
Structural & wildland firefighting
Heavy and technical rescue



Brush Trucks 61 & 62

2011 Dodge Pickup

Brush 61 and Brush 62 are identical 2011 Dodge pickup trucks set up for brush/wildland fires. These units carry water, hoses, and hand tools that are essential to fighting fires in tough terrain such as fields, hills, and mountain areas.



Medic 61

2024 Chevy 2500

Quick response paramedic vehicle

-Equipped with: LifePak 15 cardiac monitor and AED; advanced airway tools; advanced trauma and pediatric life support gear; and advanced medications for a variety of critical medical emergencies.

Ambulance 61, Ambulance 62, and Ambulance 63

2022 Horton/Ford F450 Ambulance

2021 Horton/Ford F450 Ambulance

2014 Horton/Ford F450 Ambulance (Reserve Unit) - This unit will be replaced by a 2025 Horton/Ford F450 in the Summer of 2025

- Advanced airway management (oxygen, suction, basic and advanced airways)
- Bandaging/bleeding control (gauze, bandages, tourniquets)
- Advanced cardiac life support (LifePak cardiac monitor and defibrillator, Lucas automated CPR device, epinephrine, amiodarone and atropine)
- Pediatric life support,
- Pre-hospital trauma life support
- Fluid/IV management
- MCI/Mass shooting ready,
- Pain and anxiety management (fentanyl, morphine and versed).



Kaysville Fire's emergency response is built to get you the help you need as fast as possible.

The goal is to get the right resources of firefighters and equipment to your emergency in time to make a lifesaving difference.

A number of factors enter into this equation including:

- Station location and design
- Traffic and travel times
- Staffing levels
- Dispatch time
- How quickly the emergency is reported

Kaysville Fire follows nationally recognized standards and has established response benchmarks that are reviewed and reported annually.

The standard requires a response time of 6 minutes or less to 90% of calls

Kaysville Fire's response time standard, based on guidance from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is to arrive on scene within 6 minutes or less, measured from the time a 911 call is placed to the moment our units arrive. The goal is to meet this benchmark on 90% of all emergency calls.

However, with only one fire station covering over 10 square miles, meeting that standard citywide remains a challenge. In 2024, we were compliant with the 6-minute benchmark on just 60% of our responses—meaning 40% of the time, help arrived later than national standards recommend.

Why Seconds Count

- **House Fires:** Fire can more than quadruple in size within seconds. Today's house fires burn faster than ever. Modern furnishings, open spaces, and lightweight construction all contribute to the rapid growth and spread of home fires.
- **Cardiac Arrest:** When someone is not breathing, brain tissue begins to die in as little as 4 minutes due to a lack of oxygen. A patient's chance of survival drops significantly after 9 minutes without oxygen.
- **Traumatic Injuries:** Our goal is to get patients with severe bleeding or injuries to vital organs to an operating room within the "golden hour"—the critical 60 minutes following a traumatic injury. Timely surgical and medical intervention during this period offers the best chance of survival.

- **Average Citywide Response Time:** 6 minutes and 59 seconds
- **Average West of I-15 Response Time:** 8 minutes and 15 seconds
- **Average East of I-15 Response Time:** 6 minutes and 16 seconds
- **Number of Times Two or More Calls Were Happening at the Same Time In Kaysville:** 287 instances of overlapping calls
- **Number of Calls Layton FD or Farmington FD Had to Cover For Kaysville:** 117 calls



1,961

Total Responses

52

Fires

3

Explosions

1,196

Medical Calls

69

Hazardous
Condition

121

Service Calls

292

Citizen Assists

228

False
Alarm/Cancel

An entry-level firefighter at Kaysville Fire Department completes 660 hours of initial training in firefighting and emergency medical care to meet the baseline qualifications for employment.

Once hired, new firefighters complete 56 hours of specialized training for certification in areas such as wildland firefighting, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). In addition, they participate in a 12-month field training program that encompasses both fire and medical skill development, which includes 120 hours of structured in-house training under the guidance of experienced mentors.

After completing probation, firefighters continue their professional development with technical and leadership training supported by nationally recognized certifications. These include areas such as hazardous materials response and technical rescue, with individual course lengths ranging from 40 to 120 hours. These advanced courses are offered through the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy, the state's professional accrediting agency, and are available to KFD personnel as part of their continued training.





Firefighters who pursue paramedic certification complete two semesters of college prerequisites, followed by 1,200 to 1,800 hours of classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and field internships.



All fire and EMS certifications require ongoing continuing education to stay current. In 2024, full-time Kaysville Fire Department employees averaged 240 hours of continuing education, totaling more than 5,000 hours of in-house training completed department-wide.

In addition to internal training, Kaysville Fire hosted several specialized courses open to both our personnel and members of neighboring agencies:



- Advanced Airway Management – Hosted in both spring and fall
- Rope Rescue (Awareness, Operations, Technician Levels) – Two-week course held in September
- Common Vehicle Extrication (Awareness, Operations, Technician Levels) – 40-hour course held in November
- Leadership Development – Monthly 1-2 hour sessions throughout the year in collaboration with Farmington Fire



In June 2024, Kaysville Fire Department launched a new Heavy Rescue Team to provide specialized rescue services to Kaysville and neighboring agencies throughout Davis County. The team consists of 13 firefighters who have completed—or are actively completing—technician-level training in the following disciplines:

- High- and low-angle rope rescue
- Common vehicle extrication
- Heavy vehicle extrication
- Ice rescue
- Machinery rescue
- Confined space rescue
- Trench rescue
- Structural collapse rescue

These types of incidents are low-frequency but high-risk events that require advanced training and highly specialized equipment. Kaysville Fire has invested significantly in building this capability, including over \$250,000 in specialized rescue equipment, extensive training efforts, and the purchase of a Pierce Manufacturing heavy rescue apparatus.

The program was initiated by Engineer Cameron Cessna, who brought valuable experience from his six years with Weber County's heavy rescue team. Engineer Cessna has dedicated his time and expertise to helping establish this program, setting a strong foundation for success. We are also grateful to Chris and Steve Whetton of Elite Technical Rescue Training for their mentorship and support throughout the development process.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Heavy Rescue Team is committed to continued growth and training as we expand our ability to serve Kaysville and the greater Davis County area with advanced rescue services.



In October 2023, Kaysville Fire Department implemented Rapid Sequence Induction (RSI) as part of its advanced airway program—a major step forward in pre-hospital emergency care. RSI is a critical intervention used in situations where a patient is conscious, semi-conscious, or exhibiting airway reflexes that make traditional intubation unsafe or ineffective. It is especially valuable in cases of traumatic injury, severe respiratory distress, or altered mental status.

The RSI procedure involves administering a combination of medications to first sedate and then temporarily paralyze the patient. This process enables the paramedic to safely place an endotracheal tube, ensuring oxygenation and ventilation in high-risk scenarios. Performing RSI requires advanced training in pharmacology, airway anatomy, and clinical decision-making under pressure.

To become RSI-authorized, selected Kaysville paramedics completed a rigorous training process that included classroom education, airway simulations, supervised intubations in hospital operating rooms, and final approval by the department's medical control physician. These paramedics now provide a higher level of care in the field, bridging a critical gap between first response and hospital intervention.

With this capability, Kaysville Fire became one of only two fire departments in Davis County—and among fewer than a dozen statewide—authorized to perform RSI in the field. This addition reflects KFD's continued commitment to advanced training, clinical excellence, and providing the highest quality care to the citizens of Kaysville.





Whether working inside a burning structure or extricating a patient from a vehicle, firefighters regularly operate under intense physical and environmental stress.

During a structure fire, firefighters wear over 60 pounds of protective gear, then carry or maneuver an additional 40 pounds of tools and charged hose lines—all while working in environments that can exceed 500°F. It is also expected that a firefighter be capable of dragging an unconscious adult to safety by themselves.

To ensure our personnel are physically prepared for the job's demands, every firefighter undergoes an annual medical check-up and blood screening with a physician. In addition, they complete two physical fitness tests per year, each simulating the unique demands of wildland and structural firefighting:

- Wildland Firefighter Test ("Pack Test"): Firefighters wear a 45-pound vest and must walk 3 miles in 45 minutes or less.
- Structural Firefighter Test (Physical Agility Test or "PAT"): Firefighters don full turnout gear, breathe bottled air, and complete an eight-station course that includes pulling, lifting, flipping, and striking objects weighing up to 200 pounds, all in 6 minutes or less.

Beyond the physical demands, firefighters are often exposed to emotionally and mentally taxing events. On average, a firefighter will encounter three traumatic events (TEs) per year, which may include treating severely injured or deceased patients or experiencing dangerous "close call" situations themselves.

To support mental health, Kaysville City provides access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), offering free and confidential counseling. KFD personnel also have access to both city and county peer support teams, which offer confidential, peer-based emotional support for any first responder in need.



The Kaysville Fire Department is dedicated to reducing risk and enhancing safety through various public education initiatives, fire code enforcement, and proactive planning.

KFD engages with the community through a broad range of outreach activities:

- Hosting over 150 fire station tours and public education events annually
- Delivering fire safety presentations to kindergartens, elementary schools, and local scout groups
- Participating in community events such as Kaysville City's Fourth of July Celebration
- Visiting dozens of children's lemonade stands during the summer
- Hosting our Annual Fire Prevention Open House each October
- Maintaining a strong social media presence on Facebook and Instagram

KFD enforces local and state fire codes to promote safety in schools, businesses, and homes. In 2024, the department completed:

- Over 650 fire inspections at local businesses and schools
- Implementation of a self-inspection program for home-based businesses, where business owners complete and return an annual safety checklist provided by the department

KFD also plays an active role in ensuring the safety of new development. Fire personnel conduct building plan reviews for new construction and significant remodels to ensure compliance with fire and life safety codes.



In 2024, our firefighters achieved an outstanding 21 significant “saves” within the Kaysville community. These critical interventions included the revival of cardiac arrest patients, technical rescues performed, and several other life or property-saving actions made possible by the swift, skilled, and decisive efforts of our personnel. Below is a breakdown of this year’s documented save reports:

7

Cardiac or respiratory arrest resuscitations

3

Critically ill medical patients stabilized

5

Critically injured trauma patients stabilized

1

Fire quickly extinguished before significant property loss

5

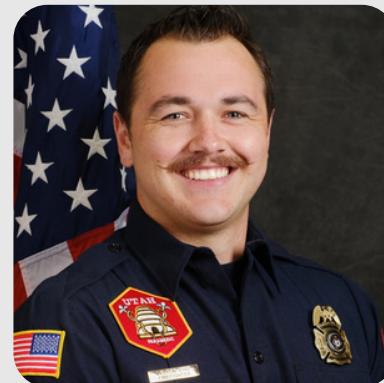
Vehicle Extrication or Technical Rescues Performed

2024 was a year marked by growth, progress, and meaningful impact—both within the department and throughout the community we serve. From key promotions and advanced training to the launch of new programs and the acquisition of critical equipment, this year reflected the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of every member of the Kaysville Fire Department.

Promotions

Kaysville Fire celebrated five personnel promotions, reflecting the continued growth, leadership, and excellence within the organization:

- Promotion to Engineer: Tyler Reece (January) and Cameron Cessna (July)
- Promotion to Senior Paramedic: Kelton Vine, Colton Bascom, and Colton Alvey (all in July)



Utah Fire and Rescue Designation

Firefighter Kalub Lewis was awarded the Supervising Fire Officer Designation by the Utah Fire & Rescue Academy. This prestigious designation recognizes a combination of fire service experience, higher education, and professional certifications, and serves as a testament to Firefighter Lewis's leadership and dedication.



Paramedic School Graduation

In 2024, Firefighter/Paramedic Mitch Probert graduated from the Utah Valley University Paramedic Program in January, and Firefighter/Paramedic Cameron Bledsoe graduated from Bridgerland Technical College's Paramedic Program in June. Both individuals successfully completed the rigorous academic and clinical training required to become paramedics and now provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care to the residents of Kaysville.



Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Mitch Probert was honored as Kaysville Fire Department's 2024 Firefighter of the Year. Nominated by his peers and selected by a committee composed of individuals outside the department, Mitch was recognized for his exceptional work ethic, professionalism, and the many extra contributions he has made to support the department's operations and overall success.

35 Years of Service

Firefighter Brent Law was honored for 35 years of dedicated service to the residents of Kaysville City. Brent began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1989 and has played a key role in the department's evolution into the professional organization it is today. He currently serves as a firefighter, Advanced-EMT, and driver/operator, and is widely respected for his commitment, experience, and long-standing contribution to the department and community.



New Equipment

Kaysville Fire Department made several key equipment investments to strengthen emergency response capabilities:

- A 2024 Chevy 2500 pickup was placed into service as the department's frontline paramedic response vehicle, enhancing our ability to deliver rapid Advanced Life Support (ALS) care.
- In June, the department began the pre-build process for a new heavy rescue unit at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin. This specialized apparatus is expected to enter service by Summer 2025, supporting technical rescue operations throughout Kaysville and the surrounding area. It is replacing a 2001 Pierce fire engine.
- Additionally, a new Horton ambulance was ordered and is projected to be fully operational by Fall 2025, helping to meet growing EMS demand and reduce wear on our existing fleet. It is replacing a 2015 Horton ambulance.



New Employees

Kaysville Fire Department welcomed several new full-time and part-time firefighters to our team. These individuals bring valuable skills, energy, and dedication to our mission of serving the Kaysville community.

Pictured left: Firefighter Tyler Huff

Not pictured: Firefighters Colt Cottrell, Chris Daws, and Dyllon Ryser

We're proud to have them join our ranks and look forward to their continued growth and contribution within the department.

In Remembrance - Retired Deputy Fire Chief James Dotson Sr.

Retired Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Marshal James “Jim” Dotson Sr. passed away in March after a courageous battle with cancer. Chief Dotson began his service with the Kaysville Fire Department in 1967 and dedicated 47 years to protecting and serving the community before retiring in 2014.

Over nearly five decades, he played a pivotal role in shaping the department through his leadership in fire prevention, training, and emergency response. His impact extended beyond the department—creating a safer Kaysville and saving countless lives. His legacy lives on through his son, Jim Dotson Jr., who also served a long career in the fire service and spent many of those years working alongside his father.

Chief Dotson is remembered with deep respect and gratitude by the members of Kaysville Fire, past and present. His contributions will not be forgotten.

**In Remembrance - Honorary Firefighter Tyson Lazenby**

Honorary Firefighter Tyson Lazenby passed away on September 25 after a courageous battle with cancer. At just six years old, Tyson displayed extraordinary strength, resilience, and optimism—never letting his spirit falter throughout his fight. He was an inspiration to everyone who met him, often reminding others that he “never had a bad day.”

Tyson was more than a young hero—he became a beloved part of the Kaysville Fire family. His bravery and positivity left a lasting impact on our department and community. We remember him with deep admiration and honor his legacy as a symbol of hope, strength, and courage.



As we reflect on the accomplishments, challenges, and growth experienced throughout the year, we are reminded of the strength of our department, the dedication of our personnel, and the support of a community that makes our mission possible. Every call, every training hour, and every life saved or impacted is a reflection of our commitment to serving the people of Kaysville.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mayor Tami Tran, the Kaysville City Council, and the City Management team for their continued trust and support. Most importantly, we thank you, the residents of Kaysville, for allowing us the honor of serving you. We consider it a privilege to work in this community, and we are proud to call Kaysville our home.

We look forward to continuing our service with the same integrity, courage, and dedication that define the Kaysville Fire Department.

Reviewed/Approved by:



FIRE CHIEF PAUL J. ERICKSON

