

January 21, 2025

Alpine Town Council,

The Alpine Fire District was asked to provide a brief history of the Alpine Airpark donation from October 2020. The donation was made to Alpine Community, Fire/EMS, Skate Rink, Library, Mosquito Abatement and Alpine Hospital.

At that time, Alpine Fire and EMS services were two separate entities, housed in the same location and they combined their personnel and operational resources. Revenue sources for Alpine EMS were very limited, due to budget reductions from the Town and County; EMS billings, only about 30% of the billings were reimbursable which added to the budget shortfalls.

Fundraising efforts were used to assist with EMS shortfalls, firefighting supplies and equipment and Community Outreach programs

The Alpine Airpark has always been a strong supporter of Alpine, and was vital to the success of Alpine Fire and EMS. Alpine EMS transitioned to Star Valley Health; however, they continued with utilization of personnel and operational resources on a limited basis.

The limited amount of funds held in the community outreach program was moved to the Alpine Fire Department Auxiliary to continue with the outreach program.

At the time Alpine Fire/EMS attended the presentation of the check of 220,230.00. Mayor Lutz offered 150,000.00 to Alpine Fire/EMS with the stipulation of 50,000.00 a year for three years. 35,000.00 was the actual amount received

Last year Alpine Fire was raising funds to equip the new ladder truck and requested a draw of 20,000.00 and were denied. It also became an issue when citizens thought that the Department had received all the 220,230.00 from the previously donated funds and were very reluctant to contribute additional funds. We hope this clarifies the issue. We thank you all for your support.

Mike Vogt, Fire Chief

Alpine Fire District



