



# SANTAQUIN CITY FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

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To: Mayor Olson and City Council Members

From: Ryan Lind

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Re: Utah County Fire Contract

Mayor and City Council members, for several years we have had a contract with Utah County to provide Fire response to the un-incorporated portions of Utah County that border our city.

Utah County pays a fee to Santaquin for this service, and we receive this quarterly. This fee is not significant but it helps. Recently House Bill 303 was passed that requires municipalities and counties to ensure at least a minimum level of 911 ambulance services are provided within the municipality or county.

Utah County has now updated the contract to include EMS services into the fire contract and would like us to sign the new contract. I have reviewed and worked with Utah County Fire Marshal Kirk Bertelsen to clarify and add additional language to the contract to ensure all agencies are compensated correctly for services.

This new contract allows Santaquin Fire and EMS to bill Utah County for EMS services provided in the un-incorporated county area and then to collect an hourly rate for the ambulance and responding EMS vehicles that we have not done in the past. This new contract will bring in revenue that we have not been able to have in the past.

I would like to make a recommendation that this contract be signed and sent to Utah Fire Marshal quickly, as they are willing to pay for all EMS calls in their area from January 1, 2022 forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions