

## February 2026 Volunteer of the Month – Kirk Hunsaker

Our February 2026 Volunteer of the Month is Kirk Hunsaker. Known to many as former Mayor Hunsaker, Kirk has devoted many years to serving the citizens of Santaquin in both official and informal capacities.

Most recently, Kirk noticed that the fire hydrant near his home was chipped and showing signs of wear. After checking with the Public Works Department to see if he could repaint it, they gladly provided him with a gallon of paint and encouraged him to use as much as needed. What began with one hydrant quickly grew into a neighborhood effort. After repainting his own hydrant and those near his in-laws' home, Kirk recognized that many more in the Summit Ridge neighborhood needed attention. He got to work, and 35 hydrants later, he finally set down his brush. His thoughtful service did not go unnoticed by city staff or residents. In fact, as he painted one hydrant, he noticed a hissing sound which was a telltale sign that the hydrant had a leak. The Public Works Department is grateful the leak was caught in a timely manner.

Kirk's commitment to service spans a lifetime. He served as Santaquin's mayor for eight years, spent approximately a year and a half on the City Council, and currently serves on the Friends of Santaquin Committee. He has also been deeply involved in his church throughout his life, including about 15 years with the Boy Scouts of America and seven years as a member of a stake presidency.

Professionally, Kirk worked as a Superintendent, Forman and Operator with VanCon, Inc. for 31 years. Many of Santaquin City's water system improvements were shaped in some way by Kirk and the equipment he operated or the men he supervised.

Kirk and his wife, Kim, have lived in Santaquin for the past 16 years. They have raised five wonderful children and are now proud grandparents to 22. They feel truly blessed to call Santaquin home and look forward to many more opportunities to serve and connect with the remarkable people of this community.