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## **Salt Lake County (Utah). Fire Department Administrative Records, 1929 - 2003**

Series #FD-001

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## Overview of Records

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Creator:	Salt Lake County Fire Department
Title:	Fire Department Administrative Records
Dates:	1929 – 2003; bulk 1955 - 1990
Series Number:	FD - 001
Quantity:	6.25 cubic ft.
Arrangement:	Original arrangement as received from University of Utah
Abstract:	Administrative Records for Salt Lake County Fire Department. Bulk of Records is for Magna, Station #2.

## Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions:	None
Use Restrictions:	None
Preferred Citation:	Record Title; Box number; Salt Lake County Fire Department; Salt Lake County Records Management & Archives, West Valley City, Utah.
Provenance:	Salt Lake County Fire Department to University of Utah to Salt Lake County Archives
Related Records:	The History of the Salt Lake County Fire Department 1921 – 1983 (Undated) [poss. 1984] Series FD-002 Annual Reports: Fire - Series FD-003 Fire Department Publications 1965 – 1981 Box F-1 – Series FD-004 Structural, Grass and Brush fire annual reports and yearly analyses, 1961-1972 – Series FD-005

## History Note

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The Salt Lake County Volunteer Fire Department, which in later years became a full-time operation, was organized November 21, 1921. Volunteers were paid \$1.50 for the first hour in fighting a fire, and \$1.00 for each hour thereafter. The County purchased its first ambulance in 1937, and in the 1970s added paramedics to its operations. In 2004, the Fire Department ceased operation as a County government entity and became the United Fire Authority (UFA), a quasi-governmental organization operating as a special fire district that included selected cities within the County, in addition to unincorporated areas.

Today the UFA serves over 375,000 residents in the cities of Alta, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Herriman, Holladay, Riverton, Taylorsville and the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County. Services provided include fire, emergency medical and other emergency services to Salt Lake County from 20 fire stations and three other facilities including the Salt Lake County Emergency Operations Center.

*Excerpts taken from the Salt Lake County Archives “History of Salt Lake County”*  
[http://www.archives.slco.org/pdf/Salt\\_Lake\\_County\\_History.pdf](http://www.archives.slco.org/pdf/Salt_Lake_County_History.pdf) and the Unified Fire Authority website, <http://www.unifiedfire.org/>.

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### **Scope and Content Note**

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Included in this collection are photos of various fire and rescue calls, fire and paramedic personnel, Fire Department annual reports, early correspondence to and from Fire Department, scrapbook and photo album of Glen Bean, numerous newspaper articles, early receipt books, various log and record books of Fire Department, numerous photos by Department photographer John Systma, photos of conferences, award ceremonies and training classes, and Meeting Minutes of Fire Department #2.

More detailed descriptions and information for the some of the photos and documents located within this series can be found in the published book *The History of the Salt Lake County Fire Department 1921 – 1983* [poss. 1984]. This includes personnel names, fire station designations and equipment information that are not noted on original photo. The history of the fire department also includes history and biographies of fire chiefs and equipment used by the department.

Some photographs in this series include larger, un-cropped original photos of some that were published in *The History of the Salt Lake County Fire Department 1921 – 1983* [poss. 1984].