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From Chief Karl Lieb

As a community that loves our furry friends, the Salt Lake City Fire Department wants to remind everyone about the dangers extreme heat can pose to pets during the summer months.

Even on a mild 80°F day, the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rise to nearly 100°F within just 10 minutes. Cracking the windows provides very little relief and does not significantly lower the temperature inside the vehicle. These conditions can quickly become life-threatening for pets left unattended in cars. Exposure to extreme heat can cause heatstroke, brain damage, suffocation, and even death. A dog's internal temperature above 105.8°F (41°C) is considered critical, and heatstroke survival rates can be very low without immediate treatment.

Each year, the Salt Lake City Fire Department responds to numerous calls involving pets trapped in hot vehicles. If necessary, emergency responders may enter a locked vehicle to rescue an animal in distress.

Please talk with family members and drivers in your household about the dangers of leaving pets inside parked vehicles, even for a short period of time.

If you see a distressed child or animal locked inside a vehicle, call 911 immediately. Be prepared to provide:

- The exact location
- Vehicle make, model, and color
- License plate number
- A description of the animal’s condition (excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, or unresponsiveness)

If possible, remain at the scene to help direct emergency responders.

Please note: Utah currently does not have a statewide Good Samaritan law that protects individuals from liability for breaking a vehicle window to rescue an animal.

Enjoy the summer safely, and help protect pets from preventable heat-related emergencies. For additional information, visit Salt Lake County Animal Services or the Humane Society’s resources on pets and hot cars.

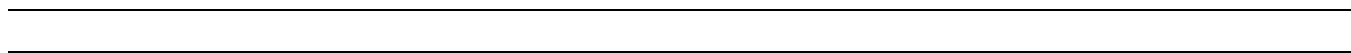
MAY STATISTICS

B1 RESPONSE	B1	ME1	LT1	HRT1	ME3	E4	ME5	ME8	LT8	E10	HM10	E13	Total
May FIRE	40	105	61	2	48	72	82	93	40	49	34	33	659
May MEDICAL	13	201	195	17	194	48	216	200	240	66	1	55	1446
Total	53	306	256	19	242	120	298	293	280	115	35	88	
2026 YTD	230	1418	1120	95	1074	567	1421	1321	1235	609	193	431	

B2 RESPONSE	B2	ME2	LT2	ME6	ME7	SW7	Q9	ME11	Q14	HM14	ME12	ARFF	Total
May FIRE	29	80	61	75	59	1	38	52	59	21	16	29	520
May MEDICAL	9	189	173	223	198	0	34	187	78	0	111	0	1202
Total	38	269	234	298	257	1	72	239	137	21	127	29	
2026 YTD	185	1242	1066	1382	1186	6	375	1015	612	116	552	206	

Squads	Squad2	MedSq5	MedSq6	Squad12	Total
May MEDICAL	146	228	172	81	627
2026 YTD	957	1281	1017	404	

SLC FIRE RUNS TOTALS	
ALL May FIRE	1179
ALL May MEDICAL	3275
Total	4454
2026 YTD	22443





SALT LAKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: MEDICAL RESPONSE PARAMEDICS (MRP)

- RETIREMENT/PENSION PLAN
- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
- PAID VACATION & PARENTAL LEAVE
- HEALTH/MEDICAL/DENTAL INSURANCE
- TRANSITION TO FIREFIGHTER OPPORTUNITY

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