

GUNNISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

“Serving the City and County of Gunnison”

2009 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Nature of Call	City Calls	City %	District Calls	District %	Total Calls	Total %
Dumpster/Trash Fire	4	5%	1	1%	5	2%
Chimney/Woodstove Fire	2	3%	1	1%	3	1%
Structure Fire	2	3%	3	2%	5	2%
Room/Contents Fire	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
Outside Fire	1	1%	2	1%	3	1%
Burnt Food	4	5%		0%	4	2%
False Alarm	12	16%	5	3%	17	8%
Malicious False Alarm	2	3%		0%	2	1%
Hazardous Materials*	3	4%		0%	3	1%
Natural Gas/LP Gas/Carbon Monoxide	24	32%	10	7%	34	15%
Extrication Not Needed	1	1%	39	27%	40	18%
Extrication/Rescue	1	1%	33	23%	34	15%
Brush Fire/Forest Fire/Controlled Burn		0%	8	5%	8	4%
Vehicle Fire	3	4%	6	4%	9	4%
Arson/Suspicious Fire		0%		0%	0	0%
Stood Down En Route/Called Off	1	1%	18	12%	19	9%
Re-Kindle/Call Back		0%	1	1%	1	0%
Mutual Aid Given		0%	1	1%	1	0%
Electical Distribution System	3	4%	1	1%	4	2%
Swiftwater Rescue		0%	9	6%	9	4%
Missing Persons/Search		0%		0%	0	0%
Agency Assist/Standby	2	3%	1	1%	3	1%
Duty Officer Only	7	9%	6	4%	13	6%
Water Flow	3	4%		0%	3	1%
Totals	76	34%	146	66%	222	100%

Note: Calls for Service within the City of Gunnison declined significantly from 100 calls in 2008 to 76 calls in 2009, a decrease of 24%. This can be attributed to significant decreases in both Gas Leak calls from 33 in 2008 to 24 in 2009 (28%) and False Alarms from 25 in 2008 to 12 in 2009 (52%). The fire department was also stood down fewer times as many of the investigatory type calls were handled by the duty officer instead of initiating a full response.

The Gunnison County Fire Protection District saw a decrease in total calls for the second straight year. The largest single decrease was seen in the Stood Down En Route/Called Off category. We saw increases in Natural Gas/LP Gas/Carbon Monoxide calls (330%) and Swiftwater Rescue (180%). Brush Fire/Forest Fire/Controlled Burn (50%) and Extrication Not Needed (20%) both saw decreases.

* The Gunnison County Hazardous Materials team responded to 18 Hazardous Materials related incidents in 2009, most of which were vehicle accidents occurring in the Fire Protection District. The Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department responds to all Hazardous Materials calls as mutual aid. These calls are reflected in the statistics as Extrication/Rescue due to the fact that this is the primary response duty of the Fire