



KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

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Dear Kane County Residents,

Why a Fire District for East of Kanab & Why Now?

It used to be that the existing six local municipal fire departments in the area, as well as the three SSDs (Special Service Districts) in the unincorporated portions of Kane County, included the area east of Kanab and west of Church Wells in their structural fire response matrix. They expected neither funding nor reciprocation for this courtesy.

Kanab City, and by extension via local cooperative agreements, the other districts and departments, provided statements to the insurance companies to indicate their willingness to respond to structural fire calls, so that it would be easier/less expensive/possible for the homes and buildings east of Kanab to obtain insurance, and therefore mortgage or construction loans, for the homes and buildings east of Kanab.

Circumstances beyond anyone's control have changed and the other departments and districts have indicated that in the future, they will no longer be able to provide this service for free. The area out east will also need to contribute funding, or have their own fire station and response to add to the cooperative effort.

Currently, it is costing municipalities and SSDs a rough average of \$300 per lot to provide structural fire response. We are hopeful that costs will be similar east of Kanab. The temporary, stop-gap agreements currently in place expire October 2024.

In response, after many public meetings and town halls to gather input and feedback, the County has initiated the process of setting up an SSD east of Kanab for structural fire response. More information can be found at Kane.Utah.Gov

Sincerely,
Kane County Commission

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Wade Heaton – Kane County Commission Chair

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