



Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET RETREAT
PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SAN LUIS FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 18, 2026



Fire Department

Increased call volume 5,236. Up about 2%.

- Aging apparatus and equipment.
- Higher service expectations and Response Times.
- **Challenge:** Maintaining service levels for the community and construction going on around the City.



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- Need: Training Captain (Fire and Ambulance)
- Currently we all take care of our own training to keep up with certifications. This will streamline our recertifications and renewal process.
- Benefits:
- Ensures Standards and Compliance.
- Strengths Emergency response.
- Improves Firefighter Safety.

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- Needs: Adding 3 Firefighters to Staff (Fire and Ambulance).
- Currently we can only have 1 firefighter off without creating overtime.
- Benefit:
- Improve response times and coverage around the city.
- Enhances firefighter safety and reduces fatigue.
- Will be able to have multiple personnel off instead of just one (one per station a day).

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- **Need: Fire Rescue Truck (Fire Only)**
- Current unit is aging and need to respond quicker.
- With construction we need quicker responses.
- The Fire Department is changing with lower cost Fire Trucks.
- **Benefits:**
- Faster, more effective emergency response.
- Advanced rescue capabilities.
- Improved firefighter and victim safety.
- Long-term reliability



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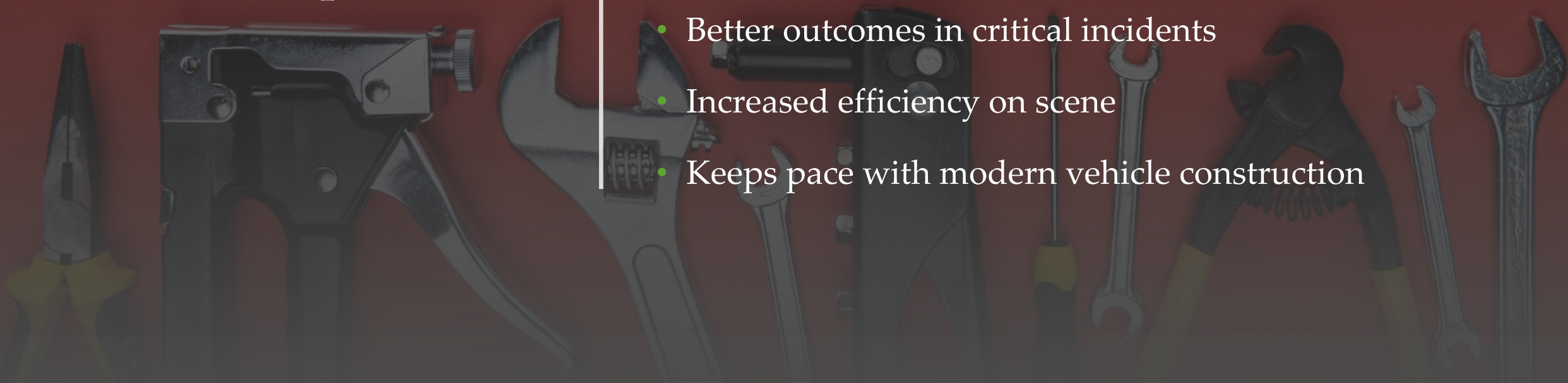
- **Need: SCBA Regulators (Fire Only)**
- Aging life safety equipment.
- Risk of malfunction during critical incidents.
- **Benefits:**
- Reliable air delivery systems.
- Increased firefighter safety
- Meets current safety standards (NFPA compliance)

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- **Need: SCBA Air Packs (Fire Only)**
- Units nearing end-of-life
- Increased maintenance and failure risk.
- **Benefits:**
- Dependable air supply in hazardous environments.
- Improved mobility and comfort.
- Enhanced operational performance.
- Life-saving reliability

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- **Need: Rescue Tools (Fire Only)**
- Outdated hydraulic and battery-powered tools
- Modern vehicles are harder to extricate
- **Benefits:**
- Faster victim extrication
- Better outcomes in critical incidents
- Increased efficiency on scene
- Keeps pace with modern vehicle construction



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- **Need: Fire Dispatch Station Alerting System (Fire and Ambulance)**
- Delays in current alerting process
- Outdated technology (Zetron)
- **Benefits:**
- Reduced response times
- Immediate station alerting
- Improved coordination and readiness
- Enhanced firefighter safety



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- **Need: Fire Station #3 Upgrades (Fire and Ambulance)**
- Design it back to a Fire Station.
- Make improvements to be able to house 5-7 firefighters.
- **Benefits:**
- Improved working conditions
- Increased efficiency and readiness (Faster Response Times).
- Better training areas for personnel and equipment.
- Long-term infrastructure sustainability

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- **Need: Fire Station #2 Phase #2 (Fire and Ambulance)**
- Completion of planned improvements.
- Remaining operational gaps (SLL2 out in the environmental elements).
- **Benefits:**
- Full functionality of station
- Improved deployment capability
- Future-ready facility

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- **Need: Ambulance (Ambulance Only)**
- Rising EMS call volume
- Existing units experiencing heavy wear
- 16-month turnaround time.
- Newest ambulance has 53,000 miles.
- **Benefits:**
- Faster medical response
- Improved patient care
- Reduced downtime
- Greater reliability during peak demand.



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- **Community Impact**
 - Faster emergency response times.
 - Increased firefighter safety.
 - Improved patient outcomes.
 - Stronger, safer community.