

CHALLENGE

United Fire wanted to increase the level of customer service that their technicians provided by improving technology, automating processes, and increasing efficiency across the organization. Their first steps towards this goal were to replace their 20+ year old computer systems and to implement ServiceTrade. However, there was a lack of integration with United Fire's current accounting system.

They needed a cloud-based solution that could:

- Integrate with ServiceTrade
- Eliminate manual duplicate entries
- Deliver up-to-date custom reports and dashboards
- Reduce dependency on Excel spreadsheets

SOLUTION

United Fire chose AcctTwo to implement Sage Intacct, a cloud-based accounting software solution. The seamless integration between ServiceTrade and Sage Intacct was a key decision factor. Sage Intacct allows them to significantly improve accounting processes (no more manual dual entry and tedious Excel spreadsheets) and have real-time access to their financial reporting.



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RESULTS

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United Fire has a small accounting team and during the implementation process they lost a key accounting staff member. AcctTwo provided the extra support needed to complete the implementation on time and trained United Fire's new accountant on Sage Intacct's platform. In addition, during United Fire's staffing shortage, AcctTwo assisted with their outsourced accounting services to close their month-end.

Since United Fire's implementation, they have:

- Shortened their invoice cycle dramatically they can now process same day invoices
- Improved the monthly reporting cycle to provide timely reports within days of the month end
- · Simplified and streamlined key accounting processes
- Increased competence of accounting transparency and ability to track spending

With investing in the right systems, United Fire now has a greater focus on their customers and is in a better position to make long-term strategic plans for their organization.

ABOUT UNITED FIRE

Since 1969, United Fire has provided installation, service, recharge, and repair of fire extinguishers, fire suppression system, back flow devices and offers repair, inspection and parts for fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, exit lights, and emergency egress lighting. They pride themselves on keeping their employees educated on the newest standards and require proper licensing of all their technicians. United Fire offers excellent on-time service, reliability, and quality products.

ABOUT ACCTTWO

AcctTwo is a leading consulting firm and reseller of cloud-based accounting, ERP, Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A), and Corporate Performance Management (CPM) software. Our sophisticated systems solve the issues growing middle market companies and nonprofit organizations face today. AcctTwo also provides Managed Accounting Services (MAS), allowing clients to focus on the core competencies of their business. We provide the people, processes, technology, and office facilities to perform these functions, while allowing clients to collaborate interactively through an on-line portal.

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