

## Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas

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### Department Overview

Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas are where County residents have requested the County Commission to create a district or service area to support the area's fire suppression needs. The difference between a district and a service area is the method used to generate revenue. A district's revenue comes from the imposition of a mill levy on all the property in the district. A fire service area generates revenue by charging a fee on each property having a qualifying structure located on it.

Fire districts / fire service areas are administered by elected or appointed boards of trustees. Trustees have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing and facilities for the protection of the district. Trustees prepare annual budgets and request special levies/fees, based on state budget laws the trustees and County must follow.

The County Commission and trustees of fire districts continue to be concerned about the Department of Revenue's method of identifying New Construction Values within districts. The method appears to be flawed in that several districts had significant increases in valuation with less than half identified as coming from New Construction.

### Department Goals

- Dedicated to providing prompt, efficient and progressive emergency services to the citizens of each district and service area.
- Strive to be creative and innovative with resources.
- Provide adequate firefighting and emergency response apparatus and equipment.
- Retain qualified personnel.
- Continue to provide adequate housing and facilities for the protection of the equipment and staff of the districts and fire service areas.
- Strive to meet the challenges of today and anticipate the needs of tomorrow.

### Recent Accomplishments

- Several Districts and Fire Service Areas have contracted for an Impact Fee Study pursuant to changes in law.

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### Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2012	BUDGET FY 2013	Actual FY 2013	Request FY 2014	Preliminary FY 2014	BUDGET FY 2014
Personnel	\$ 80,613	\$ 3,570,944	\$ 3,502,199	\$ 4,554,482	\$ 4,554,482	\$ 4,566,102
Operations	400,672	5,446,470	2,171,988	5,683,132	5,692,690	8,222,972
Debt Service	274,738	1,333,015	1,154,416	847,640	847,640	847,640
Capital Outlay	1,180,665	2,160,112	1,503,545	4,062,502	4,062,502	4,824,990
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,936,688</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,510,541</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,197,780</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,147,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,157,314</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,461,704</u></b>

#### Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	1,936,688	12,510,541	7,197,780	15,147,756	15,157,314	18,461,704
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,936,688</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,510,541</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,197,780</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,147,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,157,314</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,461,704</u></b>

#### Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 5,061,012	\$ 5,486,784	\$ 5,061,012	\$ 6,456,024	\$ 5,589,793	\$ 6,183,880
Non-Tax Revenues	2,524,445	2,541,153	2,524,445	5,829,151	6,585,994	6,743,425
Cash Reappropriated	(5,648,769)	4,482,604	(387,677)	2,862,581	2,981,527	5,534,399
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,936,688</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,510,541</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,197,780</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,147,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,157,314</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,461,704</u></b>

### Department Personnel

No. of Positions	FT/PT	Title	FTE
Work accomplished through each fire district and fire service area			
Total Program			0

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**2014 Budget Highlights**

**Personnel**

- Personnel paid by individual departments and not on County payroll system.

**Operations**

- Working toward implementing the Passport System for firefighter accountability. Training is supported by Gallatin County Rural Fire to benefit all departments and residents of Gallatin County.
- Working with the 911 Center to implement Fire Dispatch Protocols that will help departments prioritize responses in a more standard way.

**Capital**

- See Listing Capital Outlay / Capital Projects for capital reserves and expenditures.
- Not included as capital to be approved by County Commission. Informational only.

**Fund Balance Sheet – Millage Requirements FY 2014**

Fund No.	Description	FINAL Budget	Cash Reserved	Res. %	Total	Cash	Non-Tax Revenue	Taxes	Mill Value	FY 2014 Mills	MAX MILLS	FY 2013 Mills
<b>Fire Districts &amp; Fire Service Area Funds - Trust &amp; Agency Funds</b>												
7200	Central Valley Fire	6,169,510	-	0.00%	6,169,510	2,765,615	1,032,858	2,371,037	45,017	52.67	52.67	52.20
7202	Rae Fire Service	494,680	-	0.00%	494,680	22,452	-	472,228	2,015.00	\$ 234.36	\$ 234.36	\$ 234.36
7204	Fort Ellis Fire Service	212,320	-	0.00%	212,320	36,983	250	175,087	1,183.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00
7205	Sourdough Fire	4,184,918	222	0.01%	4,185,140	566,275	2,927,222	691,643	11,081	62.42	61.50	38.77
7206	Manhattan Fire	550,407	-	0.00%	550,407	414,818	12,500	123,089	1,705	72.21	79.38	72.21
7207	Sedan Fire	9,065	-	0%	9,065	5,691	-	3,374	325	10.38	10.38	10.27
7208	Three Forks Fire	236,087	1,984	0.84%	238,071	128,780	56,023	53,268	3,270	16.29	16.29	14.75
7209	Willow Creek Fire	107,302	571	0.53%	107,873	62,393	18,353	27,127	904	30.00	53.76	30.00
7210	Story Mill Fire	24,506	-	0.00%	24,506	304	-	24,202	499	48.54	48.54	48.78
7213	Big Sky Fire	3,131,100	-	0.00%	3,131,100	726,514	1,667,100	737,486	22,602	32.63	32.63	22.71
7214	Hebgen Basin Fire	1,760,846	2,555	0.15%	1,763,401	319,487	885,876	558,038	9,506	58.71	60.44	58.70
7215	Gallatin Gateway Fire	588,318	-	0.00%	588,318	121,246	49,800	417,272	10,093	41.34	41.34	41.47
7216	Bridger Fire	349,129	-	0%	349,129	150,488	21,900	176,741	4,230	41.78	41.78	39.04
7217	Amsterdam Fire	459,742	2,410	0.52%	462,152	226,463	24,750	210,939	4,467	47.22	52.29	43.22
7218	Clarkston Fire Service	72,156	-	0.00%	72,156	14,204	7,400	50,552	277.00	\$ 182.50	\$ 182.50	\$ 182.50
7219	Gallatin River Ranch Fire	111,618	-	0.00%	111,618	(19,572)	39,393	91,797	717	127.98	127.98	126.15
<b>subtotal Fire Activity</b>		<b>18,461,704</b>	<b>7,742</b>	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>18,469,446</b>	<b>5,542,141</b>	<b>6,743,425</b>	<b>6,183,880</b>				

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**Workload Indicators / Performance Measures**

<b>Workload Indicators</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
1. Number and frequency of calls reported				
2. Demands on system for priority responses				
3. Increase in number and length of major incidents				
4. EMS calls				

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
1. Response to calls				
2. Training of professionals and volunteers				
3. Hours spent on Outreach Education				

**Comments**