

Fire Marshall

Department Overview

The County Rural Fire Chief coordinates the control of wildland fires that originate on land not contained in a fire district, fire service area, national forest or grazing lands, or city fire department areas as designated in MCA 7-33-22. The County Rural Fire Chief is responsible for administration of the duties outlined in the County Cooperative Fire Control Agreement with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

The County Rural Fire Chief is also responsible for administering the Gallatin County Fire Control Permit program as outlined in MCA 7-33-22 and Gallatin County Ordinance 1999-01.

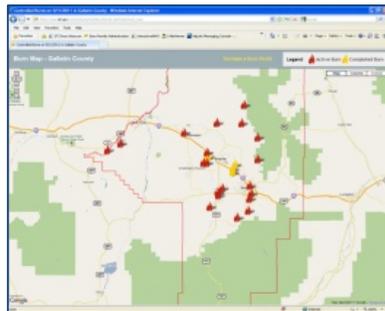
The Department maintains a fleet of 2 county engines, 3 support vehicles, 2 incident response trailers, 7 Department of Natural Resources Commission (DNRC) Co-Op Engines, and supporting equipment.

Department Goals

- Revise the County Rural Fire Operating Plan to reflect changes in the state law.
- Provide public safety and educate public on wildland fires.
- Provide for firefighter safety during incidents through training in advance of call out.
- Limit environmental damage from wildfires.
- Continue managing County Burn Permit System.
- Continue coordinated effort in response to wildfire events.
- Act as liaison to County Commission and agencies.
- Increase public knowledge of Department.
- Continue advanced training.

Recent Accomplishments

- Improved response time through more diverse equipment placement.
- Coordinated training with state, local and federal wildland fire agencies (5 classes).
- Enhanced support for local training opportunities (840 classroom hours).
- Enhanced County Burn Permit System to allow easier access and more efficient operation.



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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2013	Final FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Request FY 2015	Preliminary FY 2015	Final FY 2015
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	19,115	34,620	13,646	35,361	35,361	35,361
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	2,259	19,321	-	19,321	19,321	75,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 21,374	\$ 53,941	\$ 13,646	\$ 54,682	\$ 54,682	\$ 110,361

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	21,374	53,941	13,646	54,682	54,682	54,682
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	55,679
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 32,127	\$ 33,444	\$ 33,110	\$ 39,463	\$ 42,353	\$ 30,545
Non-Tax Revenues	9,869	10,456	10,247	7,841	7,947	8,281
Cash Reappropriated	(20,622)	10,041	(29,710)	7,378	4,382	71,535
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Department Personnel

No. of Positions	FT/PT	Title	FTE
No employees included in the regular budget. Services provided by contract.			
Total Program			0

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2015 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- Continue to implement succession planning for deputy fire wardens

Operations

- Enhancement of burn permit system
- Respond and coordinate resources on wildland fires

Capital

- Fire Truck replacement FY 2015 - \$19,321, Core \$55,679

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the County government. Listed below are the goals, followed by the methods by which the Department is striving to fulfill those goals.

Align community needs with budgetary decisions

- Analyze changing community needs.

Adhere to long-term plans

- Include public education in any long-term planning goals.
- Replace equipment according to plans.
- Coordinate training with County Agencies and adjust plans as needed.

Demonstrate exceptional Customer Service

- Provide effective Incident Response.
- Comply with City, County and Federal Standards.
- Communicate with stakeholders concerning their current and future needs.

Serve as a Model for Excellence in Government

- Provide effective Incident Response.
- Strive to be a leader in the state.

Improve communication within county government, other jurisdictions and our public

- Increase community value.
- Identify stakeholders and communicate relevant information to each one in a timely manner.
- Include public education as a standard for any communication with the public.

Be an Employer of Choice and improve employee retention

- Continue advanced training.
- Competent and qualified staff.

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Workload Indicators / Performance Measures

Workload Indicators				
Indicator	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	Actual FY 2014	Projected FY 2015
1. Reported fires	5	6	3	5
2. Burn permits issued	2,245	2,250	2,370	2,300
3. Training Hours Provided	1,442	3385	840	1,000
4. Interagency Training Courses	12	9	5	8
5. Supported Apparatus	14	14	14	14

Performance Measures				
Measure	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	Actual FY 2014	Projected FY 2015
1. Response Time	45 min	45 min	45 min	45 min
2. Number of Calls	5	6	3	5
3. Number of Trained Staff.	550	550	550	550

Comments				