

# BILLINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## "Our Family Serving Your Family"

The Billings Fire Department (BFD) operates out of seven (7) strategically located neighborhood fire stations throughout the city as to be able to respond to your emergency or service request as quickly as possible.



The Billings Fire Department provides several life safety services to over 112,572 city residents (2016 U.S. Census Bureau estimate) within a 43 square mile area, along with serving residents under a contractual agreement with Yellowstone County known as the Billings Urban Fire Service Area (BUFSA), which is an additional 47 square miles.

### FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Fire administration consists of the Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief, Sr. Administrative Coordinator & Administrative Support. Fire Administration functions as administrative oversight and coordination of all divisions and services under the authority of the fire department (i.e. personnel, budget, strategic planning, quality assurance for customer service, public relations, incident command, etc.). Fire Administration is dedicated to providing the necessary training and tools so that your firefighters can provide an optimum service to our community.

### 911 CENTER

The City/County 911 Center (excluding Laurel) is the primary 911 and call center for the City of Billings and Yellowstone County. The city/county 911 center takes calls and dispatches for Billings Police, Billings Fire, Billings Logan International Airport Emergency

Services, Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, other law enforcement agencies at certain times, all rural fire departments and ambulance services, and partners with American Medical Response for some dispatch services.

In 2016, the 911 center received **59,282** emergency 911 calls and answered **253,641** non-emergency calls. The 911 center operates with 32 dispatchers, 3 shift supervisors and 1 911 center manager. Shifts run around the clock 24 hours a day 7 days a week. A new and much needed 911 facility will be erected soon.

### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau consists of 1 Fire Marshal, 1 Asst. Fire Marshal and 3 Deputy Fire Marshals. The Bureau is responsible for code enforcement, inspections, plan reviews, fire investigations and public education. The Bureau coordinated and assisted Fire Suppression with 972 fire inspections in 2016.

In 2016, the Bureau also conducted 71 fire investigations. This does not include the responsibility of the Bureau conducting follow-up inspections, plan meetings, site reviews, protection system reviews, fire station tours and safety talks, zoning meetings, etc.



### TRAINING DIVISION

One training officer provides the planning, coordination and implementation of training for all fire suppression and special teams under the authority of the Billings Fire Department. The Training Division logged approximately

**73,924** hours of fire suppression, EMS, hazardous materials, recruit, extrication and other special teams training in 2016.

### FIRE SUPPRESSION

Fire Suppression personnel staff the neighborhood fire stations and respond directly to city resident's emergency calls and requests for assistance. The Billings Fire Department has an authorized strength of 156 men and women to include, Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Engineers and Firefighters. All staff assigned to the fire suppression division are Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. The Fire Suppression Division responded to 13,362 calls in 2016.



The Fire Suppression staff respond to structure fires, vehicle fires, emergency medical calls, motor vehicle crashes/extrications, grass fires, building/residential alarms, utilities calls, service assists, just to name a few. Fire Suppression personnel also make up the Billings Fire Department's special teams. These teams train regularly and include high and low angle rope rescues, advanced vehicle extrication, trench and building collapse, confined space rescue, water rescue and just about any other emergency incident that requires a quick and professional response.

Notably, the Billings Fire Department's hazardous materials team is also comprised of a regional team working within the state hazardous materials program. This hazardous materials team status provides additional training and equipment that is readily available through the state program.



## STATION LOCATIONS

STATION #1 – 2305 8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH

STATION #2 – 501 SOUTH 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET

STATION #3 – 1928 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

STATION #4 – 475 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

STATION #5 – 605 SOUTH 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

STATION #6 – 1601 SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE

STATION #7 – 1501 54<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST

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This brochure has been prepared to give you a brief overview of the Billings Fire Department, its divisions and the services provided.

### PROGRAMS PROVIDED:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Joint City/County 9-1-1 Center
- Emergency Medical Dispatching
- Rescue: Rims, Water, Trench, Confined Space
- Hazardous Materials Safety & Response
- Fire Safety & Prevention Programs
- Station Tours & Open Houses
- Juvenile Firesetter Counseling
- Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Program
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Member



### FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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