



YELLOWSTONE MOUNTAIN CLUB RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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FROM: Jason Manley, Fire Chief

TO: Whom it May Concern

RE: Overview of YMCRFD

The Yellowstone Mountain Club Rural Fire District provides full fire, medical and rescue services to the Yellowstone Club and is an ISO 3 rated department. YMCRFD has twenty-one full-time firefighters that staff three shifts of seven firefighters and officers full-time year-round. We also staff four part-time firefighters.

Apparatus and Equipment

The following is a list of the YMCRFD apparatus:

- 2005 American LaFrance 1250 GPM Pumper with a 777 Gallon Tank
- 2018 Danko 1250 GPM Pumper with a 300 Gallon Tank
- 2019 E One 100-foot Ladder Truck with a 1500 GPM Pump and 450 Gallon Tank
- 2007 Fouts Brothers 3000 Gallon Tender with a 750 GPM Pump
- Two Wildland Brush Trucks
- Three Ambulances
- Two Command Vehicles

The fire district has replaced a significant amount of equipment in recent years. Some of this includes all new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's), large diameter supply hose, attack hoses and nozzles, thermal image cameras, ventilation saws, chainsaws, vehicle extrication tools, stabilization struts and tools, gas monitors and hazardous material response supplies.



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Training Program

YMCRFD has an extensive training program to ensure that our firefighters are prepared to handle a wide variety of emergencies. We logged over 3300 hours of training in 2023 in structure and wildland fire fighting, medical, rescue and hazardous materials responses.

Our new state of the art fire station has a four-story training tower that is utilized on a regular basis. In conjunction with the training tower, we also have a mobile burn trailer that allows us to perform a wide variety of training drills to enhance our structure firefighting capabilities.

Additional Resources

Members of the YC Security Team and the Mountain Operations trails crew have completed wildland firefighter training. In the event of a wildland fire, they would be available to assist YMCRFD's firefighters and increase our response capabilities.

Mutual Aid

We have a mutual aid agreement with our neighboring Big Sky Fire District and regularly respond to each other's districts for support. We are also currently working on additional mutual agreements with fire departments in the Bozeman area.

Fuel Mitigation Program

The Fire District has a position on the Yellowstone Club's Fuel mitigation committee. The committee consists of the YMCRFD Fire Chief, VP of Mountain Operations, VP of the Property Owners Association and YC's Environmental Manager/Forester. This committee meets on a regular basis to discuss and update the Fuel Mitigation plan to strategically target areas for fuel reduction that would enhance our community's protection from wildfire. Our current project involves fuels reduction along several of the main roads within the Yellowstone Club.

Fire Adaptive

In recent years, the area of Big Sky has become a Fire-Adapted Community. This program was developed by the U.S. Forest Service and incorporates community's leaders, businesses and infrastructure to work together to reduce the effects of wildland fire. The Yellowstone Mountain Club Rural Fire District and the Yellowstone Club have been fully participating in implementing Fire-Adapted.

PANO Camera

The Yellowstone Club has a fire detection camera on top of Pioneer Mountain which is within our boundaries. This camera used AI and thermal technology to detect fires in their early stages. The Big Sky Community also has a PANO camera on top of Lone Mountain Peak which works in conjunction with ours to triangulate a fire exact location. This system has been in service for two years and has proven to be extremely effective.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason Manley