



Miles City Fire Rescue

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To: City Council

From: Interim Chief Eddy Kanduch

Re: Preliminary Budget 2026/2027

Here is the preliminary breakdown of the Fire/Ambulance Budgets.

Fire – 1000-007-420460

100 series line items: Reflect the Local 600's numbers for payroll. **This Budget is only reflecting 13 FTE's.**

111 Salaries and Wages: \$532,385

112 Salaries and Wages Part-paid: \$24,400

121 Overtime-Permanent: \$61,927

Overtime is calculated utilizing the wages from last budget cycle. 1st hr = time and a half at \$48.00/hr; 2nd hr = straight time at \$32/hr.

- a. ~~Open shift position 2184 hr @ \$32/hr = \$69,888~~ (Removed if not holding position open for chief with only 13 FTE's)
- b. 20 general page emergencies average 2-hrs per general page and an average of 5 Full Time Employees (FTE) per general page. 2hr x 5 people (ppl) = 10-hrs of pay. 1st @ \$48.00/hr; 2nd @ \$32.00/hr = \$80 x 5 = \$400 per general page x 20 per year = \$8,000
- c. Training ????
- d. Department meetings 1-hr x 20 ppl = 20 hrs of pay. 1 hr @ \$25 average x 20 = \$500.00 x 12 meetings = \$6,000
- e. Flight teams 2 hr average x 2 ppl = 4 hr of pay. 1st @ \$48.00/hr; 2nd @ \$32.00/hr = \$80 x 2 = \$160 x 125 projected = \$20,000
- f. County Calls 2-hr average x 3 ppl = 6-hrs of pay. 1st @ \$48.00/hr; 2nd @ \$32.00/hr = \$80/hr x 3 = \$240 x 100 projected = \$24,000
- g. Out of Town transfers based on Billings transfers: 8-hr of pay x 2 ppl = 16-hr of pay. 1st hour @ \$48.00; 7-hrs @ \$32.00 = \$272.00 total/person/trip x 2 ppl = \$544 x 80 projected = \$27,200 = \$43,520

Total projected overtime pay = \$101,520 (to be split between fire/ambulance)

131 Vacation: 85 shifts 2040 hr @ \$32.00/hr = \$39,821

132 Sick Leave: \$13,420

133 Other Leave Pay: \$6,405 7,680



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- 134 Holiday Pay: \$15,860
- 141 Unemployment Insurance: \$2,501
- 142 Workers' Compensation: \$54,684
- 143 Health Insurance: \$84,883
- 144 FICA: \$12,505
- 147 Firemen's pension: \$73,867
- 149 Fireman's 457b match: \$7,500

- 210 Office Supplies: at \$3,000
 - Copy machine, paper, printing, battery backup, Computers
- 211 Clothing Allotment: \$9,420
 - \$45 per person per month (13), \$300 for starting (3), \$150 yr for part paid (10)
- 214 Small Items of Equipment: \$12,000 – Chain saw, extrication equipment/battery
- 217 Small Items Inspector: \$1,500 – Investigation and inspection equipment, memberships
- 220 Operating Expense: \$8,000 – cleaning supplies, hose testing equipment, pest, road signs, road flares,
- 222 Chemicals (Facility and Apparatus cleaning supplies): \$ move operating expense
- 223 Operating Exp/Inspector: \$2,000
 - Media Prevention campaigns, Smoke Detector Program, New “Sparky” elementary school visits suit for Fire Prevention program
- 226 Clothing and Uniforms: \$12,000 – Turnouts, wildland
 - Continued NFPA code compliance for Personal Protective Equipment
- 230 Repair and Maintenance Supplies for repairs: \$9,000 – Moved some from 364
 - Oil, tires, batteries, lights, belts, DOT compliance, parts, etc.
- 231 Apparatus/Vehicle Fuel: Increase to \$9,000 – longer response (lower than 4yr average)
- 241 Consumable Tools: \$1,000
- 311 Postage: \$100 – Fire contracts, Fire reports requested
- 320 Commercial Printing: \$ move to office supply
- 330 Publicity/Subscriptions: \$305
 - Online IFSTA subscription, Job fair
- 334 Memberships/Conferences: \$1,850 – Consortium, Centra
- 341 Electric: \$9,150
 - Unknown variable with relocation impacts.
- 342 Water: \$500
 - Unknown variable with relocation impacts.
- 343 Sewer: \$500
 - Unknown variable with relocation impacts.
- 344 Gas Utility: \$4,622



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345 Telephone: \$4,392 – Close estimate in talking with Range Communication

346 Garbage: \$1,000

347 Internet: \$732

350 Professional Services: \$10,000 – City website, Google account, Physicals

360 Contract R&M: \$14,000

- Ensuring federally mandated compliance on all equipment. Annual Testing for SCBA, ladders, SCBA compressors

364 R&M Vehicles: \$25,000 – pump testing, work on fire vehicles

- Does not include any major unforeseen repairs

370 Travel: \$2,000 – 4 yr average

375 Travel Inspector: \$2,000

- Continued Education for Prevention/Inspection/Investigators 2 inspectors

380 Training Services: \$24,140 (Money that was allocated for training was reduced and used to pay for the training center loan when we purchased the training center)

- Live fire supplies, Swift Water, Rope, Confined space, Ice water certifications

382 Books: \$500

400 Building materials: \$500

511 Insurance Buildings: \$???

512 Insurance Vehicles: \$???

940 Machinery and equipment: \$0.0 – Wait until next year

Fire – 1000-007-420460

- **Total: \$**
 - Historical Approved Budget Requests
 - 2025 \$1,075,759
 - 2024 - \$1,117,249
 - 2023 - \$1,199,922
 - 2022 - \$1,095,917



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Ambulance – 5510-010-420730

100 series line items: Reflect the Local 600's numbers for payroll.

124 Ambulance Stipend Pay Formula: 80 projected trips x 2 PPL @ \$157/person (\$314) =
\$25,000 Total for Line Item 124

111 Salaries and Wages: \$340378

112 Salaries and Wages Part-paid: \$24,000

121 Overtime-Permanent: \$39,593

124 Ambulance OT Stipend: \$25,000

131 Vacation: \$25,460

132 Sick Leave: \$8,580

133 Other Leave Pay: \$4,095

134 Holiday Pay: \$10,140

141 Unemployment Insurance: \$1599

142 Workers' Compensation: \$34,962

143 Health Insurance: \$54,270

144 FICA: \$7,995

145 PERS: \$???

147 Firemen's pension: \$47,226

149 457b match: \$4,796

210 Office Supply: \$5,000

214 Small Items equipment: \$9,000

- Replacement of unusable and/or aging equipment, Purchase of pump channel for interfacility transfers, EMS bags, Purchase oxygen and nitrous tanks instead of renting

220 Operating Expense: \$30,000

- Copy machine, paper, printing, battery backup, Computers

222 Medical Supply: \$40,000 –

230 Repair and Maintenance: \$5,000

- Oil, tires, batteries, lights, belts, DOT compliance, parts, etc.

231 Gas, Oil, Diesel: \$15,000

241 Consumable Tools: \$2,000

300 Purchased Services: \$5,000

- Medical director, monthly quality improvement/quality assurance
- Holds liability for the department and provider performance
- Critical issue for State of Montana going forward



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- 311 Postage: \$100
- 320 Printing: \$500 – Refusals, Hospital drop sheets
- 330 Publicity: \$195
- 334 Membership: \$1,000
- 341 Electric: \$5,850
- 342 Water: \$319
- 343 Sewer: \$319
- 344 Gas Utility: \$2,955
- 345 Telephone: \$2,808
- 346 Garbage: \$639
- 347 Internet: \$468
- 350 Professional Services: \$85,000 – EMS Billing, QI/QC
- 360 Contract R&M: \$15,000 – Image Trend, Target Solutions, Stryker cots and monitors
- 364 R&M Vehicles: \$20,000
- 370 Travel: \$2,500
- 380 Training Services: \$10,000
- 392 Books: \$2,000
- 400 Building Materials: \$319
- 511 Insurance on Buildings: \$???
- 512 Insurance Vehicles: Increase to \$???
- 810 Bad Debt: \$150,000
- 811 Contractual Allowances: \$550,000 as call volume increases so must this line item
- 940 Machinery and Equipment: \$25,000
 - AED's, cell phone trackers, phone boosters etc.

Overall 5510-010-420730 Summary

Ambulance – 5510-010-420730

- **Total: \$**
 - Historical Approved Budget Requests
 - 2025 \$1,631,485
 - 2024 - \$1,656,513
 - 2023 - \$1,615,134