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Benton County Fire District 4 to present proposed 2027 budget
Residents invited to attend Nov. 5 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. – Benton County Fire District 4 is preparing to present its proposed 2027 operating budget at the upcoming Board of Fire Commissioners meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the district's financial planning and priorities for emergency response in the community.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at Station 420, 2604 Bombing Range Rd. in West Richland. Fire district leadership will present the proposed budget for commissioners to review and consider for approval.

The annual budget process helps the district plan for the staffing, equipment, training, facilities and other resources needed to provide fire and emergency medical services. It also provides an opportunity for residents to learn more about district operations and how funding decisions support emergency response throughout the community.

“We’re here to serve this community, and we welcome residents into these conversations,” Fire Chief Paul Carlyle said. “Our community depends on us to be prepared, and thoughtful planning is a critical part of maintaining that level of service.”

Regular Board of Fire Commissioners meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. at Station 420. All meetings are open to the public.

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Benton County Fire District 4 provides fire and emergency medical service to approximately 25,000 people over 52 square miles. While the service area includes the city of West Richland and its immediate unincorporated areas, BCFD4 is a separate taxing district. BCFD4 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics respond to 2,350 calls annually, 69 percent of which are EMS-related. Visit www.bcf4.org.