



Benton County Fire Protection District No. 4

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Benton County Fire District 4 Budget Process Underway for 2025

Meetings open to the public for information and comment

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. – Benton County Fire District 4 has started its budget planning process for 2025. By law, fire districts must pass their budgets before the end of the year. Residents of the fire district are invited and encouraged to take part in this public process.

“We value our community’s trust, so financial transparency is important,” said Chief Paul Carlyle. “We want residents to be involved and informed about their fire district because we are here to serve them.”

The Board of Fire Commissioners will convene on Thursday, October 17 and again on Thursday, November 7 – a meeting which includes a public hearing on revenue sources. Both meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are held at Station 420 (2604 Bombing Range Rd. in West Richland).

Following the public hearing on November 7, the Board will vote on whether to approve the budget.

According to Chief Carlyle, dozens of hours of work go into creating the annual budget, which is critical for planning purposes. The budget sets the direction for staffing, equipment, training, and more – all of which impact the service that Benton County Fire District 4 provides in saving lives and property.

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Benton County Fire District 4 provides fire and emergency medical service (EMS) to approximately 20,000 people over 52 square miles. Our service area includes the city of West Richland and its immediate unincorporated areas, but we are a separate taxing district. In 2023, our firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics responded to an average 2,200 calls, 67% of which were EMS-related. More information on the Fire District can be found at www.bcf4.org.