



Benton County  
Fire District **4**

# FAST FACTS

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(509) 967-2945 [www.bcfld4.org](http://www.bcfld4.org)

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# Your support means we are prepared for any emergency.



Provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to just over 19,000 residents.



Sixty percent of calls are for medical emergencies



Transparent and Accountable

- Good steward of tax dollars
- History of passing financial and accountability audits
- AA- Standard and Poor's rating because of strong financial practices
- Fire commissioners are elected by the community
- All board meetings are open to the public



Approximately 50 volunteer and career firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics provide emergency response. The fire district relies on volunteers as well as paid and part-time personnel. All types of volunteers are welcome!

Responds to an average of

# 1,600

calls a year. Call volumes have increased **78.3% since 2010.**

Serves the City of West Richland and the immediate unincorporated areas of Benton County

covering

# 52

square miles

Not part of – nor does the fire district receive funding from – any city or county government.



Daily operations are funded by two levies paid through property taxes:

- EMS: capped at \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (AV)
- Fire: capped at \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV— provides the majority of funding



In 2018, voters approved a bond to purchase apparatus and build a new station at Keene Road and SR 224.

## Thank you for the opportunity to serve!