



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Jeff Brandt, Fire Chief

RE: Master Fire Plan cover letter

Date: July 17, 2019

It is our pleasure to share the Missoula Fire Department's (MFD's) 2019 Master Fire Plan with you. While the content of the Master Fire plan focuses on details and data from the fire department's 3 P's: performance, programs, and projects, it is the people we serve-- and those that serve them-- that are at the heart of our mission.

The ability to deploy enough firefighters and equipment to a scene in a timely manner to stabilize an incident is how a department is measured for efficiency.

Accomplishing short and mid-term goals and objectives specified in the Master Fire Plan will continue to create a strong building foundation that will help to ensure that long-term strategies are successful.

MFD's ability to adequately deliver the level of timely and professional service our community has come to expect will require that we address the following immediate needs:

- The addition of an FTE in the maintenance division
- Approval to hire an additional fire company
- Secure funding to train personnel to an EMT Paramedic level
- Enhancement of training grounds at Stations #3 and #4
- Creation of a Fire All-Hazards Fund

The continued success of the Missoula Fire Department will depend on a comprehensive commitment to planning, organizing, and leading all levels of the organization towards stated goals. We look forward to continuing to serve the city of Missoula with courage, commitment and compassion.

Respectfully,

  
Jeff Brandt  
Fire Chief