Shelley/Firth Fire District
(Shelley)

Profile of the District:

The Shelly Fire District is comprised of a municipal, fire protection district, EMS and first responder services. The geographic area is currently experiencing little population growth. However, the wild land urban interface is experiencing some growth. The topography of the area is high mountain desert and flat lands with agriculture and ranching being the primary industries. The flatlands lead into foothills with a lightly forested area close to the Snake River.

Organizational Structure

The Shelley Fire District reports to the District Fire Commission. It is part of the Shelley/Firth Fire District organization but this report focuses on Shelley. The organizational structure consists of a fire chief, an assistant fire chief and 16 firefighters, all volunteer. The QRU portion of the District is not part of the Fire District. It is only under the District's umbrella. It was reported that the present structure of the District is working adequately.

Facilities:

The District has one fire station with four bays.

Response Area:

The Shelley Fire District provides fire protection for agricultural, rangelands, forest, wild land urban interface, residential, business and high risk related to a fuels bulk plant and fertilizer plan. It serves a 150 square mile area.

Budget and Funding:

The District has experienced no budget increases over the last five years. The budget is funded 100% by tax dollars.

Grants:

Grant funds have been received from the State IDS, BLM, U.S. Forest Service and the INEEL. The District indicated it would like to start using grants more frequently for one time purchases to relieve the load on the base budget. Currently, the District has not reviewed the National Fire Plan but they do have intentions of doing so.

Records Management:

There is not a comprehensive records management system at this time. However, the District recently acquired a computer and software, and is preparing to start records maintenance. NIFIRS reporting software and Crossfire software are used.

Firefighting Program:

The District covers both the City of Shelley and the surrounding area. There are 16 personnel within the firefighting program that are volunteer staff. Fire response includes protection for structures, wild land fire suppression, EMS First Responder, Haz-Mat, high angle rescue and extrication. The area is of particular high risk for wild land urban interface fires but the risk for terrorism is low. A total of six firefighters are trained in wild land suppression. The District reports that it has responded to approximately 115 fire-related incidents. It has the capability of a 10-minute response time including scene size-up, handlines, safety, water supply and initial attack. There are adequate and reliable sources of water including water mains, hydrants, a water tender and area bodies of water.

Firefighting Program Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
• 1 Station; 4 Bays • Volunteer Personnel • 1,900 Structural/300 Wild Lands Total GPM Capacity • Computerized Record Keeping System • Fire Response: Structural, Wild Lands, Rangeland, Forest, Agricultural, Residential & Business • Grid Access Address System • 3 Structural Vehicles; 3 Wild Land Vehicles; 1 Structural/Wild Land Vehicle • Meets ISO Water Flow Requirements	• Light Wild Land Trucks • 1 Heavy Wild Land Truck • Water Tender • Grants • Local Course in the Grant Process • Assistance with Grant Writing/Grant Writer • Upgrade Computer Software • Current NFPA Testing Manuals and Training • Proper Testing Equipment • All Members Trained to Same Level • Onsite Training

Hazardous Materials Program:

The Shelley Fire District does not have a HazMat response team. The District participates in a reciprocal mutual aid agreement countywide.

EMS Program:

The District does provide EMS services. Personnel are trained in First Responder.

EMS Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
• First Responder Trained Staff	• Extrication Tools and Equipment

Training and Certification:

The District meets training and certification standards in the several areas including structural protection (IFSTA Essentials Firefighter 1 and 2); wild land fire suppression (basic), EMS First Responder, HazMat awareness, rescue extrication, team work and high angle training. Training and Certification existing needs are: improved training areas, proper training equipment, low cost training for personnel, established training program, distance learning system, and training aids, table-top simulators, videos and slides.

Training and Certification Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
• Firefighter Safety • Wild Land Suppression • Utilizes IFSTA Training Program • Written Standard Operating Procedures	• Refreshment Courses as Outlined by NFPA, NWCG & EMS • Computer Training Programs • Grants for On-Site Training Materials

Communications:

Sufficient radio communication capacity is in place. All vehicles are equipped with radios and the District does have sufficient hand-held units. All radios are multi-frequency capable, but some radio communications are inadequate with other entities. Primary dispatch is through the Bingham County 911 System. Communications existing needs are: more multi-frequency radios, improved communication with other entities, and repeater.

Prevention and Inspection:

The District does administer and enforce Fire Code regulations. Fire cause and origin investigations are conducted by the District and it relies on the building and SFMO findings for its needs and preplanning.

Prevention and Inspection Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
• Administers & Enforces Fire Codes • Fire Cause and Origin Investigations Conducted	• None

Public Education:

The District does conduct public education programs for structural fires, wild lands and home safety. It also regularly participates in public outreach at schools, public events and fire station activities.

Public Education Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
• Public Education Programs • Outreach Education and Inspections	• Grants for Public Education Training Materials & Handouts