

Appendix 4

RC&D Assessment Madison Fire District

The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept.

The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. covers municipal, district, EMS and ambulance services. The City of Rexburg is located approximately 30 miles north of Idaho Falls and is home of Brigham Young University-Idaho. Because BYU has expanded in the last couple of years, the population of the area has almost doubled. The topography of the area is rolling hills and farmland with small communities throughout Madison County. It encompasses recreational land with the Henry's Fork of the Snake River lying west of the city; which also splits the county. There is light forestation close to the river and grasslands throughout the county

Organizational Structure

The District reports to the County Commission, City Council and Fire District Commission respectively. There is also an Emergency Medical Services Commission of which the fire chief reports. There are 12 full time paid personnel and 44 paid on call. Full time personnel includes the fire/EMS chief, an assistant fire chief, an EMS chief, a fire inspector, 3 firefighter/paramedics, and five firefighter/EMT's. The remaining personnel are paid on call including 13 firefighter/paramedics and 31 firefighter/EMT's.

Facilities:

The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. has two stations with 16 bays. One station with 10 bays is located in Rexburg and one station with 6 bays is located ten miles south in Archer.

Response Area:

The fire protection area includes agricultural, rangelands, forest, wildland/urban interface, residential, business, high tech (ARTCO Printing), and high risk with a propane bulk plant, and food processing plants. The District serves a 480 square mile area.

Budget and Funding:

The budget has been combined with the EMS budget. Because of the rapid growth in city infrastructure and residential areas, the Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. budget has increased considerably. Funding primarily comes from tax dollars, EMS fees and bond interest.

Grants:

The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. has received grant funds from the BLM/U.S. Forest Service rural assistance program; from the INEEL, private foundations, State EMS and other community development block grants. They are knowledgeable about the National Fire Plan and hope to improve their use of grants for purchases in the future.

Records Management:

A comprehensive, computerized records management system is in place. The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. utilizes the Firehouse, State incident reporting and EMS reporting software systems.

Firefighting Program:

The Rexburg-Madison County Emergency Services Dept. has 56 personnel within the firefighting program. Twelve are full time and the others are paid on call. Fire response includes protection for structures, wildland fire suppression, EMS, HazMat, rescue, terrorist threat and high angle rescue teams. The District responds to 1,700 calls annually. The area is at high risk for wild-land urban interface fires and terrorist attack. Twenty of the firefighters have received training in wildland suppression. The Department does not have adequate and reliable water sources; current sources include water mains and hydrants. Water supply is completely dependent on water tenders out in the District areas. The 10-minute place into action requirement includes scene size-up, utilities, two pumps initial attack, water supply, tender operations, Search & Rescue an initial attack.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Station, 16 Bays <input type="checkbox"/> Paid and Paid on Call Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> 4,500 Structural/125 Wildland Total GPM Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Grid Access Address System <input type="checkbox"/> Computerized Record Keeping System <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Response: Structural and Wild-ands <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Structural/1 Wildland/Structural Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Howel Pump/Rescue 125 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Command Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Operating Procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Several Wild-land Units (Light and Heavy) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Tenders <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Hydrants in Remote Areas <input type="checkbox"/> Wells and Underground Storage Tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Hydrants <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for Purchase, Training, Equipment, PPE and Apparatus <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Office Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for Proper Testing Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for Training Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Grant Writer <input type="checkbox"/> Simplify the Grant Process <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of When Grants are Out and Paperwork is Due <input type="checkbox"/> Low-Cost, Local Training by Certified Instructors

Hazardous Materials Program:

The Fire District does not have a HazMat response team. Several District members are on the state HazMat response team. The District will respond for scene safety, stabilization and assist the HazMat team when it arrives on the scene.

EMS Program:

The District does provide EMS services. It acquired the ambulance system in 2002 and completed the merger in 2003. The District is licensed at the paramedic/transport level. EMS trained staff include First Responder, EMT Basic, EMT Advanced and Intermediate and Paramedic categories. Approximately 1,400 calls are made annually.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First Responder <input type="checkbox"/> EMT Basic, Intermediate & Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Type II and 1 Type I Transport Vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chase Vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of Aging Equipment Through Grants <input type="checkbox"/> Defibrillators, Suction Units, Oxygen Supply Equipment

Training and Certification

The District meets training and certification standards in the areas of structural protection, wildland fire suppression, EMS, HazMat, and rescue including extrication. The IFSTA training program is also utilized.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Suppression <input type="checkbox"/> IFSTA Essentials Material <input type="checkbox"/> HazMat <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Operating Procedures in Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for Personnel Training <input type="checkbox"/> Updated Training Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Current Editions of IFSTA Student Manuals & Workbooks <input type="checkbox"/> Send Personnel to Train-the-Trainer Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for Laptop Computers

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Self-produced Videos <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate Training Materials

Communications

Communication is facilitated through the Madison County 911 dispatch center. Radio communication capacity is sufficient. All of the vehicles are equipped with radios and the District does have a sufficient number of hand-held radios. There are some areas within the District where personnel experience loss of signal and frequency problems.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to Remote Alarm Calls <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Radios <input type="checkbox"/> Radios in All Vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Fire and Police Frequencies

Prevention and Inspection:

The District does have Fire Code regulation enforcement capacity. Fire cause and origin investigations are conducted through the District for its records only. If there is a question regarding a fire, the State Fire Marshal’s Office is called to assist the District.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Code Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Cause and Origin Investigations Conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> County Adoption of International Fire Codes <input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector’s Position Funded by the County to Work in Conjunction with the Fire District

Public Education:

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

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None Identified

Central Fire District

The Central Fire District is a combined municipal and fire protection district serving Rigby, Ririe, Menan and Lewisville in Jefferson County. It also provides fire protection for southwest corner of Madison County between the North fork of the Snake River and the County boundary. These communities have experienced some growth and are located north of Idaho Falls near Highway 20. Most of the Fire District’s topography is rolling hills suitable for farming and ranching.

Firefighting Program

The Central Fire District has 75 paid personnel within the firefighting program. Fire response includes protection for structures, wildland suppression, EMS extrication, HazMat and terrorist threat. The District responds to approximately 551 fire-related incidents annually. It has the capability of a 10-minute response time including scene size-up, ICS system, rapid entry team, water supply and initial attack. The District does not see itself at risk due to wildland urban interface or terrorist attacks. There are 62 firefighters trained in wildland suppression. It was reported that the District has some adequate and reliable water sources. The primary water supply sources include water mains, hydrants, bodies of water and a District water tender system.

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Station, 18 Bays <input type="checkbox"/> Paid personnel <input type="checkbox"/> 7,000 Structural/1,500 Wildland Total GPM Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Computerized record keeping system <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Response: structural, agricultural, residential & business <input type="checkbox"/> 7 structural; 2 structural/wildland & 4 wildland vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Add 3 Bays in Rigby; 2 Offices in Rigby; 1 HazMat Office and 1 Central Office <input type="checkbox"/> Dry hydrants <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for one-time purchases <input type="checkbox"/> Library of EMS/Fire related grants <input type="checkbox"/> Computer and software Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Procedural plan for testing/recording information for equipment

Hazardous Materials Program

The District does have a HazMat Team. This team works in conjunction with the Idaho Falls Fire Department. Mutual aid agreements are in place with the Forest Service, BLM, INEEL, Idaho Department of Lands, City of Roberts and Madison County.

EMS Program

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> EMT Basic, Non-Transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Grants for training and materials <input type="checkbox"/> Improved EMS materials library

Training and Certification

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Protection, Wildland Fire Suppression, EMS, HazMat and Rescue (Revis Training, Swift Water, High Angle) <input type="checkbox"/> Some NFPA, NWCG Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlands Fire Training – all personnel trained to same level <input type="checkbox"/> On-site training by certified instructors <input type="checkbox"/> Trained instructors <input type="checkbox"/> Refresher courses

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Operating Procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Power Point presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Videos (or ability to borrow or rent) <input type="checkbox"/> Current NFPA student manuals & workbooks <input type="checkbox"/> Power Point presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Training on presentation of courses

Communications

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to remote alarm calls <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radios <input type="checkbox"/> All vehicles radio equipped 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Programming so all radios have same capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Unified frequencies in all radios <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade older hand-held radios

Prevention and Inspection

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Cause & Origin Investigations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> County to adopt code enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Implement county Building Inspector position

Public Education

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Education <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Grants to purchase handout literature