

# FAST FACTS

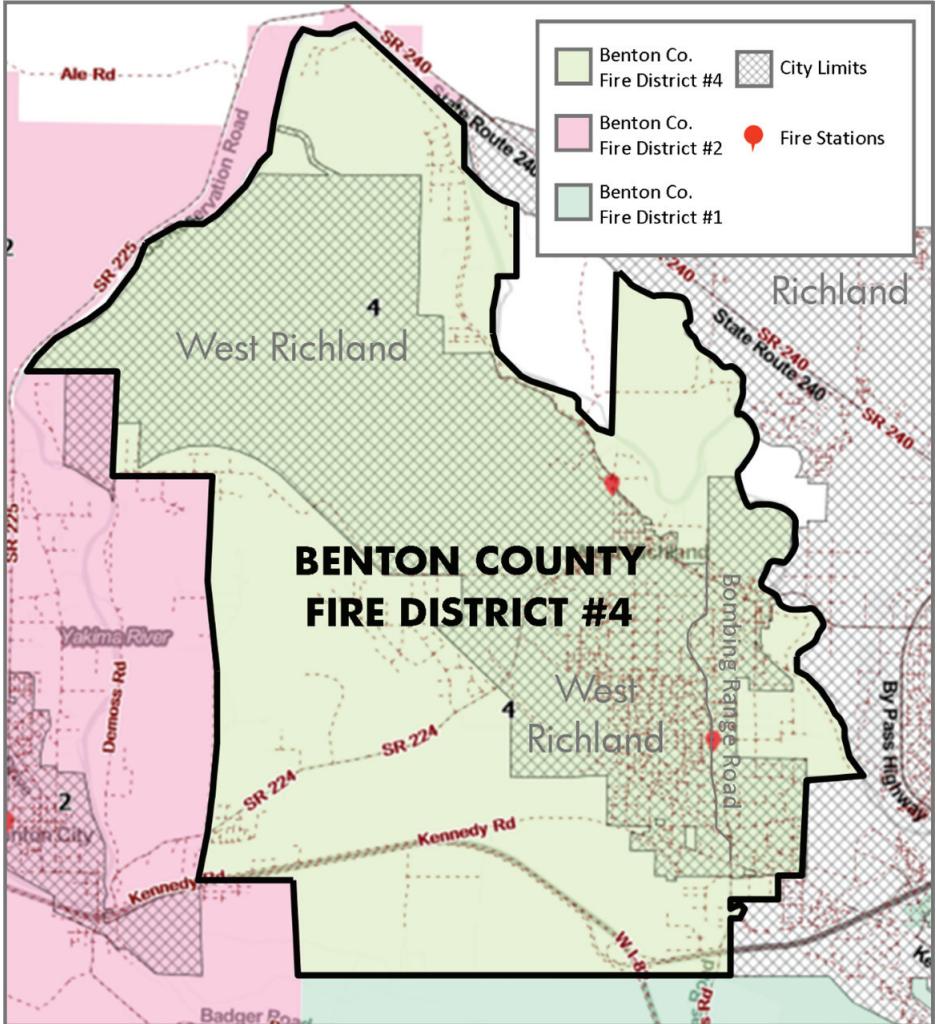
***Benton County Fire District 4 provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to its residents.***

- Serves 17,860 people over 52 square miles, including the City of West Richland
- Responds to an average of 1,400 emergency calls per year
- Approximately 50 volunteer and career firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics
- Good steward of tax dollars
  - Make cuts where needed
  - Maintain adequate reserve funds
  - Operate under a balanced budget
  - History of passing financial and accountability audits
  - Aggressively maintain our facilities, emergency apparatus and equipment to extend their usable lives
- Daily emergency operations are funded by two levies paid through property taxes:
  - Voters renewed EMS levy for 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2016
  - Fire levy is 1.50 per \$1,000
- Historically, our fire district simply put out fires
- Now, a large part of what we do is prevention-related to meet the expectations of our community:
  - Providing safety inspections
  - Educating our community about fire prevention
  - Introduced a medical emergency prevention program called “FD CARES”
- Involved in the community - local food bank, senior center, Chamber of Commerce, veterans groups, and public schools

***Thank you for the opportunity to serve!***



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