

Cheyenne Fire Rescue

2025 Annual Report



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

It is my honor to present the 2025 annual report on behalf of the men and women of Cheyenne Fire Rescue. I want to begin by extending my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Cheyenne, the Mayor, and the governing body for their continued support and trust. Your partnership enables us to serve this community with excellence, preparedness, and purpose.

This year, our firefighters have once again demonstrated the highest levels of courage, professionalism, and dedication. Whether responding to complex emergencies, battling destructive fires, providing critical medical care during our community's most difficult moments, offering fire prevention education to our youth, or completing vital lifesaving building reviews and inspections, they have remained a consistent source of strength and reassurance. Their work—often unseen yet always essential—is the backbone of our mission and the reason our community remains safe, resilient, and prepared for tomorrow's challenges.

One of the most significant milestones of the year was our department achieving accredited status through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). This accomplishment reflects not only our commitment to continuous improvement but also the tireless efforts of every member of this department. We tip our hat to Chief John Kopper (Ret.) for supporting and pursuing such a high standard and for bringing success to our department prior to his retirement in June 2025. Accreditation is more than a certificate—it is a validation of our strategic vision, our operational excellence, and our unwavering dedication to serving our community at the highest possible standard. I am incredibly proud of our team for reaching this level of distinction.

As we move forward, we remain focused on proactive community risk reduction, strengthening our culture of learning and well-being, and investing in the training, technologies, and partnerships that keep us ready for every challenge. Our calling is clear: We protect our community with excellence, compassion, and an unshakeable commitment to service.

I am grateful for the continued trust placed in us and deeply proud of the men and women who carry our mission forward every day. Together, we will continue to rise to the occasion, lead with purpose, and build an even stronger future for our community.

Andrew Dykshorn
Fire Chief, Cheyenne Fire Rescue

- **Mission**

- Cheyenne Fire Rescue will preserve life and property, promote public safety, and foster lasting partnerships to enhance the quality of life in our community.

- **Vision**

- To be a progressive, innovative, and humble organization that leads the community in all aspects of public safety. We will be continually committed to organizational excellence and self-improvement.
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PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS

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25-01



Jeff Drozdowski



Devon Lantis



Ben Jacek



Logan Mohr

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25-02



Mitch Whitlock



Jack Pemberton



Bryson Cobb



Ben Le Tourneau

PROMOTIONS

- Firefighter Gipson
- Firefighter Lanka
- Firefighter Budney
- Engineer Lewis
- Engineer Pope
- Engineer Fangman
- Engineer Lesco
- Engineer Williams



PROMOTIONS

- Engineer Olsen
- Engineer Haws
- Assistant Fire Marshal Reed
- Lieutenant Raile
- Lieutenant West
- Lieutenant Nelson
- Lieutenant Erhart



PROMOTIONS

- Lieutenant Seaberg
- Battalion Chief Anderson
- Battalion Chief Lam
- Deputy Chief Rodgers
- Deputy Chief Wood
- Fire Chief Dykshorn



RETIREMENTS



Fire Chief John Kopper



BC John Fitzgerald



BC Kipp Sanders



Lt. Brandon Rood



Lt. Scott Highland



Lt. Eric Bickell



Lt. Bill Hinz

AWARDS

- **Lt. Michael Head Sharpshooter Award**
 - Engineer Dane Olsen
- **Eng. Doug Beach Resiliency Award**
 - Engineer Dave Beightol
- **Chief's Team Player Award**
 - Assistant Fire Marshal Andrew Dyl



LIFE SAVING AWARDS

- Lt. Sarah Delay
 - Eng. Chad Miller
 - Lt. TJ Erhart
 - BC Ryan Anderson
 - BC Neil Durante
 - Lt. Caleb Kamarad
 - Eng. Dave Beightol
 - Lt. Tom Tuner
 - Eng. Johnny Coonts
 - FF Devin Budney
 - Lt. Kevin Reddy
 - FF Brad Hall
 - FF Josh Guizar
 - Lt. Kelsey Raile
 - Eng. Tanner Lesco
 - Eng. Collin Moody
 - FF Gene Morenko
 - FF Nathan Yim
 - Eng. Max Stevens
 - FF Aaron Lanka
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AARON BOOKER

TRIBUTE

On August 5, 2023, Engineer Aaron Booker passed away. Aaron Booker will be remembered as a kind-hearted and adventurous soul whose dedication to his family, friends, community, and faith was unwavering. His legacy of selflessness and love will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

Aaron found fulfillment in his career in serving the community as an EMT and Lieutenant/Firefighter for the City of Cheyenne Fire Department. He joined the department in September 2003 and remained a committed member until his untimely passing in 2023. In addition to his firefighting duties, Aaron always maintained one or two side jobs. He built fences, worked on the ambulance service and in the ER, and even took on a role at Terminix, among other endeavors.

Aaron was known for his kind and selfless nature, always putting others before himself. He was always the first to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors, never hesitating to volunteer his time and skills. Aaron's friends remember him for the countless miles of fence he helped build and the hundreds of logs he cut for firewood. An avid outdoorsman, he cherished spending his free time with loved ones, engaging in activities like riding ATVs, camping, kayaking, fishing, and hunting.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Suppression

Emergency Medical Services (ALS)

Hazardous Materials Response (RERT-7)

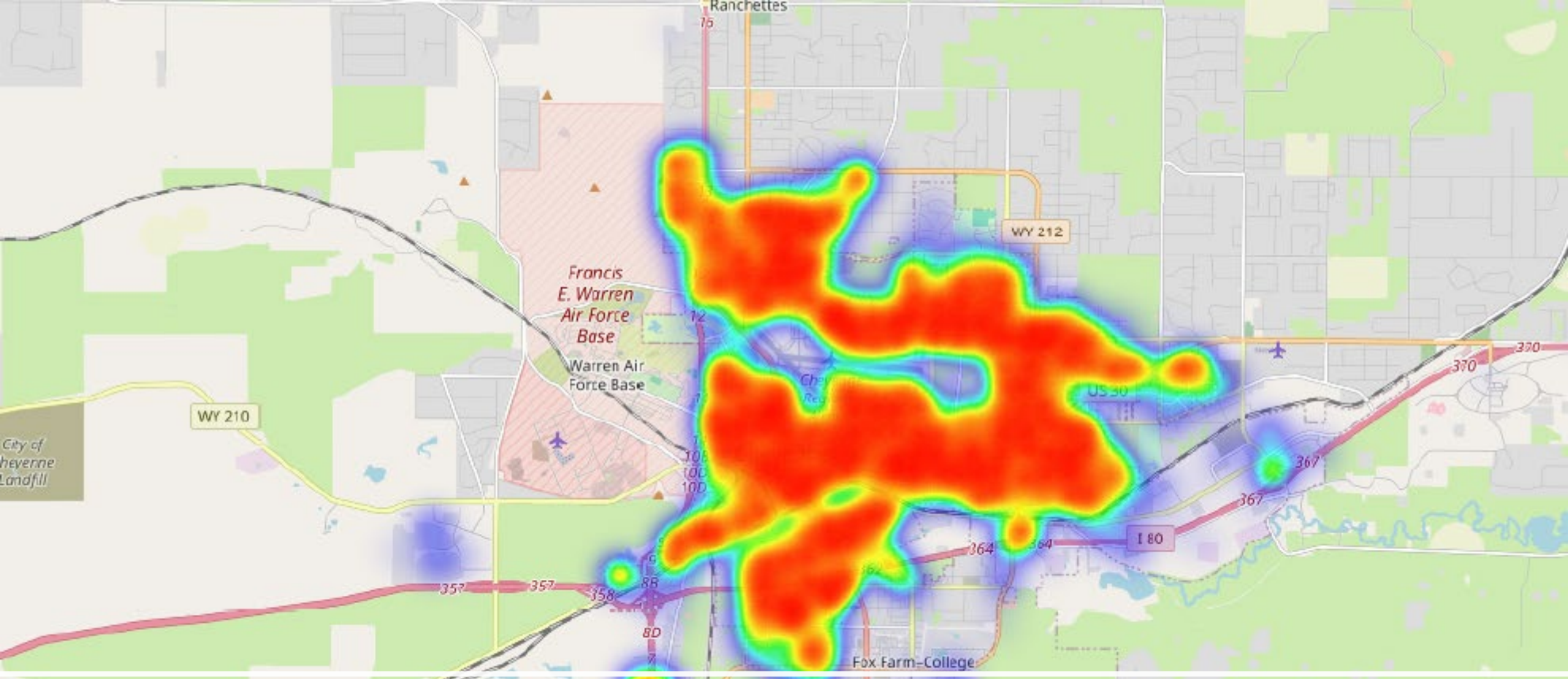
Technical Rescue (TRT)

Tactical Emergency Medical Services
(TEMS)

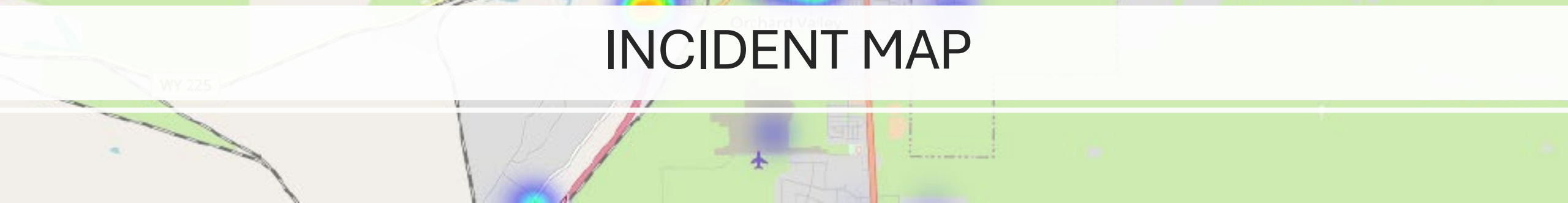
Community Emergency Medical Services
(CEMS)

Wildland Firefighting





INCIDENT MAP

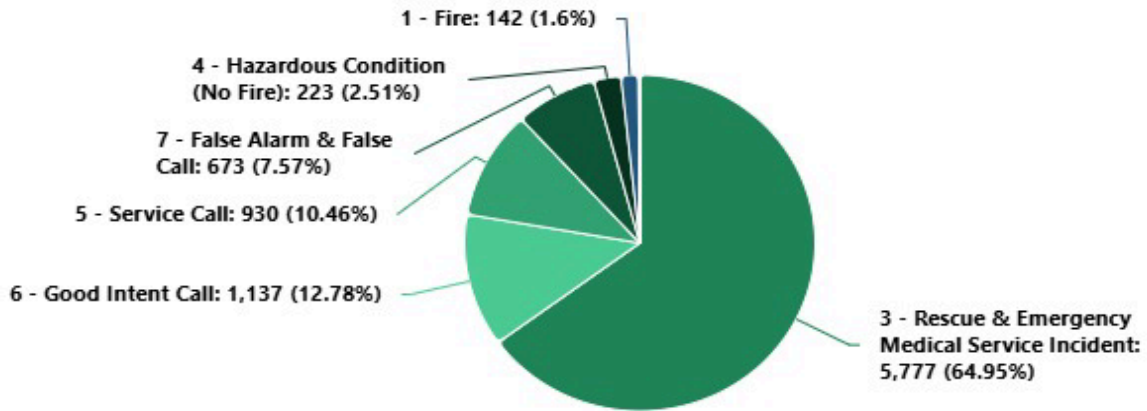


2025 TOTAL INCIDENTS

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
Incident Type Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total - Current	Grand Total - Previous	
Fire	6	11	20	7	16	8	15	8	9	9	10	23	142	154	
Overpressure Rupture, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	9	
Rescue & Emergency Medical	522	408	499	453	485	499	483	506	497	480	472	473	5777	6196	
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	21	17	16	10	17	18	26	14	21	23	13	27	223	214	
Service Call	81	65	67	76	82	85	73	59	88	79	69	106	930	881	
Good Intent Call	104	63	89	74	92	113	116	89	105	107	99	86	1137	1265	
False Alarm & False Call	51	50	58	35	56	56	63	58	72	59	50	65	673	622	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	5	4	
Special Incident Type	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	
Grand Total	785	614	749	656	748	781	780	736	793	757	714	781	8894	9348	

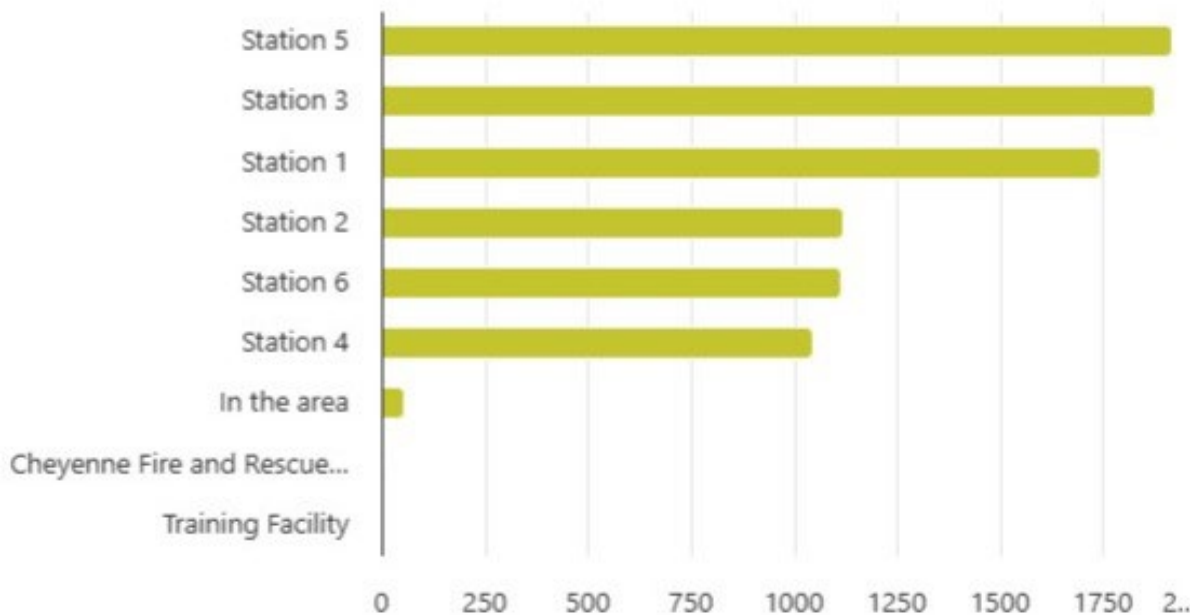
Incident Type Categories

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



Incidents by Primary Station Name

Jan 01, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025



Fire Save / Loss Report

Incident Date Time	Incident Number	Property Value	Property Loss
2/24/2025 0:17	2025-00001274	\$18,036	\$18,036
2/24/2025 0:26	2025-00001274	\$187,110	\$18,036
3/5/2025 11:16	2025-00001520	\$74,844	\$28,067
3/9/2025 7:07	2025-00001611	\$46,293	\$12,626
3/13/2025 19:45	2025-00001719	\$7,000	\$7,000
3/27/2025 17:38	2025-00002060	\$272,262	\$15,000
3/29/2025 6:21	2025-00002098	\$179,625	\$43,000
4/20/2025 15:36	2025-00002595	\$343,065	\$4,227
5/14/2025 7:06	2025-00003144	\$247,321	\$1,691
5/28/2025 1:22	2025-00003487	\$211,060	\$80,000
7/2/2025 12:30	2025-00004383	\$300,321	\$15,000
9/11/2025 22:26	2025-00006190	\$518,668	\$199,654
10/22/2025 15:05	2025-00007226	\$2,170,147	\$187,110
10/23/2025 1:10	2025-00007231	\$305,363	\$187,110
11/7/2025 11:12	2025-00007605	\$285,716	\$130,977
11/22/2025 4:46	2025-00007966	\$615,393	\$204,624
12/15/2025 5:11	2025-00008534	\$6,000	\$6,000
12/17/2025 11:18	2025-00008589	\$236,000	\$101,000
12/20/2025 13:31	2025-00008683	\$168,399	\$1,500
12/26/2025 16:20	2025-00008823	\$300,000	\$1,500
		\$6,474,587	\$1,244,122

SPECIALTY TEAMS

• **Community EMS**

- Launched Oct. 2025
- Certified 5 providers
- Partnered with LCSO & CRMC

• **Wildland**

- 72 local responses
- 1,552 hours out-of-state
 - Texas/Colorado/California

• **Tactical EMS (TEMS)**

- Assigned 4 paramedics
- Responded with SWAT to all activations

• **HazMat / RERT-7**

- Reduced response times by 15%
- 177 HazMat incidents
- 3 RERT-7 activations

• **Technical Rescue Team**

- Added 5 team members
 - Completed Backcountry Training
 - Joint Training with Industrial partners
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Plans Review

Firefighter Training

Public Education

Firefighter Health & Safety

Accreditation Management

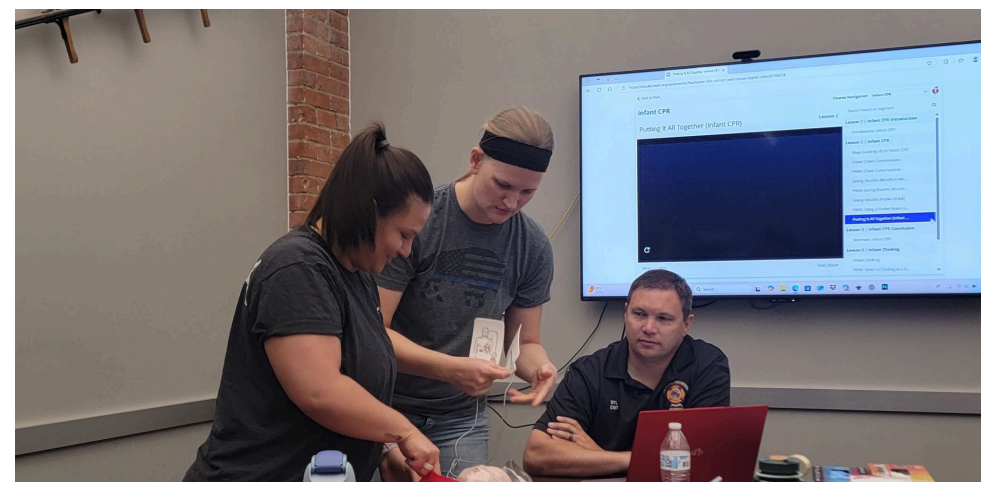
Emergency Management

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

- **Fire Safety Inspections:** 1,658
 - **Fire Investigations:** 17
 - **Plan Reviews:** 997 *(43% increase from CY24)*
 - **Certifications:**
 - 2 inspectors earned ICC Fire Inspector I certifications
 - 2 inspectors earned ICC Fire Inspector II certifications
 - 2 inspectors earned FAA Drone Pilot Licenses
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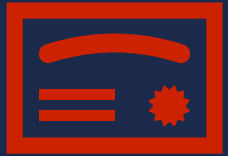
PUBLIC EDUCATION

- **CPR Training:**
 - By-stander CPR: 328
 - Heartsaver/BLS: 92
 - Skills Checks: 70
 - **General Fire Safety Education:** 1,929 children instructed
 - **Fire Extinguisher Training:** 168 trained
 - **Blood Pressure/Glucose Checks:** 45
 - **Car Seat Inspections/Installations:** 300
 - **Smoke/CO Alarm Installs:** 67 smoke alarms and 17 combination alarms
 - **Recognition:** 3 community members were presented a Fire Marshal Office coin and an *Act of Valor* certificate.
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Commission on Fire Accreditation International®



In 2025, CFR achieved a landmark milestone by receiving formal accreditation status.

This prestigious recognition places CFR among an elite group of fire departments across the nation, out of approximately 27,000 fire departments in the United States; fewer than 300 hold this distinction.

Notably, CFR holds the distinct honor of being the only municipal fire department in Wyoming to achieve CFAI accreditation, making this accomplishment not just a source of pride for the city of Cheyenne but also a landmark achievement for the entire state.

TRAINING DIVISION

- Annual Fire Training Hours: **8,892**

- Certifications Completed

- Apparatus Driver/Operator Pumper: 3
- Apparatus Driver/Operator Aerial: 3
- Firefighter I: 7
- Firefighter II: 7
- HazMat Ops: 7
- Incident Safety Officer: 9
- Fire Officer I: 5
- Fire Officer II: 1
- Fire Service Instructor I: 5
- Fire Service Instructor II: 3
- Live Fire Instructor: 2

- Annual EMS Training Hours: **4,688**

- Certifications Completed/Renewal

- AHA BLS CPR Initial/Renewal: 99
 - ACLS: 31
 - PALS: 31
 - NREMT: 27
 - Wyoming EMS: 47
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EXTERNAL TRAINING SUPPORTED

- Organized & Hosted Child Car Seat Installation – **14 certified**
 - Hosted & Instructed 2 Wyoming State Fire Academies – **8 fire departments & 28 recruit firefighters**
 - Supported Tri-state JROTC Program – instructed **115 JROTC cadets**
 - Enabled USAF Military High-Rise Rappelling Training – **65 USAF trained**
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POWER ENGAGE - COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

CFR implemented Power Engage on December 1, 2025. This feedback mechanism allows community members to feel their voices are valued and helps us improve our services to meet their expectations. Below are some comments CFR has received through the program:

Thank you guys for everything you did for our kiddo and for helping keep us parents calm. you all were amazing!

Everyone was great and glad they got there when they did to take care of Steve he's a good man, don't think work would be the same without him.

ABOVE AND BEYOND!! Excellent care for husband in excruciating pain from trying to move couch; organized and efficient and worked together very well; when ambulance was ready to leave the fire crew immediately saw the situation we were about to be left with (couch near back of pick up and just wife left to take care of it) so they moved the couch to the garage. Outstanding.

Very friendly, talked me through everything they were doing. They made a bad situation better

They were EXCELLENT and so helpful. While we hope we never need them, it's nice to know we have them when we need them.

Response time was excellent and very professional and pleasant.

Firefighters and paramedics are very professional and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Excellent and immediate response...they were friendly and thorough. Turns out the patient was very sick and needed immediate medical attention. Thanks to all! What a Crew!! 10+!

The kids where out in the neighborhood the really did good with the kids now my daughter wants to be a firefighter girl

I put 8 to be realistic but the truth of the matter they were highly professional, they were thoughtful, considerate, and the team work between the paramedics and the one who hoped in to help was amazing! I never caught his name but the one who hoped in was a true hero in my opinion. Their response is the reason I'm alive. I hope that this gets to him because he deserves to know that his knowledge was amazing and he admitted he didn't know what my heart defect looked like but was smart enough to put the leads on my back to get an even better ECG! It helped tremendously. He was and is my nominated every day hero! Thank you!

My family and I are deeply grateful for Cheyenne Fire Rescue. They have helped us multiple times, including with elderly family members, and every interaction has been marked by professionalism, compassion, and calm reassurance. Their presence brought comfort not only to those receiving care, but also to the family members waiting and feeling anxious. We truly thank them for their service and give God all the glory for placing such caring, dedicated people in this community.

I just liked how open and quick they were and professional and caring

This crew was very professional and got my husband up off the floor and into his chair quickly and gently. My husband was embarrassed about his situation and they made him feel comfortable. They turned a bad experience into just an experience. Thank you form the bottom of our hearts. ❤️

They took great care of my husband and calmed me down. We were so grateful for their help. Cheyenne is fortunate to have this service in our town. We want to thank them for everything they did for us.

I would not be here if it wasn't for the crew. They walked in and knew what to do. I now know I had a heart attack

From the person who helped me on the phone call to the Fire Rescue Crew all were extremely helpful and resolved the issue with my fire/CO alarm in an efficient and friendly manner. They even contacted Black Hill's Energy to assist in checking out my situation which further expedited the resolution. I was impressed with all involved as well as happy to know I have such wonderful professionals to rely on in case of an emergency. Thank you all so very much. Terry Van Dorn. 815 Shoshoni St. Cheyenne Wy

They were all professional and very nice. They arrived timely and were all very gracious. They took time to help and walked the building with me and explained different hazards and asked questions and provided steps for follow-up. 10/10 would recommend. Don't recommend getting stuck in an elevator, but 10/10 would recommend calling these guys to get you out if you happen to get stuck. They were great!

They actually responded at a reasonable time very gentle with injured party also their level of patience was outstanding. I can actually say that I was extremely impressed.

Firefighters and paramedics are very professional and greatly appreciated. Thank you. Very helpful, polite, and got the job done quickly. Love the Cheyenne Fire Department. Dispatch was efficient and helpful, too. 👍

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