

Dear Neighbor,

Since 1917 the Bayard Volunteer Fire Department has proudly served the Bayard area, and for the past several years we have sent letters seeking financial support from you, the members of the community we serve. Your generosity has allowed us to purchase equipment and provide training to our membership above and beyond what is available through our normal yearly budget. Each year our department provides emergency medical services, fire suppression, fire prevention education, first aid training, controlled burns, and medical standbys. Many of these activities would not be possible without your generous financial support, and we will continue to make upgrades and improvements wherever we can. With your help we can continue to provide a high level of Fire and EMS protection, education, and activities for our community.

As our call makeup is always changing, we have seen fewer but larger wildland fires this year. Large fires within a short distance of us have consumed more than 20,000 acres this year alone. We have assisted with 5 fires over 2,000 acres each in 2021. We have also seen an increase in Motor Vehicle Accidents for several years in a row. Because of this, and due to the age and condition of our current equipment, we have held numerous fundraisers over the past few years asking for your help. Now, with the help of a USDA grant, we are excited to announce we have ordered a new set of extrication tools! These new tools are electrically powered and will allow us to provide safer and more efficient response to MVA's in the future! We will continue as always to upgrade our equipment as we are able, in order to better serve our community.

In 2020 our department responded to what may be a record amount of fire calls – 53! And for 2021 we have again reached that mark. 33 of these calls were grass fires, 9 were MVA's, 5 were Vehicle fires, 3 were structure fires, and 3 were "Other" calls, including a train derailment West of town. Our EMS crew ran over 135 calls with only 4 EMT's throughout the year and deserve much appreciation for their efforts! As always, we are looking to add good people to our team, especially EMT's! We currently have 2 members in class to become EMT's. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Firefighter or EMT, please contact the City of Bayard or any fire department member for an application. As always, we provide training and a great experience for successful applicants.

If you are able to assist our department with a monetary donation this year, please mail them to

Bayard Volunteer Fire Department

P.O. Box 447

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We would like to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to serving the area for many more years to come!

Bayard Fire Department Membership as of Dec 2021

Mike Harimon
Paul Safford
Matthew Macintosh
Butch Duncan
Jeff Kizzire
Jackie Schaff
Joseph Alvord

Kevin Fowlkes
Ryan Dalbey
Stephanie Perkins
Jerred Brown
Tanner Henkel
Bailie Brower
Jason Perkins

Alvin Harimon
Nathan Ulander
Chris Baird
Larry Neiger
Justin Kreman
Kacey Kreman
Angel Coffman



Thank You for supporting us!