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ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the Board Chair

Proud of Our First Years

I am proud to chair the Foundation, supporting one of the most essential public safety services in Teton County - the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department and its members.

Jackson Hole Fire/EMS serves over 23,000 residents, thousands of daily commuters, and millions of annual visitors—with a dedicated mix of volunteer and career staff committed to this community.

But commitment can only go so far. Rising costs in the valley make it increasingly difficult to live here and work in public service.

In our first years, the Foundation has stepped in to help:

- **Training support** — Providing meals during Wednesday night sessions so volunteers can attend mandatory training after their regular jobs; and contributing to the cost of advanced training (such as paramedic school) for Fire/EMS members who are expanding their certifications
- **Housing research** — Conducting studies to develop a robust housing program that allows both career and volunteer members to live in the valley and respond when the need arises
- **Health and wellness** — Supporting programs that keep our members in top condition

Looking Ahead to 2026

With a new Executive Director on board, our programs are sharper and more focused on exactly what Fire/EMS members need.

This year's priorities:

- **New fire stations** — JH Fire/EMS begins planning for rebuilt stations in Hoback and Wilson, with housing as a central part of the discussion

- **Housing solutions** - Developing programs to assist all fire/ems members with the challenges of finding and keeping housing in Teton County
- **Expanded health and wellness** — Growing programs for training, mental health, and physical fitness for fire/ems members
- **Community outreach** — Expanding our connection with the citizens of Teton County with important information about our Fire/EMS service and its members, as well as fire and EMS prevention and readiness
- **Fallen Firefighters Fund** — Providing peace of mind that the community will be there for members and their families if the worst happens

Everything we do serves one goal: recruit and retain a strong Fire/EMS team in Teton County, for Teton County.

Why This Matters

The Department now responds to over 2,000 calls a year—and that number keeps climbing. None of us knows when we'll need Fire/EMS assistance. What we do know is that an experienced, well-trained team must be ready when we call.

The essential services Fire/EMS provides need support well beyond public funds. Your support through the Foundation helps the people who show up when we need them most.

Thank you.

Robbin Levy Mommsen

Board Chair, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Foundation



WHO WE SUPPORT

Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department

Jackson Hole Fire/EMS is a full service emergency response agency. They manage the fire protection and emergency medical services system for the Town of Jackson and Teton County, Wyoming.

The Mission

JH Fire/EMS mission — Prepare. Prevent. Protect. — guides every decision they make. They prepare by training, equipping, and planning for the unexpected. They prevent harm by engaging with the community and reducing risk. And they protect life, property, and the environment with professionalism and compassion.



The Work

4,200 square miles
TETON COUNTY SERVICE AREA

2,007
CALLS RESPONDED TO IN 2025



The Team

27
CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

75
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

13
PREVENTION, EMERGENCY
COORDINATION, AND
ADMINISTRATION

6
CHIEF OFFICERS

2
MEDICAL DIRECTORS



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Learn more about the critical work TIPS does for first responders.

■ OUR PROGRAMS

2025

Recruiting and Recognizing Top Talent

We expanded efforts to celebrate the dedication of department members through service awards and appreciation initiatives. We also launched new recruitment tools to help raise awareness about volunteer and career opportunities within Fire/EMS.

Enhancing Team Performance

TRAINING SUPPORT

We funded Fire/EMS leadership training for Members. We funded meals for 150 volunteer mandatory training nights, with 2,346 meals served.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We distributed physical fitness reimbursements to 55 Fire/EMS members to aid them in meeting the demanding physical fitness requirements of their job. We contributed to Teton Interagency Peer Support to support the mental health of first responders.

Relieving the Housing Burden

In 2024, we received a grant to support our housing relief work. In 2025, we launched a housing study to explore long-term solutions addressing housing challenges for first responders. We anticipate the results of this study in 2026. These results will feed into core department and county decisions on housing in 2026.

Supporting Our Fallen Firefighters

We launched the Fallen Firefighters Fund to ensure that firefighters do not suffer undue financial hardship as a result of injury, illness or death caused by their position with the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department. In 2025, we assisted one member offset the financial burden of an injury sustained in the line of duty and the time and treatment needed to heal.

Engaging Our Community

EVENTS

In close collaboration with the department and with the station associations, we participated in the Fireman's Brawl, the Wilson Chicken Fry, the Hoback BBQ, the Moran BBQ, the 9/11 Memorial and Old Bill's Fun Run. The events offered locals and visitors alike the opportunity to gather as a community, to meet Fire/EMS personnel, learn about emergency services, and support the Foundation's work.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

We continued our community outreach by strengthening our social media presence and launching a new website. We increased our followers and our social media engagement on multiple platforms and we're thrilled with the look and feel of our new website.

Check out our
new website!



2025 IMPACT

By the Numbers



\$16,000

Provided over \$16,000 through the Fallen Firefighters Fund to cover loss of wages and medical expenses incurred as a result of an on-the-job injury

2,346

Funded meals at 150 volunteer training nights, serving 2,346 meals

53

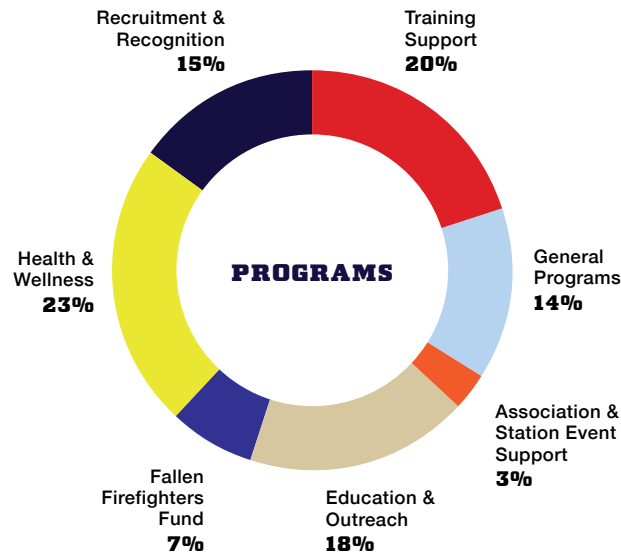
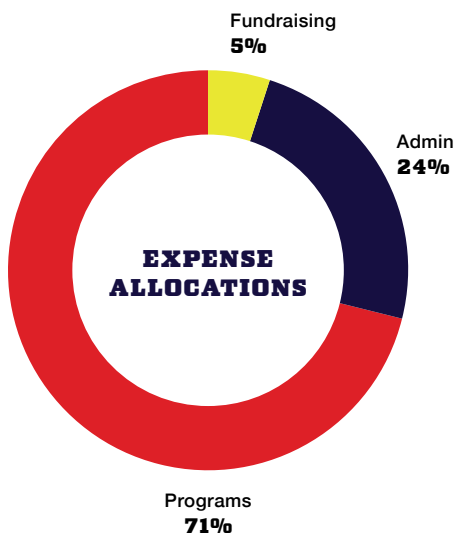
Distributed almost \$50,000 in physical fitness reimbursements to 53 participants

\$5,000

Supported Mental Health through a \$5,000 donation to TIPS

135,000+

Reached over 135,000 people, including 2,667 interactions on social media, and gained nearly 200 new followers





Looking Ahead

In 2026 we hired Dwayne Meadows as our Executive Director. With Dwayne at the helm, the Foundation will continue expanding programs that strengthen the well-being of Fire/EMS members while deepening community engagement. The coming year also presents important opportunities to advance discussions around housing solutions and explore additional ways to enhance benefits for department members.

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- **Expanded fitness, health and wellness** — Growing programs for training, mental health, and physical fitness
- **Community outreach** — Addressing a growing need to connect with the people we serve
- **Fallen Firefighters Fund** — Providing peace of mind that the community will be there for members and their families if the worst happens

This work is only possible because of the generosity of our donors and community partners. Together, we are building lasting support for those who answer the call when our community needs them most.



**Prepare.
Prevent.
Protect.**



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