



2023 Emergency Management Budget 18

The proposed Emergency Management Budget is \$309,918 with a levy of \$172,413. This represents a budget increase of 15.8% and a levy adjustment of 39.2%. Declines in the State Emergency Government Grant, a transfer of wind sled rescue expenses to Emergency Management and new EMS support funds, together with payroll adjustments led to these jumps.

Mission Statement

Bayfield County Emergency Management coordinates effective disaster preparedness, response, and recovery resources among multiple organizations and agencies to meet the needs of citizens. Through planning, training, and exercising we promote resiliency throughout our community and mitigate the loss of lives and property.

2022 Highlight of Department Activities

- Two new local government radio towers were installed to increase communications for Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement agencies in the Bayfield and Red Cliff areas.
- Two WISCOM repeaters were replaced to increase resiliency and capacity on the Hillside and Port Wing radio towers. Sheriff's office, Highway Department, Fire, EMS, and state agencies in the county.
- Secured \$4,250 in donations for giving away free car emergency kits at the Bayfield County Fair.
- Purchased a new emergency response trailer. This trailer will be used by emergency services, law as well as serving the needs for community outreach events such as events held by Aging and Disability and the Heath Department. Estimated delivery date in November 2022.
- Participated in an advisory role in the Ad Hoc EMS Advisory Committee. This committee met over the course of 9 months to analyze the challenges being faced by rural EMS agencies in Bayfield County. The final report can be found [here](#) and will set the agenda for supporting EMS in the years ahead.
- Hosted several community preparedness seminars to educate and increase resiliency for Bayfield and Ashland County residents. Topics covered include "How to make your home or seasonal residence less susceptible to burglary", "9-1-1 Do's and Don'ts", "Challenges facing rural EMS", and "How to prepare your home for all-weather hazards."
- Purchase of new mass emergency notification system for alerting county citizens and visitors in situations of severe weather, fire hazards, evacuations, etc.



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2022 Budget Changes

- Increase of capital expenses in the amount of \$54,369.70 for the purchase of a new emergency response trailer. ARPA funds were used for this purchase.
- Increase of \$3,361 for the purchase of a new emergency mass notification system.

2023 Measures of Success

- Complete requirements for EMPG and EPCRA grants.
- Attendance and participation in eight monthly EMS Council and Fire Association meetings.
- Attendance and participation at two bi-monthly meetings of the Bayfield-Ashland County unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association.
- Coordinate an annual LEPC meeting.
- Perform public outreach of emergency preparedness topics to a minimum of two community groups.
- Maintain operational activities so they are in line with budget requirements.
- Implementation of the 2022 EMS Final report recommendations as stated in Bayfield County Resolution 2022-75.

5-Year Revenue and Expense Comparison

