

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Josh Waldo, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Department Accreditation Special Presentation

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN: 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

BACKGROUND: The Fire Department first had conversations around international third party accreditation as far back as 2017, seeing it as a tool to improve and measure the fire department. The Bozeman City Commission included obtaining Fire Department accreditation as part of it's City Strategic Plan under section 3.1.F. Beginning in 2021, the Fire Department began the formal process of pursuing accreditation and has since completed a community risk assessment / standards of cover (CRA/SOC), fire & emergency services self assessment manual (FESSAM), and has recently published the third version of a department strategic plan. The Fire Department sat in front of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) on April 1, 2025 and is happy to provide the results to the City Commission.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FISCAL EFFECTS: N/A

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