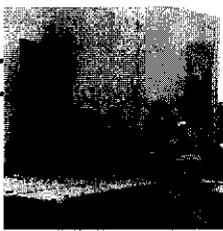




Serving  
Montana's  
Firefighters



MSU Extension - Fire Services Training School  
*Montana is our Campus*

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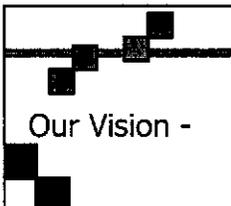
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Our Vision -



- A competent, sustainable group of responders in every Montana community, responding to, and handling the emergency needs of citizens.

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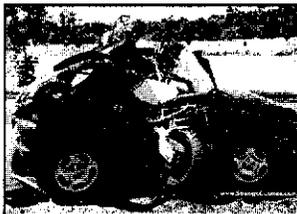
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- Firefighters do much more than just fight fires...



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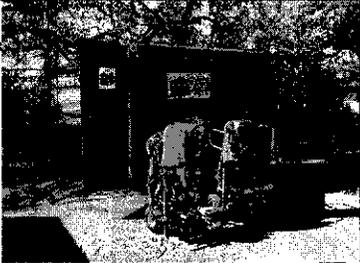
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**FSTS**  
is:

- Outreach MSU – Extension
- Staff of Missionaries
- Statutory Advisory Council
- Saves \$\$\$ and lives

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**Plentywood / Clyde Park Experience**

- **As a result of working with their FSTS area trainer**
  - \$200,000 in insurance premium savings per year for Plentywood
  - Average premium reduced from \$2,000 to \$200 in Clyde Park
- **Both fire chiefs credit FSTS**

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**"Project Fires"**



- FSTS tactics save homes
- FSTS impact on local fire forces increased their ability to catch fires before they make news
- The more competent local fire services – the smaller the legislative tab for fires

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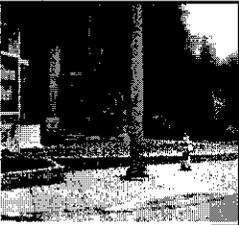
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## INNOVATIONS...

- Training in Context
- Incident Command System
- Positive Pressure Ventilation
- Compressed Air Foam Systems
- Professional Qualifications Certification System
- Rural Water Supplies: Tender Shuttles
- Mobile Training Labs



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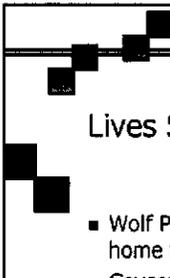
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## Lives Saved

- Wolf Point – Children from a mobile home fire.
- Geysers – Billings woman
- Butte – Three rescued
- White Sulphur Springs – Child saved



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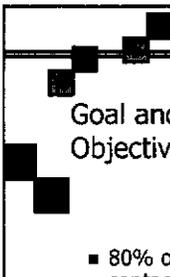
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## Goal and Objectives

- 80% of firefighters with quarterly FSTS contact
- 6 Field Trainers Strategically Situated
- Highly mobile / Outreach
- Economies of Scale



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## Today's Situation



- 12,000 firefighters in 432 organizations
  - 3,810 Attended FSTS Courses in FY 04
- 96% Volunteers
- We have 4 (FTE) Field Trainers
- We reach 51%
- 10 to 1 return for local government

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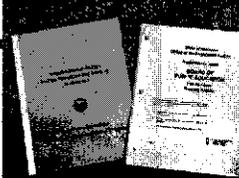
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## How Did We Get Here?



- 1984: 21% of Montana's firefighters had received no formal training in the past two years.
- 1985: Fire Training Advisory Council Strategy adopted
- 1986: Lost Trainer in Special Legislative Session.
- 1999 and 2001: Trainers added according to Advisory Council's "Strategic Plan"...

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## Our Move



- FSTS: Relocated its office/resource center
  - New cost partially included in current level budget
  - Lease of storage, office equipment, maintenance not included...net loss incurred by the move

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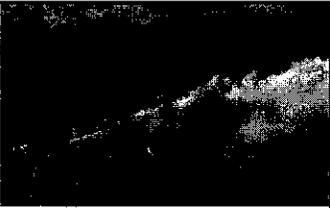
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## Options



- Add Trainer and Cost Share
  - Reach 62% of firefighters
  - GF Cost: \$ 153,035 / Local Gov't Cost \$ 38,360
- Add Trainer and Pass Cost on to Local Gov't
  - Reach 54% of firefighters
  - GF Cost: \$ 0 / Local Gov't Cost \$ 191,295
- Maintain Current Level:
  - Reaching only 51% of Montana's firefighters

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## Recommendation



- Adopt the Martz Budget
  - \$ 23,090 Space, Accreditation, COT classrooms
  - \$ 54,000 Equipment replacement OTO
- We will reach 62% of fire services
- We will ask to have full staffing in 08-09

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