

## GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE

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Great Falls, MT – Great Falls Fire Rescue has been quite busy with the recent Artic cold snap affecting Great Falls. From January  $12-15^{th}$ , Great Falls Fire Rescue has responded to 100 call for service. Of those 100 calls for service, GFFR responded to 3 working structure fires, 1 car fire, 7 natural gas calls in structures, and 5 calls for breaks to fire sprinkler systems.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, GFFR responded to 2 working structure fires that occurred 3 hours a part. The first fire occurred at 6:40 am at 1603 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. This fire occurred in a house that is split into 3 apartments. The fire was found to have stared in the attic. There were no injuries as a result of the fire: however, one apartment was deemed unlivable and the American Red Cross was notified to assist the occupants of the apartment. The second fire occurred at 9:02 am at 1018 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S. This residence is another multi-family residence. The fire was found to have started in the basement. No occupants of the residence were injured, and no occupants were displaced. The cause of the first fire was determined to be electrical in nature, the cause of the second fire is still under investigation.

This morning at 7:32 am, GFFR responded to a fire at 1127 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N. GFFR arrived on scene to find a fire in the wall and floor of the kitchen. The cause of this fire was determined to be electrical in nature. The occupants of the home were not injured, and not displaced as the house is still livable.

Over this time, not only have the crews from Great Falls Fire Rescue been extremely busy, they have had to battle the bitter cold, dealing with frozen fire hoses, frozen tools, and frozen fire engines. Given these hardships, the crews of GFFR have continued to adapt and provide fire and life safety protection to the citizens of Great Falls.