

From: [Tasheena Duran](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FORMAL COMPLAINT: Intentional Obstruction of Public Records & Constitutional Violations – Case #20-76444
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 10:49:01 AM



Dear Mayor Cole and City Council Members,

I am writing to formally report an instance of administrative obstruction by the City Attorney's Office regarding my search for the truth in the death of my brother, Cole Stump (Case #20-76444).

While the City claims to value transparency, my recent experience proves otherwise:

- Manual Communication Block: My primary email address was manually blocked by the City Attorney's Office. The error code "550 User Entry" confirms this was a deliberate action by a staff member, not a system glitch.
- Restoration After Pressure: Access was only restored after I provided technical proof that the office was misrepresenting a manual block as a "system error".
- Right to Know Violations: This block intentionally delayed my ability to dispute a 100% increase in public records fees (from \$10 to \$20/hour) and my request for missing GPS data for Unit 1428.
- Destruction of Evidence: I am currently seeking the policies that allowed the Department to prioritize ballistics testing over DNA swabbing, an "order of operations" that effectively destroyed biological evidence on the firearm in question.

Under Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, the public has an onto-logical Right to Know. It is unacceptable for city staff to use "block" buttons to avoid difficult questions regarding a homicide investigation.

I am requesting that the Council intervene to ensure:

1. Accountability: An inquiry into why a grieving family member was manually blocked from contacting the City Attorney.
2. Fee Waiver: A waiver of the new \$20/hour fees for this corrective request.
3. Transparency: The immediate production of the missing GPS data and forensic sequencing policies.

I look forward to your response and will be attending the upcoming January 12th meeting to discuss this further during public comment.

Sincerely,
Tasheena Duran

Justice for Cole Stump

From: [Nikki Hanto](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE in Billings
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 1:22:26 PM



Hello City Council,

I wanted to reach out to express my concern about ICE presence in Billings. After seeing what happened in Minneapolis, MN today I am concerned about the safety of community members in the presence of ICE agents. I value having safety in our community and am concerned that by welcoming ICE into Billings, our safety will be at risk. I want to request that should ICE request cooperation with the city of Billings, these requests will be denied. Our law enforcement and civil servants are meant to protect our community members, not engage in harm to them and prioritize federally politicized efforts. I would appreciate to know where the council stands on this if possible, and if you have any questions please let me know.

Kindly,
Nikki Hanto

From: [katie harrison](#)
To: [.MayorAndCouncil](#); commission@yellowstonecountymt.gov; bocc@yellowstonecountymt.gov; [YCDFBC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KEEP ICE OUT OF BILLINGS PLEASE
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 6:52:54 PM



Hi all,

A quick message to express my horror at what took place today in Minneapolis in which an ICE agent shot and killed an innocent unarmed woman. It should go without saying, but I am asking you to please ensure us as your constituents that you will not allow ICE in our city and county.

Thank you all and please stay safe,

Katie Harrison (She / Her)

**Residing on the traditional lands of the Salish, Kootenai, Kalispel, Apsáalooke (Crow), and Cheyenne peoples, among many others who share this land. I recognize that we are settlers to this land and dedicate myself to honoring this history and these peoples, listening and learning, and working to repair the harms of colonization by teaching a new generation of civic leaders and supporting the work of our Native partners.*

From: [Pari Kemmick](#)
To: [Council](#); [Nelson, Mike](#); [BPD](#).
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to ICE in our community
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:12:00 PM



Council members, Mayor Nelson and Police Chief St. John,

First of all, congratulations to our mayor and our 5 new city council members on your swearing in this week. I look forward to working with all of you as well as existing members.

I am writing today with a very heavy heart regarding [news out of Minneapolis](#). Today a protestor was shot in the face by a masked ICE agent. Over 2,000 agents have descended upon Minneapolis and as Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey stated, are causing mass chaos, tearing families apart and now have even murdered someone practicing their right to protest and observed MASKED/unidentifiable agents causing great harm and chaos in their city.

To say this is distressing is putting it lightly, this is beyond horrifying and is an affront to all that this country supposedly stands for. I am writing to you all today because of this. At any moment our community might be next and I implore you all to prepare for that moment and to not cooperate with ICE in the terrorizing of our communities either. I want to see a commitment from our city officials that our city will not welcome ICE and our police department will not cooperate and work with ICE.

We are a community that will continue to speak out against this terrorizing of our community members and will stand up for the people that live here time and time again. At this moment in history, I and many of my neighbors, know that it is just to stand up against fascism, the terrorizing of our immigrant communities, the uptick in hate symbols/hate speech around our community and anything that goes against our rights and our democracy.

Please be thinking about all of this now and what side of history you want to be on as leaders in our beloved community.

Thank you.

Pari Kemmick
Northpark/ Ward 1 resident

From: [Sonia Davis](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety/ICE
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:10:03 PM



Dear Council & Mayor,

I am including a link to a national news story about a citizen who was killed by an ICE agent in Minnesota. At Monday's meeting, during public comment, I spoke briefly about this very issue! You must take action now to keep our city safe by keeping ICE out. You must be proactive to prevent another needless tragedy in our fair city. I implore you to take a stand and refuse to use city resources to cooperate with these under-trained and dangerous individuals acting outside the law.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

'ICE agent fatally shoots woman in Minneapolis amid immigration crackdown' from 'NPR News' on the Yellowstone Public Radio app!

<https://www.npr.org/2026/01/07/nx-s1-5670289/ice-minneapolis-shooting-immigration-crackdown>

You have been sent a story from Yellowstone Public Radio

-Sonia Davis

From: [Nelson, Mike](#)
To: [Kukulski, Chris](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#); [Council](#)
Cc: [Dahl, Gina](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] FORMAL COMPLAINT: Intentional Obstruction of Public Records & Constitutional Violations – Case #20-76444
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 5:06:42 PM

Chris, Kevin or Gina,

Could one of you look in to this and bring me up to speed?

Mike

From: Tasheena Duran <tduran2003@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 10:28 AM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FORMAL COMPLAINT: Intentional Obstruction of Public Records & Constitutional Violations – Case #20-76444



Dear Mayor Cole and City Council Members,

I am writing to formally report an instance of administrative obstruction by the City Attorney's Office regarding my search for the truth in the death of my brother, Cole Stump (Case #20-76444).

While the City claims to value transparency, my recent experience proves otherwise:

- Manual Communication Block: My primary email address was manually blocked by the City Attorney's Office. The error code "550 User Entry" confirms this was a deliberate action by a staff member, not a system glitch.
- Restoration After Pressure: Access was only restored after I provided technical proof that the office was misrepresenting a manual block as a "system error".
- Right to Know Violations: This block intentionally delayed my ability to dispute a 100% increase in public records fees (from \$10 to \$20/hour) and my request for missing GPS data for Unit 1428.
- Destruction of Evidence: I am currently seeking the policies that allowed the Department to prioritize ballistics testing over DNA swabbing, an "order of operations" that effectively destroyed biological evidence on the firearm in question.

Under Article II, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, the public has an onto-logical Right

to Know. It is unacceptable for city staff to use "block" buttons to avoid difficult questions regarding a homicide investigation.

I am requesting that the Council intervene to ensure:

1. Accountability: An inquiry into why a grieving family member was manually blocked from contacting the City Attorney.
2. Fee Waiver: A waiver of the new \$20/hour fees for this corrective request.
3. Transparency: The immediate production of the missing GPS data and forensic sequencing policies.

I look forward to your response and will be attending the upcoming January 12th meeting to discuss this further during public comment.

Sincerely,
Tasheena Duran
Justice for Cole Stump

From: [Bloom, Koren](#)
To: [Congressman Larry Brewster](#); [Alexandra Schoppe - Skyline Heights](#); [Angelina - Canyon Creek Memory Center](#); [Arianne Snyder - Rocky Vista University](#); [Aubrey Peterschick - ACHM](#); [baileyrodenberger@skylineheightshc.com](#); [Becky McAllister - Children's Clinic](#); [Bill Kennedy - Family Tree Nurturing Center](#); [Brad VonBergen - Billings Clinic](#); [Brandon Stevens - Lockwood Fire Dept](#); [Wooley, Brandon](#); [Clarinda Kremer - St. Johns United](#); [Colby Dinges - Rehab Hospital of MT](#); [commission@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#); [Congressman Anthony Nicasio](#); [Congressman Bill Mercer](#); [Congressman Curtis Schomer](#); [Congressman Greg Oblander](#); [Congressman James Reavis](#); [Congressman Lee Deming](#); [Congressman Mike Vinton](#); [Congresswoman Denise Baum](#); [Congresswoman Denise Joy](#); [Congresswoman Jodee Etchart](#); [Congresswoman Katie Zolnikov](#); [Congresswoman Kerri Seekins-Crowe](#); [Congresswoman Nelly Nicol](#); [Congresswoman Sherry Essmann](#); [Council](#); [Derek Yeager - DES](#); [Eric Gilbert - MHP](#); [Gail Thompson - Yellowstone River NH](#); [heather.nelson@aspenmeadowscare.com](#); [Banfield, Jason](#); [Josh Bunz - St. V's](#); [Jagers, Justin](#); [Karna Rhodes \(KRhodes@stjohnsunitd.org\)](#); [kaseycrownover@ernesthealth.com](#); [Kate Hagenbuch - Rocky Vista University](#); [Katherine Davis - St. V's](#); [keith@billingsrehab.com](#); [Kelly Gardner - Rehab of MT](#); [Kelsey Miller - Edgewood Vista](#); [Kent O'Donnell - YCSO](#); [Bentz, Kevin](#); [Kyle Hayter - MHP](#); [Lance Taylor - Worden Fire](#); [Lyndy Gurchiek - Laurel EMS](#); [Mackenzie Mudd - High Gate Senior Living](#); [Mark Wagstaff - St. Johns](#); [Hoppel, Matt](#); [Maureen Ward - DPHHS](#); [Megan Tenney - ACHM](#); [McCarthy, Mick](#); [Paiger Parker - ACHM](#); [Patrick Cossel - Skyline Heights NH](#); [Phil Ehlers - Shepherd Fire](#); [Rick Cortez - Blue Creek](#); [Ron Smith - ARFE](#); [Puckett, Samantha](#); [Senator Barry Usher](#); [Senator Daniel Zolnikov](#); [Senator Dennis Lenz](#); [Senator Mike Yakawich](#); [Senator Sue Vinton](#); [Senator Tom McGillvray](#); [Senator Vince Ricci](#); [SenatorEmma.KC@legmt.gov](#); [Shari Graham - DPHHS](#); [Shirley - River Ridge NH](#); [stacy@billingsrehab.com](#); [Teresa Naumann - Aspen Meadows](#); [zack@riverridgenursing.com](#)
Cc: [Hansen, Brian](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AMR Newsletter
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:26:07 AM
Attachments: [The Billings Roundup-January 2026-Web.pdf](#)



Good morning,
I am sending our quarterly newsletter for you. We hope that you were able to enjoy the holiday season.

Koren Bloom
AMR – Business Development and Paramedic
Safe Kids Yellowstone County - Coordinator
1701 Montana Ave
Billings, MT 59101
406-259-9601



The Billings Roundup



AMR Billings Operations • January 2026

Senator Mike Yakawich Visits AMR Billings Team

By Brian Hansen, Operations Manager

In October, we had the honor of welcoming Montana Senator Mike Yakawich to the AMR Billings office. During his visit, Senator Yakawich expressed his appreciation for our team's dedication, compassion, and hard work. He emphasized the importance of EMS services in fostering a healthier community.

Additionally, he gathered insights from our team into how legislation could enhance the resources and training available to first responders, ultimately improving patient care and outcomes in the region. Thank you, Senator Yakawich, for taking the time to visit us and for your continued support of EMS. 🇺🇸



AMR Billings Begins 2026 Earn While You Learn Class

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations



AMR Billings EMTs Justin Edgell, Kyra Peterson, and Beth Hardin (pictured above) began their EMS careers through AMR's award-winning Earn While You Learn (EWYL) program and have advanced to Field Training Officers. We are excited to announce that two

students have joined our 2026 EWYL program and will begin EMT training in January. Thank you Lyndy Gurchiek with Big Sky EMS for welcoming the students into her class.

EWYL is changing how new EMTs join the EMS profession and shows our dedication to building Montana's emergency response workforce. EMTs who graduate from this program become an integral part of the community.

- **No Tuition Costs.** AMR pays for training expenses.
- **Earn As You Learn.** Trainees hold a paid, full-time Vehicle Service Technician (VST) position during the course. Once they receive their EMT certification, AMR offers them a full-time position as an EMT.
- **Flexible Schedule.** Classes run Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6–10 pm), with shorter work shifts on class days and afternoon instruction. 🇺🇸

2025: A Year in Review

By Your AMR Billings Team

AMR Billings is truly blessed to part of a vibrant community that thrives on the support of many every day. The dedication of our first responders and partner agencies reflects the strength that exists within Billings. Take a glimpse at some of the activities our team took part in during 2025 in this short video at <https://youtu.be/dYTs2iR00il>. We look forward to a phenomenal 2026! 🇺🇸



What's Inside?

Page 2

Turning Crisis Into Tomorrow
Holiday Gift Thank You
Your EMS Partner at
Community Events

Page 3

Safe Kids Yellowstone County
Offers Free Car Seat Checks
AMR Billings Will Host April
CPS Technician Course
Safe Kids Yellowstone County
Recycles Cans for Car Seats
Community, Connection,
Commitment: Safe Kids World-
wide PrevCon 2025

Page 4

Ensuring Community Safety
Through EMS MCI Training
Perfecting Lifesaving Skills in
the Firehouse
Strengthening Partnerships
Through Training
Honoring Our Veterans

Page 5

Insights from the 2025
Big Sky EMS Symposium
Creating Lasting Memories
at Shop with a Cop
Every Second Counts: Be
Prepared and Learn CPR
AMR Billings Medical
Services Dashboard

The Billings Roundup is a
quarterly publication for AMR
Billings Operations.

Turning Crisis Into Tomorrow

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations



When cardiac arrest strikes, every second matters. Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival is only 9.1% nationwide. These people beat the odds with our paramedics and EMTs fighting for their life with skill, speed, and compassion—because every heartbeat is a chance for a new tomorrow. A special shoutout to our crews for their cardiac saves in 2025:

- **March 9, 2025:** Joe Edmark (Paramedic) and Luke Edwards (EMT)
- **March 27, 2025:** Madisyn Sheppard (Paramedic) and Haley Stevens (Paramedic)
- **April 20, 2025:** Dan Callahan (Paramedic) and Ashley Killham (EMT) 🚑

Holiday Gift Thank You

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations



We want to extend a thank you to SCHEELS for their generous donation of stuffed animals for us to distribute to kids and holiday bags for all of our AMR employees. Your kindness and continued support mean so much to us. We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to making the holidays brighter for our team and the community. 🚑

Your EMS Partner at Community Events

By Koren Bloom, Business Development/Paramedic and Safe Kids Yellowstone County Coordinator

Connecting with the community and our first responder partners is a favorite part of our AMR Billings crews' time. Ensuring the safety of attendees at these events is our top priority. Here are a few of the events we provided standby medical services to over the past three

months: NILE Stock Show & Rodeo, Billings Motorcycle Club Halloween Hill Climb, Zach Top concert at First Interstate Arena, and MercyMe, Jeff Dunham, Pentatonix: Christmas in the City Tour, and Kevin Gates at MetraPark. If you see us at future events, stop by and say hello. 🚑



Safe Kids Yellowstone County Offers Free Car Seat Checks

By Koren Bloom, Business Development/Paramedic and Safe Kids Yellowstone County Coordinator

As the lead agency for Safe Kids Yellowstone County, AMR Billings hosts monthly car seat check events throughout the county. Get your child's car seat professionally checked by nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

Properly installing a car seat is crucial for ensuring the safety of young passengers during travel. A correctly installed car seat greatly

reduces the risk of injury in the event of an accident, helping to protect children from potential harm.

For more information about Safe Kids Yellowstone, safety resources, and other events, visit safekidsyellowstoneco.org. To book an appointment for a car seat check, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.picktime.com/SKYCSeatChecks>.



SCAN TO BOOK



| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| January 10 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Safe Kids Monthly Car Seat Check | AMR, 1701 Montana Ave |
| January 20 | 5:00 pm–7:00 pm | Laurel Quarterly Car Seat Check | Laurel EMS, 215 W 1 st St, Laurel |
| February 14 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Safe Kids Monthly Car Seat Check | AMR, 1701 Montana Ave |
| February 17 | 5:00 pm–7:00 pm | Lockwood Quarterly Car Seat Check | Lockwood Fire Dept, 501 Johnson Ln |
| March 14 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Safe Kids Monthly Car Seat Check | AMR, 1701 Montana Ave |
| April 11 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm | Safe Kids Monthly Car Seat Check | AMR, 1701 Montana Ave |
| April 21 | 5:00 pm–7:00 pm | Laurel Quarterly Car Seat Check | Laurel EMS, 215 W 1 st St, Laurel |

AMR Billings Will Host April CPS Technician Course

By Koren Bloom, Business Development/Paramedic and Safe Kids Yellowstone County Coordinator



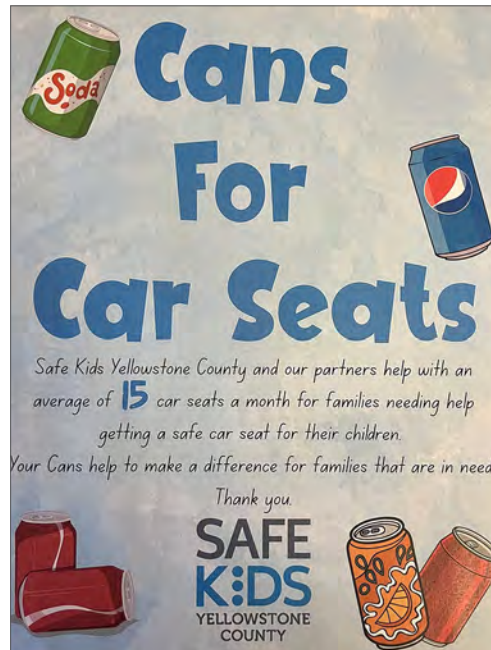
Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians are nationally certified experts who teach caregivers how to properly install and use car seats, booster seats, and seat belts to keep children safe in vehicles.

AMR Billings will host a CPS Technician certification course **April 8–11, 2026**. This is a controlled course with limited seating and is available for Yellowstone County residents only. The course cost is \$95, payable to "Safe Kids Worldwide" for materials; there are no local fees.

If you are interested in attending the CPS Technician course or know someone who is, visit <https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech> and navigate to the "Find a Course Now" portal to "Search Courses."

Safe Kids Yellowstone County Recycles Cans for Car Seats

By Koren Bloom, Business Development/Paramedic and Safe Kids Yellowstone County Coordinator



Did you know that Safe Kids Yellowstone County works with Pacific Recycling to help fund their programs?

You can drop off cans at AMR Billings, Pacific Recycling, Laurel EMS, or the Lockwood Fire Department. This program raised enough for Safe Kids to purchase 50 car seats in 2025 for the Yellowstone County community. Thank you to everyone who has helped. The cans you donate make a difference.

Community, Connection, Commitment: PrevCon 2025

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations. Source: PrevCon, Safe Kids Worldwide



PrevCon is Safe Kids Worldwide's premier biennial Childhood Injury Prevention Convention (PrevCon) and is one of the largest gatherings of child safety professionals. The theme for the October 15–18 conference was "Community, Connection, Commitment," which highlighted the importance of working together to protect children in all communities.

It was a privilege to participate in PrevCon, where I had the opportunity to network with experts from healthcare, public safety, education, and advocacy groups. We discussed industry trends and learned how data-driven strategies can guide targeted campaigns.

The knowledge we gained will be shared with Safe Kids Yellowstone County's partners, helping to reduce injuries in Yellowstone County and Montana through improved EMS coordination and effective public awareness campaigns.

Ensuring Community Safety Through EMS MCI Training

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations

Training keeps our EMS skills sharp. On October 23, AMR Billings participated in an emergency preparedness exercise with St. Vincent's Regional Hospital, Lockwood Fire Department, Billings Clinic, United Way of Yellowstone County, Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department, Worden Fire Department, Rocky Vista University, and the Billings Fire Department.

This annual training is part of our ongoing efforts to coordinate among local agencies and prepare for a mass casualty incident or a community-wide emergency. The mock drill replicated a mass casualty vehicular incident with patients being transported to Billings Clinic and St. Vincent Regional Hospital from Lockwood Fire Department. 🚑



Perfecting Lifesaving Skills in the Firehouse

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations

Throughout the year, AMR Billings, the Billings Fire Department, and the Billings Clinic Simulation and Trauma teams practice realistic scenarios with our EMS providers to train and deliver the best possible care to our community. In late October, we executed some awesome

training at the Billings Fire Department. From trauma response drills to cardiac arrest simulations and patient care scenarios, we covered it all to ensure Billings first responders are ready for any challenge. 🚑



Strengthening Partnerships Through Training

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations. Photo provided by Billings Fire Department.



Joint training among EMS partners is crucial for enhancing patient outcomes and strengthening teamwork during emergencies. Our strong relationship with firefighters is vital to effective collaboration and the highest level of care for our community. We thank our firefighters for organizing this essential training.

In December, AMR Billings engaged in intensive training with the Billings Fire Department, focusing on advanced life support skills. Led by EMS Medical Directors Dr. Whitney Gum and Dr. Gary Breetz, teams practiced complex airway management, including surgical airway techniques, as well as critical interventions during structural fire scenarios. 🚑

Honoring Our Veterans

By Brian Hansen, Operations Manager



On November 11, we honored all U.S. service personnel—especially those at AMR Billings and our community's first responder partners. To all who have served, thank you for your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to protecting our freedoms. Your service reminds us that liberty is never free, and we are deeply grateful. 🇺🇸

Insights from the 2025 Big Sky EMS Symposium

By Brian Hansen, Operations Manager



The 2025 Big Sky EMS Education Symposium in Billings (October 30–November 1) was particularly exciting this year. GMR's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ed Racht (pictured), delivered the keynote presentation: "The Hard Lessons of an Active Shooter Event—Time to Change Our Approaches." We extend our gratitude to Dr. Racht for stopping by the AMR Billings booth to visit with our team.

During his keynote, Dr. Racht discussed national EMS trends, the importance of medical oversight, and the evolving role of EMS within integrated healthcare systems. He outlined how EMS is shifting from a transport-focused model to a fully integrated healthcare delivery system. Dr. Racht emphasized the importance of data-driven decision-making and outcome tracking in this transformation. 📊

Creating Lasting Memories at Shop with a Cop

By Brady Drescher, Chief of Operations

On December 13, AMR Billings joined the Billings Police Department's 6th Annual Shop with a Cop event. It is truly a blessing to be able to participate and spend time with the kids, along with our local first responders, to create positive, lasting memories.

"What began as a simple shopping trip turned into an unforgettable day filled with smiles, laughter, and meaningful connections," said Billing Fire Department. Officers and first responders spent the day with incredible kids, building trust, forming lifelong bonds, and continuing to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community we are honored to serve."

Watch the Billings Fire Department video:
<https://fb.watch/E1guoGG7nc/> 📺

Every Second Counts: Be Prepared and Learn CPR

By Koren Bloom, Business Development/Paramedic and Safe Kids Yellowstone County Coordinator

Each year, Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) takes the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans. To increase the survival rate, it's important to educate individuals on what SCA is, what the warning signs are, and how to respond if someone around you goes into cardiac arrest. Studies show survival from SCA can double or triple if CPR is administered until emergency medical services arrive.

If you find someone unresponsive and not breathing normally, take the following steps:

- Send someone for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Check for responsiveness
- Call 911
- Push hard and fast, center of the chest
- Keep going until help arrives

AMR Billings is a certified American Heart Association (AHA) CPR training site. We offer CPR training for individuals, workplaces,

**Early
Intervention
is Critical**



and community groups, ensuring people are prepared for emergencies. We offer:

- Hands-only CPR: Focuses on chest compressions without mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- Full CPR and AED training: Covers how to use an AED and provide rescue breaths when needed.
- Age-specific CPR techniques: Training is tailored for adults, children and infants.

To schedule a CPR class with AMR, contact Amber at 406-259-9601. 📞

AMR Billings Dashboard (October–December 2025)



6,104
Calls for Service



3,220
ALS Transports



1,119
BLS Transports



36
Paramedics



41
EMTs



14
Fleet Vehicles

January 1 through December 31, 2025: 23,498 calls for service, 12,958 ALS transports, and 3,919 BLS transports.

The Billings Roundup is a quarterly publication for AMR Billings Operations (Yellowstone County).

- Brian Hansen – Operations Manager, AMR Billings, brian.hansen@gmr.net
- Kasandra Moloney – Director of Operations, kasandra.moloney@gmr.net
- Christopher Williams – Regional Director Rocky Mountains, christopher.williams@gmr.net
- Donna Lehmann – Editor, dmllehmann@cox.net

1701 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101 | 406-259-9601 | www.facebook.com/BillingsAMR



From: [Kukulski, Chris](#)
To: [.MayorAndCouncil](#)
Cc: [Iffland, Kevin](#); [Dahl, Gina](#)
Subject: 1-7-26 Talking Points & Press Release utility Shut Offs
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:06:54 PM
Attachments: [1-7-26 Talking Points & Press Release utility Shut Offs.pdf](#)

Please call me for any questions. I will be jumping on a plane momentarily, on the ground in Denver for about 90 minutes and fully available Friday and throughout the weekend.



Chris A. Kukulski
City Administrator
kukulskic@billingsmt.gov

billingsmt.gov

P.O. Box 1178
Billings, MT 59103
P 406.657.8222
C 406.581-7026

City of Billings email messages and attachments are subject to the Right to Know provisions of Montana's Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 9) and may be considered a "public record" pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6, Montana Code Annotated. As such, this email, its sender and receiver, and the contents may be available for public disclosure and will be retained pursuant to the City's record retention policies. Emails that contain confidential information such as information related to individual privacy may be protected from disclosure under law. This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient of this transmission, please notify the sender immediately, do not forward the message to anyone, and delete all copies. Thank you.



P.O. Box 1178
Billings, MT 59103
P 406.657.8433
F 406.657.8390

Utility Billing Talking Points

1. Over 95% of our utility customers have paid their utility bills.
2. As of January 6, 2026, 1,853 customers have delinquent accounts that meet the “turn off criteria”. This is ~4.4% of our billed customers.
 - a. Turn-off criteria is defined as a customer who have not paid for two months, have a balance that exceeds \$100 and are NOT on a payment plan.
 - b. Since December 12, 2025 - the number of customers meeting the turn off criteria has dropped by 1,106 (~37%).
 - c. Of the 1,853; 1,597 are more than 120 days past due.
 - d. Of the 1,853; 1,100 are residential and 500 are commercial accounts.
 - e. Historically, the city has ~750 customers each month who meet the turn off criteria. ~200 are turned off and ~95% then pay their bill and have water turned back on within 5 days?
3. Brief History of Utility Billing issue: In June 2024, we converted the utility billing software. Note, this did not include the meter software. The conversion worked as expected and bills went out for all of the cycles. The software did flag about 6,000 accounts that had potential data issues. Staff had to manually review all 6,000 accounts to ensure accuracy of the bills. By the time that was completed, the next month’s bills went out 30 days late which resulted in 60 day bills for the majority of customers. The delay caused concern about the accuracy of the bills due to the high amounts from the longer service period. Staff and a 3rd party auditor ensured there were no systemic errors in the process. With human involvement, there always has been and will continue to be a potential for errors however, we have complete confidence in the accuracy of the billing system.

Press Release

January 5, 2026

City of Billings Restores Late Fees and Shutoffs with Support Options for Customers

The City of Billings resumed late fees in December for accounts with delinquent balances. Utility service shut offs begin next week for customers who have not set up a payment plan.

In June 2024, the city transitioned to a new utility billing system. Data issues from the prior system caused billing delays for some customers during the summer and fall of 2024. In response to the confusion those delays created, the city suspended late fees and service shutoffs while the system was reviewed.

Over the past 18 months, City staff and an independent third-party auditor conducted extensive reviews of the billing system, including auditing meter equipment and software. While a limited number of human billing errors were identified and corrected, the reviews found no systemic or software-related issues.

The city believes suspending late fees and shutoffs during the review period was appropriate. However, the suspension resulted in many customers not paying utility bills for an extended period, leaving some accounts with significant balances. To avoid shifting costs to other ratepayers, utility services must be paid for by all users.

The city recognizes that catching up on past-due balances may be difficult for some customers. Service shutoffs are not the desired outcome, and payment plans are available to help customers avoid service interruption. Customers should contact Utility Billing at **406-657-8315, ext. 3** to discuss options. Customers on approved payment plans will not be shut off.

The City of Billings remains committed to serving the community with integrity, consistency, and compassion as it resumes standard utility billing practices.

Thank you for your patience,

Chris A. Kukulski
City Administrator
City of Billings

From: [Ekblad, Andy](#)
To: [Bentz, Kevin](#); [Biggins, Becky](#); [Council](#); [Cole, Bill](#); [Dan Paris - SO \(dparis@yellowstonecountymt.gov\)](#); [Dennler, Jeremy](#); [Desroches, Kayla](#); [Ekblad, Andy](#); [Fender, Jaime](#); [Fire1.](#); [Fire2.](#); [Fire3.](#); [Fire4.](#); [Fire5.](#); [Fire6.](#); [Fire7.](#); [Fire8.](#); [Frank Fritz](#); [Gazette, Billings \(E-mail\)](#); [Green, Dave](#); [Gudmundson, Clayton](#); [Hallam, Steven](#); [Harper, R.D.](#); [Haynie, Jessica](#); [Hoeger, Tina](#); [Hoiness, Cassie](#); [Hoppel, Matt](#); [Hunt, Travis](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#); [Jagers, Justin](#); [Kent, Jay](#); [Krivitz, Brian](#); [KTVQ \(Jay, David\) \(djay@ktvq.com\)](#); [KTVQ \(news@ktvq.com\)](#); [KUBL-970 \(newsradio970@yahoo.com\)](#); [Kukulski, Chris](#); [KULR8 \(news@kulr.com\)](#); [Love, Jeff](#); [Lowe, Chris](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Martinez, Priscilla](#); [McLain, Andrew](#); [Mitchell, Darrek](#); [Morgan, Tyrone](#); [MT News \(Cyphers, Donald\) \(montananews@journalist.com\)](#); [Card, Tanya](#); [Robertus, Justin](#); [Swing, BC](#); [Tate, John](#); [Turner Fitzgerald, Lynn \(turnerfitz@aol.com\)](#); [Wakeupmt](#); [Williams, Stephen ATE](#); [Yeager, Derek](#); [Nelson, Mike](#); [O'Donnell, Tony](#)
Subject: Media Release 2026-0316
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 6:27:03 PM
Attachments: [MEDIA RELEASE -2026-0316.pdf](#)
[Outlook-A picture .png](#)

Good Evening Everyone,

Please see the attached media release for the trash fire that occurred this morning at 425 Grand Avenue. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Andy Ekblad M.S., NRP
Deputy Fire Marshal
ekblada@billingsmt.gov

billingsmt.gov

2305 8th Ave N.
Billings, MT 59101
P 406.237.6193

City of Billings email messages and attachments are subject to the Right to Know provisions of Montana's Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 9) and may be considered a "public record" pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6, Montana Code Annotated. As such, this email, its sender and receiver, and the contents may be available for public disclosure and will be retained pursuant to the City's record retention policies. Emails that contain confidential information such as information related to individual privacy may be protected from disclosure under law. This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient of this transmission, please notify the sender immediately, do not forward the message to anyone, and delete all copies. Thank you.



**BILLINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
FIRE INVESTIGATION MEDIA RELEASE**

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| DATE | 1/7/2026 | TIME | 0733 HOURS |
| LOCATION | 425 GRAND AVENUE | SUITE / APT / UNIT | N/A |
| BUSINESS | N/A | | |
| INCIDENT TYPE | OTHER - SEE INCIDENT DESCRIPTION | INCIDENT NUMBER | 2026-0316 |

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

A fire occurred in a metal dumpster behind Senior High in the alley. Engine 3 responded and extinguished a smoldering fire. No damage was noted to the dumpster. The cause of this fire is under investigation.

COMMENTS, OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED

Please keep in mind that a presence of law enforcement doesn't always mean an incident is criminal. Unless advised otherwise in these comments, any questions concerning this investigation should first go through the Fire Prevention Bureau contact listed at the bottom of this form.

Billings Police Department

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU INVESTIGATOR | DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL ANDY EKBLAD | | |
| PHONE | 406-237-6193 | EMAIL | ekblada@billingsmt.gov |

From: [Ekblad, Andy](#)
To: [Bentz, Kevin](#); [Biggins, Becky](#); [Council](#); [Cole, Bill](#); [Dan Paris - SO \(dparis@yellowstonecountymt.gov\)](#); [Dennler, Jeremy](#); [Desroches, Kayla](#); [Ekblad, Andy](#); [Fender, Jaime](#); [Fire1.](#); [Fire2.](#); [Fire3.](#); [Fire4.](#); [Fire5.](#); [Fire6.](#); [Fire7.](#); [Fire8.](#); [Frank Fritz](#); [Gazette, Billings \(E-mail\)](#); [Green, Dave](#); [Gudmundson, Clayton](#); [Hallam, Steven](#); [Harper, R.D.](#); [Haynie, Jessica](#); [Hoeger, Tina](#); [Hoiness, Cassie](#); [Hoppel, Matt](#); [Hunt, Travis](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#); [Jagers, Justin](#); [Kent, Jay](#); [Krivitz, Brian](#); [KTVO \(Jay, David\) \(djay@ktvq.com\)](#); [KTVO \(news@ktvq.com\)](#); [KUBL-970 \(newsradio970@yahoo.com\)](#); [Kukulski, Chris](#); [KULR8 \(news@kulr.com\)](#); [Love, Jeff](#); [Lowe, Chris](#); [Lyon, Jason](#); [Martinez, Priscilla](#); [McLain, Andrew](#); [Mitchell, Darrek](#); [Morgan, Tyrone](#); [MT News \(Cyphers, Donald\) \(montananews@journalist.com\)](#); [Card, Tanya](#); [Robertus, Justin](#); [Swing, BC](#); [Tate, John](#); [Turner Fitzgerald, Lynn \(turnerfitz@aol.com\)](#); [Wakeupmt](#); [Williams, Stephen ATE](#); [Yeager, Derek](#); [Nelson, Mike](#); [O'Donnell, Tony](#)
Subject: Media Release 2026-0333
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 7:22:26 PM
Attachments: [MEDIA RELEASE -2026-0333.pdf](#)
[Outlook-A picture .png](#)

Good Evening Everyone,

Please review the attached media release for the structure fire that occurred at 3637 Relay Drive. Thank You.

Sincerely,



Andy Ekblad M.S., NRP
Deputy Fire Marshal
ekblada@billingsmt.gov

billingsmt.gov

2305 8th Ave N.
Billings, MT 59101
P 406.237.6193

City of Billings email messages and attachments are subject to the Right to Know provisions of Montana's Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 9) and may be considered a "public record" pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6, Montana Code Annotated. As such, this email, its sender and receiver, and the contents may be available for public disclosure and will be retained pursuant to the City's record retention policies. Emails that contain confidential information such as information related to individual privacy may be protected from disclosure under law. This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient of this transmission, please notify the sender immediately, do not forward the message to anyone, and delete all copies. Thank you.



**BILLINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
FIRE INVESTIGATION MEDIA RELEASE**

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| DATE | 1/7/2026 | TIME | 1200 HOURS |
| LOCATION | 3637 RELAY DRIVE | SUITE / APT / UNIT | N/A |
| BUSINESS | N/A | | |
| INCIDENT TYPE | BUILDING FIRE | INCIDENT NUMBER | 2026-0333 |

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

A residential structure fire occurred at 3637 Relay Drive. The initial response included six Engines, one Aerial, one Squad, and a Battalion Chief. The fire occurred in, and was confined to, a basement bedroom. The basement bedroom sustained significant fire and heat damage. The rest of the home sustained significant smoke damage. The cause of this fire is under investigation. No injuries were reported.

COMMENTS, OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED

Please keep in mind that a presence of law enforcement doesn't always mean an incident is criminal. Unless advised otherwise in these comments, any questions concerning this investigation should first go through the Fire Prevention Bureau contact listed at the bottom of this form.

N/A

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU INVESTIGATOR | | DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL ANDY EKBLAD | |
| PHONE | 406-237-6193 | EMAIL | ekblada@billingsmt.gov |

From: [Bohlman, Denise](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: Photos from Swearing In Ceremony
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 4:54:42 PM

Good afternoon, Mayor and Council,

You may view the photos taken during the swearing in ceremony at the link below. If you have any questions or difficulties, please let me know.

<\\bil-fileserv3\\AllUsers\\2026 City Council Swearing in Ceremony>

Thank you!



Denise R. Bohlman
City Clerk, CMC
bohlmand@billingsmt.gov

billingsmt.gov

316 N. 26th Street, 5th Floor
P.O. Box 1178 • Billings, MT 59103
P 406.657.8210 F 406.657.8390

City of Billings email messages and attachments are subject to the Right to Know provisions of Montana's Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 9) and may be considered a "public record" pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6, Montana Code Annotated. As such, this email, its sender and receiver, and the contents may be available for public disclosure and will be retained pursuant to the City's record retention policies. Emails that contain confidential information such as information related to individual privacy may be protected from disclosure under law. This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient of this transmission, please notify the sender immediately, do not forward the message to anyone, and delete all copies. Thank you.

From: [Aguirre, Amy](#)
To: [Nikki Hanto](#); [Council](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] ICE in Billings
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:26:02 PM

Please know that you have my full support in ensuring our community feels safe. I cannot speak for the rest of council, but as a descendant of farm workers and migrants, my heart goes out to the family of the victim in Minneapolis. My brother works as Vice President of Programming at Neighborhood House in Minneapolis and has literally had to post as ICE Watch since the ICE agents have flooded their community. Neighborhood House is a critical resource for marginalized communities in Minneapolis and if families are being forced to shelter in place, how are their basic needs being met? It is absolutely unconscionable.

I always have, and continue to stand, with the marginalized folks in our community. I do not support deputizing our local law enforcement to act as federal agents.

I appreciate your concern and please know I am in your corner.

-Amy Aguirre
Ward 3

From: Nikki Hanto <nicole.hanto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE in Billings



Hello City Council,

I wanted to reach out to express my concern about ICE presence in Billings. After seeing what happened in Minneapolis, MN today I am concerned about the safety of community members in the presence of ICE agents. I value having safety in our community and am concerned that by welcoming ICE into Billings, our safety will be at risk. I want to request that should ICE request cooperation with the city of Billings, these requests will be denied. Our law enforcement and civil servants are meant to protect our community members, not engage in harm to them and prioritize federally politicized efforts. I would appreciate to know where the council stands on this if possible, and if you have any questions please let me know.

Kindly,
Nikki Hanto

From: [Aguirre, Amy](#)
To: [katie harrison](#); [.MayorAndCouncil](#); [commission@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#); [bocc@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#); [YCDFBC](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] KEEP ICE OUT OF BILLINGS PLEASE
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 8:49:56 PM

Please know that you have my full support in ensuring our community feels safe. I cannot speak for the rest of council, but as a descendant of farm workers and migrants, my heart goes out to the family of the victim in Minneapolis. My brother works as Vice President of Programming at Neighborhood House in Minneapolis and has literally had to post as ICE Watch since the ICE agents have flooded their community. Neighborhood House is a critical resource for marginalized communities in Minneapolis and if families are being forced to shelter in place, how are their basic needs being met? It is absolutely unconscionable.

I always have, and continue to stand, with the marginalized folks in our community. I do not support deputizing our local law enforcement to act as federal agents.

I appreciate your concern and please know I am in your corner.

-Amy Aguirre
Ward 3

From: katie harrison <sustainabillings@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 6:52 PM
To: .MayorAndCouncil <Mayor&Council@billingsmt.gov>; [commission@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#); [bocc@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#); [YCDFBC](#) <[ycdfbc@yellowstonecountymt.gov](#)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KEEP ICE OUT OF BILLINGS PLEASE



Hi all,

A quick message to express my horror at what took place today in Minneapolis in which an ICE agent shot and killed an innocent unarmed woman. It should go without saying, but I am asking you to please ensure us as your constituents that you will not allow ICE in our city and county.

Thank you all and please stay safe,

Katie Harrison (She / Her)

**Residing on the traditional lands of the Salish, Kootenai, Kalispel, Apsáalooke (Crow), and Cheyenne peoples, among many others who share this land. I recognize that we are settlers to this land and dedicate myself to honoring this history and these peoples, listening and learning, and working to repair the harms of colonization by teaching a new generation of civic leaders and supporting the work of our Native partners.*

From: [Aguirre, Amy](#)
To: [Pari Kemmick](#); [Council](#); [Nelson, Mike](#); [BPD](#).
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] NO to ICE in our community
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 8:48:26 PM

Pari,

Please know that you have my full support in ensuring our community feels safe. I cannot speak for the rest of council, but as a descendant of farm workers and migrants, my heart goes out to the family of the victim in Minneapolis. My brother works as Vice President of Programming at Neighborhood House in Minneapolis and has literally had to post as ICE Watch since the ICE agents have flooded their community. Neighborhood House is a critical resource for marginalized communities in Minneapolis and if families are being forced to shelter in place, how are their basic needs being met? It is absolutely unconscionable.

I always have, and continue to stand, with the marginalized folks in our community. I do not support deputizing our local law enforcement to act as federal agents.

I appreciate your concern and please know I am in your corner.

-Amy Aguirre
Ward 3

From: Pari Kemmick <pari.kemmick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>; Nelson, Mike <NelsonM@billingsmt.gov>; BPD, <bpd@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to ICE in our community



Council members, Mayor Nelson and Police Chief St. John,

First of all, congratulations to our mayor and our 5 new city council members on your swearing in this week. I look forward to working with all of you as well as existing members.

I am writing today with a very heavy heart regarding [news out of Minneapolis](#). Today a protestor was shot in the face by a masked ICE agent. Over 2,000 agents have descended upon Minneapolis and as Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey stated, are

causing mass chaos, tearing families apart and now have even murdered someone practicing their right to protest and observed MASKED/unidentifiable agents causing great harm and chaos in their city.

To say this is distressing is putting it lightly, this is beyond horrifying and is an affront to all that this country supposedly stands for. I am writing to you all today because of this. At any moment our community might be next and I implore you all to prepare for that moment and to not cooperate with ICE in the terrorizing of our communities either. I want to see a commitment from our city officials that our city will not welcome ICE and our police department will not cooperate and work with ICE.

We are a community that will continue to speak out against this terrorizing of our community members and will stand up for the people that live here time and time again. At this moment in history, I and many of my neighbors, know that it is just to stand up against fascism, the terrorizing of our immigrant communities, the uptick in hate symbols/hate speech around our community and anything that goes against our rights and our democracy.

Please be thinking about all of this now and what side of history you want to be on as leaders in our beloved community.

Thank you.

Pari Kemmick
Northpark/ Ward 1 resident

From: [Aguirre, Amy](#)
To: [Sonia Davis](#); [Council](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety/ICE
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 8:59:13 PM

Please know that you have my full support in ensuring our community feels safe. I cannot speak for the rest of council, but as a descendant of farm workers and migrants, my heart goes out to the family of the victim in Minneapolis. My brother works as Vice President of Programming at Neighborhood House in Minneapolis and has literally had to post as ICE Watch since the ICE agents have flooded their community. Neighborhood House is a critical resource for marginalized communities in Minneapolis and if families are being forced to shelter in place, how are their basic needs being met? It is absolutely unconscionable.

I always have, and continue to stand, with the marginalized folks in our community. I do not support deputizing our local law enforcement to act as federal agents.

I appreciate your concern and please know I am in your corner.

-Amy Aguirre
Ward 3

From: Sonia Davis <davisso@billingsschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety/ICE



Dear Council & Mayor,

I am including a link to a national news story about a citizen who was killed by an ICE agent in Minnesota. At Monday's meeting, during public comment, I spoke briefly about this very issue! You must take action now to keep our city safe by keeping ICE out. You must be pro-active to prevent another needless tragedy in our fair city. I implore you to take a stand and refuse to use city resources to cooperate with these under-trained and dangerous individuals acting outside the law. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

'ICE agent fatally shoots woman in Minneapolis amid immigration crackdown' from 'NPR News' on the Yellowstone Public Radio app!

<https://www.npr.org/2026/01/07/nx-s1-5670289/ice-minneapolis-shooting-immigration-crackdown>

You have been sent a story from Yellowstone Public Radio

-Sonia Davis

From: [Aguirre, Amy](#)
To: [Bohlman, Denise](#); [Council](#)
Subject: RE: Photos from Swearing In Ceremony
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 8:39:23 PM

Hi Denise,
I have been unable to access this link via phone as well as my laptop. Can you please try again?

From: Bohlman, Denise <bohlmand@billingsmt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 4:55 PM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: Photos from Swearing In Ceremony

Good afternoon, Mayor and Council,

You may view the photos taken during the swearing in ceremony at the link below. If you have any questions or difficulties, please let me know.

<\\bil-fileserv3\\AllUsers\\2026 City Council Swearing in Ceremony>

Thank you!



Denise R. Bohlman
City Clerk, CMC
bohlmand@billingsmt.gov

billingsmt.gov

316 N. 26th Street, 5th Floor
P.O. Box 1178 • Billings, MT 59103
P 406.657.8210 **F** 406.657.8390

City of Billings email messages and attachments are subject to the Right to Know provisions of Montana's Constitution (Art. II, Sec. 9) and may be considered a "public record" pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 6, Montana Code Annotated. As such, this email, its sender and receiver, and the contents may be available for public disclosure and will be retained pursuant to the City's record retention policies. Emails that contain confidential information such as information related to individual privacy may be protected from disclosure under law. This message is intended for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient of this transmission, please notify the sender immediately, do not forward the message to anyone, and delete all copies. Thank you.

From: [Kody Christensen](#)
To: [Nelson, Mike](#); [Shaw, Kendra](#); [Nicholson, Mark](#); [Neese, Roy](#); [Pitman, Denis](#); [Aguirre, Amy](#); [Kennedy, Bill](#); [Lindley, Andrew](#); [Aspenlieder, Scott](#); [Boyett, Mike](#); [O'Donnell, Tony](#); [Council](#); mmorse@yellowstonecountymt.gov; commission@yellowstonecountymt.gov; cwhite@yellowstonecountymt.gov; mwaters@yellowstonecountymt.gov
Subject: Volunteers Needed for the 2026 Point-in-Time Count – Join Us on January 29!
Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 1:46:53 PM



Dear Community Partners and Volunteers,

The Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC) is preparing for the **2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count**, and we are seeking volunteers to assist us on the evening of **Thursday, January 29, 2026**. The PIT Count is a vital, HUD-required effort to collect data on individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. This information directly shapes local planning, funding, and services that support vulnerable neighbors throughout the year.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for community members, agency staff, students, outreach teams, and partners who are willing to help conduct brief surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness across Billings. Volunteers will be deployed in teams of two or more and will receive training, materials, and ongoing support throughout the evening.

Time: 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM (Volunteers may serve a minimum 2-hour shift)

Kick-Off Location: Tumbleweed Parking Lot

Address: 505 N 24th St, Billings, MT 59101

What Volunteers Will Do

- Conduct surveys with individuals experiencing homelessness (training provided)
- Work in small teams to visit assigned outreach zones, shelters, or service locations
- Treat all individuals with dignity, respect, and professionalism
- Return surveys and check in with PIT leadership at the end of the shift

Volunteer Training

All volunteers must complete a short online training in advance, along with a brief orientation at the kick-off meeting on the night of the Count. Training details and links will be provided after volunteers sign up.

How to Sign Up

You may sign up by replying to this email or through our volunteer portal here:

http://uwyellowstone.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1180142

Why This Matters

The PIT Count is more than a survey—it is a coordinated community effort to ensure that every individual experiencing homelessness is counted and represented. Your participation directly supports improved services, better planning, and stronger advocacy for our neighbors who need it most.

Thank you for considering this important volunteer opportunity. We appreciate your

commitment to helping make this year's PIT Count safe, successful, and impactful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

--

Kody Christensen

-Community Resource Director-



Downtown Billings

102 N. 29th Street, Billings, MT 59101

(406) 272-9998 [Mobile]

(406) 294-5060 [office]

For downtown News & Events Emails [Subscribe Now!](#)