



## **SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Wildland fire risk is lowest in the winter when there is snow cover. The disastrous wildland fires near Boulder, Colorado, and multiple wildland fires that hit Montana in December are sobering reminders that wildland fires are a year-round risk when there is no snow cover and fuels are dry. Home fires occur year-round, so stay vigilant.

Toss out those dried up natural wreaths, garland, and Christmas trees in the trash or the landfill; don't burn or discard them in any outdoor area on GRR.

The New Year is a good time to review and revise medical history documents. Consider filling out or updating a My Medical History from the GRR Fire Website: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>.

If you have a medical emergency, CALL 911. Don't call the Chief or a firefighter; that will only delay the response. Calling 911 activates the County Emergency Medical System (EMS) which includes dispatching available firefighters or other medical personnel and an AMR ambulance. If the ambulance is not needed, EMS personnel will cancel it without charge to you. You cannot call AMR directly to request an ambulance.

Providing EMS personnel with a completed My Medical History form can make a huge difference in the efficiency and effectiveness of their care for you or a loved one.

We are always on the lookout for GRR residents interested in becoming firefighters, emergency medical providers, or reservists. If you are interested, please contact us at [admin@grrfd.org](mailto:admin@grrfd.org).

Please visit the GRR Fire Department website to learn more: <http://www.grrfd.org/>.