

## Chapter 9

# PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES

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Public services and facilities exist for the health, safety, and welfare of the community. These services are typically provided to the public by the County, state, and private entities.

Schools, highways, and parks are also considered public facilities and are discussed separately in their respective chapters of this document.

### **FIRE AND SAFETY**

Jerome County has three established fire districts for fire protection for Jerome County. Jerome Rural Fire District serves the western part of Jerome County. First Segregation Fire District serves the majority of the eastern part of Jerome County. The West End Fire District--out of Minidoka County--provides services from approximately 2700 East to the Jerome County eastern border, 3000 East. There are portions of land that have residential dwellings that are not served by any fire district. The City of Jerome has an independent fire department. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides fire service assistance on brush fires that originate on BLM lands with a memorandum of understanding for support of local jurisdictions. All fire districts and city fire departments for the surrounding cities and counties have mutual aid agreements in place known as the Magic Valley Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement. The fire districts map is located in Appendix B: 9-1.



The fire districts are separate taxing entities and are managed by elected commissioners serving on individual boards. All three fire districts are dispatched by a regional "911" center--Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center "SIRCOMM".

#### **Jerome Rural Fire District**

The Jerome Rural Fire District has two locations. The original fire station is located at 145 East Avenue A in the City of Jerome. A second location was established in 2008 at 04 West 500 South--located in the County's largest rural residential zone. The fire district is primarily staffed by volunteers.

#### **First Segregation Rural Fire District**

First Segregation Rural Fire District is located at 235 East Wilson Avenue in Eden. The fire district is primarily staffed by volunteers.

### West End Fire Protection District

West End Fire Protection District's fire station is located in Minidoka County at 152 S 600 W, Paul, Idaho. The fire district is primarily staffed by volunteers.



### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Jerome County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) provides law enforcement outside of the city limits for Eden, Hazelton, and Jerome. JCSO provides and contracts law-enforcement services for the cities of Eden and Hazelton. The City of Jerome provides law enforcement within the city's corporate boundaries. Idaho State Police (ISP) have the responsibility to provide primary traffic responsibility for state and federal highways that are located within the County.

### HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

There is a 15-bed critical access hospital located in Jerome at 709 North Lincoln, which is part of the St. Luke's Health Care System. The facility offers a 24-hour emergency department and in-patient care that includes OB capabilities for the County. A provider-based clinic and "swing-bed" (rehab) is located on-site as well as out-patient services. A specialty medical services clinic is offered intermittently on-site. More extensive emergency and specialty medical services are available at St. Luke's Magic Valley located in Twin Falls. EMS services are provided by Magic Valley Paramedics with a station located in the City of Jerome. There is also a Quick Response Unit (QRU) based out of the Jerome City Fire Department that assists with emergency medical calls while the Rock Creek QRU assists with coverage of the Eden and Hazelton area.



### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Jerome County provides a landfill transfer station off of State Highway 25 that receives solid waste from residents within Jerome County. All solid waste from the Jerome Landfill Transfer Station is then sent to the Milner Butte Land Fill for disposal located in Burley Idaho.

### OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES

County administrative offices have three main locations--the Jerome County Courthouse at 300 North Lincoln Street, the Jerome County Judicial Annex at 233 West Main, and the Jerome County Jail and Sheriff's Department at 2151 South Tiger Drive. All three facilities are located in the City of Jerome.

The University of Idaho Extension, Jerome County offers a link between the University of Idaho and the citizens of Jerome County providing help with a range of issues including agriculture, family and consumer sciences (including family food nutrition), and 4-H youth development. The office is located at the Jerome County Fairgrounds at 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West. <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/jerome>