

Billings Interagency Dispatch Center

Incidents within an Incident

Medical Incidents

2009 - 2013

Billings Interagency Dispatch Center (BDC) has been involved with 2 Incident within an Incident and 3 medical incidents since 2009. No loss of life resulted in any of them. Each situation has given us insight in how to handle and prepare for these better. I have a handout of the WildCAD printouts for each incident/situation.

Rock Creek Bus Accident Incident within Incident: Crow Agency Camp crew during demob to home unit, bus is rear-ended by dump truck. There were 15 personnel and bus driver on board. No one was seriously injured. All personnel were checked out at Red Lodge medical clinic and released. All personnel were back at home unit next day.

4 Dances Medical Aid: BLM Volunteer on her own time slipped and fell down a steep rock face and was unable to climb back out. Was able to call for help on cell phone and local medical authorities responded and she had no major injuries. Since this was on a BLM Recreation site, all appropriate personnel were notified.

Saw Incident Medical Aid: BDC was notified via a phone call from the Beartooth RD that one of their employees had been struck by a felled tree and was being transported to the local medical center in Red Lodge. BDC was not notified for almost one hour after incident occurred. BDC offered to make or start the notification process and was told no need. Had a bad feeling about this incident and went ahead and started the notification process. Called the forest safety and forest FMO and notified them of being told no need to notify. **Follow your process even when told not too!**

Rattlesnake's bite Incident within Incident: BDC notified from fire IC that a firefighter had been struck on the thumb by a rattlesnake during mop-up operations. IC was enroute with firefighter to the Roundup, MT. hospital. IC asked that BDC to notify hospital of situation and ETA. Patient was transported to Billings for further medical aid.

Grader Operator Medical Aid: BLM Equipment operator having medical problems while in remote area operating road grader. Found out through routine check-in. Patient was transported to Lovell medical center and later released.