



MEMBER ADVISORY

MPI COMPENSATION RATE INCREASE

September 3, 2009 – The AMM met with Manitoba Public Insurance on August 25, 2009 to discuss several issues of concern. The primary concern we have heard from AMM members is the issue of compensation rates for accidents, which do not cover the actual cost of dispatching municipal fire departments. These rates were last reviewed in 2005 and the AMM has continued to lobby MPI to ensure municipalities are fairly compensated for their efforts.

As a result of these lobbying efforts, MPI has reviewed the existing rate structure and is prepared to increase compensation rates. The increase will be at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since 2006 plus 1% annually, across the board.

The new rates, effective September 1, 2009, are as follows:

- **\$658** per incident for basic calls (\$600 previously)
- **\$877** per incident for complex calls (\$800 previously)
- MPI will also continue to reimburse for extra services as required in unusual cases.

AMM was also successful in securing annual increases to these rates effective March 1st of each year, based on the prior year's CPI plus 1%. The AMM has pushed MPI for regular rate reviews and is pleased to see this escalator included to insure regular increases from year to year.

This increase is largely due to the work of the MPIC Review Committee, on which two AMM board members sit—Eastern Rural Director *George Harbottle* and Western Urban Director *Maxine Chacun*. The committee and the AMM will continue to work on other areas of concern regarding MPI, such as false alarms due to 911 calls.
