

Fire Protection Information

An Introduction to the Fire Service for Elected Officials



The Municipal Act

- **s. 264** - ***Every municipality must provide fire protection services within its boundaries to reduce the danger of fire, which may include education programs, inspections of property, the installation of alarms, instructions on fighting fires, the provision of fire fighting equipment and a fire protection force.***



Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act (FPERA)

Municipal Responsibilities under FPERA:

- Adopt the Manitoba Fire Code
- Inspect *Prescribed* Buildings
- Investigate *ALL* Fires
- Report All Fires - - {*Other incidents*}
- Incident Management System – ICS
- Compliance with FPERA Regulations



Bylaws and Agreements

Bylaws

- **Local Authority's own Fire and Emergency Bylaw**
 - What does the department do?
 - To what level? *i.e. "How Much?"*
- **To be part of Mutual Aid Districts and with neighbour Municipalities**
- **Burning Bans & Permits**

Agreements

- **Reciprocating (Specialty, Technical) Services**
- **Fee-for-Service Agreements with Industry or others**



Management

- **Bylaw Implementation & Enforcement**
- **Employer of the Fire Department**
- **Human Resources**
- **Legal (Liability)**
- **Community Planning**
- **Financial (Budgets)**
- **Communication (Fire Department, Public & Media)**



Administration

CAO and Fire Chief Reporting to Council

- **Current Status**
 - HR, Incidents, Issues, Good News
 - Equipment, Fire Hall, Apparatus
 - Upcoming Events & Hazards
- **Operational and Capital budgeting**
- **Training & Education Plan & Status**
- **Practice & Exercises**



Fire Department Organization

- **Fire Officers Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities**
- **Staffing**
 - Recruitment & Retention
- **Response Manpower to Alarms**
- **Administration & Management**
- **Training Requirements**
- **Apparatus & Equipment Needs**
- **Communication**



Fire Department Deployment

- **Unscheduled Service Delivery**
- **Time-Critical Services**
- **Immediate Service Consumption**
- **Intangible Delivery**
- **Specialized Training & Equipment**
- **Labour Intensive**
- **Transaction Time & Volume**



Fire Departments' Role

- Fire Chief is “Local Assistant” to the Fire Commissioner
- Fire Prevention, Inspection & Public Education
- First responder to most emergencies
- Job & training requirements are the same whether paid or volunteer
- Emergencies do not differentiate



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