



Fire Protection & Emergency Response

Information for Elected Officials

*Introduction to a full day training session for elected officials
Audience: Elected Officials, CAO's and Fire Officers
Time: 2 hours with questions*



Learning Objectives

Knowledge of:

1. The challenges facing the Manitoba fire service
2. The roles and responsibilities of Municipal Councils and Fire Officers
3. The legislative and regulatory requirements
4. The services the OFC provides to municipalities
5. The resources available to support municipalities



The Fire Service of Today



Ice Storm



Train Derailment

Industrial Fire



Challenges in Service Delivery

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



Municipal Councils' Role

- **Employer of the Fire Department**
- **Human Resources**
- **Legal (liability)**
- **Bylaw Implementation & Enforcement**
- **Community Planning**
- **Financial (budgeting)**
- **Communication (with public & fire department)**



Municipal Fire Committee



- **Connect with the Fire Chief**
- **Management Functions**
 - planning, organizing, directing
- **Management Support Activities**
 - communication, decision making
- **Access to Council**
- **Reporting chain, ideas**
- **Preplanning – in concert with Hazard & Risk Assessment, Emergency Management**





Bylaws and Agreements

Bylaws

- R.M.'s own Fire Prevention and Emergency Response Bylaw
- To be part of Mutual Aid Districts
- To be part of Mutual Aid with neighbouring fire departments
- Burning (permitted and non-permitted)

Agreements

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



Fire Departments' Role

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



Fire Department Issues

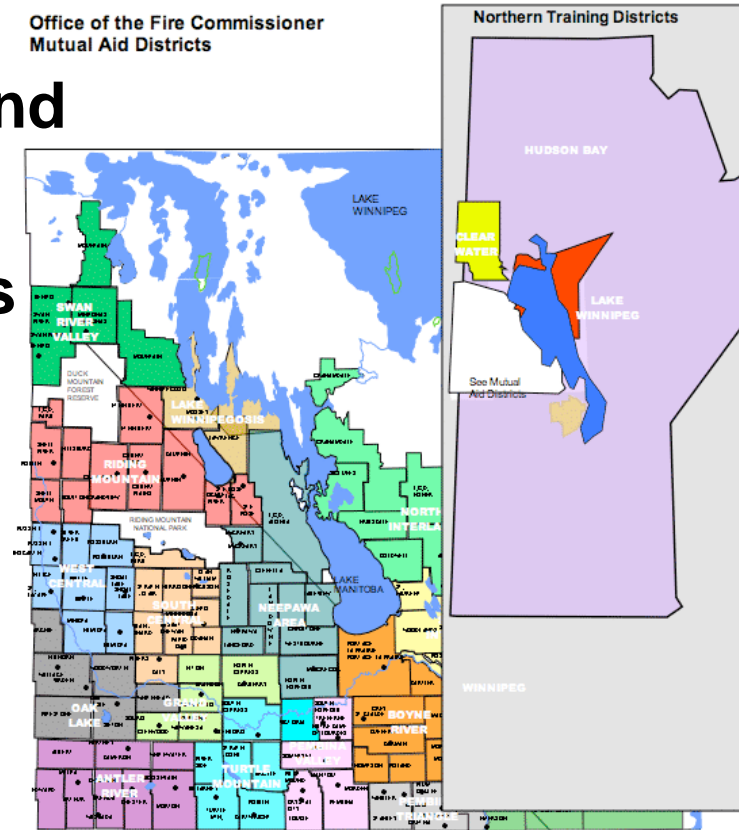
- **Membership**
 - Recruitment & Retention
- **Response Manpower to Alarms**
- **Training requirements**
- **Mutual Aid partners**
- **Apparatus & Equipment needs**
- **Communication**
 - 911 / paging / radios



Provincial Mutual Aid System

- Reciprocal system of emergency response
- Emergency response support and back-up protection
- Mutual Aid District Coordinators
 - Regular Meetings w/OFC
 - Training Coordinator
- Running orders/assignments
- Breathing Air Compressors

Office of the Fire Commissioner
Mutual Aid Districts





The Municipal Act

Administered by Manitoba Municipal Government

- *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.*
- **Ability to create a fire department with services provided by volunteers**
- **Agreements with other municipalities (the mutual aid system)**
- **Powers and authority provided to a fire department**





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*}
- Report on services provided annually
- Incident Management System - ICS





FPERA Regulations

- **Manitoba Fire Code**
- **Fire Safety Inspections (2014) Regulation**
- **Fire Hose Regulation**
- **Property Insurance Assessment Regulation**
- **Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Administrative Penalties Regulation**
- **Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Fees Regulation**
- **Centrally Monitored Fire Alarm System and Fire Alarm Monitoring Agencies**



The Buildings and Mobile Homes Act (BMHA)

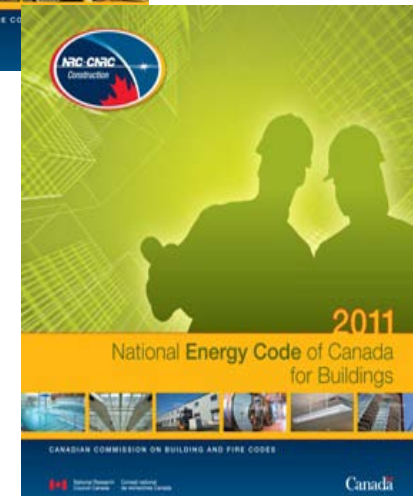
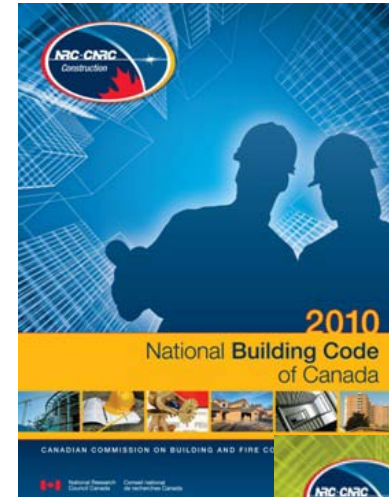
Municipal Responsibilities under BMHA:

- Adopt and enforce all Codes and Standards
- Perform building inspections
- Review documents
- Issue building permits



BMHA Regulations

- **Manitoba Building Code**
- **Manitoba Plumbing Code**
- **Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings**
- **Manitoba Farm Building Code**
- **Classes of Buildings Designation Regulation**
- **Building Fees Regulation**
- **Mobile Homes Standards and Permits Regulation**



Other Applicable Acts

- The Wildfires Act
- The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act
- The Emergency Measures Act
- The Highway Traffic Act
- The Workplace Safety and Health Act
- The Workers Compensation Act
- The Emergency Medical Response & Stretcher Transportation Act



Manitoba Emergency Services College (MESC)

MESC offers training and certificates in the following disciplines:

- Fire suppression
- Rescues
- Codes
- Institutional
- Instructor
- Management
- Critical incident stress management
- Paramedic
- Emergency vehicle operation
- Fire investigation
- Public education



Office of the Fire Commissioner

Services available to municipalities:

- **Municipal Support**
- **Fee-for-service inspections**
 - Fire Safety Inspections
 - Building Inspections
 - Technical Safety Inspections
- **Permits & Licenses**
- **Fire Statistics**



Fire Safety Resources

Prevention & Public Education

- Programs and Materials
- FireSmart & AdventureSmart
- Fire Safety Trailers
- Smoke Alarms for Every Family



Financial Training Incentives

- Funding available to MAD's for Training, equipment and Infrastructure



OFC Emergency Response

“Emergencies too large or complex for the AHJ”

- Incident Command System to be consistent across province
- Assistance to AHJ & MAD's
- Provide specialty equipment and staffing
- Consistent definitions with EMO legislation





Municipal Support Work

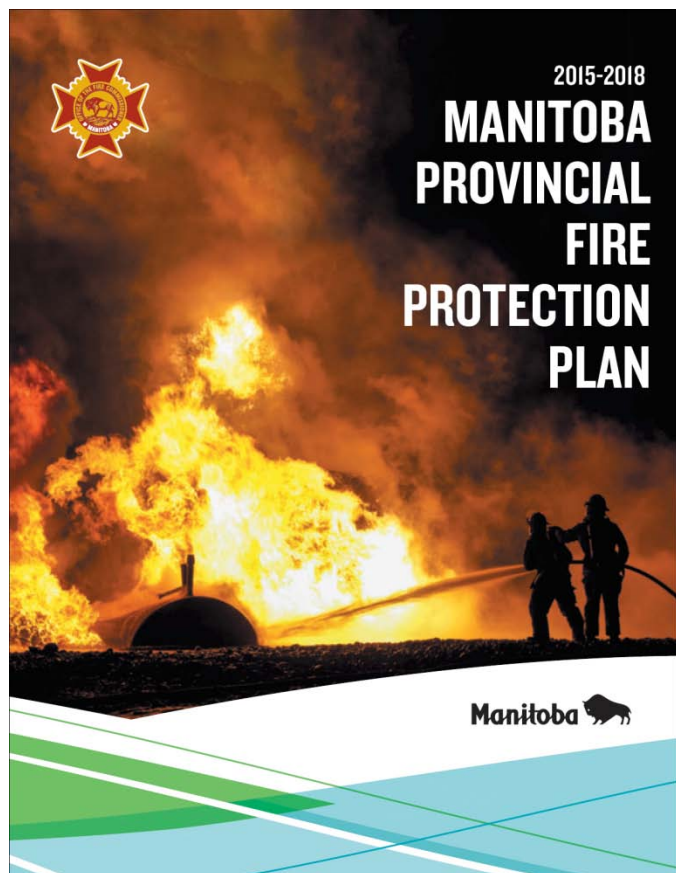
Fire Protection Survey

- Fire Protection Bylaws and Service Agreements
- Leadership and Planning
- Budget & Finances
- Fire Prevention & Public Education
- Communications & Personal Protective Equipment
- Fire Apparatus and Equipment
- Water Supply
- Training & Personnel Capabilities

The Fire Protection Surveys evolved into the Manitoba Provincial Fire Protection Plan.



Fire Protection Plan



Manitoba Provincial Fire Protection Plan

Created to ensure that Manitoba municipalities, the Manitoba fire service, and the Provincial Mutual Aid System are positioned to meet the challenges and expectations of the future.





Fire Protection Plan

5 Goals

1. **Identify public expectations to ensure excellent customer service to stakeholders and clients.**
2. **Co-ordinate effective communication and administration between the elected officials, CAO, and Fire Officers.**
3. **Manage the department consistently and improve the way fire services are organized.**
4. **Streamline service delivery to the public.**
5. **Promote recruitment and retention efforts by investing in employees and providing management with the tools to succeed.**



Municipal Support - Elected

“Information For Elected Officials”

- This 2 hour Seminar
- A 1-day training Workshop
 - All Government Levels
 - Community Groups
 - CAO's

Manitoba Municipal Officials Guide

- Fire Protection Library of Resources
- On-line Reference at the OFC website





Summary

Recommended Strategies

1. **Planning with Council and Emergency Services**
 - Proactive – Planning Districts, 5 year plans, By-Law Review
2. **Become involved / educated in your fire department issues & operations – *Visit the department***
3. **Explore partnerships and agreements with your neighboring municipalities**
4. **Be prepared to support the Provincial Fire Protection Plan**





Office of the Fire Commissioner

Municipal Support

Toll Free Number

Eastern Manitoba - 1-800-282-8069

Western and Northern Manitoba 1-888-253-1488

Website: www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca

E-mail address: firecomm@gov.mb.ca

