



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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POLICY STATEMENT

The County of Minburn will provide fire protection services according to the provisions of this policy statement.

The County of Minburn Council recognizes that within the municipal boundaries of the County as well as the municipal boundaries of the Village of Mannville and the Village of Innisfree residents and visitors can be exposed to a variety of dangers from fire and other emergencies.

The Minburn County Fire Department was created to assist, whenever possible, those persons within the County of Minburn, Village of Mannville, and Village of Innisfree, in protecting their health and property when emergencies within arise. County Council and Administration recognize however, that emergency response cannot be guaranteed for each and every emergency incident that arises due to the limited resources Council can spend on protective services, and the difficulty in ensuring sufficient numbers of staff with sufficient training will be available on a 24-hour basis, to respond to every call for assistance in a timely and safe manner.

Council also recognizes that when a response is provided the service level of that response may be different in various areas of the County and in the Villages. A response may differ for a variety of reasons including:

- a. The geographical size and layout of the County;
- b. The difficulty in accessing the remote areas of the County;
- c. The location, staffing, and training levels of the emergency response members, and other agencies providing emergency services within the region;
- d. The differing availability of water for fire suppression purposes within the County, and Villages;
- e. Adverse weather conditions;
- f. Multiple or simultaneous emergency events;
- g. Reliance on contract emergency services;
- h. The limited resources the County of Minburn can expend on training emergency personnel and on purchasing equipment when compared to the different types of emergencies for which training, and equipment are available;

PURPOSE

This Policy applies to all Minburn County Fire Department personnel for the provision of fire protection and emergency services within the County, Villages, and any other area by virtue of a mutual aid agreement.

DEFINITIONS

- Awareness level:** Fire Department personnel will recognize risks and hazards, secure the area and call for trained assistance.
- Fire Department:** Means the Minburn County Fire Department.
- Operations level:** Fire Department personnel will take defensive actions to contain and control the incident and seek assistance from outside agencies equipped to mitigate the incident.
- Priority Dispatch System:** A unified system used by dispatch centers to assign appropriate aid to emergencies.
- Technician level:** Fire Department personnel will initiate offensive actions to bring the incident under control and to an end.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Emergency Response

Fire Department equipment shall be deployed for all emergencies as it is deemed they are required and where practical to do so.

Fire Department shall provide, when possible, a response to all structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, rescue calls, dangerous goods incidents, and wildland fires within the boundaries of the County of Minburn, the Village of Innisfree and Village of Mannville, and any other area covered by mutual aid agreement when requested to do so.

Fire Department members that drive any fire apparatus must hold a valid Alberta Driver's license with the proper class for that unit.

2. Structure Fires

The Fire Department provides structural firefighting up to a technician level.

It is the responsibility of the Incident Commander to request additional resources as deemed necessary.

Incident Command will determine whether an offensive or defensive fire attack is undertaken based on circumstances presented to them and resources available.

3. Wildland Fires

The Fire Department provides wildland firefighting at the technician level.

4. Rescue

The Fire Department will provide extrications for all motor vehicle collisions and farm machinery, industrial entanglements at the technician level.

The Fire Department will provide low angle rope, Stillwater, and Ice Rescue up to a technician level.

5. Flammable Liquid Fires

The Fire Department will provide flammable liquid fire fighting for small spill fires and small containers up to 500 litres up to a technician level.

The Fire Department provides flammable liquid firefighting for large spills of more than 500 litres to an awareness level.

6. Medical First Response

When the Priority dispatch system identifies the need for a fire service response to a medical emergency, the fire department shall aid the Emergency Medical Service agencies. At a medical first response the fire department shall operate under the protocols set out in the Alberta MFR program, no greater than Standard First Aid Level C with special skills. Fire Department shall not transport patients requiring medical services.

7. Dangerous Goods

The Fire Department will provide dangerous goods response at the awareness level.

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