

Mackenzie County

Title	Level of Fire Service	Policy No.	EMR004
<p>Purpose</p> <p>To establish the minimum level of service for individual fire services provided in the municipality and to establish the process for approving the establishment or increase of fire services.</p>			
<p>General Policy Statement and Guidelines</p> <p>Mackenzie County recognizes that it is responsible for fighting and controlling fires within the County pursuant to the <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Act</i>, and that it may pass bylaws under the Municipal Government Act respecting safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property. The County is also aware that it cannot provide fire suppression services to its citizens and their property at a level similar or equal to larger urban municipalities, and that any structure or vehicle fire that occurs may result in total loss of that structure or vehicle. Mackenzie County has based this policy statement on the following criteria. Mackenzie County covers a vast geographical region and fire suppression services are staffed only by volunteer fire fighters with limited training and equipment and whose availability cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p><u>Part 1 – Service Standards</u></p> <p>1.1 The County cannot guarantee a specific response time because distances vary across our large County. And as in the case of volunteer fire departments, the availability of the volunteers to operate the equipment cannot be guaranteed on a daily basis.</p> <p>1.2 The County will provide basic exterior fire suppression only, except by departments or individuals who are properly trained for interior attack.</p> <p>1.3 Volunteer Fire Departments may assist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• with vehicle rescue efforts using vehicle extrication tools when properly trained individuals are present.• with traffic accidents by providing traffic control and debris cleanup on the surface of the road.• with medical responses when properly trained individuals are present, and as per current Mutual Aid agreements.• with search and rescues using department equipment when properly trained individuals are present			

- with wildfire control when properly trained individuals are present.
- with hazmat response when properly trained individuals are present.
- with neighboring Town's and County's and First Nations.
- with neighboring Town's and County's that have a current Mutual Aid agreements with Mackenzie County.

Part 2 – Volunteer Fire Departments

- 2.1 Mackenzie County encourages and supports the formation of volunteer fire departments in the hamlets of Fort Vermilion, Zama, La Crete and the rural community surrounding the Blue Hills area.
- 2.2 Mackenzie County recognizes it will have Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring Towns and County's and First Nations to provide services to other areas within Mackenzie County.
- 2.3 May hire additional fire suppression equipment as per Mackenzie County rates and Policies. Any other equipment requested must have prior approval by the CAO or designate.
- 2.4 These departments will operate through their Fire Chiefs under the direction and collaboration with Mackenzie County via the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designate who may set guidelines on operations from time to time as per the Standard Operating Procedures.
- 2.5 Council, by resolution shall appoint all Fire Chiefs and Deputies for the Volunteer Fire Departments operating within the County in accordance with the policies and procedures established by Bylaw.
- 2.6 The appointment of a Volunteer Fire Chief shall not constitute an appointment as a Designated Officer pursuant to the Municipal Government Act.
- 2.7 Otherwise departments can structure as per the Standard Operating Procedures.

Part 3 – Training Standards

- 3.1 Mackenzie County will provide funding for the Fire department to facilitate training courses or send volunteers to courses that are related to fire and or rescue training.
- 3.2 The Fire Chief shall present the training needs of their department to the CAO or designate. The training budget will then be developed and allocated as per the training needs for each volunteer department.

3.3 Subject to budget constraints, the County may fund additional courses if needs become present throughout the year that were not anticipated.

Part 4 – Equipment Standards

4.1 While the County will strive, where practical, to keep equipment up to National Fire Protection Association standards, the standard shall not be adopted as a minimum within this policy, because it may limit the use of equipment that could be useful in fire suppression that does not meet the standard.

4.2 Notwithstanding section 4.1, Mackenzie County will service each piece of equipment and test it to ensure that it can be operated in a safe manner before placing the equipment into service.

4.3 The County will set up schedules for the testing of equipment, either by the departments, or County staff.

4.4 Fire Service Apparatus owned and approved for operations by the County are listed on Schedule “A”.(Attached)

4.5 Any specialized, or other major equipment, either acquired by donation or purchased from department funds, must be approved by the County, whether there is, or is not, a budgetary implication to the County, and such approval must be obtained prior to the donation or purchase being made.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Fire Department Apparatus List

Unit #	Year/Make/Model	Type of Vehicle	Fire Service
9129	2007 Peterbuilt	Pumper Truck	FVFR
9108	1991 GMC	Water Tanker	FVFR
		Rescue Boggan	FVFR
	New	Rescue Alive for 2003	FVFR
9121	2003 Freightliner	Rescue Vehicle	FVFR
Unit #	Year/Make/Model	Type of Vehicle	Fire Service
9105	1988 Ford	Pumper Truck	LCFR-Tompkins
9106	1991 GMC	Pumper Truck	LCFR
9122	2004 Peterbuilt	Pumper Truck	LCFR
9107	1991 GMC	Water Tanker	LCFR-Tompkins
9133	2012 Freightliner	Water Tanker	LCFR
9128	2006 Peterbuilt	Rescue Vehicle	LCFR
		6 x 6 Polaris	LCFR
		Rescue Boggan	LCFR
		Rescue Alive	LCFR
		Fire Caddy	LCFR
		Sprinkler Trailer	LCFR
Unit #	Year/Make/Model	Type of Vehicle	Fire Service
9131	2012 Freightliner M2	Pumper Truck	ZFR
9118	2001 Ford F350	Rescue Vehicle	ZFR