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## TOWN OF LEADER

### Fire Service Level Policy

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to identify the level of fire services provided by the Leader Fire Department and the standard to which each level of service will be performed as authorized by Council.

#### SCOPE

This policy applies to all Fire Department personnel within the Town of Leader or by virtue of a mutual aid agreement.

#### DEFINITIONS

**“Awareness Level”** means that the Fire Department personnel will recognize risks and hazards, secure the area, and call for trained assistance.

**“Defensive Service Level”** means the service level that includes firefighting activities restricted to control and/or extinguishment of fire from a position external to the building or object in question, and outside of any IDLH environment.

**“Grassland Service”** means any non-structural prairie fires in or around the Town of Leader.

**“Vehicle Extrication”** means the process of removing a vehicle from around a person who has been involved in a motor vehicle collision.

**“Incident Commander”** is a designated and specifically trained individual responsible for safety, strategies and tactics during any service operation.

#### POLICY OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure appropriate levels of fire services for the Town of Leader and other jurisdictions it serves by agreement.
  - a) This may include but not limited to training, prevention programs, emergency response, acting on behalf of the fire department or Town.
2. To recognize there are training and equipment requirements to meet the Service Levels for the Fire Department.
3. To provide appropriate levels of funding to meet the levels of service as set out by Council.



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## ADMINISTRATION

The Fire Chief will:

- Ensure the level of service identified is adhered to and the members providing the services are deemed competent;
- Develop and implement training programs to achieve stated level of services;
- Assist in developing an operational funding model and long-term capital budget plan to meet service levels;
- Ensure alignment with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agencies fire service minimum standard; and
- Develop and maintain policies and standard operating guidelines that align with the level of service.

## LEVELS OF SERVICE

### **1. Fire Fighting**

- a) The fire service shall provide initial responses at the Defensive Level to structure, vehicle, industrial and aircraft fires only when the incident commander deems it safe to do so.
- b) If the incident is beyond the scope of the defensive service level then the incident commander will request assistance.

### **2. Rescue**

- a) The fire service shall provide initial responses to vehicle, water, ice, aircraft and farm rescue only when the incident commander deems it safe to do so.
- b) If the incident is beyond the scope of the service level indicated or the resources readily available, then the incident commander will request assistance.

### **3. Medical**

- a) The fire service shall be trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED. Personnel shall perform basic medical services until a qualified first responder arrives at the incident.

### **4. Dangerous Goods**

- a) The fire service will provide initial response at the awareness level.
- b) If the incident is beyond the scope of service level indicated or the resources readily available, then the incident commander will request assistance.



## **5. Grasslands**

- a) The fire service will provide a Grassland service for any field or prairie fires in the service boundary.
- b) The fire service may assist other jurisdictions with grassland incidents as set forth in a mutual aid agreement.

## **6. Vehicle Extrication**

- a) The fire service will provide vehicle extrication at the scene of a motor vehicle accident, provided the incident commander deems it safe to do so.
- b) As required by the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency TREX Program, the fire service will provide Level 2 Auto Extrication.
- c) If the incident is beyond the scope of the service level indicated or the resources readily available, then the incident commander will request assistance.

## **7. Disaster Services**

- a) In the event there has been a declaration of a state of local emergency, the fire service will act as per the emergency response plan under the direction of the incident commander.
- b) Duties during a local emergency may include but not limited to: active firefighting, assisting in community evacuation/notification, setting up safety zones and/or evacuation centers.

## **8. Mutual Aid Agreements**

- a) The fire service will respond with the appropriate resources to meet the objectives of the agreement.
- b) If the incident is beyond the scope of the service level indicated or the resources readily available, then the incident commander will request assistance.

## **9. Other Service Levels**

- a) The fire service will respond to all other incidents not listed above at the awareness level.