

Lac La Biche County *Policy*

TITLE: Fire Rescue Level of Service

POLICY NO: CM-23-008

RESOLUTION: 20.651

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2020

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Protective Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: August 25, 2022

POLICY STATEMENT:

Lac La Biche County will provide defined emergency services through Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue contingent upon availability and adequacy of regional resources in accordance with the County's current Fire Bylaw.

DEFINITIONS:

"Awareness Level" means responders will recognize risks and hazards, secure the area and request assistance from Operations or Technician trained responders and/or agencies.

"Class B Fuels" means flammable liquids and gases.

"Dangerous Goods" means substances that when transported are a risk to health, property or the environment.

"IDLH" means immediately dangerous to life and health.

"Medical Emergencies" means medically necessary care, which is immediately needed to preserve life, prevent serious impairment to bodily functions, organs, or parts, or prevent placing the physical or mental health of the patient in serious jeopardy.

"Operations Level" means responders will take defensive action outside of the IDLH environment to contain and control the incident and seek assistance from outside agencies trained and equipped to mitigate the incident.

"Other services" means public service requests and emergency service requests not listed including but not limited to fire pit complaints, alarms, unknown odours.

"SFA" means Standard First Aid with Level C CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) certification

"Structural Firefighting" means mitigating a fire involving the structural components of various types of residential, commercial or industrial buildings.

"Technician Level" means responders will initiate offensive action within the IDLH environment to bring the incident under control and to an end.

"Wildland Urban Interface" means a zone of transition between wildland (unoccupied land) and human development.

PRINCIPLES:

When an emergency response is provided the service and/or level of that response may differ throughout the County. A response may differ for a variety of reasons including but not limited to:

- the geographical size and layout of the County;
- the difficulty in accessing the remote areas within the County;
- the location, staffing training and equipment levels of the Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue members,
- the differing availability of water for fire suppression purposes within areas of the County;
- adverse weather conditions;
- multiple or simultaneous emergency events;
- specific hazards that may be associated with the region of response;
- the limited resources Lac La Biche County can expend on training emergency personnel and on the purchase of equipment when compared to the different types of emergencies for which training, and equipment are available;

Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue will provide the following BASE LEVEL emergency services. Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue may provide the following EXTENDED LEVEL emergency services. Delivery and level of services are contingent upon availability and adequacy of regional resources.

Service	Base Level	Extended Level
Structural Firefighting	Operations Exterior operations out of IDLH environment	Technician Interior operations in IDLH environment
Aerial Operations	Awareness	Operations
Medical Emergencies	SFA Medical Assist	N/A
Dangerous Goods Emergencies	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	Operations Mitigate outside of IDLH environment
Class B Fuels Firefighting <500L	Operations Mitigate outside of IDLH environment	N/A
Class B Fuels Firefighting >500 L	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	N/A
Wildland Firefighting	Technician Mitigate within IDLH environment	N/A
Vehicle Firefighting	Operations Mitigate outside IDLH environment	Technician Mitigate within IDLH environment
Motor Vehicle Collision Rescue	Technician	N/A
Static Water Rescue	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	Technician Mitigate within IDLH environment
Static Ice Rescue	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	Technician Mitigate within IDLH environment
Backcountry Rescue	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	Technician Mitigate within IDLH environment
Other Services	Awareness Recognize, isolate, secure request	N/A

The Regional Fire Chief will ensure that the level of service as defined above is adhered to; that personnel are competent; and develop training and maintenance programs to achieve stated services.

"Original Signed"

Chief Administrative Officer

August 28, 2020

Date

"Original Signed"

Mayor

August 29, 2020

Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: N/A

AMENDMENT DATE: