



RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTING SERVICE LEVEL & TRAINING

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1. Purpose

1.1 The Rural Fire Department Firefighting Service Level & Training Policy is required to meet the intent of the ‘British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook’ (the Playbook), and to outline the:

- a) level of firefighting services the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Fire Departments are authorized to provide;
- b) level or standard to which each Firefighter will be trained and the services will be performed; and,
- c) requirements for assignment of the Exterior Attack [Team Leaders](#), [Risk Management Officers](#), and [Company Fire Officer](#).

2. Scope

2.1 This Statement of Policy applies to the Charlie Lake, Moberly Lake, and Tomslake Fire Departments.

3. Definitions

3.1 *Company Fire Officer*: has been trained per the Playbook and is the member responsible for the apparatus and crew responding at a ‘Full Service Level’ response.

3.2 *Exterior Operations*: refers to the Service Level that includes firefighting activities restricted to the control and/or extinguishment of fire from a position external to the building or object in question, and outside of any Immediate Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) environment.



- 3.3 *Interior Operations:* refers to the Service Level that includes firefighting activities that include entry into structures and objects with the purpose of control and/or extinguishment of fire. This requires use of specialized protective equipment and procedures not covered by the training provided in relation to [Exterior Operations](#) Service Level.
- 3.4 *Full Service Level Operations:* refers to the Service Level that includes activities that are undertaken by firefighters and officers trained in the full spectrum of Competencies outlined in the NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications as well as the relevant competencies of NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications for officers.
- 3.5 *Risk Management Officer:* refers to the administrative role created within this Playbook framework to ensure that External Operations Level fire services are identifying and managing the risk and safety aspects of their operation. Areas of responsibility for this role include: training program design, training records management, Bylaw management, Operational Guidelines, fire department adherence to applicable regulations and standards, and other non-fire ground administrative matters related to safety and risk, including those prescribed under the Workers Compensation Act (B.C.).
- 3.6 *Team Leader:* refers to a firefighter or officer trained and/or qualified to lead a team of firefighters in the undertaking of a fire ground task, or set of tasks, as applicable to the operational Service Level provided by the department. Team Leader qualifications are not based on, or necessarily applicable to, a department rank. Requirements for Team Leaders are set out in the Standards and Requirements sections of the Playbook.

4. Policy

- 4.1 The PRRD authorizes Charlie Lake Volunteer Fire Department to provide '[Full Service Level Operations](#)' services as outlined in the Playbook, within the Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service Area as amended from time to time.
- 4.2 '[Full Service Level Operations](#)' responses reply on the support of volunteer firefighters providing response capabilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number of volunteer fire fighters and equipment available for the delivery of emergency services may determine that the level of service the Charlie Lake Volunteer Fire Department can provide will not be to 'Full Service Level Operations.' This determination of service level will be based on the availability and qualifications of available volunteer fire fighters and, specialized equipment that is available, and a risk assessment of the scene.
- 4.3 The Peace River Regional District authorizes Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Tomslake Volunteer Fire Department provide Firefighting Services at the 'Exterior Only Level' outlined in the Playbook, respectively within the Moberly Lake and Tomslake Fire Protection Service Area as amended from time to time.



4.4 The Charlie Lake Fire Department is authorized to undertake the following levels of services within the Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service Area:

- a) firefighting
- b) wildland and urban interface firefighting
- c) high angle rescue – Canfor responses only
- d) mutual aid
- e) public service response
- f) hazardous materials response – Awareness level only
- g) First Responder for firefighter aid or aid to a victim at an unauthorized level of service incident
- h) medical lift assist when requested by BC Ambulance
- i) pre-fire planning
- j) public education
- k) firefighter training

4.5 The Tomslake and Moberly Lake Fire Departments are authorized to undertake the following levels of service throughout their response area:

- a) firefighting
- b) wildland and urban interface firefighting
- c) mutual aid
- d) public service response
- e) hazardous materials response – Awareness level only
- f) pre-fire planning
- g) public education
- h) firefighter training

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