



**COMPREHENSIVE POST-INCIDENT ASSESSMENTS BY FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

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**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to identify that Peace River Regional District (PRRD) owned or contracted fire departments do not perform comprehensive post-incident assessments.

**2. Scope**

2.1 This Policy applies to all fire departments operated by the PRRD, as well as fire departments serving the PRRD under contract with respect to services provided in rural fire protection areas.

**3. Definitions**

3.1 *Fire Department*: means the fire departments operated by the Peace River Regional District, and any other fire department providing services to the Peace River Regional District under contract in a fire protection area established by bylaw.

3.2 *Comprehensive Post-Incident Assessment*: means a detailed examination of a structure after a fire or other emergency incident to determine if the structure is safe for occupancy and completely free of hazards, including, but not limited to:

- a) structural damage or deficiencies;
- b) harmful gases;
- c) biological hazards;
- d) flammable gas leaks;
- e) electrical hazards;
- f) water damage; and
- g) hidden or smoldering fires which may rekindle.



**4. Policy**

- 4.1 The fire departments shall not perform Comprehensive Post-Incident Assessments as they are not trained nor equipped nor staffed for that purpose.
- 4.2 After a fire or other emergency incident, the owner or occupier of the property is responsible for engaging the necessary professionals to determine if their property is safe to occupy and free of hazards.

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