LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: HIRING EQUIPMENT EXTINGUISHER OR CONTROL FIRES	POLICY NO: CM-23-006
RESOLUTION: 10.007	EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2010
LEAD ROLE: MANAGER, PROTECTIVE SERVICES	NEXT REVIEW DATE: JANUARY 27, 2012
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: PS-009	AMENDMENT DATE:

POLICY STATEMENT:

Lac La Biche County recognizes the need for hiring additional privately owned equipment which is essential and efficient in controlling an expansion of an "incident" and/or "Fire hazard", for maintaining public safety and property security. Lac La Biche County believes that it is prudent and diligent to acquire private fire protection services and/or public safety services in order to complement Lac La Biche County's Protective Services resources in circumstances where excessive public safety or property is/or imminent in being jeopardized.

PROCEDURE:

1. The District Fire Chief or designate will assess the situation and determine the needs to address the fire hazard in a timely and cost effective manner.

   Definitions:

   i. "Incidents" – Means a fire, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent, a motor vehicle accident or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to life or property and to which the Fire Department has responded.

   ii. "Fire Hazard" – Means a situation which threatens the preservation of life and property from injury and/or destruction by fire, including all fire aspects but not limited to heat, smoke, health issues, ignition sources and dangerous situations and/or the potential of to the public.

2. The District Fire Chief or designate shall make all reasonable attempts to consult with the landowner, if time is available, to explain the reasons for bringing in additional equipment to control the fire hazard or incident.

3. In the case of a structural/building incident, the District Fire Chief or designate is empowered to cause a building, structure or thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if he/she deems it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things. If this action requires the hiring of additional equipment the District Fire Chief, or designate, has the right to hire the equipment and carry out the necessary action. As practical, following the hiring of equipment the District Fire Chief or designate shall notify the Manager of Protective Services of the action, which was taken.

4. In the case of a non-structural incident the District Fire Chief or designate, has the authority to hire a maximum of 3 pieces of equipment which may include any combination of cats and water trucks, excluding trucking of the said equipment, without prior authorization from the Lac La Biche County Director of Community Services. Following the hiring of equipment the District Fire Chief or designate shall notify the Manager of Protective Services of the action which was taken.

5. If in the event that the incident requires further equipment to be hired or requires assistance through the services provided by a Mutual Aid Agreement, the District Fire Chief, or designate will contact the Manager of Protective Services immediately to discuss the situation and possible action to be taken.

6. In large scale incidents, the Director of Community Services for the County of Lac La Biche or designate shall take the responsibilities and role of member in charge, and the District Fire Chief will assist in addressing the situation. The member in charge has the authority to hire any and all necessary equipment in order to address the situation in a timely and cost effective manner.

7. The Director of Community Services or designate for the County of Lac La Biche has the authority to invoke Mutual Aid Agreements and the conditions therein to respond to an incident.

8. All hired equipment shall be reimbursed at the current Alberta Road Builders Rate.

9. Refer to Policy # CM-23-001 and CM-23-002 Lac La Biche County Fire District Standard Operating Procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines for implementation of equipment resources.

10. Following an incident where hired equipment was utilized, the District Fire Chief or designate shall prepare a detailed report for the Director of Community Services or designate, with the following details:

    i. Circumstances of incident (standard incident report)

    ii. Equipment hired with specifications including name, address, phone number, description of equipment, hours used.

"Original Signed"	January 22, 2010
Chief Administrative Officer	Date
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Mayor	Date