



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO.135

PREPARED BY: Joyce Sydnos REVISED BY: Barbara Johnson	ADOPTED BY: Council	NUMBER: FIRE - 2
TITLE: Brownvale Volunteer Fire Dept., Berwyn Volunteer Fire Dept. (attending fires in the M.D. of Peace)	SUPERSEDES: pre 1984	
	DATED: March 9, 1993 Reviewed April 23, 2013 Revised: December 11, 2018	
<u>PURPOSE:</u> To provide fire protection services to Municipal residents and residents of adjoining municipalities.		
<u>POLICY STATEMENT:</u> <u>Response Areas:</u> Brownvale Fire Department will respond to all fire calls received west of Range Road 241 in the Municipal District of Peace, providing there are volunteers available to respond. The Brownvale Fire Chief or his designate has the authority to respond or not to mutual aid calls outside of the Municipality, giving due consideration to the urgency of the call. Berwyn Volunteer Fire Department will respond to all fire calls west of Range Road 241 in the Municipal District of Peace, providing there are volunteers available to respond. The Berwyn Fire Chief has the authority to respond or not to calls within the MD, if there is also a fire within the Village of Berwyn occurring at the same time. Both Brownvale and Berwyn Fire Departments will respond to fires in Duncan’s First Nation, with Duncan’s First Nation being invoiced for all costs incurred. Municipal equipment rates invoiced shall be the rates mandated by Alberta Transportation for MVAs unless an agreement with Duncan’s First Nation indicates differently. The MD of Peace has agreements in place to provide fire and emergency services response to the area of the MD east of Range Road 241, excepting Peace River Airport and the Peace River Correctional Centre. The MD does not provide fire response service to either of those locations. In the event that multiple fire departments respond to a fire, the Fire Chief or designate of the fire department control area will be in charge. If he does not wish to assume control, he may request that the alternate Fire Chief assume control and be in charge of the incident. <u>Fire Response:</u> The Fire Chief or designate in charge may request: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the alternate Fire Chief(s) to assist in directing men and equipment 2. assistance from Peace River Correctional Centre Fire Department (if the fire is along Shaftesbury Trail) 3. mutual aid fire assistance from other departments 		



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<u>Fire Response Continued:</u> 4. that Municipal Administration arrange for additional equipment required. Municipal equipment (i.e. dozers) to be made available first and hired equipment second. In the event that the CAO is not available, the Public Works Foreman or any Councillor may arrange for equipment. 5. that the CAO or any Councillor request assistance from Alberta Forestry. The Fire Chief must be specific in his request: - observation and an assessment of the situation by helicopter. If possible, the Fire Chief should fly the observation route. - equipment or men and equipment are required. - weather reports (wind, rain, etc.) - bucketing by a helicopter		
A copy of the Mutual Aid Request form is attached to this policy.		
<u>Fire Permits:</u> As per Bylaw No. 17/2018, fire permits are required in certain areas of the Municipality, as shown on Schedule "A" of the bylaw.		
Fire Permits are issued between April 1 and October 31 st each year, by the MD's Fire Guardian and applications must contain the following information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name and contact information of applicant - legal description where fire is proposed - period of time for which permit is required. - precautions undertaken by applicant to prevent fire becoming uncontrolled 		
A copy of the Fire Permit Request Form and Fire Permit form part of this policy.		

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Fire Permit Request Form

Date: _____

NAME: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Email _____

Address: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PERMIT LOCATION: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

PURPOSE OF BURNING: _____

FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES: _____

DATE REQUIRED: _____

HOME QUARTER: _____



FIRE PERMIT (FREE)

No.

Issued under authority of the M.D. of Peace No.135.

THIS PERMIT authorizes _____
of _____ (Address) _____ (Phone #)
email address _____

to kindle fires on the following lands _____

Sec. _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____ West of _____ Mer.

for the purpose of burning _____.

Burning shall be done in compliance with The Forest and Prairie Protection Act and Regulations made thereunder, and the following conditions:

Effective _____, 20 _____. Expires _____, 20 _____.

I have read and understand the conditions above and regulations on the reverse side and accept full responsibility.

_____ Permittee _____

Countersigned by

_____, 20 _____.
(Date)

NOTE: This permit is not valid unless countersigned and may be cancelled at any time.

CONDITIONS

EXTRACTS FROM THE FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT OF ALBERTA 1980.

- Section 19** (3) A fire permit is valid only for the period for which it is issued.
(4) A forest officer or fire guardian issuing a fire permit may endorse on the permit any special fire control conditions with which the applicant must comply in addition to the provisions of this Act and regulations.
- Section 20** A fire permit may be suspended or cancelled at any time by a forest officer or fire guardian and upon receiving notice of the suspension or cancellation the person concerned shall immediately extinguish any fire set pursuant to his permit.
- Section 21** (1) For the purpose of fire control the Minister may, by order
(a) suspend or cancel within any part or all of Alberta all fire permits, or
(b) prohibit the lighting or require extinguishing of a fire set other than under the authority of a fire permit.
(2) The order made pursuant to subsection (1) shall be immediately published at least twice a day for not less than two consecutive days by such radio and television stations as are considered by the Minister most likely to bring the matter to the attention of the public.
(3) In any area affected by an order made pursuant to subsection (1) every person shall immediately proceed to extinguish every open outdoor fire lit by him or under his authority and every fire located on land occupied or owned by him.
- Section 22** No person shall
(a) light an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times.
(b) light an outdoor fire when weather conditions are conducive to a fire readily escaping out of control.
(c) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto land other than his own.
(d) deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire.

EXTRACT FROM THE FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT OF ALBERTA REGULATIONS PART 1

- Section 4** Every person who sets a fire under authority of a permit shall
(a) keep the permit at the site of the fire.
(b) produce and show the permit to an officer on request.
(c) keep the fire under control.
(d) extinguish the fire before expiration of the permit or upon cancellation of the permit.

FROM

Name	Telephone Number	Fax Number
Municipality or AF Area	Email Address	

TO

Name	Telephone Number	Fax Number
Municipality or AF Area	Email Address	

SUBJECT

Mutual Aid Request
Location

As per the Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement, mutual aid fire suppression is requested for the above fire.

The following resources are requested:

Manpower

Airtankers

Helicopters

Equipment

All costs associated with this mutual aid will be borne by the requesting agency as per the rates specified in the current Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan.

Please respond to this request submitted by:

Name	Position	
Time	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Signature

Your request for mutual aid assistance is approved / not approved as per this request and the terms of the Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement.

Name	Position	
Time	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Signature