

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

POLICY TITLE: Risk Management **POLICY NO:** 1605
Fire Suppression & Prevention

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POLICY:

The City of Grand Forks will provide the community of Grand Forks and its residents with an efficient and effective fire suppression and prevention service.

PURPOSE:

To assist in the protection of life and property within the City and the rural areas under contract where applicable with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary against such perils as members of the community may be exposed to from time to time.

To ensure compliance with the city's "Fire Prevention By-law" as well as provide for the administration and enforcement of the Fire Services Act and regulations, the B.C. and National Fire Codes and regulations and the B.C. Building Code. To control the use of buildings and the installation of equipment moved into the Buildings in connection with their use and the maintenance of safe and satisfactory conditions for occupancy, escape and fire fighting.

PROCEDURE:

The City will establish a Fire Suppression and Prevention Department for the purpose of providing regular, routine and recorded inspections of all commercial, industrial and multi-family buildings and structures within the City limits and the rural areas under contract with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

The City will establish and implement schedules dealing with the maintenance of Fire Suppression and Prevention equipment, staff training and first aid administration. The City will also entertain Mutual Aid Agreements with other Fire Departments in the area.

City staff shall immediately notify the Fire Suppression and Prevention Department of the following incidents:

- Accidents involving City owned vehicles or equipment
- Land or water rescues
- Natural gas line breaks or leaks
- Leaks or spills involving fuels, toxic waste and other hazardous goods or materials
- Downed power lines
- Floods
- Emergencies where the Department can be of assistance to access or stabilize an unnatural situation