



Policy # PS-001

Policy Title: Wildfire Assistance

Policy Objective:

To provide employees the authority and to define procedures to use municipal equipment to assist the Hanley-Rosedale Fire Department with wildfires.

Authority:

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Policy:

In the event of wildfires, the R.M. of Rosedale No. 283 will provide assistance to the Hanley-Rosedale Fire Department when requested by the Fire Chief to supply municipal equipment and operators. To ensure the safety of the employees, training is required.

Definition:

- a) **Wildfire:** An unplanned, unwanted, uncontrolled fire in an area of combustible vegetation. Depending on the type of vegetation present, a wildfire can also be classified more specifically as a brush fire, bush fire, grass fire, hill fire, prairie fire, vegetation fire, or forest fire.
- b) **Fire Chief:** The Hanley-Rosedale Fire Department Fire Chief or a designate
- c) **Fire Department:** The Hanley Rosedale Fire Department.
- d) **Foreman:** The R.M. of Rosedale No. 283 Foreman of Public Works or a designate.

Procedure:

In the event of a wildfire which the Fire Chief determines municipal equipment are of the essence:

1. The Fire Chief contacts the Foreman to request assistance. The municipality will provide employees (operators) and equipment. The municipality will provide equipment which is to be operated by municipal employees only. Employees are not to assist if help is not requested by the Fire Chief.
2. Employees have the right to refuse to assist the Fire Department.
3. The Foreman dispatches the employees and equipment to the wildfire.
4. The Foreman notifies the Administrator which employees and equipment have been dispatched, the time involved, and if any injury or damage has occurred.
5. At the site of the wildfire, the employees take direction from the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall have the cellphone numbers of all equipment operators of the municipality. The Administrator shall provide the Fire Chief with all current numbers.
6. Unless absolutely necessary, the equipment should not be driven into or over burning materials.


Fees:

If the municipality respond to a wildfire in a highway ditch, on railway property, SaskPower property, or any property other than a resident or ratepayer of the municipality, the municipality will charge the Fire Department the municipality's custom work rate for the equipment used.





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