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**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

**FIRE PARAMEDIC SERVICE BY-LAW**  
**NO. 6311/94**

**A By-law OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**  
**governing its Fire Paramedic Service.**  
*amended 7292/98; 7702/2000*

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

**Definitions**

1. Wherever used in this by-law and in the regulations thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires,

**"Chief"** means the Fire and Paramedic Chief;  
*added 7897/2001*

**"Chief Administrative Officer"** means the Chief Administrative Officer of The City of Winnipeg;  
*amended 7292/98*

**"Committee"** means the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services;  
*amended 7170/98; 106/2015; 113/2015; 137/2022*

**"Department"** means The Fire Paramedic Service of The City of Winnipeg as established by Section 2;  
*amended 7170/98; 7702/2000*

**"Deputy Chief"** and **"Assistant Chief"** means a Deputy Chief and an Assistant Chief of the Fire Paramedic Service, respectively;  
*added 7897/2001*

**"Emergency"** means a present or imminent situation or condition that requires prompt action to prevent or limit

- (a) loss of life;
- (b) harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or
- (c) damage to property or the environment.

*added 89/2013*

**"Emergency response services"** includes the following services provided at the site of an emergency or a disaster:

- (a) fire suppression;
- (b) emergency medical care;
- (c) search and rescue;
- (d) hazardous materials response.

*added 89/2013*

**"Equipment"** includes vehicles, supplies and equipment intended or used for the purposes of fighting or preventing fires or for responding to other emergencies.

*amended 7702/2000; 89/2013*

**"Fire"** includes an explosion.

*added 89/2013*

1.1 This by-law shall be referred to as the **"Fire Paramedic Service By-law."**

*added 8162/2002*

### **Establishment of Department**

2. (1) There is hereby established a department called the "Fire Paramedic Service" comprised of two branches being the Winnipeg Fire Department and the Winnipeg Emergency Medical Service, which shall be under the management and control of the Fire and Paramedic Chief.

*amended 7702/2000; 7897/2001; 8162/2002; 116/2007*

(2) Subject to the directives of the Council, the Chief Administrative Officer shall make such rules and regulations as he/she considers necessary from time to time (herein called Fire Paramedic Service Regulations).

*amended 7170/98; 7702/2000; 8162/2002*

(a) for the care and protection of all equipment belonging to the department;

*amended 89/2013*

(a.1) for establishing an organizational structure for the department, including duties for officers and members of the department;

*added 89/2013*

(b) for determining the qualifications and duties of all persons appointed as an officer or member in the department;

(c) for imposing reasonable fines and forfeitures or penalties upon, and suspending and dismissing the officers and members, and generally for government and good order of the department, the discipline of its officers and members;

(d) for the prevention and suppression of fires within the City;

- (e) the mitigation of all calamitous incidents within the City; and
- (f) for the education of the public in the area of safety awareness.

except that all such rules and regulations shall be made subject to the provisions of the current Working Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and such Associations as may be recognized by the Manitoba Labour Board as representing the personnel of the Fire Paramedic Service.

*amended 7170/98; 7702/2000; 8162/2002*

### **Personnel**

- 3. (1) *repealed 7292/98*
- (2) The Chief, Deputy Chiefs shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer.  
*amended 7292/98; 7897/2001; 116/2007; 89/2013*
- (3) All other appointments to rank, demotions from rank, or dismissals therefrom, shall be made by the Chief Administrative Officer in accordance with the provisions of the current Working Agreement between the City and the Associations recognized by The Manitoba Labour Board as representing the personnel of The Fire Paramedic Service.  
*amended 7170/98; 7702/2000; 8162/2002*
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), the Chief may dismiss a probationer firefighter whom he deems to be unsuitable for the position.

### **Duties and powers of Chief**

- 4. (1) The Chief shall carry out duties and tasks assigned to him or her by this By-law, the Fire Paramedic Service Regulations, Council or the Chief Administrative Officer, under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer.
- (2) Without restricting the general nature of subsection (1), the Chief is responsible for providing appropriate emergency response services at fires and other emergencies.
- (3) The Chief is responsible for the operation of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, including administrative staff.  
*amended 7170/98; 7702/2000; 7897/2001; 89/2013 (entire section)*

### **Deputy Chiefs**

- 5. *repealed 89/2013*

- (1) *repealed 89/2013*
- (2) *repealed 89/2013*
- 6. *repealed 89/2013*

### **Emergency response outside City limits**

7. The Chief may provide emergency response services outside the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg only

- (a) in accordance with an agreement for the provision of emergency response services duly approved and executed by the City of Winnipeg; or
- (b) in an emergency, at the request of a representative of the Government of Canada or the Government of Manitoba, or an agency of either of those governments, a municipal government, or a band as defined in the Indian Act (Canada), on condition that the body requesting the emergency response services agrees to provide payment upon demand for the emergency response services, including any personnel and equipment considered by the Chief to be necessary in order to respond to the emergency, in accordance with fees established by or on behalf of Council.

*amended 89/2013 (entire section)*

### **Fires, Emergency Medical Responses and Other Emergencies**

*amended 89/2013*

8. The Chief or designate at the scene of a fire, emergency medical response or other emergency, may:

*amended 89/2013*

- (a) cause to be pulled down or demolished adjacent houses or other structures as he deems necessary to prevent the spreading of fire,
- (b) prescribe the limits within the vicinity of the fire, emergency medical response, or other emergency that any person or vehicle (including public transit vehicles) may be permitted to enter,  
*amended 89/2013*
- (c) authorize any police officers present to close off such portions of streets or lanes as he deems advisable.

- (d) order individuals who are not members of the department to evacuate or leave the site of a fire, emergency medical response or other emergency or to take other actions in order to facilitate the fighting of a fire or dealing with the emergency;  
*added 89/2013*
- (e) take other actions or measures that are necessary to meet emergencies and to eliminate or reduce their effects.  
*added 89/2013*

9. *repealed 89/2013*

### **Recognition of valour**

10. Council may, by resolution, recognize especially heroic, gallant or courageous actions by members of the Department by the presentation of a medal or some other appropriate gesture or declaration.

*amended 89/2013 (entire section)*

### **Offences**

- 11. (1) No person shall damage any equipment of the department or any telegraph pole or wire used in connection therewith or otherwise for the purpose of fighting or preventing fires.  
*amended 89/2013*
- (2) *repealed 8162/2002*
- (3) *repealed 8162/2002*
- (4) *repealed 150/2004*
- (5) No person driving any motor or other vehicle, shall drive, lead, or back such motor or other vehicle upon or over the hose or other equipment of the department.  
*amended 89/2013*
- (6) No person shall in any way impede the Department, a member of the Department or a person providing assistance to a member of the Department from providing an emergency response service.  
*amended 89/2013*
- (7) No person engaged in fighting a fire, whether or not he is a member of the department, shall neglect or refuse to obey a lawful order of the Chief or other senior officer.
- (8) No person shall, without authorization,

- (a) enter past the limits of an area prescribed by the Chief or designate in charge of a fire or other emergency under clause 8(b);
- (b) enter into portions of streets or lanes that have been closed off under clause 8(c);
- (c) refuse to comply with an order issued by the Chief or designate in charge at a fire or other emergency under clause 8(d);
- (d) refuse to comply with an order issued by the Chief or designate in charge at a fire or other emergency under clause 8(e).  
*amended 89/2013 (entire section)*

11.1 A person who contravenes a provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is subject, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.00 or, in the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both a fine and imprisonment.  
*added 89/2013*

### **Penalty**

12. *repealed 8162/2002*

### **Repeal**

13. By-law No. 449/73 is hereby repealed.

**DONE AND PASSED** in Council assembled, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1994.