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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 Protection and Community Services of The City of Winnipeg;
amended 7170/98

"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

"Equipment" includes vehicles, pumps, chemical or other extinguishers, hose, hydrants, lifesaving apparatus, alarms, bells, ropes and all other articles or things issued to or used by the Department for the purpose of fighting or preventing fires.
amended 7702/2000

- 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 property belonging to the department;
 - (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 and any Assistant Chiefs shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer.
amended 7292/98; 7897/2001; 116/2007
- (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 of Chief

4. The Chief shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by this by-law or the Fire Paramedic Service Regulations, or by the Council, under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer. The administrative staff fall under the direct supervision of the Chief.
amended 7170/98; 7702/2000; 7897/2001

Deputy Chiefs

5. The Deputy Chiefs shall be the rank next below that of Chief and shall be designated to and fulfil areas of responsibility assigned by the Chief as follows:

- (1) Deputy Chief - Operational

The Operational Deputy Chief shall assist the Chief in the performance of his duties; within the limits of the policies set by the Chief, he shall exercise specific supervision over the Winnipeg Fire Department and the Winnipeg Emergency Medical Service, and with the Support Services Deputy Chief, general supervision over the department as a whole. He shall attend fires as directed by the Chief and have command of operations at any fire or other emergency which he attends. During the absence of the Chief for any cause, he or the Deputy Chief - Support Services shall have charge of the department and perform all the duties and responsibilities of that office. The Operational Deputy Chief shall in the performance of all his duties be subject and responsible to the Chief.

amended 7897/2001; 116/2007

(2) Deputy Chief - Support Services

The Support Services Deputy Chief shall assist the Chief in the performance of his duties; within the limits of policies set by the Chief he shall exercise specific supervision over the Fire Prevention Branch, the Emergency Mechanical Services Branch, the Communication Branch and the Training Branch, and with the Operational Deputy Chief, general supervision over the department as a whole. He shall attend fires as directed by the Chief, and assume joint command of operations with the Operational Deputy Chief at any fire or other emergency which he attends, or in the absence of the Operational Deputy Chief he shall assume full command of the operation. During the absence of the Chief for any cause, he or the Deputy Chief-Operational shall have charge of the department and perform all the duties and responsibilities of that office. He shall, in the performance of all his duties, be subject and responsible to the Chief.

amended 7897/2001; 116/2007

6. Duties of other ranks shall be as specified in the Fire Paramedic Service Regulations.

amended 7170/98; 7702/2000

Fire Fighting Equipment

7. No equipment of the Department shall be applied to any private use nor shall it be taken beyond the limits of the City without authorization from the Mayor except where authorized by formal agreement with the City.

Fires

8. The Chief or other officer in charge at a fire, may in his discretion

- (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 that any person or vehicle (including public transit vehicles) may be permitted to enter,
- (c) authorize any police officers present to close off such portions of streets or lanes as he deems advisable.

9. All persons found in the vicinity of any fire or other emergency incident under the control of the Fire Paramedic Service which is or may become a hazard to life and/or property shall immediately retire therefrom when called upon to do so by any officer of the department or police officer.

amended 7170/98; 7702/2000

Rewards

10. Any firefighter who, in the discharge of his duty, distinguishes himself in the performance of a gallant act, by which life or property is saved, shall be entitled to receive a reward therefor, either by the presentation of a medal or such other reward as the Council may, by resolution, direct.

Offences

11. (1) No person shall wantonly or maliciously 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.
- (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 appliances of the department.
- (6) No person shall in any way impede or hinder any firefighter or other person who shall be employed, or shall be assisting at, the extinguishing of any fire or who may be engaged in other duties therewith.
- (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 permission, enter the limits prescribed by the Chief or other officer in charge at a fire in accordance with clause (b) of Section 9.

Penalty

12. *repealed 8162/2002*

Repeal

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

DONE AND PASSED in Council assembled, this 26th day of January, 1994.