

FIRE AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS

Fire Authorities/Commissions have been established in Mountain View County as follows:

A. Carstairs & District Fire and Emergency Services Commission:

1. Commencement:
January 1, 2000
2. Board structure:
At least one member from each municipality, a maximum of two councillors from each municipality and at least one member at large.
3. Operating costs/ratio:
Based on ratio of rural and urban population, paid quarterly on or before March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31st
4. Annual capital costs:
Shared on a 50:50 basis between the town and county
5. Each municipality is responsible for a pro-rated per capita share of the total budgeted and approved operating costs for each calendar year; per capita to be based on population figures for the last common calendar year in which both municipalities carried out a census.
6. Termination:
Each of the municipalities may withdraw as a member with one year's written notice and would be responsible for its share of the per capita levy to the effective date of withdrawal. Capital assets would be shared on a 50:50 basis. After the effective date, the Authority would have no obligation to provide fire service to the residents withdrawing.

B. Cremona & District Fire and Emergency Services Authority:

1. Commencement:
January 1, 2000
2. Board structure:
County: One Councillor, one alternate Councillor, two members at large
Village: One Councillor, one alternate Councillor, two members at large
3. Operating costs:
County 80%; Village 20%, to be paid by March 31st and September 30th.
4. Capital costs:
County 75%; Village 25%.
5. Reduced Emergency Service Area - Water Valley
Operating costs: County 75%; Village 25%
In the event that the ratio of the Village's population increases to more than 30% of the total, sharing will be adjusted to reflect actual ratios.
Capital costs: County 75%; Village 25%.
6. Termination:
Each of the municipalities may withdraw as a member with one year's written notice and would be responsible for its share of the per capita levy to the effective date of withdrawal. Capital assets would be shared on basis of ownership, i.e. County 75%, Cremona 25%. After the effective date, the Authority would have no obligation to provide fire service to the residents withdrawing.

C. Didsbury & District Fire Commission

1. Commencement:
January 1, 1999
2. Board structure:
Two members from each municipal council and one member at large for both.
3. Operating costs:
Based on ratio of rural and urban population; payments to be made by March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.
4. Capital costs:
Shared on a 50:50 basis. Revenue from highway calls to be only for capital purchases.
5. Each municipality shall be responsible for a pro-rated per capita share of the total budgeted and approved operating costs for each calendar year; per capita to be based on population figures for the last common calendar year in which both municipalities carried out a census.
6. Termination:
Each of the municipalities may withdraw as a member with one year's written notice and would be responsible for its share of the per capita levy to the effective date of withdrawal. Capital assets would be shared on a 50:50 basis. After the effective date, the Authority would have no obligation to provide fire service to the residents withdrawing

D. Olds Fire Services Agreement

1. Commencement:
January 1, 2001
2. Termination:
Five-year terms with ten automatic renewals, unless otherwise terminated
3. Olds & District Fire Committee membership:
Olds – 3 Council members
County – 2 Council members
Olds Fire Chief to be the administrative liaison to the Committee and be a non-voting member
4. Operating Costs:
Annual approved budget amount for fixed operating costs on a per capita basis.
Annual approved budget amount for variable operating costs based on average of the rural versus urban calls for the previous three years.
5. Capital costs
Small equipment costs – 50:50
Major equipment costs – as per agreement schedule

E. – Sundre & District Fire Authority

1. Commencement:
January 1, 2001
2. Termination:
One year's notice
3. Membership:
Sundre – 1 Council member & 2 members at large
County – 1 Council member & 2 members at large
4. Operating costs and approved costs shared on a per capita basis
5. Capital costs – shared on a 50:50 basis