

Appendix B Municipalities Act as it pertains to Fire Service

Fire department

183. A council may establish, operate and maintain a fire department composed entirely or partly of volunteer members or of paid employees, and acquire or provide a fire hall, fire alarm system, fire engines, hydrants and other apparatus and appliances for the purpose of fire fighting, fire prevention and responding to and providing emergency services for other emergencies that may be authorized by the council, either inside or outside the municipality's boundaries.

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Agreements

184. A council may enter into agreements with other municipalities, local service districts or persons for joint fire fighting or for responding to other emergencies.

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Fire spread prevention

185. (1) The officer in charge of a fire department may attach and fix to a private or public building or structure, in a manner satisfactory to him or her, fire alarms, wires and fastenings that he or she considers necessary for carrying on the work of the department or staying the progress of or preventing fire.

(2) The officer in charge of a fire department at a fire may, where he or she considers it necessary in order to extinguish or stay the progress of a fire, pull down or remove a private or public building or structure, or part of the building or structure.

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Right re traffic

186. (1) The officers and members of a fire department, together with their fire engines, apparatus and appliances have the right of way over all traffic while proceeding to answer an alarm of fire or responding to other emergencies.

(2) The officer in charge of a fire department at a fire or other emergency may close all highways in the vicinity of a fire or other emergencies.

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Power to enter building

187. (1) Members of a fire department may enter and convey hose and other fire fighting appliances and apparatus through a public or private building or structure or over real property for the efficient fighting of a fire.

(2) An action shall not lie against an officer or member of the fire department, or the council, with respect to damage necessarily occasioned to the buildings or structure as a result of an action under subsection (1).

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Other fire department

188. The officers or members of a fire department of another municipality or a local service district fire department, or person that gives aid to a fire department in fighting a fire or responding to other emergencies are considered to be officers and members of that fire department while they are giving that aid.

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Prohibition

189. (1) A person shall not obstruct an officer or member of a fire department in the discharge of his or her duties or wilfully retard the passage of an engine, apparatus or appliance used by that officer or member.

(2) A person shall not wilfully give a false alarm of fire to a fire department or to another person by ringing an alarm signal or operating a siren or other device used to signal the existence of a fire or by telephone or by other means.

[1999 cM-24 s189](#)

Local Service District

Fire protection

395. The local service district committee may

- (a) contract for fire protection; or
- (b) construct, acquire, establish, own and operate a fire hall, fire engines and other apparatus necessary for fire fighting, fire protection and responding to and providing services for other emergencies that may be authorized by the local service district committee, either inside or outside the local service district.

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Other fire department and liability

396. (1) A firefighter of a municipal fire department, or another local service district fire department, who gives aid to a fire department in fighting a fire or providing emergency services for other emergencies is considered to be an officer and a member of that fire department while he or she is giving that aid.

(2) A firefighter of a municipal fire department, or another local service district fire department, who gives aid to a fire department in fighting a fire or for providing emergency services for other emergencies is responsible to the officers and members of that fire department while he or she is giving that aid.

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