

# Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee

## Year End Summary

# 2019

# PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

## (RFRC)

## Report Card



GOALS	Our Commitments	Our Achievements	Going Forward
<b>1. Documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Council Directive-Governance: Policies and Bylaws.</li> <li>■ Agreements: Mutual Aid and Service Agreements.</li> <li>■ Fire Department Operations / Organization:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Standard Operating Procedures / Guidelines</li> <li>▪ Health and Safety Programs or protocols</li> <li>▪ Training Programs</li> <li>▪ Maintenance Program</li> <li>▪ Incident Records - data management and reporting</li> <li>▪ Fire Response Plans</li> <li>▪ Public Education Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>May 11, 2019</b> Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee and Smoky Lake RCMP co-hosted the Emergency Preparedness Week Event at the Smoky Lake Complex as a Public Education Program.</p> <p><b>December 4, 2019 – Motion No. 09-19</b> Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee recommends that Jeff Hendricks, Provincial Wildfire Prevention, Senior Investigator: Wildfire Management Branch – Forestry Division provide a presentation in regard to the arson investigation leading to several charges laid against Daniel Kromm in Year-2019.</p> <p><b>December 4, 2019 – Motion No. 12-19</b> Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee approve media release in conjunction with Smoky Lake County to extend deepest gratitude to all First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Health Care Centre Staff, and Community Members for responding to the horrific school bus incident that occurred on Monday, December 2 2019. Thank You, from the bottom of our hearts.</p>	<p><b>RFRC will continue to co-host the Emergency Preparedness Week Event for year 2020.</b></p> <p>On January 29, 2020 at the Joint Municipalities Meeting, Jeff Hendricks presented a review of the arson investigation in Smoky Lake County. <b>Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee will continue to monitor for suspicious fires in the Smoky Lake Region and neighbouring communities and report to the necessary agencies.</b></p> <p>The Media Release as per Motion # 12-19 was published in the December 2019 issues of the Grapevine titled “On behalf of Smoky Lake County and the Smoky Lake Regional Fire &amp; Rescue Committee. <b>RFRC will continue to extend gratitude to all agencies who respond to large scale incidents in the region.</b></p>
<b>2. Risk Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Historical Response Data.</li> <li>■ Key Industry.</li> <li>■ Transportation.</li> <li>■ Recruitment and Retention trends.</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 18, 2019 – Motion No. 36-19</b> That the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee send a “Thank You” letter to Redwater RCMP Detachment for its assistance in traffic control at the intersection located on Highway 28 and Highway 831 on the 2019 September Labour Day Long Weekend.</p>	<p>The “Thank You” letter was completed and sent by Smoky Lake County Emergency Services to the Redwater RCMP Detachment Traffic Division on November 26, 2019. <b>Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee will continue to recognize acts and efforts to mitigate risk in the region. RFRC will communicate quarterly with RCMP for planning purposes and regional issues at the RCMP Liaison Committee Meetings.</b></p>
<b>3. Human Resource</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Availability.</li> <li>■ Recruitment / Retention Programs.</li> <li>■ Overall Qualifications of the departments vs. perceived/real level of service.</li> <li>■ Incident reporting procedure.</li> <li>■ Involvement in municipal processes: Bylaw, Budget, meetings.</li> </ul>	<p><b>February 22, 2019 – Motion No. 07-19</b> That the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee support Smoky Lake County's Initiative to host a Youth Fire Smart Camp, with a total budget in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide youth team work opportunities and encourage volunteering at our fire departments in preparation for adulthood to assist with future volunteer firefighter recruitment</p> <p><b>September 18, 2019 – Motion No. 41-19</b> Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee extend an invitation to Whitlock Contracting Ltd. c/o Cory Whitlock as a delegation to the next scheduled RFRC meeting to discuss Level of Service in respect to firefighter capacity and operation.</p>	<p>July 8 – 11, 2019 Smoky Lake County Emergency Services hosted a successful Junior Firefighter Summer Day Camp, in co-operation with Whitlock Contracting and the Smoky Lake Fire Department. A total of 11 participants attended the camp resulting with 1 participant joining Vilna Fire Department. <b>The camp will be continued as an awareness and recruitment program.</b></p> <p>Whitlock Contracting Ltd. Attended the December 4, 2019 meeting and provided Firefighter Recruitment / Retention strategies and in-site into identifying Level of Service gaps. <b>RFRC will continue to work to create recruitment and retention strategies to continue 24 hour “Paid on Call” firefighter coverage in the region.</b></p>
<b>4. Apparatus and Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maintenance Program.</li> <li>■ Relationship between apparatus and equipment and level of service.</li> <li>■ Suitability of assigned function.</li> <li>■ Capital and special operating budget processes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>February 22, 2019 – Motion No. 10-19</b> Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee accepts final project costs information as presented by Scott Franchuk, Smoky Lake County Fire Chief in regard to the Emergency Services Radio Communication – Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS).</p>	<p><b>Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee will monitor the communication system and budget accordingly for future service needs.</b></p>