

LEVEL OF FIRE SERVICE POLICY

Subject: Level of Fire Services Ref: Protective Services Code: 23

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The County of Northern Lights believes in protecting life and property of its residents and assisting neighboring municipalities to do the same.

The Level of Fire Service Policy is to establish the minimum level of service for individual fire services provided in the municipality and to establish the process for approving the establishment or increase of fire services.

Signed: *Banderson*
Chief Elected Official

Signed: *Wan Oort*
Chief Administrative Officer

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The County of Northern Lights shall determine the Level of Fire Services to be provided to its residents. The Level of Service shall be reviewed during the budget process.

Such a review may result in an amendment to this policy.

1. Fire Protection Response areas are identified on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. Different Levels of Service are listed on Schedule "B" attached hereto, which may be amended from time to time considering all contributing factors.
3. Fire Service Apparatus owned and approved for operations by the County of Northern Lights, are listed on Schedule "C" attached hereto.
4. To establish, enhance or change a Fire Service requested by Council, the public or by the existing Fire Service, the following process must be completed.

Step One

Application: Provide Council with the following items in the application:

- Type of fire service requested
- Distance from existing fire services
- Population of the area
- Number of committed fire fighters
- Level of community commitment
- Call volume
- Cost of equipment, apparatus, training, etc.
- Capital and annual operating costs
- Letter of commitment from existing responding Fire Service
- Other relevant information

Step Two

Council is to consider the criteria and determine:

- Is it feasible to establish a new fire service, and to what level, or
- Is it feasible to upgrade the existing fire service and to what level

Step Three

Council may amend the Level of Service policy during the budget process or from time to time; identifying:

- The newly established fire service, or
- The increase in level of service of the existing fire service.

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Step Four

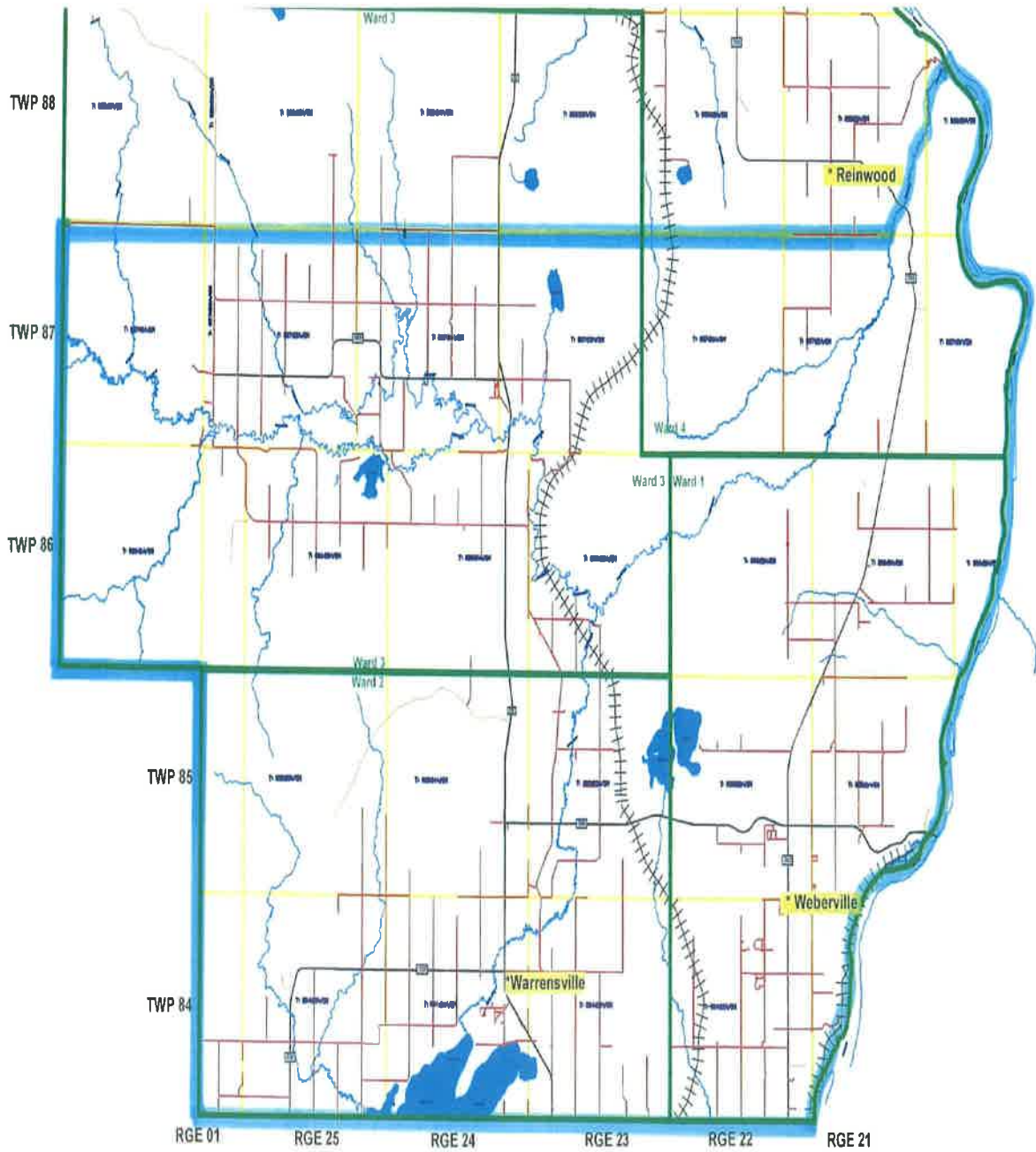
Establish the appropriate SOP for the increased Level of Service.

On identification that a fire service does not meet the approved level of service criteria as outlined in the Level of Service Matrix, the Regional Fire Chief shall without delay downgrade the fire service to the appropriate level. Downgrading of a fire service does not require council approval. County of Northern Lights council and CAO shall be notified upon downgrade of fire service. It is the responsibility of the District Chiefs to keep the Regional Fire Chief informed of the current staffing, training levels and equipment status.

Once the Level of Service has been established, it is the responsibility of the Regional Fire Chief to maintain the stations at the approved levels.

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Schedule "A"
Peace Rural Fire Protection Area



 area represents boundary of the PEACE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA.

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Schedule "C"

Approved Apparatus

Weberville:

- 1) Engine 1500 gpm (on loan from Peace River)
- 2) Tender 4000 US Gal Vacuum tanker
- 3) Rapid Response Vehicle with UHP pump and 200 US Gal water

Dixonville:

- 1) Tender 2500 US Gal Vacuum tanker
- 2) Rapid Response Vehicle with UHP pump and 200 US Gal water

Regional with Peace River:

- 1) Command Trailer
- 2) Two (2) Side by Side OHV's
- 3) Tender 3000 US Gal Vacuum tanker with 1250 gpm fire pump

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