

POLICY No. 403

Fire and Rescue Response – Out of Area

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Policy:

The Village of Midway Council authorizes Midway Fire Rescue to leave its designated fire and life safety protection area under the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer, Fire Chief or Delegate to:

1. Assist in mutual aid requests;
2. Respond to and provide fire suppression services to contracted areas;
3. Perform motor vehicle extrication service(s);
4. Assess and engage initial attack of wildfire and or interface fires on behalf of the Province of British Columbia.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to develop a system to allow a response of apparatus and personnel to incidents outside the designated Village of Midway protection areas. This policy provides authorization and directions for these types of responses.

Key Principles:

Midway Fire Rescue has available resources and personnel to provide fire and life safety services outside of our designated response areas. We currently respond outside of our boundaries to contracted areas under agreement, or to neighbouring communities under a mutual aid agreement.

Procedure:

- That Midway Fire Rescue will provide fire rescue services within the Village boundaries as a first priority over and beyond any additional requests through other agencies.
- That the remaining availability of firefighters and resources are adequate for continued services to the Village of Midway.
- That by committing resources and personnel elsewhere, it does not leave the Village vulnerable in its' ability continuing to provide fire and life services in our area.
- That in the case of a motor vehicle incident response outside of our designated protection area(s), there is no response without an assigned provincial task number.
- That in the case of wildfire or interface fire response outside of our designated protection area(s), there is no response without an assigned provincial wildfire task number.
- That the severity of the incident, in particular the threat to firefighter and public life safety, is considered before committing resources.
- That in Provincial deployment requests or deployments longer than a 48-hour operational period, the CAO authorizes the response out of area.
- That Midway Fire Rescue responds only to motor vehicle incidents to areas illustrated on the attached map.

