

SECTION: FIRE PROTECTION

SUBJECT: FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCE
REQUIREMENTS

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Fire Fighting Resource Requirements

It is the policy of the County of Warner to ensure that adequate fire fighting resources, which will assist in suppressing a fire, will be made available to fire departments. These items include equipment, material and supplies.

Guidelines

1. This policy is in effect at all times **except** during periods when a State of Local Emergency is declared.
2. This policy affects the following fire departments:
 - a. Coutts Fire Department
 - b. Milk River Fire Department
 - c. Warner Fire Department
 - d. Wrentham Fire Department
 - e. Stirling Fire Department
 - f. Raymond Fire Department
 - g. Masinasin Fire Department
3. The County recognizes that the first Fire Chief of the responding fire department, or his designate, is in charge of suppressing and controlling the fire. He also coordinates the efforts of other fire departments who arrive to assist, unless this authority is transferred to another Fire Chief, or designate of another responding Fire Department.
4. The Fire Chief, or designate in charge, has the authority to purchase required material and supplies which are reasonable and will assist in suppressing the immediate fire. These items include fire foam, brooms, etc. The Fire Chief also has authority to rent other equipment required such as water trucks, dozers, graders, aerial fire fighting support, etc. If aerial fire fighting support service is considered the best defense in controlling the fire and the air support is ordered, the County needs to be notified as soon as possible. The Fire Chief should first inquire with the County of Warner Public Works and the Ag Service Board departments to determine whether County equipment is available before authorizing the delivery of rental equipment. Fire Chiefs must be reasonable and prudent when exercising purchasing authority that places the financial responsibility with the County.
5. The County of Warner will be responsible for payment of the invoices of any materials and rental equipment authorized. Landowners **may** be invoiced for reimbursement of these costs. (See Bylaw 826-03, Clause 601 and 602)

6. When the fire has been extinguished or controlled to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief, rented equipment will be promptly returned.
7. The landowner is responsible for monitoring his property and if required, the Fire Department may be summoned again. The landowner is responsible for any cleanup which may be required and the costs associated with it.
8. Fire fighting efforts and requirements for operations such as oil and gas drilling operations, oil batteries and other high risk enterprises may be beyond the County's fire department's ability to control, and therefore, the County will respond only in a minimal type of capacity. All costs to coordinate, control and suppress these types of high risk fires will be the responsibility of the landowner.