



2022 Business Plans Fire Departments (1300)

building communities together

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

Overview

The Fire Departments of the CRD continue to serve our residents at the highest possible standard even in the face of successive natural disasters and COVID. Positive change has occurred throughout 2021 and will continue through 2022. Protective Services has been able to complete fourteen objectives as laid out in the Jolley Report with was adopted by the Board for implementation. Our service continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of our residents, climate, and health restrictions towards a modern fire service that reflects dedication, perseverance, and professionalism.

Challenges

- Recruitment and retention;
- Health restrictions and associated impacts on training;
- Large scale, long term incidents;
- Accelerated replacement schedule on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Successes

- Transition to standardized training for all Departments underway;
- Reinstatement of OH&S committees. Need to finalize training for members;
- Improved communications between the CRD and Departments;
- Greater compliance with applicable legislation.

Impacts to Budget

While most Departments are in average to good financial positions, some are still rebuilding surplus to meet the directive of the Board to have fifty percent of operating costs in reserve. Additionally, the larger impacts for 2022 are being driven by apparatus replacement as directed by the Board to meet the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) requirements for insurance reduction. In order to assist in the rebuilding of reserves, several apparatus have been pushed back to lessen the impact to the ratepayers and

provide a better financial cushion. The replacement of PPE will also be driving increased costs in the short term but will be leveled out for the 2023 fiscal year.

Goals

- 1. Goal:** Records Information Management System (RIMS).
Rationale: Staff will work with VFD personnel to implement and maintain records management for all fire department documents as per mandated requirements.
Strategy: Staff to sync FDM with Laserfische for all records to be submitted to the RIMS at the main CRD office, and to ensure proper records are being updated and maintained.
- 2. Goal:** Purchase turnout gear and PPE.
Rationale: Ensure all members have NFPA compliant Personal Protective Equipment, keeping within the 10-year lifespan. Plan on purchasing two new sets each year.
Strategy: Use operational funds.
- 3. Goal:** Ensure training plans are in accordance with core service(s).
Rationale: Training must reflect the primary functions listed within the Fire Services Bylaw. Exterior operations certification will be the sole focus for membership. Leadership training will be developed and delivered by CRD staff.
Strategy: Use operational funds and internal resources to achieve success.

1319 - Forest Grove Fire Protection (2022)
1320 - 100 Mile Fringe Fire Protection (2022)
1321 - 108 Mile Fire Protection (2022)
1323 - Bouchie Lake Fire Protection (2022)
1324 - Lac La Hache Fire Protection (2022)
1325 - Red Bluff Two Mile Fire Protection (2022)
1326 - Deka Lake Fire Protection (2022)
1327 - 150 Mile Fire Protection (2022)
1328 - Wells Fire Protection (2022)
1329 - Lone Butte Fire Protection (2022)
1330 - Barlow Creek Fire Protection (2022)
1331 - West Fraser Fire Protection (2022)
1332 - Miocene Fire Protection (2022)
1333 - Ten Mile Fire Protection (2022)
1364 - Kersley Fire Protection (2022)
1365 - Wildwood Fire Protection (2022)
1367 - Interlakes Fire Protection (2022)
1369 - Williams Lake Contract Fire Protection (2022)