



## COUNCIL POLICY C-FD06

*Dangerous Goods Emergency**Response*

Prepared By: Fire Services

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References: Master Plan for Fire Protection

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Function: Emergency Services

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to develop and implement a comprehensive risk management program for dangerous goods response protocol. define the limits of the level of dangerous goods training and response program that is to be conducted or facilitated by Parkland County Fire Services.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Parkland County provides fire protection services based predominately on a volunteer fire department system operated by Parkland County and through agreements with other municipalities. It is important to define the limits of the level of dangerous goods training and response to clarify the role of the Parkland County Fire Services in these incidents.

In October, 1990, County Council approved the Masterplan for Fire Protection including the following goal:

"Develop and implement a comprehensive risk management program for dangerous goods response."

1. Define a recognized level to which County Fire Services should respond with volunteer fire fighters.
2. Approve the concept that County Fire Services will facilitate dangerous goods cleanup and recovery, but will not jeopardize volunteer fire fighters' lives or health by undertaking the job themselves as this is not considered a fire department function.
3. Implement an industrial site risk assessment and dangerous goods pre-plan program.
4. Investigate options for provision of Dangerous Goods Response.
  - (i) Investigate entering into a fee for service dangerous goods agreement with The City of Edmonton.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Parkland County Fire Services districts.

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Fire Chief is responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating this policy.

## **STANDARDS**

1. Parkland County Fire Services ~~Department~~, subject to the limitations imposed by the ~~volunteer~~ nature of its personnel and the resources available to it, ~~will endeavor to shall~~ provide dangerous goods response training to its district fire departments only to a First Responder Operational Level as defined in the National Fire Protection Association Standard # 472.
2. ~~Wherever reasonably possible,~~ Parkland County Fire Services shall maintain agreements with neighboring municipal fire departments to enable responses to level two or level three incidents, where the neighbouring municipal fire departments have this experience training level.
3. Parkland County Fire Services ~~will endeavor to shall~~ maintain an inventory of private or industrial specialized dangerous goods response resources to be called upon in the event of level two or level three incidents.
4. Subject to availability of resources and personnel, the Parkland County Fire Services ~~will endeavor to shall~~ facilitate the cleanup and recovery stages of a dangerous goods incident, but will not conduct these stages utilizing fire department personnel, nor will it jeopardize volunteer fire fighters' lives or health in undertaking these jobs.