CHAPTER 7

**FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION**

### Part 1

**Fire Company**

**§101. Authorization to Respond**. The Fire Company and its respective members be and are hereby specifically authorized to respond to all fires, emergency and other calls within the Township of White Deer and surrounding area.

**§102. Assistance to Other Companies.** The Fire Company and its respective members be and are hereby specifically authorized to respond to any and all requests for and from other organized fire fighting or ambulance associations outside the Township of White Deer.

**§103. Activities.** The Fire Company and its members be and are hereby specifically authorized to engage in the following activities, when specifically directed by either the President, Fire Chief, and Assistant Chief or other designated person in charge, from time to time, to wit: training, maintenance of vehicles, equipment, buildings, grounds and Company property, fund raising activities, membership drives and procuring equipment; attendance at official conventions and seminars; attendance at regular and special meetings of the Fire Company; attendance at funerals of fellow firefighters; attendance at civic functions and/or parades approved by the Fire Company; participation in athletic events representing the Fire Company; participation in physical fitness programs, fire prevention programs, inspection, pre-planning activities, fire hydrant inspection, maintenance and placement.

**§104. Officers Authorized to Act.** Any member of the Fire Company is hereby authorized to engage in the performance of any duty authorized by an officer of the Fire Company, unless such authorization as to a specific duty or as to a specific officer has been withdrawn by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of White Deer in writing addressed to the President or Fire Chief of the Fire Company. Such revocation shall be effective upon receipt thereof by said President or Fire Chief, irrespective of when the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Fire Company is to be held.

**§105. Mutual Aid.** The adoption of this Ordinance shall be authority for the Fire Company to enter into mutual aid with any other fire company.

**§106. Outside Service Area.** Any firefighter engaged in acts of mutual aid authorized by an officer or other designated person of the Fire Company actually in charge of the situation shall have the explicit authority of the White Deer Township to so act. The Fire Company shall not respond to disasters or conflagrations outside of the Fire Company’s normal response area unless requested to do so by the fire company in charge of the area unless requested as part of disaster pre-planning.

**§107. Act Outside Service Area Without Officer’s Authorization.** Any firefighter located at the scene of a disaster or conflagrations may engage in mutual aid without the authority of an officer or other pre-designated person from the fire company, i.e. provided:

(1) He/she seeks out the officer in charge of the situation from the primary protection provider; and

(2) He/she informs him/her of his/her name, fire company and level of training; and

(3) He/she scrupulously follows all instructions from such officer in charge; and

(4) He/she notifies an officer from his/her own company or prepares pre-established forms for such purpose immediately upon return to the home municipality.

**§108. Deputization.** Authorization is hereby given to the Fire Chief or other officer in charge of an emergency to deputize a by-stander, requested by said officer to lend his or her assistance in the emergency as a member of the Fire company. This act of deputizing a by-stander means that said person shall become eligible for all the benefits available to other members of this Fire Company should they suffer an injury or illness as a result of their volunteer service.

In order to be eligible for such benefits, they must have been specifically requested or authorized to participate by the Fire Chief or other officer in charge responding to the emergency.

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