

Town of
PRINCETON 



Where Rivers and Friends Meet

The Town of Princeton Volunteer Fire
Department Bylaw No. 997, 2021

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A bylaw for the continuation and regulation of the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

The Community Charter provides that a municipality may establish and regulate services for the community, including a fire department.

Council for the Town of Princeton wishes to define the powers, authorities, and responsibilities of its volunteer fire department.

Council of the Town, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time and any bylaw referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Council of the Town of Princeton, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time.
- 1.2. The B.C. Fire Code, the Fire Services Act, and the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation 152/2019 (Environmental Management Act), Hazard Materials Act, Wildfire Act Regulations BC 157/2020, 2006 Fire Safety Act, all as amended or replaced, are deemed to be in force and effect within the Town.
- 1.3. The headings contained in this bylaw are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or the intent of the provisions of this bylaw.

2. CITATION

- 2.1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the “Town of Princeton Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw No. 997, 2021.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. In this bylaw the following definitions shall apply, and all definitions contained in the Local Government Act, Community Charter, Fire Code, Fire Services Act, Fire Safety Act or the Interpretation Act, or any successor legislation Act if used in this bylaw shall apply to this bylaw in the same manner as if they were set out herein.

“Apparatus” means any vehicle, equipment, machinery, devices, supplies or materials used by the Fire Department in connection with emergency response or dealing with an incident and any vehicle used to transport Members or supplies to an incident but does not include the transportation of Members to the Fire Hall in a private vehicle.

“Annoyance” means any smoke, odor, smell, or gas, in the air originating from a source of combustion that causes a negative response to breathing, irritation of eyes, nose, lungs, skin or throat.

“Back yard campfire” means an open fire that burns seasoned firewood in one pile within a noncombustible container that does not exceed 0.5 meters in flame height and a burning surface not greater than 0.5 meters in diameter. This does not include the burning of materials described in the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation 152/2019 O.C. 405/2019.

Chief Administrative Officer or CAO means the position appointed by Council of Chief Administrative Officer or designate.

“Council” means the individuals Elected to Council of the Town.

“Deputy Fire Chief” means a Member who is appointed by the Fire Chief to that position.

“Duty” means time while being paid as a member of the Fire Department.

“Town” means the Town of Princeton municipal boundaries set out in the Town of Princeton Letters Patent.

“Enforcement Officer” means an individual appointed as an enforcement officer under the Police Act [RSBC 1996] c 367, Offence Act [RSBC 1996] c 338 or appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer by Council.

“Fees and Charges Bylaw” means the most recent version and amendments of the Town of Princeton Fees and Charges Bylaw.

“Fire Department” means The Town of Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

“Fire Chief” means the person appointed by Council as the Chief of the Fire Department and his designate.

“Fire Code” means the fire code regulations established by the Province of British Columbia by adopting the National Fire Code of Canada; made according to the Fire Services Act RSBC 1996 c. 144 and any amendments thereto.

“Fire Commissioner” means the Fire Commissioner appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to Provincial legislation.

“Fire Services Act” means RSBC 1996 c. 144 and amendments thereto and Regulations made thereunder.

“Fire Inspector” means the Fire Chief, or an individual designated by the local authority in writing to act in the capacity; only if the individual meets the applicable standards established by the Fire Commissioner.

“Fire hazard” means a condition that exists on or in a premise that endangers life or property due to fire, including a condition arising from the state of repair of the premise; the use or occupancy of the premise; the keeping of combustible, flammable, explosive or other hazardous materials or substances on or in the premise.

“Fire safety inspection” has the same meaning as in the Fire Safety Act (Bill 4, 2016).

“Incident” means any alarm, fire, explosion, or situation where an alarm, fire or explosion has occurred or is imminent or any other situation presenting a danger or imminent danger to life or property.

“Incident Command (IC) or Member in Charge” means, in relation to an incident:

- a) the Fire Chief;
- b) if the Fire Chief is not present, a Member assigned to operate the Incident Command Post (ICP) in the absence of the Fire Chief; or
- c) if the Fire Chief or an assigned Member is not present, the first most senior Member present who is qualified to take command of the ICP; or until the command is transferred to the Fire Chief or other Member assigned or having appropriate qualifications.

“Incident command post” (ICP) means the facility in which or site nearby the field incident response management is accomplished. The ICP is characterized by three fundamental elements:

- a) It is the location of the first direct line of supervision to field personnel deployed to the incident.

- b) It is where the response strategy, tactical decisions, and operational plans are developed.
- c) It is the unified command with other response Agencies.

“Interface” means all Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) where residential, industrial, recreational, or agricultural structures are located proximate to or among combustible wildland fuel.

“Large scale emergency” means any incident where the Fire Chief or Incident Command has determined that the personnel and resources available to the Fire Department are potentially insufficient, given the scale of the incident.

“Member” means a Member of the Princeton Fire Department, whether full-time, part-time, volunteer, staff, officer, firefighter, auxiliary or Junior.

“Junior Member” means a Member of the Fire Department that is 15 years old and is in training until 18 years of age.

“Life safety equipment” is a group of safety equipment to alert occupants to possible pending life-threatening hazards and may provide egress to safety options. These include smoke alarms, fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide alarms, exit signs, emergency lighting and fire doors.

“Mutual aid agreement” means a written agreement between agencies for the sharing of emergency resources and assistance during an incident or for the provision of fire protection services outside the Town’s boundaries.

“NFPA”: Means National Fire Protection Association.

“Operational Guidelines” (OG’s) means the operating guidelines governing the principal administration, operation, and deployment of the Fire Department, its personnel and resources as amended from time to time.

“Playbook” means the British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards: Structure Firefighters – Competency and Training Playbook, issued by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, as amended, revised, or replaced from time to time.

“Private Fire Hydrant” means any fire hydrant located in the fire protection area on private property attached or detached from the Town’s water system.

“Premise” means a parcel of land on which a private dwelling or public building is located; a private dwelling, a public building, a motor vehicle, railway vehicle, aircraft, vessel or other means of transportation.

“Prohibited Materials” means the burning of all waste material, mixed solid waste, domestic waste, recyclables, synthetic materials, refuse, garbage, garden waste, leaves, green branches, manure, waste caused by demolition, renovation or construction, tires, rubber, plastics, drywall, plywood, particle board, pressboard, MDF board, paint, treated lumber, railway ties, special waste, tar paper, asphalt products, coal, oil, used oil, fuel, and lubricant containers or biomedical waste or any other material that is not seasoned firewood.

“Public Building” includes a factory, a warehouse, store, mill, school, hospital, theatre, public hall, office building and any building other than a private dwelling house.

“Seasoned Firewood” is a form of natural wood from a tree that is cured and dry for a minimum of six (6) months and is not altered significantly or processed; and is free of chemical treatment, glue, plastic, and paint.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 4.1. The Fire Department will provide services under this Bylaw as set out in Schedule “A” for the protection of lives and property within the Town from fire and fire hazards. Services provided by the Fire Department are subject to the availability of apparatus and Members who have completed appropriate levels of training. This Bylaw, the Fire Code, or mutual aid agreements do not amount to a warranty with respect to services or as to the certainty of timely response to incidents. The Fire Department is not required to provide a service if the Fire Chief or the Incident Command considers that the service cannot be delivered safely in accordance with applicable NFPA standards including those set out in the Playbook, Work Safe B.C., this Bylaw or Provincial enactments.
- 4.2. Services and apparatus provided by the Fire Department are limited to the municipal boundaries set out in the Town of Princeton Letters Patent; except services and apparatus, if available, may be provided outside the boundaries:
 - (a) in accordance with a mutual aid agreement with the other jurisdiction; or
 - (b) as authorized by the BC Wildlife Service, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Emergency Management BC, or other government agency.
 - (c) by service agreement.
- 4.3. The Fire Department shall consist of the Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, and such other Officers and other Members as the Fire Chief deems necessary and as approved by Council.

5. FIRE CHIEF

5.1. The Fire Chief:

- (a) is appointed by Council;
- (b) reports to the Chief Administrative Officer or a designate in respect of the management, budget, and operations of the Fire Department, and to Council in respect of any matters for which Council has requested information from the Fire Chief; and
- (c) in consultation with the CAO or a designate, may appoint any individual described in FIRE SAFETY ACT BILL 4 – 2016, a Deputy Fire Chief and other officers and members who meet the qualifications of section 4.3, and may authorize them to act on behalf of the Fire Chief.

5.2. The head of the Fire Department is the Fire Chief who is responsible the efficient management of the Fire Department and the condition of all buildings, apparatus and equipment under the Fire Chief's control.

5.3. Subject to the direction of Council, the Fire Chief will establish policies, procedures and rules to form operational guidelines and committees for the organization and administration of the Fire Department, including for:

- (a) response to fire OR rescue and other incidents;
- (b) pre-fire planning;
- (c) disaster planning;
- (d) fire prevention activities;
- (e) fire safety inspections;
- (f) the use, care and protection of apparatus and other Fire Department property;
- (g) the working conditions, conduct and discipline of Members; and
- (h) maintaining records and the efficient operation of the Fire Department; in compliance with this Bylaw, the Fire Code, and other bylaws of the Town and Provincial or Federal enactments related to fire safety and prevention.

5.4. The Fire Chief may:

- (a) take all measures necessary or advisable for the prevention, control and extinguishing of fires and the safety of Members, the safety of Public, the protection of life and property;
- (b) give direction or make any order the Fire Chief considers necessary or advisable to ensure compliance with this Bylaw, the Fire Code or other bylaws of the Town or Provincial enactments relating to fire safety and incident response;
- (c) inquire into, investigate and record the causes of fires or other incidents within or affecting the Town;
- (d) collect and disseminate information about fires within or affecting the Town;

- (e) provide advice and recommendations to Town personnel on fire-related issues on the development of properties, such as emergency vehicle access, placement of fire hydrants, and Fire Code requirements; and
 - (f) provide advice and recommendations to Council, Town personnel, and to the public generally, in relation to fire prevention or suppression.
- 5.5. If the Fire Chief determines that atmospheric conditions, drought, or local circumstances may cause fires or present a serious or imminent risk of fires, fire spread or uncontrollable burning, the Fire Chief may, verbally, by posting a notice, at the Town's public notice posting place, and at any other location, web sites and by methods that the Fire Chief considers appropriate, do either or both of the following:
 - (a) restrict or prohibit burning, back yard campfire, smoking, camping, or gathering; and
 - (b) restrict or prohibit public access to trails, outdoor areas, and other recreational facilities located in or near interface area within the Town.
- 5.6. At the direction of the Fire Chief every person must observe any fire restriction or prohibition notified under this Bylaw
- 5.7. The Fire Chief may require an owner or occupier of real property by notice in writing:
 - (a) to obtain a fire safety inspection;
 - (b) to undertake any actions for the purpose of removing or reducing any condition or thing that the Fire Chief considers is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire or risk to property or life safety;
 - (c) and if the required action is not taken within the time specified in the notice, the Fire Chief may arrange for the work to be performed by a qualified Member, a Town employee or contracted service provider, at the expense of the property owner.
- 5.8. The Fire Chief may, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, negotiate mutual aid agreements on behalf of the Town, and when approved by Council, may execute such agreements.
- 5.9. In responding to an incident or enforcing this or another bylaw related to fire safety, the Fire Chief may require assistance from other officials of the Town and may seek assistance from any enforcement officers or police officers who may be available.
- 5.10. The Fire Chief must ensure that:
 - (a) Members are not tasked beyond their level of training, including when acting as Officers and for a role that to which they are assigned at an incident; and
 - (b) proper training records are maintained for all Members.

- 5.11. The Fire Chief may reprimand, suspend, or dismiss a member for conduct that, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, would be detrimental to the discipline and efficiency of the Fire Department.

6. FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

- 6.1. A person is qualified to be appointed by the Fire Chief to be a Member who:
- (a) is at least 15 years of age;
 - (b) is of good character;
 - (c) undergoes a periodic criminal record check and drivers abstract review relevant to the services provided by the Fire Department that is satisfactory to the Fire Chief;
 - (d) passes such aptitude, physical, and other valid tests as may be required by the Fire Chief or Fire Commissioner to meet applicable levels of competency; and
 - (e) resides within the fire protection area.
- 6.2. A person appointed as a Member shall complete probation in regard to the position for a period of no less than one (1) year, during which the person must successfully complete 15 training sections and related examinations to meet the applicable service level standard of the Playbook. If a probationary Member fails to successfully complete such training, the Fire Chief may dismiss the Member or extend their probation period.
- 6.3. Every Member must adhere to the Code of Conduct established in Schedule "B".

7. AUTHORITY AT AN INCIDENT

- 7.1. The IC, Fire Chief or Member in Charge at an incident:
- (a) shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department apparatus and other Members responding to the incident;
 - (b) will have control, direction and management of all Fire Department apparatus and other Members responding to the incident until relieved by the Fire Chief or other Member is appointed as Member in Charge;
 - (c) it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, they have the authority to demolish, pull down or remove structures.
 - (d) may enter at any time any premises at or near the incident and to cause Members and apparatus to enter the premises as deemed necessary in order to gain access to, protect any person or property, combat, control or deal with the incident;
 - (e) may immediately direct and cause the removal of any substance or thing that, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or Member in Charge, presents a risk of fire, explosion, toxic release of a substance, or a serious danger to life or health, or damage to property;

- (f) may order the evacuation or other removal of persons from a premise or an area if concerned that fire, fire hazard or release of a toxic substance on the premises or area presents an imminent risk to life or health;
- (g) may be assisted by persons who are not Members in whatever manner considers necessary to deal with the incident;
- (h) may acquire or use any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an incident as set out in the Emergency Program Act;
- (i) may establish boundaries or limits to keep persons from entering the area within which the incident is being attended by the Fire Department;
- (j) may restrict or terminate response activity where the Fire Chief or Member in Charge considers that the incident exceeds the training, apparatus, or personnel available.
- (k) may require the owner or operator of a private Fire Hydrant to inspect, maintain or produce records to ensure fire hydrant(s) are inspected and maintained in accordance with the B.C. Fire Code Regulations; and
- (l) may enter premises to inspect, investigate or document building conditions, fire hazards, fire equipment, safety issues, safety equipment or fire damage at an incident.
- (m) May remove vehicles or real property obstructing access or creating a public safety hazard or increased risk to life and safety.

8. ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

- 8.1. The authority and duty of Council under the Fire Service Act to establish, revise and implement a regular system of inspections of Public Buildings, hotels, churches, or other buildings used by the public in the Town is delegated to the Fire Chief or designated Fire Inspector.
- 8.2. Annual Fire Safety Inspections are to be carried out for Public Buildings, motels, apartments, hotels, churches, or other buildings deemed necessary by Council at the building owner's expense as laid out the Town's Fees and Charges Bylaw.

9. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. A person must not:
 - (a) impede, obstruct, mislead or hinder the IC, Fire Chief, a Member or other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or Member in Charge at an incident;
 - (b) refuse to comply with directions or orders of the IC, Fire Chief or a Member in Charge at an incident;
 - (c) damage or destroy or disable fire apparatus, equipment or obstruct, impede or hinder the operation of any apparatus by a Member;

- (d) drive a Motor Vehicle or Off-Road Vehicle over a fire hose, appliance or other equipment unless it is safe and directed to by the Fire Chief or Member in Charge at an incident
- (e) obscure, cover, block access, render useless or otherwise interfere with firefighting infrastructure or life safety equipment.
- (f) obstruct, impede, interfere with or block access to a fire lane, road, incident, fire hydrant, firefighting infrastructure or life safety equipment for used by the Fire Department.
- (g) refuse access by the Fire Chief or a Member to land or a building or other structure for which an alarm of fire or report of an incident has been received or where the Fire Chief or a Member believes that a fire or other incident is occurring or has occurred;
- (h) obstruct or impede a Fire Chief, Fire Investigator or Fire Inspector in carrying out a fire safety inspection, or a fire investigation, or any other fire related duties;
- (i) wear or display a Princeton Fire Department badge, cap, button, insignia or other apparel or paraphernalia except as a Member in good standing or as specifically authorized by the Fire Chief;
- (j) A person must not direct the public in person or electronically or by digital information while misrepresenting the Fire Department;
- (k) provide false or misleading information or statement to the Fire Chief, a Member, or another person pursuant to a fire safety inspection or fire investigation.
- (l) Alter, damage, destroy or disable a fire warning system, water suppression system or life safety equipment.

9.2. A person must comply with any direction, notice or order given:

- (a) by the Fire Chief or Member in Charge at an incident;
- (b) by the Fire Chief or a Member authorized to enforce this Bylaw in regard to compliance with this Bylaw;
- (c) by a fire inspector in relation to a condition identified at a fire safety inspection; or
- (d) under section 5.4 through 5.9.

9.3. A person who ignites, fuels, maintains or is otherwise responsible for a back yard campfire or other outdoor fire or open burning must:

- (a) not create an annoyance
- (b) not burn prohibited materials
- (c) comply with Schedule "C" Back Yard Campfire Regulation or any Provincial regulation, as applicable.
- (d) check for a fire ban or restriction by Provincial Regulation or by a notification when it is necessary or desirable to limit the risk of a fire or to address a public safety concern by the Fire Chief a person must not ignite, Light, fuels or use fire or allow a fire when banned, unless exempt by permit.

- 9.4. Every owner or occupant of a premise must:
- (a) ensure fire exits within the premises are maintained in good working order and are kept free from obstruction at all times;
 - (b) not block an emergency exit or prevent efficient exit of any space where members of the public are invited or permitted access this included any aisles, passageway, stairways, fire exits or any other means of egress;
 - (c) ensure any condition, accumulation or debris that is identified as a fire hazard, or that would increase the danger of fire, is removed from the premises or otherwise made safe;
 - (d) ensure any chimney, flue, or other exhaust structures or equipment is inspected by a qualified professional inspector; and that recommendation by the inspector is completed; and
 - (e) complete annual inspection of fire alarm(s) and fire suppression system(s) or as required

10. ENTRY & ENFORCEMENT

- 10.1. The Fire Chief or the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enforce this Bylaw, and in consultation with the CAO, may designate Members to inspect premises for compliance with this Bylaw and to carry out enforcement measures.
- 10.2. The Fire Chief or Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a Member authorized by the Fire Chief may, in accordance with applicable legislation, enter any premises:
- (a) to determine whether the requirements of this Bylaw are met;
 - (b) to carry out inspections of buildings as required under a Provincial enactment;
 - (c) to carry out a fire investigation;
 - (d) for the purpose of evacuating premises; and
 - (e) a fire inspector to inspect for compliance with a Provincial enactment.
- 10.3. The Fire Chief may be accompanied and assisted by a person, enforcement officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a police officer possessing special knowledge relevant to the premises.

11. OFFENCE AND PENALTY

- 11.1. Any person who contravenes or violates any portion of this bylaw, who fails to or who omits to do anything required under this bylaw, or who permits, suffers, or allows any act or thing to be done or omitted to be done in contravention or violation of this bylaw, commits an offence.
- 11.2. A person found guilty of an offence against this bylaw is liable:

- (a) if proceedings are brought under the Offence Act, to pay a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$50,000; or
 - (b) if a ticket is issued under section 264 of the Community Charter, to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.
- 11.3. Pursuant to section 264 (1)(c) of the Community Charter, the words or expression in Column 1 of Schedule “D” designates the offence committed under the bylaw section number appearing in Column 2 opposite the respective words or expression.
- 11.4. Pursuant section 265 (1)(a) of the Community Charter, the fine amount in Column 3 of Schedule “D” is the fine amount that corresponds to the bylaw section number and words or expression set out in Columns 1 and 2 opposite the fine amount.
- 11.5. Each day that the offence continues shall constitute a separate offence.

12. SCHEDULES

- 12.1. Schedules “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, and Table “A” are attached to and form part of this Bylaw.

13. GENERAL

- 13.1. If any section, subsection, or clause of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

14. REPEAL

- 14.1. Bylaw No. 400, 1982 cited as the “Town of Princeton Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw” and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 16th day of February, 2020

READ A SECOND TIME this 16th day of February, 2020

READ A THIRD TIME this 16th day of February, 2020

ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2020

Original signed by Mayor Coyne

Mayor Spencer Coyne

Original signed by CAO Thomas

Corporate Officer Lyle Thomas

SCHEDULE “A”

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED SERVICES

Operational Standard

The British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards: Structure Firefighters – Competency and Training Playbook (May 2015) (“Playbook”) is recognized as the applicable Provincial standard under which emergency response and training activities of the Princeton Fire Department will be based as amended, revised, or replaced from time to time.

1. The Fire Department will endeavour to provide the Town with the following response and services at a level of service described in the Playbook, subject to the Department’s ability to safely deliver the fire services in accordance with applicable standards set out by the *Workers Compensation Act* and legislation related to fire services and safety, and to the operational limitations set out in section 2 of this Schedule:
 - (a) preservation of life and protection of persons from injury or fire loss;
 - (b) fire suppression including; structural protection, industrial fires, Wildfire, wildland-urban interface fires, vehicles fires, commercial buildings protection, aircraft and other structures;
 - (c) fire-cause investigations and salvage operations as related to fire services;
 - (d) fire safety inspections, fire prevention, pre-fire planning and public education;
 - (e) first medical responder services, vehicle extraction, road rescue and water rescue within the fire protection area as needed and as per the level of training of Members;
 - (f) hazardous materials responses;
 - (g) large scale emergency; and
 - (h) services as deemed necessary or advisable by the Fire Chief or CAO to address incidents described in paragraphs (a) to (h) that threaten the fire protection area.

Operational Limitations

2. Availability for response will be determined by personnel of the Fire Department on a case-by-case basis and is dependent on the circumstances, availability of service, level of training and skill of responding personnel, timing, and resources.

The Fire Department may be limited to a lesser level, specifically, Interior Operations Level or Exterior Level operations, as described in the Playbook.

Training Standard

Members of the Fire Department will be trained to at least the minimum competencies, as listed in **Table “A”**, in accordance with the Playbook, within a training period to be determined by the Fire Chief.

During the training period, new Members and Junior Members will progress through Exterior, and Interior Operations Service Level training, as described in the Playbook. During this qualification period, firefighters will only be authorized to operate under the qualification they have achieved.

See Table “A” next page

Table “A”

Emergency Service Provided	Certification Level Or Standard Requirements
Fire Fighting Services	
Fire Fighting - Structural	NFPA 1001 Level II, ICS 100, NFPA 1002. Fire Officers Require the following: NFPA 1021 Level I, ICS 200, Incident Safety Officer, Emergency Scene Management.
Fire Fighting – Vehicles/Machinery/Equipment	NFPA 1001 Level II, NFPA 1002
Fire Fighting – Wildland/Urban Interface	NFPA 1051 Level I,
Emergency Medical Responder Services	
Medical First Responder	First Responder Level III, AED & Spinal Immobilization
Rescue Services	
Motor Vehicle Collisions – Vehicle Extrication	NFPA 1670, NFPA 1006, Basic Skills
Vehicle Extraction	NFPA 1006 Confined Space Entry, Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Swift Water Awareness
Confined Space Rescue	
Trench and Excavation Search and Rescue	
Aircraft Rescue	
Rope Rescue	
Structural Collapse Search and Rescue	
Water Search and Rescue (Flooding)	
Powerlines Down	Industry - Electrical Safety for Fire Fighters
Hazardous Material Response	NFPA 472, Operations Level
Other Services	
Fire Education Services	NFPA 1035, Level I
Fire Service Instructor Services	NFPA 1041, Level II
Fire Code Inspection Services	NFPA 1031, Level I
Fire Investigation	NFPA 1033

SCHEDULE “B”

PRINCETON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

All Members of the Town of Princeton Volunteer Fire Department shall:

1. at all times, be governed by the ordinary and responsible rules of conduct observed by law-abiding citizens, and not commit any act that could discredit the Fire Department, its Members, or the Town. When representing the Department, all Members shall be courteous and respectful in their contacts with the public;
2. operate through the Fire Chief in transacting the business of the Fire Department;
3. attend fire or emergency incidents to which they may be dispatched and perform to the best of their ability. Neglect, inefficiency or indifference of Members in the performance of their duties constitutes unacceptable behaviour, and may result in discharge from the Fire Department;
4. exercise precaution and good judgment in order to avoid injury to themselves and to other Members;
5. adhere to the policies set out in the *Operating Guidelines* of the Fire Department;
6. provide respect and courtesy to Officers and Acting Officers of the Fire Department;
7. make truthful and accurate reports, and not make statements with intent to deceive;
8. not willfully discard, alter or mutilate any Department record, book, paper or document currently in use, unless authorized by the Fire Chief;
9. promptly notify the Fire Chief of all matters coming to their attention that may affect the interest of the Fire Department;
10. exercise caution to avoid unnecessary damage or loss of Department apparatus and other property and be responsible for the safekeeping and proper care of all Department property;
11. not remain on standby, call out, duty or roster if their ability is impaired by the use of a mind-altering, intoxicating or debilitating substance that could diminish reason, physical or cognitive ability;

12. not use or take in any form of a mind-altering substance while on duty, standby, call out or duty roster;
13. while representing the Fire Department, not indulge in obscene or uncivil language, altercations which might cause injury to any person or adverse public reaction;
14. refrain from engaging in any activity which reduces the Member's effectiveness;
15. refrain from self promotion, in the context as a Member of the Department, for any commercial or business purpose, or for countenancing the use of the name and/or prestige of the Department for such purposes;
16. accept no reward, fee or gift from any person for services incidental to the performance of duty, except with permission of the Fire Chief;
17. treat all other Members with respect and without discrimination or prejudice; and
18. ensure driving behaviour conforms to; the Emergency Vehicle Driving Regulations and Motor Vehicle Act regulations while representing the fire department, responding to and from the fire department, on-call, or during an incident.
19. Members are to provide disclosure to the Fire Chief any changes in personal circumstances that prevent a person from attending training or call outs.

SCHEDULE "C"

BACK YARD CAMPFIRE REGULATIONS

1. A person must not light, ignite or start, or permit, suffer, or allow to be lighted, ignited, or started, a campfire except for warmth or preparation of food unless a person is in accordance with the following:
 - (a) If the campfire is located on private property.
 - (b) If the campfire is located on public property or approved campsite; situated in an approved location; contained in an appliance or fire ring supplied by the municipality.
 - (c) Campfires have not been prohibited by order of the Fire Chief or the B.C. Wildfire Service or other government agencies.
 - (d) to do so is safe and is likely to continue to be safe
 - (e) The weather or conditions must not be so windy as to allow or cause sparks and fire to migrate beyond the constructed fire pit.
 - (f) The fire pit:
 - i. is located at least 5 meters from adjacent property lines, buildings, overhanging materials, trees, shrubs, debris or other combustible material;
 - ii. is constructed of non-combustible material and must not exceed 0.5 metres by 0.5 x 0.5 metres in size.
 - iii. is surrounded by a 5-metre fuel-free fire break;
 - iv. and the backyard campfire is contained within the fire pit and the flames and burning material combined must not exceed 0.5 wide by 0.5 metres height.
 - (g) Only dry untreated lumber or seasoned firewood may be used for fuel. Leaves, grass, hay, garden or woodland debris branches or other compostable waste or prohibited materials must not be burned in a backyard campfire,
 - (h) The campfire must be attended and continuously supervised and controlled at all times by a person who is competent and equipped with extinguishing materials and equipment, including the following:
 - i. 8 litres of water in one or more containers at the site of the fire pit, close to the backyard campfire; or a pressurized hose greater than ¼ inch diameter capable of delivering 35 GPM at 60 psi; and
 - ii. a shovel or wildland firefighting hand tool capable of extinguishing the backyard campfire or extinguishing a fire escape.
 - (i) A person attending the backyard campfire must ensure that the fire:
 - i. does not present a fire hazard or annoyance to other people;
 - ii. is completely extinguished if conditions become unsafe;
 - iii. is completely extinguished before leaving the fire unattended, and
 - iv. Complies with the Wildfire Management Act and Regulations
 - (j) After extinguishing the backyard campfire, the person attending must ensure embers unconsumed materials and ashes are cold to the touch.

- (k) If the fire spreads or escapes beyond the fire pit or otherwise becomes out of control, the person attending must:
 - i. Immediately report the fire incident to the Fire dispatch 911 and comply with any directions given by the Operator.
 - ii. immediately carry out fire control and extinguish the fire, if practicable,
 - iii. If unable to control the fire spread, alert others nearby and begin to evacuate to safety.

SCHEDULE “D”

OFFENCE AND PENALTY

Offence	Section	Fine
Fail to obtain a fire inspection	5.7(a),	\$50.00
Fail to comply with an order	5.7(b)	\$125.00
Obstruct emergency operations	9.1(a)	\$500.00
Fail to comply with order	9.1(b)	\$125.00
Cause damage to fire equipment	9.1(c)	\$1,000.00
Drive over fire equipment	9.1(d)	\$1,000.00
Tampering with fire equipment	9.1(e)	\$500.00
Obstruct access	9.1(f)	\$250.00
Refuse access	9.1(g)	\$250.00
Obstruct access to Inspect	9.1(h)	\$250.00
Impersonating a fire fighter	9.1(i),9.1(j)	\$125.00
Provide false statement	9.1(k)	\$250.00
Disable life safety equipment	9.1(l)	\$250.00
Fail to comply with direction	9.2	\$125.00
Cause an annoyance	9.3(a)	\$125.00
Burn prohibited materials	9.3(b)	\$125.00
Fail to comply with Schedule “C”	9.3(c)	\$125.00
Fail to comply with fire restriction	9.3(d)	\$1,000.00
Fail to maintain fire safety - exit	9.4(a)	\$250.00
Fail to provide egress	9.4(b)	\$250.00
Fail to remove Fire hazard	9.4(c)	\$150.00
Fail to implement recommendations	9.4(d)	\$250.00
Fail to complete annual inspection	9.4(e)	\$150.00