



RURAL FIRE SERVICE UPDATES

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Discussion Points

- Firefighter Training Standard – “Playbook”
- BCBC - Limiting Distance & Fire Department Response
- Fire Services Act
- Fire Sprinkler Regulation
- Fire Underwriter Survey
- Answer the Call



TRAINING PLAYBOOK

- In effect since September 2014
- Standard is required of all fire services in BC
- Jurisdiction responsible for determination of level, implementation, administration, record-keeping and enforcement

**British Columbia
Fire Service
Minimum Training Standards**

*Structure Firefighters
Competency and Training*
PLAYBOOK



Second Edition
Amended: May 2015

Pursuant to paragraph 3(3)(b) of the Fire Services Act of B.C.



TRAINING PLAYBOOK

- Exterior Operations Level
- Interior Operations Level
- Full Service Operations Level



TRAINING PLAYBOOK

- Jurisdiction must have adopted Bylaw or Policy explicitly describing service level chosen
- Training programs must be fully documented and validated
- Jurisdiction must have Worksafe coverage for firefighters
- No jurisdiction exempt – even Societies and Associations



BCBC - LIMITING DISTANCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

- “... a limiting distance equal to one-half the actual limiting distance shall be used as input to the requirements of this Subsection [3.2.3.1(8)(a); 9.10.14.3(1)(a); and 9.10.15.3(1)(a)], where”
 - a) the time from receipt of notification of a fire by the fire department until the first fire department vehicle arrives at the building exceeds 10 minutes in 10% or more of the calls to the building, AND
 - b) the building is not sprinklered.



BCBC - LIMITING DISTANCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

- Applies to multiple *Building Code* clauses in Parts 3 & 9
- Clause will not be removed from NBC despite earlier suggestion to do so from some provinces. BCBC agrees
- Info Bulletin from OFC and BSSB clarified intent (July 2013)
 - Capable fire suppression vehicle on scene within 10 minutes or either additional measures or greater separation is required
 - Applies to specific buildings, not general community statement



FIRE SAFETY ACT REVISION

- Renamed as *Fire Safety Act* (previously was *Fire Services Act*)
- Still has not received full government ascent (3rd Reading – Bill 4-2016)
- Differentiation between requirements of “municipalities” and other jurisdictions, especially regional districts. **Electoral areas and Improvement Districts are not recognized** unless they request “local authority” status by way of regulation.



FIRE SPRINKLER REGULATION

- Will be created and in force by sometime in 2018
- Will allow any jurisdiction to implement fire sprinkler requirements
- Current Bylaws will be unregulated before Dec 2017 and remain in effect until such time as the Regulation is released



FIRE SPRINKLER REGULATION

- Fire Sprinkler systems now available as fully self-contained
- Costs dropping significantly as usage increases
- No longer a need for a water main system in order to have a residential fire sprinkler system
- Can run a dishwasher? Can run a fire sprinkler!



FIRE UNDERWRITER SURVEY

- No anticipated changes based upon Playbook unless significant change in service level provided
- FUS is working to better connect probability of severe loss to actual fire protection system/service capabilities
- Assessing distance requirements as part of larger review in 2017.
- Correlate actual 5 year data to insurance grades and calculations
- Grades will reflect actual total response time in future (changes possible)
- FUS looks at region/community; not individual plan holders or property



ANSWER THE CALL

- National initiative (CAFC) to assist volunteer fire service with recruitment and retention
- Full package of free materials available
- Customizable logos and literature
- FCABC advocating strongly in BC



QUESTIONS



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