



LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY AND TOWN OF ONOWAY REAFFIRM MUTUAL AID COMMITMENT

Municipalities work together to better safeguard regional families and business owners

Sangudo, Alberta, Thursday, May 31, 2018 – Lac Ste. Anne County and the Town of Onoway have today issued a joint media release to voice unanimous support of the Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement. Signed in October 2016, this agreement is designed to strengthen the collaborative potential between Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services and Onoway Regional Fire Services, with the overarching objective of better servicing and safeguarding the community at large. “Our formal agreement has been in existence for a couple of years,” commented Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. “However, we want to reaffirm our commitment to mutual aid between the County and Onoway. Mutual aid is essential in fire services, and we look forward to working closely with Onoway and other municipal partners to ensure these services are delivered as efficiently and resourcefully as possible.”

“The elected officials of communities serviced by Onoway Regional Fire Services and Lac Ste. Anne County have come together today to reassure our communities that nothing is more paramount than public safety,” added Onoway Mayor Judy Tracy. “It is in this spirit that the original Mutual Aid Agreement was created, as it provides a framework that enhances the collective ability of our firefighters and first responders to safeguard lives, homes and businesses across a vast area. We will continue to participate with the County to ensure our mutual aid is being utilized and working to its maximum potential.”

A Mutual Aid Agreement is a standing agreement between municipalities to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries when requesting to augment the resources or timing of response of the requesting municipality. In communities across Onoway and Lac Ste. Anne County, calling 911 triggers an operator to dispatch the fire service having jurisdiction. If it is determined that mutual aid is warranted, the responding Fire Service will radio 911 and request the dispatch of the most appropriate mutual aid partner.

“Working in collaboration with our municipal neighbours makes a great deal of sense – particularly when we are all seeking ways to do more for our ratepayers with fewer resources,” added Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. “Our Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement is a prime example of this collaboration, as it extends our reach, quickens our response, and better enables us to create service delivery and cost-sharing efficiencies.” The Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Onoway and Lac Ste. Anne County is one of numerous such agreements – both pending and already in place – with other municipal neighbours.

Prospective Firefighter recruits are encouraged to visit Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services at CountyFire.ca or Northwest Fire Rescue at NWFR.net.

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