

Fire Services

2019 ANNUAL BUDGET



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FIRE SERVICES



Brazeau County, the Town of Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton are served by a complement of full time and paid on call fire professionals stationed at three locations in the region. Under the leadership of the Fire Chief, fire services also has district chiefs located at Station No. 2 in Breton and Station No. 1 in Lodgepole. Day-to-day operations of Fire Services are overseen by a fulltime staff of five, based at Station No. 3 in Drayton Valley. In the event of an emergency, paid on call firefighters from Brazeau County and Drayton Valley respond. The duties undertaken by Fire Services include:

- Weekly and specialized training offered to ensure a highly trained and professional response to emergencies including fires, motor vehicle collisions, water rescue, technical rescue operations, assistance to other emergency services and miscellaneous calls for service.
- Responsible for performing fire inspections, fire investigations and issuing fire permits, which are free of charge and available online through the Brazeau County website.
- Promotes the importance of fire prevention through community engagement and provides education throughout the year in schools and the community. The month of October is also dedicated to widespread programming including open houses, school visits and demonstrations, a community chimney sweep and fire detector programs.
- Offers the high school fire training in conjunction with local high schools.
- Runs Children’s Firefighting Camps during the summer in Breton and Drayton Valley.
- Participates in the Brazeau Emergency Management Agency.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2019 PRIORITIES

- Successful completion of a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Certification Level 2 Program.
- Full installment and successful completion of the Nation Safety Codes (NSC) Commercial Driver Program at all three stations.
- Purchase of new rescue tools in conjunction with the Town of Drayton Valley.
- Successful fire prevention program, which included the following programs:
 - ◆ Grade 5 kitchen safety program and fire safety presentation for Grade 1-3
 - ◆ Chimney Sweep program
 - ◆ Visit to the seniors’ lodge in Breton to teach fire safety
 - ◆ Open houses at all three stations
 - ◆ Boston Pizza smoke detector program
 - ◆ Fire chief for the evening program
 - ◆ Fire safety talk at Breton Elementary School

- Installation of GPS mapping system in Brazeau County Fire Services vehicles.
- Expansion of Fire Officer Training Program through enrolment in the Leadership Development Program at the Northern Virginia Fire & Rescue Leadership Institute.
- Further development of the technical rescue program.
- Expansion of fire permitting program to include the ability to apply using a Smartphone and to send video to assist in the permitting process.
- Development of a fire prevention program that will use the fire services’ thermal imaging camera to detect electrical hot spots in residences.
- The continuation of an active recruitment campaign to attract members to fire services at all stations.

FIRE SERVICES ● STATION NO. 1 LODGEPOLE

WHAT WE DO...

Fire Station No. 1 in Lodgepole was built in 1977 and has been serving the southwest portion of Brazeau County since that time. Under the direction of the Fire Chief the station currently has five paid on call firefighters, including a District Fire Chief, to respond to emergencies with three pieces of apparatus. Additional resources from Station No. 3 are also called in to assist if required.

Firefighters in Lodgepole take part in the same training opportunities as the rest of the Fire Services and each October take part in Fire Prevention Month activities, including hosting an open house at the fire station. Recruitment for Station No. 1 is ongoing.

FIRE SERVICES ● STATION NO. 2 BRETON

WHAT WE DO...

Breton firefighters moved into a new hall in 2010 located off Hwy 20 and serves the Breton area and eastern portion of Brazeau County. The station is home to a District Fire Chief and 19 paid on call members with access to five pieces of fire apparatus stationed at the hall.

In addition to taking part in Fire Services training opportunities and providing support to other stations when necessary, Station No. 2 takes part in annual Fire Prevention activities and hosts a Children's Firefighting Camp during the summer months.

FIRE SERVICES ● STATION NO. 3 DRAYTON VALLEY

WHAT WE DO...

Located in Drayton Valley, Station No. 3 is the headquarters for Fire Services. Full time staff are based at Station No. 3, which also hosts weekly training sessions with firefighters from the all three stations in the region.

The station is home to a complement of 30 paid on call members that are available to respond to emergencies in the Brazeau County area. The majority of the fire services' apparatus, including its water rescue boat and off highway vehicle are housed here and Station No. 3 provides response support to both Station No. 1 and Station No. 2 when required.



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2019 Final Budget

2019 Budget Binder Summary with 2 Year Forecast - By Category

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUALS	2019 BUDGET	2020 FORECAST	2021 FORECAST	2022 FORECAST
REVENUES						
FIRE SERVICES	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast	2022 Forecast
2300 - FIRE PROTECTION						
300 - Sales to Other Governments	\$0	(\$14,593)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
400 - Sales and User Charges	\$0	(\$1,829)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
840 - Provincial Government Transfers	\$0	(\$25,382)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2300 - FIRE PROTECTION	\$0	(\$41,803)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2302 - FIRE HALL BRETON						
400 - Sales and User Charges	(\$1,041)	\$0	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)
840 - Provincial Government Transfers	(\$21,794)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2302 - FIRE HALL BRETON	(\$22,835)	\$0	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)
TOTAL FIRE SERVICES REVENUES	(\$22,835)	(\$41,803)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)	(\$1,072)

EXPENSES						
FIRE SERVICES	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast	2022 Forecast
2300 - FIRE PROTECTION						
100 - Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$0	\$4,237	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
200 - Contracted and General Services	\$72,893	\$61,467	\$86,467	\$86,619	\$86,973	\$86,973
300 - Purchases from Other Governments	\$0	\$287	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
500 - Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	\$3,800	\$17,603	\$13,700	\$13,700	\$13,700	\$13,700
700 - Transfers to	\$603,520	\$449,982	\$480,775	\$463,733	\$472,987	\$472,987
800 - Bank Charges, Interest and Debt	\$0	\$304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
960 - Departmental Maintenance Expense	\$0	\$16,291	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
999 - Amortization of TCA	\$228,205	\$289,740	\$287,170	\$287,170	\$371,170	\$371,170
2300 - FIRE PROTECTION	\$908,418	\$839,910	\$872,511	\$855,622	\$949,230	\$949,230
2301 - FIRE GUARDIANS						
100 - Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
200 - Contracted and General Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2301 - FIRE GUARDIANS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2302 - FIRE HALL BRETON						
100 - Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$108,186	\$96,675	\$106,079	\$106,079	\$106,079	\$106,079

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUALS	2019 BUDGET	2020 FORECAST	2021 FORECAST	2022 FORECAST
200 - Contracted and General Services	\$44,002	\$31,538	\$41,365	\$41,365	\$41,365	\$41,365
300 - Purchases from Other Governments	\$2,380	\$1,882	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
500 - Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	\$43,158	\$22,556	\$37,400	\$37,400	\$37,400	\$37,400
700 - Transfers to	\$1,100	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
800 - Bank Charges, Interest and Debt	\$176	\$45	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165
960 - Departmental Maintenance Expense	\$13,039	\$0	\$11,775	\$11,775	\$11,775	\$11,775
2302 - FIRE HALL BRETON	\$212,040	\$152,696	\$197,984	\$197,984	\$197,984	\$197,984
2303 - FIRE HALL LODGEPOLE						
100 - Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$14,777	\$13,610	\$17,121	\$17,121	\$17,121	\$17,121
200 - Contracted and General Services	\$29,145	\$10,246	\$13,029	\$13,029	\$13,029	\$13,029
300 - Purchases from Other Governments	\$1,020	\$1,392	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
500 - Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	\$18,654	\$7,745	\$15,700	\$9,734	\$9,769	\$9,769
960 - Departmental Maintenance Expense	\$13,039	\$0	\$11,775	\$11,775	\$11,775	\$11,775
2303 - FIRE HALL LODGEPOLE	\$76,634	\$32,993	\$57,625	\$51,659	\$51,694	\$51,694
TOTAL FIRE SERVICES EXPENSES	\$1,197,092	\$1,025,598	\$1,128,120	\$1,105,265	\$1,198,908	\$1,198,908
FIRE SERVICES GRAND TOTAL	\$1,174,257	\$983,795	\$1,127,048	\$1,104,193	\$1,197,836	\$1,197,836

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

SERVICES AND/OR PROGRAMS	SERVICE PARAMETERS
FIRE OPERATIONS	
Fire Suppression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018 the Fire Service responded to a total of 55 fire calls, which included 8 structure fires, 13 vehicle fires, 32 wildland fires, 2 recreational vehicle fires and 2 utility trailer fires. In 2018, the Fire Service took delivery of the new rescue pumper truck for Station 3 in Drayton Valley. This was a joint venture with Brazeau County, the Town of Drayton Valley, and the Province of Alberta. In 2018 there were no holdover or carryover fires from brush piles that were permitted burns.
Motor Vehicle Collisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018 the Fire Service responded to 65 motor vehicle collisions - the majority were single vehicle rollover incidents. In 2018 the department purchased new rescue tools, which included the Jaws of Life and cutters to assist in motor vehicle collision operations.
Rescue Operations HazMat/Dangerous Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018, the Fire Service responded to 12 rescue calls, 5 of which involved elevator rescue operations. Water rescue operations also occurred on the river and Brazeau Dam area using the department's jet boat.
Salvage and Overhaul Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action involves saving and protecting property from the fire, as well as the potential for theft. Man hours are spent protecting the scene until the insurance company can set up their own security or RCMP can be posted.
FIRE INSPECTIONS	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fire Service performs fire inspections in accordance with the Fire Services Joint Quality Management Plan approved by Council. Currently inspections are performed based on request, complaint, or legal requirements. The department performed 22 fire inspections in 2018. The Fire Service continues to provide fire permitting services through an online process, by phone, or in person. The department issued 325 fire permits in 2018.

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SERVICES AND/OR PROGRAMS	SERVICE PARAMETERS
FIRE INVESTIGATIONS	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the Joint Fire Services Quality Management Plan requires that all fires that result in a loss of property or a loss of life be investigated and reported to the Alberta Fire Commissioners Office. • The Fire Service investigated 25 property loss fires in 2018.
FIRE PREVENTION/PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS	
School Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our ongoing service to the local community, the fire department spends a great deal of time promoting fire safety programs in the school system. • The Fire Chief for the Evening, the Grade 1 Smoke House Program, and our Grade 5 Kitchen Safety Program were presented in schools in Drayton Valley and Breton in 2018 and will continue in 2019. • The Mary Lambert Fire Safety Presentation was also presented to students from grades 1 to 3. • The Grade 8 fire extinguisher program will be presented in the spring of 2019.
Community Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018, the Fire Service hosted our popular Chimney Sweep Program with 25 residences being cleaned and inspected. • We also participated in our annual Boston Pizza Smoke Detector Program with the department visiting more than 40 residences in 2018 to check smoke alarms and deliver pizza. • All three stations participated in open houses where the community was invited to come a spend time at the fire station. All the events were well attended at Station 1 Lodgepole, Station 2 Breton, and Station 3 Drayton Valley with more than 750 residents visiting the different stations during the month of October. • In regards to other community events the department also participated this past year in the RCMP Open House, Canada Day Celebrations in Drayton and Breton, Remembrance Day Ceremonies, the Light Up Christmas Parade, and the Drayton Valley Thunder Hockey Fire Prevention Night. • We are looking forward to continuing our support of these activities and events in 2019.
Organized Program Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018, our Kids Firefighting camps in both Breton and Drayton Valley continue to be very popular and were sold out in 20 minutes. We are looking forward to presenting this program again 2019. • In 2018, the department also presented a youth firefighting camp for students 13 to 15 years of age which saw nine kids take part.
PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM	
Business Fire Safety Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018 the Fire Service presented an information session for the oil and gas industry focusing on the threat of wildland fires to oil and gas infrastructure and

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SERVICES AND/OR PROGRAMS	SERVICE PARAMETERS
	<p>how to properly mitigate the risks of these incidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019 the department will focus its efforts on the inspection of rural community halls to assist them with ensuring their facilities are fire safe.
FIRE EDUCATION	
Training of Staff - 1001 level 1 and 2 - Fire Officer Training Programs - Advanced Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In regards to training, the department will continue its program of training our firefighters to a Professional NFPA 10001 standard. In 2018 the department provided specialized training in elevator rescue operations and other technical rescue training. We look forward to continuing this type of training in 2019. As part of the Alberta Safety Codes requirements for 2019, safety codes officers of the department will partake in additional training to meet the compliance requirements as a safety codes officer.
Fire Extinguisher Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018, the Fire Service worked with the Town of Drayton Valley staff to complete fire extinguisher training and 26 staff completed the training. This training will be offered again in 2019.
High School Fire Training Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018, the High School Fire Training Program continued to be a popular class among high school students. This program assists with recruitment of firefighters to our department as several graduates of this class are now members of the department. This program will continue in 2019.