

POLICY #:	PS-003	POLICY TITLE:	Contract Department Rescue Units
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APPROVAL DATE AND MOTION:	February 2000 (19-02-00)	CROSS-REFERENCE:	
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Protective Services	APPENDICES:	
APPROVER:	Council	EFFECTIVE DATE:	February 2000
REVISION DATE(S)/ MOTION #	54-02-02 55-10-06 56-10-06 21-03-07 103-10-09 104-10-09 106-10-09 19-11-09 February 14, 2012 (24-02-12) October 24, 2023 (2023-10-32)	NEXT REVIEW DATE:	2028

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. "County" means the County of Vermilion River;

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The Rescue Unit Policy is established by the County to provide support to each contract fire department for the use of their Rescue Unit to provide rescue services within the County.

3. OBJECTIVE

- a. To establish the contract fire departments that operate Rescue Units in the County.

- b. To contribute to the capital cost of purchasing Rescue Units.
- c. To make an annual donation to each contract fire department for operating rescue units within the County.

4. BACKGROUND (A brief overview and context as to why the policy exists and the risks the policy is designed to address)

- a. The County made an annual contribution to each contract fire department and rescue squad that operated Rescue Units and provided rescue services within the County.
- b. In 2000, Policy PS-003 was created to standardize the contribution to each contract fire department & rescue squad that operated volunteer rescue units within the County. At the time, an annual contribution of \$1,500.00 was made to:
 - i. Dewberry Fire & Rescue
 - ii. Lloyd Rescue Squad
 - iii. Marwayne Fire & Rescue
 - iv. Vermilion Fire & Rescue
- c. In 2002, the annual contribution to Lloyd Rescue Squad increased to \$5,000.00 and the annual donation to the contract fire departments increased to \$2,000.00 (Motion #36-01-02)
- d. In 2009, the annual contribution to Lloyd Rescue Squad increased to \$7,500.00 (Motion 09-10-12AF). The County also started contributing to the capital cost of purchasing rescue vehicles for the contracted fire departments, on a 15 year cycle.
- e. In 2012, Paradise Valley was recognized as a rescue area. The Fire Capital Plan was amended to include contribution to the replacement of the Paradise Valley rescue unit in 2020. The policy was revised to add Paradise Valley Fire & Rescue to the list of volunteer rescue units operating within the County.
- f. In 2021, Dewberry Fire & Rescue became a County-owned station. Annual contributions for this rescue unit stopped.
- g. In 2022, Blackfoot Fire Department started providing rescue services and took over the rescue district previously covered by Lloyd Rescue Squad.
- h. A new MOU with Lloyd Rescue Squad was signed. Effective in 2023, no further contributions will be made to Lloyd Rescue Squad.

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- a. The County supports the Rescue Units in the Town of Vermilion, Village of Marwayne, Village of Kitscoty, and Village of Paradise Valley to provide rescue services to the County. Council encourages adjacent departments to support the service provided by the other Rescue Units. The County will contribute \$125,000.00 to the capital cost of purchasing rescue vehicles, to each contract department on a 15 year cycle.
- b. The County of Vermilion River will make an annual donation for the sum of \$2000.00 to the Paradise Valley, Kitscoty, Marwayne, and Vermilion Fire Departments for . Each department will provide the County an annual statistical report outlining the rescue units' activities. This report must be submitted before any further funding will be made available.

6. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES (Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the implementation and/or monitoring of the policy requirements and identify the internal or external stakeholder(s) that are affected by this policy)

ROLE/TASK	TITLE(S) OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE
HANDLING INQUIRIES	Protective Services
MONITORING REVIEWS AND REVISIONS	Protective Services
IMPLEMENTING POLICY	Protective Services
COMMUNICATING POLICY	Protective Services
INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	Council
EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS	Villages of Kitscoty, Marwayne & Paradise Valley Town of Vermilion Kitscoty, Marwayne, Paradise Valley & Vermilion Fire Departments

7. POLICY EVALUATION

- a. The County shall review and, if necessary, amend this policy every three (3) years to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with objectives.