

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District  
Bylaw No. 132

The Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District enact as follows:

PURPOSE AND PREAMBLE:

By letters patent issued on November 24, 1959, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District was given authority to undertake provisions for fire protection for the prescribed local service areas of Salt Spring Island and was given power under Section 675 of the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 2015.

Subject to the *Fire Services Act*, the trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District may enact Bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property according to Section 697 of the *Local Government Act*.

Therefore, trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District enact the following Bylaw to be known as the "Fire Department Service Level Establishment Bylaw".

DEFINITIONS:

In this bylaw:

1. “*Apparatus*” – means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for firefighting and assistance response as well as vehicles used to transport fire-fighters or supplies.
2. “*Assistance Response*” – means:
  - a. First response to medical emergencies;
  - b. First response to accidents, natural or man-made disasters, escapes of hazardous materials or other circumstances that have caused or may cause harm to persons or property;
  - c. Rescue operation
3. “*Board*” – means the Board of Trustees for the improvement district.
4. “*Equipment*” - means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency, or assistance response.

5. “*Fire Chief*” – means the person appointed by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, to be in charge of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue, its equipment and the firefighting personnel of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, or his designate.
6. “*Fire Department*” – means the fire department established for the local service area by bylaw of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.
7. “*Full Service Operations*” – means Fire Departments that are equipped and have completed the appropriate training identified in the “Structure firefighters Competency and Training PLAYBOOK” to provide a full spectrum of fire services that includes activities that are undertaken by firefighters trained in the full spectrum of competencies outlined within NFPA Firefighter and Fire Officer Standards.
8. “*Improvement District*” - means the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.
9. “*Incident*” – means a fire or situation where a fire or explosion is imminent and includes assistance response circumstances, or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to life or property or the environment and to which the fire department has responded.
10. “*Member*” – means any person that is a duly appointed member of the Fire Department.
11. “*NFPA*” – means National Fire Protection Association.
12. “*Officer*” - means any member appointed by the Board to the position of Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, or any member authorized to act as an Officer with specific authority while conducting Fire Department business.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE LEVEL

13. The *Fire Department* will provide services at the *Full Services Operations Level* – the Service Level that includes activities that are undertaken by firefighters trained in the full spectrum of competencies outlined in the NFPA 1001 Standard Fire fighter Professional Qualifications, and any additional capabilities as deemed necessary by the *Fire Chief*.
14. The level of training, *apparatus* and *equipment* required is dictated by the needs of the community. The *Full Service Operations Level* may only be attained after appropriate equipment and training have been provided and documented. Acknowledging the fluctuation in the *members* inherent with a primarily paid-on-call department, the *Fire Department* will endeavor to maintain a complement of firefighters of which 70% are NFPA 1001 Firefighter certified.
15. The *Fire Department* shall train to and maintain NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II competencies, in compliance with the provision of *Full Service Operations*. *Officers* will be trained to a minimum of NFPA Fire Officer 1. Records of all training activities for each firefighter will be maintained by the *Fire Department*.
16. As with any *incident* response, the qualifications and number of *members* present will dictate what actions can be safely undertake. Notwithstanding the commitment to the

*Full Service Operations* Level, if insufficient numbers of trained personnel are initially on scene to affect an interior offensive attack, the operational mode will be defensive.

CITATION

17. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes “Fire Department Service Level Establishment Bylaw No. 132”

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees on the XX, XXXX 2016.

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees on the XX, XXXX 2016.

Linda Lee, Chair of the Trustees

Andrew Peat, Corporate Administrator for the Trustees

I hereby certify under the seal of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 132.

Andrew Peat, Corporate Administrator for the Trustees

