



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE


By-Law 2025-04


Being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an Emergency Tiered Response Service Agreement between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) and the Corporation of the Township of Prince for Fire Services.

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Prince ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the agreement with The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSMSSAB) be attached hereto and referred to as "Appendix A" be part of the by-law.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this agreement and affix the corporate seal thereto.
3. **THAT** this bylaw shall come into effect from the date of passage thereof

READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.


Mayor, Melanie Mageran


Clerk, Sam Carolei



Appendix "A"

**Emergency Tiered Response Agreement
Between**

**The Corporation for the Prince Township Fire Services
"Fire Services"
(Herein know as FS)**

and

**District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board
Paramedic Services
(Herein known as DSSMSSAB)**

The DSSMSSAB and the FS wish to enter into an Emergency Tiered Response Agreement for the mutual benefit of each agency and to assist community residents. The development of an Emergency Tiered Response Agreement is not intended to place undue hardship or pressure on any emergency service, rather Emergency Tiered Response Agreements are intended to provide a rapid response of trained personnel to specified events and within specified times and as specified in this document.

The Emergency Tiered Response Agreement will be reviewed by both organizations annually and when required, amended to reflect evolving community needs, or capacity. Where no amendments are brought forward by either party, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The Emergency Tiered Response Agreement may be cancelled by any of the participating agencies with a minimum of three months written notice to participating agencies. All participating agencies will be subject to all legislated responsibilities including but not limited to maintenance of confidentiality as provided in the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

The Emergency Tiered Response Agreement is not intended to alter the assignment of participating agencies from those incidents that they would wish to respond to under their mandate for specific service delivery. As an example, Fire Services may wish to respond to all motor vehicle collisions to provide agency specific activities. Such a response would not be part of an Emergency Tiered Agreement but would be managed within the FS organization.

Emergency Tiered Response Activation Criteria

1. Unconsciousness reported at any time during the call.
2. Cardiac or respiratory arrest.
3. Motor Vehicle Collision (MVC) with injuries.
4. Person requiring immediate medical intervention.
5. Assistance requested by responding Paramedics or FS.
6. No DSSMSSAB Paramedic Services present in the community where the priority four emergency is occurring.

Emergency Tiered Response Exclusion Criteria

1. Situations where another professional responder (e.g., ski patrol or contract first aid providers at venues or organized events) is already on site, providing aid, and does not require additional assistance.

It is understood that the FS may be unable to respond to an Emergency Tiered Response request due to a competing incident or other reasons determined by the senior Fire Services Officer. When possible, any such reason should be communicated to the Sault Ste. Marie Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC), along with an estimated duration for the temporary suspension of the Emergency Tiered Response Agreement.

Emergency Tiered Response Compliance

1. FS personnel who respond to any Emergency Tiered Response incident shall hold a valid minimum certification of Standard First Aid and CPR-BLS or other equivalent. Certification to a First Responder level is preferred and better suited to this type of work.
2. FS personnel shall provide supportive and interventional care to their level certification.
3. DSSMSSAB Paramedic Services will endeavour to replace normally issued medical disposables used by the Fire Service at no charge, where such items are available.
4. Any concerns or conflict between agencies will be addressed through the Fire Service Incident Commander/Senior Officer and the Paramedic Services supervisory personnel on duty. Escalation will be managed through the Chiefs' offices.

5. DSSMSSAB will work with FS to ensure an effective Emergency Tiered Response program by assisting with:
 - Training as requested that includes but is not limited to, Introduction to Paramedic Services equipment and processes, equipment types and locations, stretcher removal and handling and any other information agreed to between the Chiefs.
 - An annual stipend of \$6000 will be paid to the FS organization to help offset the operational costs associated with the program.
6. The DSSMSSAB shall indemnify and hold harmless, and defend Fire Services, and their respective officers, Council members, partners, agents and employees from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Fire Services and against all losses, liability, judgments, claims, suits, demands or expenses which Fire Services may sustain, suffer or be put to resulting from or arising out of the Paramedic Service's negligence and/or Paramedic Service's failure to exercise reasonable care, skill or diligence or omissions in the performance or rendering of any work or service required hereunder to be performed or rendered by the Paramedic Service, its agents, officials and employees under this Agreement. This indemnification shall include any legal costs incurred by Fire Services on a substantial indemnity basis.
7. Fire Services shall indemnify and hold harmless, and defend the Paramedic Service and their respective officers, board members, partners, agents and employees from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Paramedic Service and against all losses, liability, judgments, claims, suits, demands or expenses which the Paramedic Service may sustain, suffer or be put to resulting from or arising out of Fire Services' negligence and/or Fire Services' failure to exercise reasonable care, skill or diligence or omissions in the performance or rendering of any work or service required hereunder to be performed or rendered by Fire Services, its agents, officials and employees under this Agreement. This indemnification shall include any legal costs incurred by Paramedic Service on a substantial indemnity basis.
8. The authorized representative of each partner agency shall sign this agreement.

Signed on behalf of Prince Township Fire Services on (Insert Date)

Starola Jan 15th / 25

Signed on behalf of the DSSMSSAB on (Insert Date)

CEO – Mike Nadeau