

	<b>FIRE SERVICES LEVEL POLICY</b>	
	<b>Policy Number: A-008</b>	
	<b>Section:</b> Administration	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 3-11-16
	<b>Amended by:</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b> 2016 08 09

**Purpose:**

To set the Fire Service Level for the Village of Salmo (the “Village”) pursuant to the requirements of the BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standards Playbook (the “Playbook”).

**Policy Statement:**

The Village authorizes the Salmo Volunteer Fire Department (the “Department”) to provide fire suppression activities in accordance with the Interior Operations Service Level as defined in the Playbook, subject to the limitations set out in the Procedure below.

**Policy Background:**

The Office of the Fire Commissioner has established minimum training standards for fire services personnel in the province under and in accordance with paragraph 3(3)(b) of the *Fire Services Act* in the form of the Playbook. The Playbook requires that the “Authority Having Jurisdiction” over a fire department identify the service level to be provided by that department. The Village is the Authority Having Jurisdiction over the Department.

**Procedure:**

1. This Policy applies to and is binding upon the Department. It shall form the basis of the Department’s training of its members and related operational planning for fire suppression and emergency response activities.
2. The Department is authorized to provide fire suppression activities in accordance with and subject to the limitations set out in the Interior Operations Service Level.
3. The Department shall:
  - a. Train its principal responding members at least to the standard required by the Playbook for the Interior Operations Service Level; and
  - b. In relation to members who are not trained to the Interior Operations Service Level, shall:
    - i. develop an incident scene accountability system which clearly identifies the different levels of each member’s training; and
    - ii. develop and institute operational guidelines which specify and limit the incident scene activities of members depending on their current level of training.
  - c. In consultation with the Village’s Chief Administrative Officer (the “CAO”), the Fire Chief of the Department shall be responsible for ensuring that the Department develops an appropriate training program for all positions, tasks and roles including those which are not expressly covered by the Playbook.
4. Notwithstanding anything in this Procedure:
  - a. In relation to any particular incident response, the Department shall undertake only those emergency response activities for which its responding members at the incident are properly trained and equipped;
  - b. The Fire Chief of the Department may determine to limit the fire suppression activities of the Department to the Exterior Operations Service Level in circumstances where in the Fire Chief’s view the Department should suspend undertaking interior fire suppression or rescue activities.

- c. Where the Fire Chief has made a determination under section 4(b), he or she shall inform the CAO of the reasons for the decision. The Fire Chief may elect to recommence providing Interior Service Level Operations and shall inform the CAO when making such decision.
5. This Policy shall be reviewed as required. It will be amended as determined by the Fire Chief of the Department, in consultation with the CAO, or as required to conform with any changes to the Playbook or other applicable legislation.

*Approved at Meeting #11-16 on August 9, 2016*