

INTRODUCTION

Emergency Management

The Town of Peace River Emergency Management Agency plans and coordinates emergency services and resources during major emergencies and disasters. The agency works with Town departments, corporations, neighbouring communities and non-profit agencies to increase Peace River's capacity to be prepared for and recover more quickly from a disaster. This agency is comprised of senior management of the Town, RCMP and Alberta Health Services.

Fire Services

The Peace River Fire Department in association with the Fire Department of the County of Northern Lights provides fire and rescue services to three municipalities, Town of Peace River, County of Northern Lights and the Municipal District of Peace.

There are 4 fire halls that provide fire and emergency services meeting needs for life safety, incident stabilization, and property conservation for those who live and work in the region. The Director of Protective Services / Regional Fire Chief manages four fire halls (2 in Peace River, 1 on Weberville, 1 in Dixonville) providing firefighters with a communication link to both Town of Peace River and County of Northern Lights, CAO's and Council's.

Approximately 50 volunteer fire fighters are equipped with a fleet of modern vehicles and equipment. There are three full-time staff, Regional Fire Chief, Deputy Chief (Administration, Prevention) and Captain (Training Officer) that provide the needed support to the firefighters for training, administration and leadership.

ENFORCEMENT

The Town of Peace River employs one full-time Bylaw Enforcement Officer. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer provides enforcement of the Town of Peace River bylaws and liaises with the RCMP.

The town also contracts Global Traffic Ltd to enforce the Traffic Safety Act within the Town of Peace River boundaries. The revenues generated are directed to a Safe Communities Fund for projects to benefit the community at council's discretion.

Police Services

The provision of policing services is under contract to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which maintain approximately 12 uniformed officers for the Town of Peace River and related support staffing.

2014/15 SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The town of Peace River contracted Global Traffic to enforce the Traffic Safety Act within the town limits.
- The Peace River Emergency Plan has been reviewed and updated
- Mechanical / Electrical Upgrade to Fire Hall #1 Downtown Peace River
- Successful year of Recruiting, PRFD has 38 active firefighters with 5 more fighters in recruit training
- Update and enactment of the Taxi Bylaw

2016/16 STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND PRIOROTIES

- Review and implementation of 2015 Fire Department Strategic Review recommendations
- Regional Fire Service Agreements negotiations, MD of Peace and County of Northern Lights
- Increased enforcement of Bylaws and Traffic Safety Act

2016 Operating Budget Summary

- Decrease of 5.7% to Fire Department Budget
- Increase of 7.3% to Policing Budget