

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PINEY**

**“Fire Fighters Personal Cell Phone Use Policy”**

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**Subject: Fire Fighters Personal Cell Phone Use Policy**

**Effective Date: December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Replaces Policy: New**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of Municipality’s Fire Fighters and protect the public from publication of personal information.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Rural Municipality of Piney recognizes the versatility, function and use of smart/cell phones as a communication tool during emergency events. The RM also recognizes the risks associated with information, photography and videography being publicized on social media. The role of this policy is to allow for the efficient and safe use of smart/cell phones during an emergency event.

**POLICY**

To ensure the safety of all fire fighters, the use of smart/cell phones outside of an emergency vehicle, during an emergency event, shall be limited to the Municipal Fire Chief, District Fire Chief or Incident Commander.

All personal cell phones are to remain in an emergency vehicle while responding an emergency call. If a personal call is required, the individual shall complete this call at the command post or in an emergency vehicle.

Only at the direction of the Municipal Fire Chief, District Fire Chief or Incident Commander shall videos, photographs or audio recordings be taken while responding to an emergency call.

Volunteer Fire Fighters are not to post, provide comments or share via any social media any details, information, notation or visual aspect of an emergency response or call.

The RM Fire Service shall have one official spokesperson being the Municipal Fire Chief. It is this individual's responsibility to communicate with and provide media relations.

## **INFRACTIONS**

All infractions shall be followed up by the District Fire Chief in conjunction with the Municipal Fire Chief. First and second infraction shall result in a written warning by the Municipal Fire Service. Third infraction is removal from the Municipal Fire Service without notice.