



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

### Policy

Section: 7.0 Fire and Emergency Services

Policy: Fire Department Tiered Medical First Response

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#### Coverage:

This policy applies to the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and the Lucknow District Fire Department coverage areas within the Township of Huron-Kinloss where Tiered Medical First Response service is delivered.

#### Policy Statement:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss operates, either solely or jointly, two Fire Departments, being the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and the Lucknow District Fire Department.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Fire Departments currently provide Tiered Medical First Response Services to the community through an agreement with the County of Bruce Emergency Medical Services.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss endeavours to provide a level of Tiered Medical First Response services to the community that is appropriate, consistent, beneficial and responsible.

#### Legislative Authority:

The Fire Prevention and Protection Act 1997

Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-laws

Bruce County Medical Tiered Response Agreement By-laws

#### Contents:

1. The Fire Departments of the Township of Huron-Kinloss shall adhere to this Tiered Medical First Response policy at all times.
2. A Tiered Medical First Response Agreement between the County of Bruce and the Township of Huron-Kinloss must be reviewed and approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss and must at all times be in accordance with the established Tiered Response Criteria determined Section 4 of this policy.

3. In making a determination for the purpose establishing a Tiered Response Criteria for the Township of Huron-Kinloss, the Council, Administration and the Fire Chief shall use the guiding principle of "Obvious Immediate Threat" to a person's life or serious bodily harm.
4. In consideration of an "Obvious Immediate Threat", The Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby establishes the following Tiered Response Criteria:
  - a) Breathing Problems
  - b) Burns
  - c) Cardiac Arrest/VSA
  - d) Chest Pain/Heart problems
  - e) Choking
  - f) Electrocutation
  - g) MVC Enclosed Seating
  - h) MVC Exposed Seating
  - i) MVC Person Struck
  - j) MVC Unknown Details
  - k) Overdose
  - l) Stroke/CVA
  - m) Unconscious/Decreased Conscious
  - n) Farm Accident
  - o) Industrial Accident
5. The Tiered Response Criteria listed within Section 4 of this policy shall be the only Tiered Medical First Response levels of service provided by the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow District Fire Departments within the Township of Huron-Kinloss geographical boundaries as approved by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss.
6. The Tiered Response Criteria listed within this policy shall be selected as "Code 4" level responses only.
7. The Tiered Response Criteria shall be reviewed every three years to ensure that it is relevant, beneficial and appropriate to the needs of the community.
8. The Fire Departments of the Township of Huron-Kinloss shall ensure at all time that they are in compliance with Ministry of Health Protocols and Standards, Southwestern Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program directives for Automated External Defibrillation service delivery, Provincial Fire Service standards and Occupational Health and Safety legislation as it relates to the delivery of Medical First Response services.
9. The Fire Departments of the Township of Huron-Kinloss shall ensure at all times they have current Tiered Medical First Response Standard Operating Guidelines

in place that meet the requirements contained with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Section 21 Fire Service Guidance Notes.

10. The Fire Departments of the Township of Huron-Kinloss shall ensure that the appropriate medical response report forms are completed during a response and, upon completion of the response, that the information is entered into the Fire Pro Records Management System.