
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 24, 2007

File No.: 0550-05
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To: City Manager

From: Airport Fire & Security Chief

Subject: **COUNCIL POLICY 203 – OFF AIRPORT RESPONSES BY
AIRPORT RESCUE & FIREFIGHTING SERVICES (ARFF)**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the amendment of Council Policy 203 to reflect a change in the airport ARFF services automatic response zone from 8 kilometers (5 miles) to 3.2 km (2 miles).

AND THAT Council approve the amendments to Council Policy 203.

BACKGROUND:

The existing policy was first established in 1991, updated in 2000 and last reviewed in April 2006.

As a follow up to the Fall 2006 Airport Disaster Exercise a review of this policy was undertaken by the Airport General Manager, Airport Fire & Security Chief and Kelowna Fire Department Fire Chief. This review took into account departmental staffing levels, emergency equipment capabilities, incident command principals and municipal growth levels.

It was mutually agreed to amend the policy to reduce the airport's automatic response zone to 3.2 kilometers (2 miles) to reflect the ability of each department to effectively deal with the initial effects of an aviation disaster while receiving support from the other department.

The Airport emergency services will continue to automatically respond to off-airport aviation accidents to support the Kelowna Fire Department and other adjacent Central Okanagan Regional District Fire Services to a distance of 3.2 kilometers.

Airport ARFF vehicles continue to be available for deployment beyond 3.2 kilometers upon request by an appropriate municipal agency and with approval of the Airport General Manager.

These amendments more clearly define the response of ARFF vehicles and establish the most efficient deployment of City airport and municipal firefighting resources.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

The Kelowna Fire Department Fire Chief has reviewed and approved this recommendation.

EXISTING POLICY:

Council Policy 203 Off-Airport Responses by Airport Emergency Services
Approval Date 2000/07/24

CONSIDERATIONS THAT WERE NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS REPORT:

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY: N/A

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: N/A

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

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Approved for Inclusion:



cc: Kelowna Fire Department Fire Chief