

Saskatoon Fire Department/EMO Special Event Summary 2019

Special Events Interdepartmental Committee Report:

The Saskatoon Fire Department (SFD) and Saskatoon Emergency Management Organization (EMO) values the opportunity to be part of the Special Events Interdepartmental Committee.

Supporting Special Events involves several divisions within the SFD.

Saskatoon Emergency Management is a regular member of the committee. An EMO staff member attends regular meetings. EMO provides guidance to festival/events regarding all-hazard emergency planning. This includes:

- developing a template guideline for emergency plans for festival/events and reviewing plans that have been developed;
- providing situational awareness of impacts of festivals/events;
- activating the Incident Command Post (Command 9) for high risk events; and
- writing Contingency Plans for high risk events and assessing access for emergency vehicles.

The Saskatoon Fire Department's Public Relations and Community Risk Reduction division provides a Fire Inspector to be part of the Special Events Interdepartmental Committee. This Fire Inspector arranges the review and approvals for any Burn permits, Fireworks Permits and provides any necessary inspections for festivals/events.

The Operations and Communications division provides resources required to ensure the safety of high risk events. They also provide a Battalion Chief, as Incident Commander for large events requiring the activation of the Mobile Command Unit (Command 9).

Two examples of the level of support SFD provides for larger events are the Optimist Club Canada Day Event and the Nutrien Fireworks Festival. These are events that were all identified as events that required a higher level of safety planning and additional supports.

2019 Optimist Club Canada Day Event Saskatoon Fire Department Resource Commitment:

1. Battalion Chief – Incident Commander;
 2. Brush Truck 5 – Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 3. Tanker 5 – Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 4. Engine 12 – Stage for potential fire suppression;
 5. Water Rescue Team - protect hot zone in the river;
 6. Command 9 – Incident Command Post;
 7. EMO Coordinator - Attend all planning meetings as required, review hazards and Festival Emergency Plan, develop Contingency Plan, Planning Section Chief during event;
 8. Fire Marshal – Review and approve fireworks permit;
 9. Fire Inspector – Inspect grounds and fireworks set-up; and
 10. Rotating SFD apparatus during the event for community relations and delivery of medical attention as required.
- Total staff resources – 18;
 - Total replacement staff required – 15; and
 - Total replacement and on-scene staff cost - \$8,942.94.

2019 Nutrien Fireworks Festival:

1. Battalion Chief – Incident Commander;
 2. Brush Truck 3 – Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 3. Engine 3 – Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 4. Brush Truck 2 - Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 5. Engine 22 - Proximal to fireworks for potential fire suppression;
 6. Water Rescue Boat 1 – Protect the hot zone in the river;
 7. Water Rescue Boat 2 – Protect the hot zone in the river;
 8. Station No. 1 Engine – relocate to a roving position to cover District 1 East of the river during the Fireworks to mitigate the closing of Victoria and Broadway Bridges and construction on Sid Buckwold Bridge;
 9. Command 9 – Incident Command Post;
 10. EMO Coordinator – Attend all planning meetings as required, review hazards and Festival Emergency Plan, develop Contingency Plan, Planning Section Chief during event;
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