


Subject: Funding Model Recommendations for the non-TNRD Volunteer Fire Departments (society and non-service area brigades)

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<p>SUBJECT: Establishing a TNRD-Administered Fire Service</p>	
<p>Category: Fire Protection</p>	

PURPOSE: To provide a framework for the establishment of TNRD-administered fire departments.

APPLICATION: This policy applies to the Board of Directors and staff

REFERENCE: Establishment of Service Areas Policy 6.1.1
 Recovery of Public Assent Process Costs Policy 6.1.2
Local Government Act
Workers Compensation Act
Fire Services Act

POLICY

1. Establishment of TNRD-administered fire services will only be considered after a comprehensive feasibility study and risk assessment has been carried out.
2. After a request for service establishment has been received, staff will request that the Board approve access to feasibility study funds to carry out the study/assessment.
3. The feasibility study and risk assessment will include, but not be limited to:
 - a) the boundaries of the proposed service area and the number of properties and structures therein
 - b) a detailed summary of the specific service(s) or scope of services proposed (eg. structural fire suppression, fire protection, public education, medical first responder, road rescue)
 - c) a list of the required infrastructure, apparatus and equipment required to carry out the proposed service
 - d) the number of volunteers required to carry out the proposed service(s)

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- e) a summary of the training levels required to carry out the proposed service(s) in accordance with the Fire Services Act and the Workers Compensation Act
 - f) the availability and sources of a water supply in the proposed service area
 - g) the capacity to provide communication systems (eg. 9-1-1 dispatch)
 - h) a budget to establish and maintain the proposed service(s) (start-up and ongoing costs)
4. If the feasibility study shows that the proposed service(s) are authorized and the fire service is intended to meet the minimum standards set out in the Fire Underwriters Survey criteria, service establishment will be carried out in accordance with Service Establishment Policy 6.1.1.
5. Staff will work with the proponent group to assist in the conduct of the feasibility study and service establishment process.