

PURPOSE

Vibrant and sustainable communities are where people feel a sense of pride and safety. Volunteer firefighters provide a very valuable service to our communities to ensure our safety by answering emergency calls. Many of our volunteers work in our communities and without the support of our business community the delivery of volunteer fire and emergency services might not be sustainable.

The purpose of this Policy is to recognize those businesses that allow volunteer firefighters to leave work in order to answer calls. It is also to provide an opportunity to recognize those business that provide financial support or donations of supplies and/or materials that aid in the delivery of fire and emergency services.

SCOPE

All fire departments in East Hants fall within the scope of this policy and must adhere to the policy statements contained within this document.

POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Nominations for recognition will be made by a fire department.
2. Nominations will be presented by the fire department to the Fire Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to Council.
3. A business will be eligible for recognition once every five (5) calendar years.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be considered for recognition, a business must meet one of the following criteria:

- Allow its employees who are volunteer firefighters to leave work in order to perform their duties as a fire and emergency service first responder; or
- Allow its employees who are firefighters, who respond to a call through the night and are not home before their normal hours of work start time, to come in late after they have received a couple hours of rest so not to be in a state of unrest or possibility pose a safety hazard; or

- Make a financial contribution to the fire department that aids in the purchase of a piece of equipment or the ability to provide additional service; or
- Make a donation of supplies or material that support the delivery of fire and emergency services.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

Certificates of Recognition will be presented by the Warden of the Municipality of East Hants and the designated Fire Chief. The business has the option of having the certificate presented at a Council meeting or in their place of business.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Title/Role	Responsibilities
Fire Chiefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominate business for recognition • Present certificate to businesses
Warden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present certificate to businesses

RELATED DOCUMENTATION

Related forms, processes, procedures and other documents that support the policy.

Document Name	Document ID	Document Type
Recognition for Support of Fire and Emergency Services Procedure		Procedure
Recognition for Support of Fire and Emergency Services Nomination Form		Form

VERSION LOG



RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY

Council Administrative

Version Number	Amendment Description	Amendment/Policy Editor	Amendment/Policy Owner	Approver	Approval Date
1.0	Policy Creation	Manager of Administrative Services	Deputy CAO	CAO	October 24, 2018

CERTIFICATION

I, Connie Nolan, Municipal Clerk for the Municipality of East Hants, hereby certify that this policy was duly approved.

Connie Nolan
Municipal Clerk