

FIRE CALLS

In addition to the \$9,000.00 paid annually to the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle as a contribution to the cost of maintaining equipment and firemen, the R.M. is charged for each fire call. The charge for a fire call is:

\$600.00 for the first hour, and
\$200.00 for each additional hour.

The charge for the fire call is billed to the property owner by the R.M. regardless of the circumstances.

If the cost of the fire call is not paid, it shall be added to and become part of the taxes due on the property.

Farmers doing a controlled burn must inform the Fire Department of the controlled burn prior to starting the burn.

Due to the recent changes in dispatching fire calls, the process for notifying the fire department of a controlled burn has changed.

The person planning to do a controlled burn must call the fire line 1-866-404-4911.

DO NOT CALL 911.

Immediately advise the dispatcher that this is not an emergency but rather notification of a controlled burn. Then supply the dispatcher with the following information: name, phone number, location and time of controlled burn.

The information must be given in a clear, concise, brief message. The call should be placed approximately one hour before you are planning to do the controlled burn. Under no circumstances can the call be placed the day(s) before. Once the call has been received, dispatch will advise the local firemen through their pagers. If the fire department feels conditions are not right for the controlled burn, they will advise that you cannot proceed with the burn.

By informing the fire department that you are doing a controlled burn, you may avoid an unwanted fire call and resulting bill. However, if a fire call is placed the Fire Chief must make a decision as to whether or not to respond even though he has been advised of the controlled burn.

If the fire department responds to a controlled burn, the property owner will be billed for the fire call.