

Town of Sidney Rescue Department Ordinance

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Town of Sidney Rescue Department Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish in the manner provided by law a municipal rescue department, and to define the powers and duties of the chief of the department. The further purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the department chief and municipal rescue personnel.

Section 3. Authority

This ordinance is enacted to 30 M.R.S.A. 1901-1920, 2152 AND 2153 AND 3771-3778.

Section 4. Definitions

4.1. Municipal Rescue Department

A municipal rescue unit means an organized rescue unit established pursuant to this ordinance.

4.2. Municipal Rescue Personnel

Municipal rescue personnel shall mean an active member, whether full time, part time or on call, of a municipal rescue department, who aids in providing first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance and is qualified to render such and under current Dept of Human Service regulation governing rescue personnel.

Section 5. Establishment

There shall be a Municipal Rescue Department which is hereby established by this ordinance.

Section 6. Duties

The Municipal Rescue Department shall provide first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance to persons in need of such assistance within the Town of Sidney and elsewhere as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreement approved the Board of Selectpersons.

Section 7. Rescue Chief

7.1 Appointment

The head of the Municipal Rescue Department shall be the Rescue Chief who shall be appointed by the Selectpersons. The Selectpersons shall consider the recommendations of the rescue personnel. All other appointments to or promotions within the Department shall be made by the Board of Selectpersons after securing the advice of the Rescue Chief.

7.2. Term

The Rescue Chief shall be appointed by the Selectpersons for a term of two years.

7.3 Powers and Duties

The Rescue Chief shall have the following powers and duties:

- a.) to control the Municipal Rescue Department and all rescue apparatus belonging to the Town.
- b.) to see to the maintenance of technical proficiency of rescue personnel.
- c.) to establish rules and regulations concerning the discipline, good order, proper conduct, care and management of the Municipal Rescue Department, subject to the approval of the Selectpersons before said rules take effect.
- d.) to work with the Fire Chief to establish rules and regulations concerning activities which involve the two departments.

7.4 Municipal Rescue Personnel

The municipal rescue personnel shall be under duty to provide first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance to persons in need of such assistance within the Town of Sidney and elsewhere as provide by mutual aid or other contractual agreements approved by the Selectpersons. They shall attend training sessions as scheduled by the Rescue Chief.

7.5. Privileges and immunities provided by 14 M.R.S.A. 164 and 8101-8118.

Section 8. Severability

The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part there of.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on its adoption at Town Meeting.

Ordinance was approved on March 14, 1997