

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide an overview of how fire protection is provided in Mower County.

**II. RESPONSIBILITIES**

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A. Primary: Fire protection in Mower County is the responsibility of the nine volunteer fire departments within the county. Within the City of Austin, the Austin Fire Department is responsible. All of the volunteer and Austin Fire Department have defined fire service areas, with mutual aid agreements between them when additional assistance is needed. *These mutual aid agreements have not been furnished to the Mower County Emergency Management Director and are not on file in that office.*

1. Mower County does not have a "County Fire Chief".

B. Support: In addition to their primary responsibility of providing fire protection, these fire departments will have other responsibilities in the event of a disaster, which could include:

1. Assisting in the dissemination of warning.
2. Coordinating or assisting with an evacuation within their community and their fire service area.
3. Coordinating or assisting with a search and rescue effort within their community and fire service area.
4. Informing other local government personnel of the risks associated with a hazardous materials or terrorism incident that has occurred within their community and fire service area.
5. Reporting important disaster status information (casualties, damage, evacuation status, chemical releases/exposures, radiation levels, etc.) to the EOC during emergency operations.
6. Responding to hazardous materials incidents, within the limits of HAZMAT or terroristic response training received, which is Level 1 fire-fighting for all fire departments.

Agency	Level of Response
Austin Fire Department	Awareness, Operations and ICS Training
Brownsdale Fire Department	Awareness
Lyle Fire Department	Awareness
Rose Creek Fire Department	Awareness

7. Providing heavy and light rescue services.
8. Providing first responder/EMS services.

### III. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The following Fire Departments have entered into a mutual aid agreement on file in the Emergency Management Coordinators office. All Austin Fire Departments are on file in the Chief's office.

Adams Fire Dept.	Austin Fire Dept.
Brownsdale Fire Dept.	Dexter Fire Dept.
Grand Meadow Fire Dept.	LeRoy Fire Dept.
Lyle Fire Dept.	Mapleview Fire Dept.
Rose Creek Fire Dept.	

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY

The following radio frequencies are used in Mower County:

Austin Fire Department	154.145
Tone	97.4
Austin Tactical	154.285

The county does/does not utilize its assigned county-wide fire radio frequency. (list frequency)

See Resource Manual for individual fire department radio equipment and channels.

### V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A copy of the primary fire service areas is included in the Mower County Law Enforcement Center.

Equipment and personnel lists are generally kept current by each Fire Department. If they have furnished the information to Mower County, it is included in the County Resource Manual.

We do not have a Fire Protection SOG written for Mower County at this time.