



Lethbridge County Fire Services

Established in 2021

Number of staff: 1 (with 2 funded Fire Prevention Officer positions with Coaldale & District Emergency Services)

Service area: Our apparatus are placed in contracted stations along with their municipally-funded apparatus.

Manager of Fire Services: Byron Fraser

Number of emergency calls attended in 2022: Contracted fire departments responded to 736 incidents in Lethbridge County, and the Manager of Fire Services responded to 105 of these.

Types of fire apparatus: Lethbridge County has purchased or contributed to:

- 5 Engines
- 1 Quint
- 2 Tenders
- 4 Wildland units
- 3 Rescues
- 4 Command/Fire Prevention trucks

Recent activities and initiatives:

- 2022 was the first full year of the new fire permitting program, which was very successful. The program allows the public to conveniently apply for a permit online at any time and expedites the process for Class 1 applications. There has been a significant increase in compliance to the Fire Bylaw as well as fewer false alarms for smoke investigations for permitted burns.
- Lethbridge County has contributed funding with the Town of Coaldale for two Fire Prevention Officers who will perform fire safety inspections and investigations in the County, along with the Manager of Fire Services. These members will also act in full capacity as officers within Coaldale & District Emergency Services, adding mobile responders in the County.





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- After thorough analysis and comparisons, response zones were adjusted by extending the Coaldale and Coalhurst primary response to include to all areas up to the City of Lethbridge. This was accomplished through a great deal of analysis and comparisons.
- Working toward a mutual aid agreement with the City of Lethbridge, as well as automatic aid for severe call types that would dispatch City fire apparatus units at the same time as County units instead of being requested.



Lethbridge County Command vehicle