

Backgrounder

Fire Services

The Saskatoon Fire Department provides emergency planning and 24-hour emergency response services within the city and surrounding municipalities. This business line includes public education and fire prevention services such as fire investigations, playing a major role in the delivery of pre-hospital care, and protective services.

Strategic Outcomes for 2017

- Ensure an emergency response approach that meets accepted standards
- Maintain the infrastructure required to meet expanding emergency response needs
- Address enforcement and education issues related to public safety and fire prevention
- Protect ability to deliver core services to the citizens of Saskatoon

Operating Budget Overview

- 2017 total expenditure budget of \$48.5 million
- Funding sources: 98% property taxes, 2% user fees (service agreements with other jurisdictions)
- Expenditures of \$48.5 million spread amongst two service lines: Fire Services and Emergency Measures

Summary of Operating Changes

The 2017 budget proposes an increase of \$1.2 million over the 2016 expenditure level. The increase is made up of:

- \$962,700 in inflationary increases including contractual and payroll cost increases
- \$232,900 for service level increases

Funded Capital Budget

- The 2017 Fire Services Budget includes \$7.2 million of funded capital projects. Notable projects include \$5.7 million for the design, construction and relocation of Fire Station No. 3 (in 2017) and No. 5 (in 2018) and \$1.5 million to replace fire apparatus, support vehicles and equipment