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Office of the Fire Commissioner
Public Safety Division/Alberta Municipal Affairs
16th floor, Commerce Place
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Dear Sirs:

SUBJECT – COVERAGE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) TEAM MEMBERS

The following information confirms the coverage in place with the Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta for emergency services workers as last updated June 10, 1993. The coverage is subject to change if the deeming order or part of the Act changes. If coverage changes, the WCB will contact the government to advise of any changes.

Based on our current legislation and policy, emergency service workers have been deemed workers by an order made under s.14 (3) of the Workers Compensation Act. It is our understanding and interpretation, based on conversations with government officials, that SAR team members would be considered emergency service workers.

Emergency service workers are considered workers when:

- the work is authorized by or under the control of the Province of Alberta, local government (including municipalities, counties, improvement districts, towns, villages, First Nations, and Metis Settlements), or local law enforcement agency, and
- the work is designed to protect and preserve life, property, the environment, or public services in the event of an emergency, or minimize damage to these.

Emergency service workers are typically asked to assist in evidence searches and emergencies such as fires, floods, tornadoes, and the search and rescue of missing persons. They are eligible to receive compensation benefits in the event of injury while:

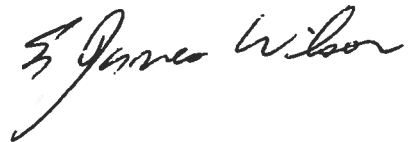
- preventing, combating or alleviating the effects of an emergency or disaster, or
- undergoing training in disaster services* work authorized by or under the control of the Government of Alberta, a local government (including municipalities, counties, improvement districts, towns, villages, First Nations, and Metis Settlements), or a local law enforcement agency.

* disaster services is interpreted to include training for emergencies and evidence searches in addition to disaster services.

Emergency service workers within a National Park are considered workers of the Government of Canada.

This coverage as described above remains in place until such time as the Alberta Government would request revisions or termination of this arrangement. Any claims submitted under this account, as is the case with any employer, are adjudicated in accordance with the Act and entitlement policies that are in effect at the time of the injury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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