

Operating Guideline # 813

Extinguishment of Fires

December 9, 2019



**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines concerning the extinguishment of fires within the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

**GUIDELINE:**

1. Fire department personnel shall exhaust all avenues to control, confine and extinguish all fires reported within the department's response area.

NOTE: the only exception to this practice will occur when the Incident Commander determines that there will be more damage to the environment and property resulting from extinguishment of a fire than by letting the fire burn (i.e. - pesticide fires, hazmat toxic chemicals on fire)

2. This OG does not apply to burns of agricultural products on agricultural land or open air burning that is being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the municipal open air burning by-law.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

It is the responsibility of all members to comply with the provisions of this OG and particularly that Company Officers (supervisors) and firefighters (workers) ensure that they adhere to their duties in accordance with the provisions of this document and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

**REFERENCES:**

- Occupational Health and Safety Act (RSO 1990, c. 0.1)
- Township of Muskoka Lakes Open Air Burning By-law (as amended from time to time)