

# *The Emergency 911 System Act*

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Chapter E-7.3\* of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1996* (effective July 12, 1996) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2002, c.R-8.2; 2005, c.M-36.1; 2009, c.34; 2014, c.E-13.1; 2015, c.F-15.11; 2017, c.P-30.3; and 2019, c.S-32.4.*

**\*NOTE:** Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of *The Interpretation Act, 1995*, the Consequential Amendment sections, schedules and/or tables within this Act have been removed. Upon coming into force, the consequential amendments contained in those sections became part of the enactment(s) that they amend, and have thereby been incorporated into the corresponding Acts. Please refer to the Separate Chapter to obtain consequential amendment details and specifics.

## **NOTE:**

**This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.**

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## CHAPTER E-7.3

### An Act respecting the Development, Implementation and Operation of an Emergency 911 System and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Emergency 911 System Act*.

#### Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) **Repealed.** 2009, c.34, s.3.
- (b) **Repealed.** 2002, c.R-8.2, s.75.
- (c) **“emergency 911 telephone call”** means an emergency telephone call placed to a public safety answering point by means of dialling the telephone digits 911;
- (d) **“emergency service provider”** means:
  - (i) a police service or regional police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;
  - (ii) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - (iii) a fire department as defined in *The Fire Safety Act*;
  - (iv) an ambulance service;
  - (v) a ministry, agency or Crown corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan that provides emergency services;
  - (vi) any person, organization or agency, other than one mentioned in subclauses (i) to (v), designated as an emergency service provider by the minister;
- (e) **“Indian band”** means a band as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada) and includes the council of a band;
- (f) **“minister”** means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (f.1) **Repealed.** 2019, cS-32.4, s.8-1.
- (g) **“municipality”** includes the Saskatchewan portion of the City of Lloydminster;
- (h) **“prescribed”** means prescribed in the regulations;
- (h.1) **“provincial health authority”** means the provincial health authority continued pursuant to *The Provincial Health Authority Act*;

(i) “**public safety answering point**” means a telephone answering point that receives emergency 911 telephone calls and directs those calls to appropriate emergency service providers;

(i.1) **Repealed.** 2017, cP30.3, s.11-5.

(j) “**Sask911 account**” means the account established pursuant to section 45.1 of *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Act*;

(k) “**Sask911 system**” means a province-wide emergency telephone service that connects a person dialling the telephone digits 911 to emergency service providers through a public safety answering point, and includes the province-wide radio communication network to be used by emergency service providers;

(l) “**SaskTel**” means Saskatchewan Telecommunications, continued pursuant to *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Act*.

(m) “**SPSA**” means the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.2; 2002, c.R-8.2, s.75; 2005, c.M-36.1, s.426; 2009, c.34, s.3; 2015, c.F-15.11, s.58; 2017, cP-30.3, s.11-5; 2019, cS-32.4, s.8-1.

#### **Purpose**

**3** The purpose of this Act is to provide for the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.3.

#### **Minister responsible for Sask911 system**

**4** The minister is responsible for all matters not by law assigned to any other minister, ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.4; 2009, c.34, s.4.

#### **Powers of minister**

**5** The minister may:

(a) enter into agreements with emergency service providers, SaskTel, councils of municipalities, Indian bands, the provincial health authority and any other persons, bodies, organizations and associations in order to carry out the purposes of this Act;

(a.1) acquire, maintain, operate and dispose of property, licences and rights in order to carry out the purposes of this Act;

(b) recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council the location, number, type and areas of coverage of public safety answering points to be prescribed;

(c) for the purposes of the Sask911 system, co-ordinate the development of a province-wide street addressing and numbering system, the development of a standard addressing manual to control the quality of data collected and the maintenance of a province-wide address directory;

- (d) establish one or more committees to advise the minister respecting, or to co-ordinate any matter associated with, the development, implementation or operation of the Sask911 system; and
- (e) do any other thing the minister considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.5; 2002, c.R-8.2, s.75; 2009, c.34, s.5; 2017, cP-30.3, s.11-5.

#### **Designation of emergency service providers**

- 6(1) For the purposes of subclause 2(d)(vi), where the minister considers it appropriate, the minister may designate any person, organization or agency as an emergency service provider.
- (2) The minister shall cause a notice of every designation made pursuant to subsection (1):
  - (a) to be sent to the person, organization or agency being designated; and
  - (b) to be published in the Gazette.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.6.

#### **Expenditures**

- 7(1) In this section, “**fiscal year**” means the period commencing on April 1 of one year and ending on March 31 of the following year.
- (2) For the purposes of administering this Act or exercising any of the minister’s powers, the minister may:
  - (a) direct the SPSA to make payments out of funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose; or
  - (b) direct SaskTel to make payments out of the Sask911 account.
- (3) In accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, in every fiscal year the SPSA shall submit to the minister:
  - (a) a report respecting the SPSA’s activities connected with the Sask911 system for the previous fiscal year and containing any matters the minister may direct; and
  - (b) a financial statement showing the SPSA’s expenditures connected with the Sask911 system for the previous fiscal year in any form that may be required by Treasury Board.
- (4) In accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, in every fiscal year SaskTel shall submit to the minister:
  - (a) a report respecting SaskTel’s activities connected with the Sask911 system for the previous fiscal year and containing any matters the minister may direct; and
  - (b) a financial statement showing the revenues of and expenditures from the Sask911 account for the previous fiscal year in any form that may be required by Treasury Board.

(5) In accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, the minister shall lay before the Legislative Assembly each report and financial statement received by the minister pursuant to this section.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.7; 2009, c.34, s.6; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.62; 2019, cS-32.4, s.8-1.

#### Participation

8(1) In this section, “**participate**” includes:

- (a) entering into agreements;
  - (b) assisting in the development of standards, protocols, systems and procedures;
  - (c) taking part in the co-ordination of information collecting, training and addressing;
  - (d) making recommendations; and
  - (e) serving on committees.
- (2) When requested by the minister, a council of a municipality, the provincial health authority or an emergency service provider, telecommunications service provider, ministry, agency or Crown Corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan shall participate in the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or to any telecommunications service provider, other than SaskTel, that is governed by the *Telecommunications Act* (Canada), but they may agree to participate in the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system.
- (4) Every council of a municipality, the provincial health authority or an emergency service provider, telecommunications service provider, ministry, agency or Crown corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan shall comply with:
- (a) any prescribed standards, protocols, systems and procedures for communicating, equipping, mapping and addressing, establishing signs, call-taking and dispatching;
  - (b) any prescribed directions respecting training, information collecting, education or services; and
  - (c) any prescribed rules.
- (5) The minister shall establish an advisory committee, which will include representatives from any organization or government requested to participate pursuant to subsection (2), to advise and recommend on the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.8; 2002, c.R-8.2, s.75; 2009, c.34, s.8; 2017, cP-30.3, s.11-5.

**Liability**

**9** No action lies or shall be instituted against a volunteer or a volunteer organization by reason of anything in good faith done, caused, permitted or authorized to be done, attempted to be done or omitted to be done by any of them in carrying out or in the supposed carrying out of any responsibility, duty or power while:

- (a) responding to an emergency 911 telephone call; or
- (b) acting at the request of an emergency service provider who is responding to an emergency 911 telephone call.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.9.

**Offences**

**10(1)** No person shall:

- (a) connect an automatic alarm of any kind to the Sask911 system; or
- (b) use or permit another person to use a telephone to place a false, frivolous or vexatious call to the number 911.

(2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction:

- (a) for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000; and
- (b) for each subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.10.

**Act to prevail**

**11** This Act prevails in the case of any conflict between:

- (a) any provision of this Act; and
- (b) the provision of any other Act or the regulations made pursuant to any other Act.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.11.

**Regulations**

**12** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;
- (b) prescribing standards, protocols, systems and procedures for communicating, equipping, mapping and addressing, establishing signs, call-taking and dispatching for the purpose of developing, implementing and operating the Sask911 system;

- (c) prescribing directions respecting training, information collecting, education or services for the purpose of developing, implementing and operating the Sask911 system;
- (d) prescribing rules governing the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system;
- (e) respecting any matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to effect the financing, developing, implementing or operating of the Sask911 system;
- (f) respecting the confidentiality of information acquired for the development, implementation and operation of the Sask911 system and the circumstances under which that information may be disclosed;
- (g) excluding any council of a municipality, the provincial health authority, an emergency service provider, a telecommunications service provider, a ministry, an agency or a Crown corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan, or any class of municipal councils, emergency service providers, telecommunications service providers, ministries, agencies or Crown corporations of the Government of Saskatchewan from the application of section 6;
- (h) prescribing any matter or thing that is required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed by regulation;
- (i) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this Act.

1996, c.E-7.3, s.12; 2002, c.R-8.2, s.75; 2009,  
c.34, s.8; 2017, cP-30.3, s.11-5.

### CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

**13 to 14 Dispensed.** These sections make consequential amendments to other Acts. The amendments have been incorporated into the corresponding Acts.