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### Lac Ste. Anne County and Summer Village of Sunset Point Formalize 10-Year Fire Dispatch Agreement

[Lac Ste. Anne County, AB] – In a move to strengthen regional safety and collaboration, Lac Ste. Anne County (LSAC) and the Summer Village of Sunset Point (SV) have formalized a 10-year agreement for shared fire dispatch services, beginning in March 2025. This agreement reflects a commitment to providing robust, sustainable, and cost-effective emergency response services.

A third-party review conducted by Transitional Solutions Inc. highlighted significant benefits of this partnership. The report praised Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services (LSACFS) for its operational readiness, adherence to national fire safety standards, and its ability to deliver an effective response force with depth and reliability.

#### Key Benefits of the Agreement:

1. **Enhanced Emergency Response:** LSACFS provides access to six stations, mutual aid agreements, and professionally trained responders who meet or exceed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.
2. **Sustainability and Resilience:** With long-term capital and operational plans, LSACFS ensures readiness for both routine and large-scale emergencies.
3. **Community-Centric Services:** Programs such as FireSmart property assessments, fire inspections, and safety education underscore LSACFS's dedication to public safety.
4. **Cost Efficiency:** A single, all-inclusive fee simplifies financial planning while delivering high-quality fire services.
5. **Increased Level of Service:** This agreement will allow for increased Water Rescue Capabilities with the County Water Rescue unit being located within Sunset Point. Increasing the overall safety of the Lake.

“This partnership ensures that our communities are protected by a professional, sustainable, and forward-thinking fire service,” said Joe Blakeman, Reeve. “By working together, we’re delivering on our commitment to keep residents safe.”

The agreement aligns with Sunset Point’s long-term goals for public safety, as outlined in the comprehensive review. “This is a transformative step for our community,” said Gwen Jones, Mayor. “The decision to partner with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services is grounded in research, sustainability, and the desire to provide unparalleled protection for our residents.”



For further details, please visit [www.lzac.ca](http://www.lzac.ca) or [www.sunsetpoint.ca](http://www.sunsetpoint.ca)

**About Lac Ste. Anne County**

Lac Ste. Anne County is dedicated to fostering safe, vibrant communities through responsible governance and community-focused services. With a commitment to collaboration and innovation, LSAC serves its residents by providing quality services and programs for a strong future.

**About the Summer Village of Sunset Point**

The Summer Village of Sunset Point is a thriving lakeside community committed to safety, environmental stewardship, and the well-being of its residents. This partnership with LSAC underscores the Village's dedication to building collaborative solutions for the betterment of the region.

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