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Report COUNCIL DATE: March 12, 2001

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TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: March 5, 2001**

FROM: City Manager **FILE: 4700-005**

SUBJECT: Emergency Program Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

Deputy Chief Wayne Bernard be appointed as Surrey's Emergency Co-ordinator.

BACKGROUND

Assistant Chief R. Smith has been Surrey's Emergency Co-ordinator since March 2000. Restructuring of the Fire Department staff will necessitate the role of emergency planning being transferred to Deputy Chief Wayne Bernard.

Wayne has been with the Department since July 1973, and a Deputy Fire Chief since December of 1991. During his nine years on the Department Management team Deputy Chief Bernard has served in many capacities. His past responsibilities have been in the area of recruitment and hiring, building construction and maintenance, human resource management (career and volunteer), labour relations, and other administrative functions. He is currently in charge of overall Fire Department operations.

The Emergency Co-ordinator is responsible for maintaining Surrey's Emergency Plan and liase with Regional, Provincial and Local response organizations. Under Bylaw #12559 Council has the responsibility to authorize the appointment of an employee to perform the functions of Emergency Co-ordinator.

CONCLUSION

The Fire Department has historically served a significant role in the Emergency Program and will likely be the first responder to any disaster or major incident. The appointment of Deputy Chief Wayne Bernard to administer this program will ensure co-ordination of our emergency preparedness initiatives in the City.

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