



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN POLICY STATEMENT

The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for the Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area (ASCCA) was approved for implementation by the ASCCA Board of Directors on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

The ERP sets out the following policy:

- The ASCCA excludes itself from providing first response services.
- Any person entering the ASCCA property acknowledges the existence of perils, known and unknown, natural and man-made, within the ASCCA property and assumes all risks to their person and personal property by entering the ASCCA property.
- Except for the Special Provision below, the ASCCA assumes no duty of care for any person or their personal property upon the ASCCA property.

The ERP intends exclusive use of the *Alberta 911* telephone service for the dispatch of first response service providers to any emergency within the boundary of the conservation area. This means the local providers of police, fire, and emergency medical services.

There is a supplementary requirement when a wild animal is also involved in the emergency. In such a case, a separate request for support must be directed to *Alberta Fish and Wildlife* at 800-642-3800 (Report a Poacher line).

On no account shall the ASCCA insinuate itself into the delivery of first response services nor incident command for an emergency response.

Special Provision

The ASCCA itself undertakes many activities that have the potential for incidents, specifically work done by consenting staff, volunteers, and contractors, and some of these activities may, by arrangement, involve other consenting individuals, some of whom may be minors and/or handicapped persons supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) giving consent. These activities can be one-of or recurring.

For these activities alone, the ASCCA does acknowledge a responsibility and accountability for a finite duty of care for each involved individual, and their personal property. The specification for finite duty of care is determined from an activity's unique characteristics, and it may include, while an activity is underway, a competent but limited response to an incident. In any event, the ERP takes effect when an incident escalates into an emergency.

For details concerning this policy, please refer to the ERP document of record (i.e., *asca emergency response plan – rev 0 – 2024-jan-23.docx*).