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## **Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to provide 9-1-1 service to Kitimat-Stikine**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has entered into an agreement with the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine to provide 9-1-1 call answering and fire dispatch and communication services to the residents of that region.

“We are pleased to welcome the Kitimat-Stikine Regional District to our 9-1-1 service area. Since 1991, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has operated the 9-1-1 service and continues to invest in technological and human resources to improve and expand the service, making it possible for us to market the service to other regional districts in the north,” says Art Kaehn, chairman of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

As part of the agreement, 9-1-1 calls generated within the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine will be answered at the RCMP Operational Communications Centre in Prince George. Calls requiring fire department response will be dispatched through the Prince George Fire Operations Communications Centre for the 17 fire departments within the Kitimat-Stikine region. All ambulance calls will be forwarded to the BC Ambulance Service central dispatch centre located in Kamloops.

The addition of the Kitimat-Stikine Regional District means that the 9-1-1 service provided by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George now extends from 70 Mile House to the Pine Pass to Stewart Lake and east to the Alberta border. That represents a total service area 205,800 square kilometers, with a population of 170,000. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George also provides 9-1-1 service to the Cariboo Regional District and areas of the Bulkley Nechako Regional District.

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