

# Brandon Fire and Emergency Services



## BFES

### Persons Qualified to Maintain Portable Fire Extinguisher Policy “P3”

*The following Policy is in accordance with the City of Brandon’s Fire Prevention By-Law #7200*

Only qualified persons shall test or perform maintenance on portable fire extinguishers.

Any agency servicing, recharging or carrying out the repair and overhaul of fire extinguishing equipment shall have at a minimum one (1) qualified person who:

- ❑ Has acquired a certificate of training from an organization recognized by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Persons are considered qualified in the maintenance of portable fire extinguishers when:

- ❑ They have received training and certification on NFPA 10, by an organization recognized by the Authority Having Jurisdiction other than their employer, within one year of the commencement of their employ, and
- ❑ They own or are employed by a service agency that is certified by a recognized testing agency.

All agencies servicing, recharging or carrying out the repair and overhaul of fire extinguishing equipment shall have their facilities and equipment certified

- ❑ Annually by an approved fire testing agency, and
- ❑ By Transport Canada or its appointee for high pressure hydrostatic testing equipment.

Identification:

At the request of the Authority Having Jurisdiction, an individual would have to provide evidence of their qualifications. It is up to the individual or agency to secure the necessary documentation which shows how they are qualified.

- ❑ Training and certification shall be classroom based – on-line training will not be acceptable.
- ❑ Any maintenance that involves hands-on, wrenches etc. would require person to be qualified.
- ❑ Monthly visual inspections do not require to be completed by a qualified person.

Fire extinguishers should be tested monthly and be recorded on a monthly basis. Brandon Fire and Emergency Services will request to view these records and should be kept in the inspection binder as required.