

IS YOUR DRIVEWAY  
WIDE ENOUGH FOR  
THE FIRE TRUCK?

IS YOUR DRIVEWAY  
CLEARANCE HIGH  
ENOUGH FOR THE  
AMBULANCE?

IS THERE ROOM FOR A  
FIRE TANKER TO TURN  
AROUND IN YOUR  
YARD?

DO YOU WONDER IF  
YOUR DRIVEWAY IS  
ADEQUATE TO ALLOW  
EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
TO COME AND GO?

LOOK BELOW FOR  
GUIDELINES

## People

- get sick
- have accidents
- are injured and can be snowbound in emergencies

## Buildings and forests

- have fires and can be inaccessible by emergency vehicles

For the protection of property and people it is important to have adequate access and turn-around capabilities for emergency vehicles.

An ambulance, or a fire truck is wider, longer, and taller than a personal vehicle. They have radio antennas. Tree limbs hanging over driveways can damage antennas and make communications impossible.

They are heavy and require a sturdy road bed to carry the weight. They require a driveway wide enough to pass a fire pumper or tanker side by side.

The parking area close to structures should be large enough for these vehicles to turn around without a lot of maneuvering.

# RECOMMENDED DRIVEWAY SPECIFICATIONS

The the following *minimum* width and height standards are recommended:

**Road turn-off to driveway  
20 feet wide**

**Width of driveway surface  
16 feet**

**Width clear of brush  
(for pushing back snow)  
20 feet**

**Snow should be kept pushed  
back to width of  
16 feet**

**Overhead clearance  
14 feet**

A parking or turnaround area should be large enough for emergency equipment to turn easily.

During fire situations, equipment may not enter properties that do not have adequate access or turn-around areas.

It is your own best interest to have adequate emergency vehicle access to your property. If a vehicle cannot safely enter and leave a property, it may be left unassisted. This could mean no watering down of structures or surrounding areas or no close-in ambulance service.

Protect you, your family, your property by allowing emergency responders to effectively perform their assignments in assisting you in time of need.

To help decide if your drive is adequate, contact your Town officials for assistance.

In Drummond, contact Jim Crandall, clerk at 739-6654