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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Responding to Animals Left in Motor Vehicles

As we experience warmer weather, we want to remind the fire service that in accordance with the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997](#) (FPPA), municipal councils set the levels of fire protection services, which may include the rescue of animals in motor vehicles. The FPPA provides authority for firefighters to enter motor vehicles to rescue and remove animals in distress.

For your reference is [Fire Marshal's Communiqué 2021-06](#), previously issued on July 8, 2021, regarding a voluntary training e-module for fire services responding to animals left in motor vehicles. This e-module was developed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General to support firefighters in exercising this rescue function.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

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