

357A.22A Rural fire protection program liability.

A rural water district or rural water association incorporated under this chapter or chapter 504 shall establish a rural fire protection program which shall include, but is not limited to, providing access to designated soft-hose fill stations, providing annually or more often if necessary updated maps of soft-hose fill stations to all fire departments within the rural water service area, and sponsoring informational meetings for all fire departments and interested parties within the rural water service area for the purpose of reviewing locations of facilities, operational procedures, communication procedures and facilities, and procedures designed to coordinate efforts to enhance rural fire protection.

A rural water district or rural water association incorporated under this chapter or chapter 504 which provides water service to cities, benefited fire districts, or townships shall not be liable for a claim against the district or association for failure to provide or maintain fire hydrants, facilities, or an adequate supply of water or water pressure for fire protection purposes if the purpose of the hydrants, facilities, or water used is not for fire protection. Not later than July 1, 2006, the legislative council shall provide for a review of the liability exemption or limitation provided for rural water districts or rural water associations under this paragraph and assess its effect on the provision of fire protection in areas served by the rural water districts or rural water associations.

2001 Acts, ch 54, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1049, §191; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §393