

# An Important Message from the Drake & District Fire Department

With harvest season in full swing, field and grassland fires are at the focus of many farmers in our area. When a fire starts in a field or yard, farmers often act as first responders, using personal equipment to contain and suppress the fire. While these heroic efforts are often a critical component in managing rural fires, the Drake & District Fire Department would like to remind individuals of some crucial points of firefighting safety and liability.

- 1) Any individual responding to a fire scene who is not a registered member of the Drake & District Fire Department, **is participating of their own free will**. By doing so, you are assuming all risk and liability. The Fire Department and associated municipalities are not responsible for injuries, accidents, damages to personal property or death that may result.
- 2) All individuals attending a fire scene **MUST FIRST** report to the Fire Chief or delegate on scene.
- 3) Always prioritize your own safety, stay alert and follow any directives given to you by the Fire Chief or attending delegate.