



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**  
**TO**  
**THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS GAZETTE**  
**No. 227 of 13th JANUARY, 1968.**  
**LEGISLATION.**

ORDINANCE 1 OF 1968.

**AN ORDINANCE**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF FIRE  
SERVICES IN THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS.

E. GORDON JONES,  
ADMINISTRATOR.

*6th January, 1968.*

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Fire Services Ordinance, 1968, and shall come into force on the fifteenth day of January, 1968.

Short title  
and commence-  
ment.

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

Interpretation.

“equipment” includes fire engines, other vehicles, appliances and other apparatus and also uniforms and badges of rank;

“fire fighting” purposes means the purposes of the extinction of fires and the protection of life and property in case of fire;

“Fire Service” means the Sovereign Base Areas Police Force or any of the Fire Services referred to in Section 3 of this Ordinance;

“Senior Fire Officer” means:

- (i) where only one Fire Service is present at a fire, the Senior Officer present of that Service, and,
- (ii) where more than one Fire Service is present at a fire, the Senior Fire Officer established by regulations made under the provisions of Section 8 of this Ordinance.

Sovereign Base Areas Police Force, Fire Services of the Armed Forces of the Crown and Republican Fire Service to have status of Fire Services in the Areas.

3. The Sovereign Base Areas Police Force, each of the Fire Services attached to Her Majesty’s Naval, Military and Air Forces in the Island of Cyprus, having Headquarters in the Areas, and the Fire Service of the Republic, whether acting separately or otherwise, shall have the status of a Fire Service in the Areas for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Functions.

4. The Fire Services may be employed in and throughout the Areas for the purposes of extinguishing fires which threaten life or property.

Powers of members of a Fire Service in extinguishing fires.

5.—(1) Any member of a Fire Service who is on duty may enter and if necessary break into any premises or place in which a fire has or is reasonably believed to have broken out, or any premises or place which it is necessary to enter for the purposes of extinguishing a fire or of protecting the premises or place for acts done for fire fighting purposes, without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof, and may do all such things as he may deem necessary for extinguishing the fire or for protecting from fire, or from acts done as aforesaid, any such premises or place or for rescuing any person or property therein.

(2) Any person who wilfully obstructs or interferes with any member of a Fire Service who is engaged in operations for fire fighting purposes, or with any equipment or apparatus being used by such member, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(3) At any fire the Senior Fire Officer shall have the sole charge and control of all operations for the extinction of the fire, including the fixing of the positions of fire engines and apparatus, the attaching of hose to any water pipes or the use of any water supply, and the selection of the parts of the premises, object or place where the fire is, or of adjoining premises, objects or places, against which the water is to be directed.

(4) The Senior Fire Officer at any fire may close to traffic any street or may stop or regulate the traffic in any street whenever in the opinion of that officer it is necessary or desirable to do so for fire fighting purposes.

6. Any person who knowingly gives or causes to be given a false alarm of fire to a Fire Service or to any member thereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such imprisonment and fine.

False alarms  
of fire.

7. Any damage occasioned by any member of a Fire Service or any person acting under the instructions of the Senior Fire Officer in the execution of his duty at the scene of a fire or of an apprehended fire shall be deemed to be damage by fire within the meaning of any policy of insurance against fire.

Damage.

8. The Administrator may, from time to time, make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance, and in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations for the purpose of establishing who is the Senior Fire Officer in cases where more than one Fire Service is present at a fire.

Regulations.

J. ROBERTS,  
*Chief Officer.*

*6th January, 1968.*

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