

## CHAPTER XVII MUNICIPAL FIRE-BRIGADE

**Maintenance of firemen and of necessary fire engines, etc**

### **285. Maintenance of firemen and of necessary fire engines, etc.**

(1) With a view to the discharge by the Corporation of the duty of extinguishing fire and protecting life and property in case of fire, the Commissioner shall provide, in the statement of municipal officers and servants from time to time prepared by him under section 51, for a force of firemen, with a proper number of officers over them to be called "the municipal fire-brigade", and shall furnish the said brigade with all such fire-engines, fire-escapes, vehicles, accoutrements, tools, implements and means of intercommunication as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of their duties.

(2) A person may be appointed to be a member of the fire-brigade in addition to any other office or employment of such person.

(3) The Corporation may recognise any body of persons on such terms and conditions as it may fix as a volunteer fire-brigade to supplement the municipal fire-brigade.

**Powers of Chief Officer of Fire-Brigade at a fire**

### **286. Powers of Chief Officer of Fire-Brigade at a fire.**

.On the occasion of a fire the Chief or other officer in charge of the fire-brigade may, subject to such orders as the Commissioner may from time to time issue in this behalf, take the command of all municipal officers and servants present and of any other persons who voluntarily place their services at his disposal ; and may on such occasions exercise all or any of the powers specified in the rules.

**Police and municipal officers & servants to aid the fire-brigade**

### **287. Police and municipal officers & servants to aid the fire-brigade.**

(1) It shall be the duty of all police officers and of all municipal officers and servants to aid the fire-brigade in the execution of their duties.

(2) Any police officer or any municipal officer may close any street in or near which a fire is burning and remove any persons who interfere by their presence with the operations of the fire-brigade.

**Damage done by fire-brigade to be deemed damage by fire.**

### **288. Damage done by fire-brigade to be deemed damage by fire.**

(1) Any damage occasioned by the fire-brigade in the due execution of their duties, or by any police or municipal officer or servant who aids the fire-brigade, shall be deemed to be damage by fire.

(2) No damages shall be payable for any act done in good faith by any person in any operations carried out in pursuance of section 286 or 287.

**Report of fire to be submitted**

### **289. Report of fire to be submitted.**

A report of every fire which occurs in the City shall be submitted by the chief or other officer in charge of the fire-brigade not later than the day following the fire to the Commissioner, who shall make such further inquiry, if any, as he may deem necessary and shall furnish a weekly return of all fires which occur in the City to the Standing Committee.