



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STAFF REPORT**

Board Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

DATE: May 4, 2021
TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a resolution amending mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency services by the fire department for services provided/rendered by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and approve a service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to assist with the billing of these services. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTON

SUMMARY:

This staff Report is to approve a resolution amending mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency services by the fire department for services provided/rendered by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and approve a service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to assist with the billing of these services.

PREVIOUS ACTION

April 20, 2020, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved an Ambulance Transport Rate Schedule for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for emergency responses to motor vehicle accidents.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Authority: NRS 474.550 allows the District to recover expense for responding to certain emergencies in its jurisdiction. The District currently charges for emergency services a \$300 flat fee for Motor Vehicle Accident and \$500 flat fee for Motor Vehicle Accident with Extraction. The District currently contracts with RPM Billing to assist with billing and collection of these services. RPB Billing retains 6% of the total revenue collected for these services and is collecting about 23% of all emergency revenue billed.

Most motor vehicle insurance, which is required for all drivers in the State, already includes coverage for deployment of emergency services. The District would like to refine their current rate structure which currently does not cover the true cost to the District. Refining the rate structure will bring the rates to current industry and local standards (used by over 1400 agencies nationwide). The rates are outlined in Exhibit A of the resolution to change the rates.

In addition, the District is proposing to contract with FireRecoveryUSA which will retain 22% of all collected revenue, however they have established a company recovery rate of approximately of 80-90% of all revenues billed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Any receipts received will be deposited into the District's General Fund and used for Emergency Medical Services.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board/s agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to approve a resolution amending mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency services by the fire department for services provided/rendered by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and approve a service agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC to assist with the billing of these services."