

RESOLUTION NO: TM09-2021

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A DISTRICT PROGRAM CHARGING MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED BY THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year; Environmental Protection requirements involving equipment and training, and Homeland Security regulations involving equipment and training, creating additional demands on all operational aspects of the fire department services; and

WHEREAS, the fire department has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the fire department decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, raising real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair when the responsible party(s) should be held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District desires to revise a current procedure to establish a more fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said revised mitigation rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

SECTION 1: The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District shall revise mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency services by the fire department for personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in “EXHIBIT A”. The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of the services and that which is usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) as shown in “EXHIBIT A”, which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by addendum to this document.

SECTION 2: A claim shall be filed to the responsible party through their insurance carrier. In some circumstances, the responsible party will be billed directly.

SECTION 3: The fire department’s Board may make rules or regulations and from time to time may amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section, as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these mitigation rates or the collection thereof.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in open meetings of this Board, and

that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in accordance with all legal requirements, and the Codified Resolutions of the Board.

SECTION 5: This resolution shall take effect at the date of adoption.

SECTION 6: The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase by 1.5% annually or based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is more. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this ordinance/resolution to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

ADOPTED this 1st day of June 2021.

**TRUCKEE MEADOWS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

By: _____
Bob Lucey, Chair

Date signed: _____

ATTEST:

Jan Galassini
Washoe County Clerk

EXHIBIT A
MITIGATION RATES
BASED ON PER HOUR

The mitigation rates below are average “billing levels”, and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These rates are based on actual costs using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance). Labor rates include an average department’s actual burdened labor costs and not just a firefighter's wage. These include wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, etc.

MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Level 1 - \$516.00

Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common “billing level”. This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

Level 2 - \$588.00

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3 – CAR FIRE - \$718.00

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

ADD-ON SERVICES:

Extrication - \$1,550.00

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

Creating a Landing Zone - \$474.00

Includes Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

CHIEF RESPONSE

This includes the set-up of Command and providing direction of the incident. This could include operations, safety, and administration of the incident.

Billed at \$297 per hour.

MISCELLANEOUS / ADDITIONAL TIME ON-SCENE

Additional Time On-Scene (for all levels of service)

Engine billed at \$475 per hour.

Truck billed at \$594 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$357.

Mitigation Rate Notes

The mitigation rates above are average “billing levels” for one hour of service, and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it may be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department’s “actual personnel expense” and not just a firefighter's basic wage). The actual personnel expense includes costs such as wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, insurance, etc.