

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency / Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of an ambulance rate increase for Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the ambulance rate increase submitted by IFPD and its Board of Fire Commissioners; and
- 2) Receive and file the attached Resolution 500 from IFPD Board of Fire Commissioners.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the First Amendment to the Agreement with IFPD on September 29, 2009. That Amendment allowed for a less than five percent ambulance rate increase and stipulated a non-resident fee. IFPD chose not to implement the non-resident fee at that time. Other provisions related to rate increases remained unchanged, including requiring BOS approval for rate increases over five percent (Schedule B of IFPD Ambulance Agreement).

Since September 29, 2009, four of the five IFPD Board Commissioners have been replaced and a new Fire Chief has been hired—Norm Walker.

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Sarah S. Mack

Sarah S. Mack, Deputy Director for
Susan Harrington, Director
Department of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPROVE	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Departmental Concurrence

SUBJECT: Approval of an ambulance rate increase for Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD)

BACKGROUND continued:

A rate study performed by Chief Walker showed that IPFD's ambulance rates are significantly lower than rates throughout the State including those rates for ambulance services provided by fire departments in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Chief Walker determined to meet budgeted personnel and operating costs and to maintain or replace emergency medical services equipment; IFPD would have to implement a non-resident fee of \$1,143.00, increase the ALS base fee by \$258.00, increase the oxygen fee by \$61.00 and institute a non-transport (Dry Run) fee of \$125.00. Chief Walker submitted an ambulance rate increase proposal which was approved by the IFPD Board of Fire Commissioners via a resolution (cover letter and resolution attached).

The following chart compares IFPD's current and proposed rates to current ambulance rates charged by fire departments in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties:

RATES	IFPD Current	IFPD Proposed	Cathedral City	Indio Fire	Big Bear	Running Springs
ALS Base	\$685.00	\$943.00	\$1100.00	\$1200.00	\$1248.29	\$1248.29
BLS Base	\$525.00	\$525.00	---	---	\$573.00	\$573.00
Mileage	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$22.00	\$21.54	\$21.54
Oxygen	\$67.00	\$128.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$139.74	\$139.74
Non-Res	TBD	\$1143.00*	---	---	---	---
Night	\$47.00	\$116.00	\$119.00	---	\$161.33	\$161.33
Dry Run	---	\$125.00	---	\$150.00	---	---

* Non-Resident fee includes Zone 3

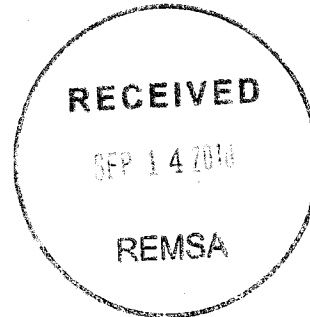
These new rates will increase IFPD's rates so that they are comparable to what other fire departments charge for ambulance services and below the mid range of statewide ambulance rates. Riverside County EMS Agency recommends the approval of this rate increase.



Idyllwild Fire Protection District

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Brian MacGavin

Enclosed please find Resolution 500 from the Idyllwild Board of Fire Commissioners. It outlines our proposed new rates to take effect on October 1, 2010.

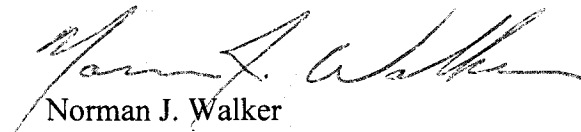
These new rates are established because IFPD has not raised ambulance rates for the last five year and the present rate schedule is not covering the cost of operating the ambulance service for the communities of Idyllwild and Pine Cove.

To determine the new rates we took advisement from REMS and CSA 38 board members. In addition, rates were compared from the 2009 statewide survey (enclosed) Indio Fire Department, Running Springs and Big Bear Lake Fire Departments.

The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency's (ICEMA) rate schedule and rational (enclosed) was found to be the most comprehensive and applied to fire departments of approximately the same size as IFPD and with nearly the same transport conditions and distances.

Incorporating the advice of REMS, note the two tiered schedule for resident and non-resident patients. The definition of resident is anyone who pays the property parcel fee in Idyllwild or Pine Cove.

Please advise as soon as possible if this is acceptable.



Norman J. Walker
Fire Chief

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RESOLUTION

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IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code of California, Section 13916, Subdivision A, provides that a district board may change a fee to cover the cost of any service which the district provides or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee is charged,


THEREFORE, We, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District adopt this resolution # 500, setting the Ambulance Fee as Follows:

ALS Base Rate: Resident Zone 1 & 2	\$ 943.00
ALS Base Rate: Non-Resident and Zone 3	\$ 1,143.00
BLS Base Rate:	\$ 525.00
Mileage, (per mile):	\$ 20.00
Oxygen:	\$ 128.00
Night:	\$ 116.00
Dry run with care rendered:	\$ 125.00

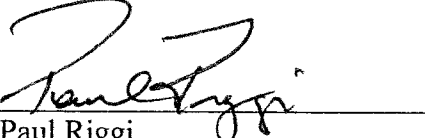
Resolution 500 will hereby replace Resolution 474.


Dated: September 11, 2010

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2010


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