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

**FROM:** Fire / Office of Emergency Services (OES)

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
May 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Establish Cost Recovery Rates

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve and adopt the proposed cost recovery rates as specified in Attachment "A".

**BACKGROUND:** In accordance with Board of Supervisor's policy B-4, County departments shall evaluate existing rates for services on an annual basis, and make recommendations for changes. The Fire Department Cost Recovery Bureau has previously applied employee base pay rates to County claims. Additionally, on March 22, 2011, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department to work with the Auditor-Controller's Office (ACO) to establish an administrative fee, as well as other specific rates, for the Fire Department / OES.

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED

PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
BY: *[Signature]*  
RUSSELL S. DOMINSKI 5-27-11

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *[Signature]*  
SYNTHIA M. GUNZEL DATE: 5/10/11

*[Signature]*  
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10/11

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
*[Signature]*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

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

**BACKGROUND:** (continued)

The Riverside County Fire Department / OES will utilize the established rates for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements, civil cases, criminal cases, service reimbursement, and other cost recovery incidents/events. These rates will allow the Department to recover costs to provide service for negligent incidents, such as drunk driving, driving while under the influence of drugs, reckless driving, vehicle pursuits and any other negligent vehicle act resulting in an emergency response by the Riverside County Fire Department, as well as recover costs for false alarms and apply an administrative fee to recover the cost of these billings and recovery functions. The Department recommends a percentage of total incident costs for the administrative fee, compared to a flat fee, based on the merit that the costs associated with completing a large billing are greater than the costs of completing a smaller billing. The administration rate allows the most effective use of our Cost Recovery staffing and allows the Department to recover the full cost.

The proposed rates outlined in Attachment "A" are similar to those currently charged by other governmental entities and are based on historical actual costs. The rates will be used for all Riverside County Fire Department / OES cost recovery and will become effective when adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

The Auditor Controller's Office has reviewed the proposed rates.

## ATTACHMENT A

### FIRE AND CONTRACTED FIRE PERSONNEL COST RECOVERY RATES:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
Public Safety Comm. Officer	New	\$68.15	Hourly
Sr. Public Safety Comm. Officer	New	\$83.57	Hourly
Fire Fighter II	New	\$86.04	Hourly
Fire Fighter II Medic	New	\$86.86	Hourly
Fire Fighter II Hazmat	New	\$86.98	Hourly
Fire Fighter II Medic Hazmat	New	\$89.54	Hourly
Fire Captain	New	\$94.46	Hourly
Fire Captain Medic	New	\$95.98	Hourly
Fire Captain Hazmat	New	\$93.89	Hourly
Fire Apparatus Engineer	New	\$89.45	Hourly
Fire Apparatus Engineer Medic	New	\$91.21	Hourly
Fire Apparatus Engineer Hazmat	New	\$90.52	Hourly
Fire Apparatus Engineer Medic Hazmat	New	\$96.88	Hourly
Fire Battalion Chief	New	\$98.68	Hourly
Fire Battalion Chief Hazmat	New	\$106.05	Hourly

**FIRE ADMINISTRATION RATE:**

**13% of total incident cost**