

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 10, 2011

FROM: Fire / Office of Emergency Services (OES)

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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John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	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

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature
Debra Cournoyer

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: Tavaglione
Date: June 7, 2011
xc: Fire-OES, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY:
 RUSSELL S. DOMINSKI 5-27-11
 CONCURRENT CONCURRENCE
 BY:
 CYNTHIA M. GUNZEL
 FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY:
 DEPT RECOMM.: Consent Policy
 PER EXEC. OFC.: Consent Policy

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