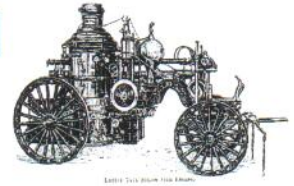




RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEE SCHEDULE 2019

Billing for fire department and rescue squad incident response cost recovery should represent actual response costs. The costs are typically based on the actual response time (the time the apparatus leaves the station until it is response ready or ready to go back in service).

The rates should follow the national standard for fire department billing, which is based on recommendations per information gathered during a FEMA commissioned study, as well as other relevant industry research. Fully calculated rates, using preset charges/values for each component involved, can include variables such as cost for vehicles and equipment, repairs and maintenance, useful life, contractors and billing and collections

For vehicles or apparatus, an average formula used by fire departments is the rate of \$1 per \$1,000 of estimated value of vehicle per hour (the charge for a \$375,000 pumper or rescue unit would be \$375 per hour)

This fee schedule has been developed to assist a Chief in the event that he has to recover costs associated with any emergency response. Fees for hazardous materials incident cost recovery are authorized by SARA legislation, (42- USC 9607) (Sec. 107) (A).

APPARATUS

The charge for all apparatus responding to an incident is as follows. The rates shown below are hourly rates.

- Special Hazards/Heavy Rescue \$500.00
- Aerial Device \$450.00
- Brush Truck \$250.00
- Command Vehicle \$125.00
- Ambulance (transport) (3rd party billing)
- Engine Company \$375.00
- Flammable Liquids Foam Trailer \$525.00
- Tanker \$250.00
- Haz-mat/Decon Trailers w/ prime mover \$525.00
- Haz-Mat Assessments Apparatus \$325.00

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- Haz-Mat and Decon Teams shall direct bill the responsible party(s). A recognized Haz-Mat Team or Decon Team is one that has been sanctioned through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA).

Haz-Mat Team defined: technician level team with the associated equipment, training and medical compliance that meet the requirements as may be set forth in the regulations. This team may arrive and utilize one or several vehicles in the operation. This team is sanctioned through the RIEMA.

Decon Team defined: operations level team with technical decontamination certification with the associated equipment and training that meet the requirements as may be set forth in the regulations. This team may arrive and utilize one or several vehicles in the operation. This team is sanctioned through the RIEMA.

PERSONNEL COSTS

- Personnel costs shall be calculated as follows:
 - One and one-half (1 ½) X the Hourly Rate per individual team member
- In the event that an overtime backfill replacement is required for a team member, there will be a separate charge for the backfill, calculated at:
 - One and one-half (1 ½) X the Hourly Rate of the backfill member

MEDICAL OBSERVATION AND TREATMENT

In the event that fire department personnel involved in the mitigation of a hazardous materials incident should require medical evaluation and/or treatment, the costs for all such evaluation and/or treatment shall be included in the cost analysis of the incident and billed to the appropriate party(s).

MATERIALS

All materials shall be replaced at the catalog price and billed such to the responsible party. It is the responsibility of the community in which the incident occurs to identify and bill the appropriate party(s).

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BILLING RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that agencies billing for services rendered during a hazardous materials incident, consider utilizing the following supporting statements to clarify the purpose for your billing.

“The following are the SARA Title III Federal Laws. Also, please reference the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) of 1990 and the U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Claimant’s Information Guide of 1993:

TITLE I: SECTION 107 OF REFERENCE (B) ENTITLED “LIABILITY” DENOTES YOUR LIABILITY FOR EVENTS WHICH TRANSPIRED ON (Incident Date). ADDITIONALLY, SECTION 107 INDICATES RECOVERABLE COSTS AND DAMAGES. TITLE I, SECTION 123 PROVIDES A MECHANISM FOR PETITIONING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ANY UNRECOVERED COSTS DENOTED UNDER SECTION 107.

HOWEVER, UNDER SECTION 112 ENTITLED “CLAIMS PROCEDURES”, WE CANNOT PURSUE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT UNTIL THE CLAIM IS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE LIABLE PARTIE(S). WE REQUEST YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE ENCLOSED BILL FOR THE COSTS AND DAMAGES. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND PROMPTLY, WE INTEND TO PURSUE A PETITION FOR DAMAGES UNDER SECTION 123.

PLEASE MAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF SECTION 113(e) ENTITLED “NATIONWIDE SERVICE OF PROCESS”. WE WILL ENCOURAGE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE A COMPENSATORY CIVIL SUIT AGAINST YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER. UNDER THIS PROCEDURE WE WILL PURSUE COLLECTION OF ANY UNCOMPENSATED DAMAGES WITH INTEREST UNDER SECTION 113(f) ENTITLED “CONTRIBUTION”.

It is also recommended that agencies billing for services rendered during a hazardous materials incident include the DEM CASE NUMBER on all billing documents.

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Hourly Standard Rate: Port of Providence Marine Strike Team CBRNE Watercraft

The hourly standard rate for the Port of Providence Marine Strike Team CBRNE Watercraft (Strike Team Vessel or vessel) has been developed from analysis of the actual costs to operate the vessel, man it and staff the affected line fire companies with call back personnel.

The Cities of Providence, Warwick, Cranston and East Providence operate their respective Strike Team Vessels as part of their municipally funded full-time career fire departments. As such, indirect costs and overhead expenses have been extracted from the various city departments and divisions that incur budgetary expenses in the fielding of their fire department's vessel.

In an effort to present these costs in a standardized format, the Port of Providence Marine Strike Team has developed this hourly rate and utilized the USCG breakdowns and definitions as found in the Inside Government allowable charges in the document entitled: "COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 7310.1I" dated February 22, 2005.

The following definitions are applied, having been adjusted for the scope of municipal versus USCG operations.

Direct Costs: Represents direct costs incurred by a particular asset class. This includes labor cost for crew members and the callback personnel for their replacement while deployed, their employee benefits, fuel, maintenance, etc.

Support Costs: Costs allocated to this vessel for support received from the responding Fire Department including Incident Command, Safety Officer, etc. Support Costs also include municipal government costs for the Human Resources Department and other administrative costs.

Administrative Costs: The costs allocated to this vessel's ownership and non-response activity including general and administrative activities such as insurance, legal services, cost recovery and information processing.

Direct Costs: Labor cost for crew and callback, fuel, etc.	\$695.00
Support Costs: Command, Liaison and Safety Officer (s)	\$72.00
Administrative Costs: Cost recovery, insurance expense, etc.	\$21.00
Total Hourly Rate:	\$788.00

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