

ORDINANCE NO. 05-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED.

Whereas; The Southern Inyo Fire Protection District (“the District”) is authorized to provide services as described within the Health and Safety Code Section 13862; and,

Whereas; The cost of providing such services may incur a debt upon the fire district; and,

Whereas; The Board of Directors of the District finds that revenues are insufficient to cover the cost of providing said services; and,

Therefore; The Board of Directors of the District ordains as follows:

SECTION I. AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

This ordinance and the schedule of established fees are adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13916 et. Seq., the purpose of which is to recover for the District costs of providing specific services.

SECTION II. APPLICABILITY

The schedule of fees established by this ordinance shall indicate the amount to be charged as authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 13918.

SECTION III. FEE SCHEDULE

Table A - Fire Fighter Personnel and Fire Equipment Fee Schedule

Description	Hourly Rate
Pumper	\$166.00 per hour
Engine	\$166.00 per hour
Water Tender	\$172.00 per hour
HazMat Vehicle	\$184.00 per hour
Wildland/ Rescue Vehicle	\$160.00 per hour
Vehicle Rescue Vehicle	\$160.00 per hour
Command Vehicle	\$136.00 per hour
Extrication	\$220.00 per person
Fire Chief	\$124.00 per hour
Fire Fighters	\$124.00 per hour

Mileage for fire apparatus shall be at the rate of Forty Five dollars (\$45) per mile for each vehicle used during service provided.

Table B - Ground Ambulance EMS Service Fee Schedule

A. ONE PATIENT:

1. Transport Base Rate (effective July 1, 2023):
NOTE: Per ICEMA, rates are allowable only upon transport of a patient.

AMBULANCE SERVICE	BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS)
Emergency	\$1,592.62
Night Charge	\$241.04
Wait time, per 15 minutes	\$90.12

2. Ground mileage rate is \$47.75 per mile or fraction thereof from the point of pick-up to the point of delivery.
3. Patient oxygen use - \$208.79
4. Patient requiring use of ECG/Cardiac monitor or defibrillator - \$106.26
5. MVA incident charge of \$500 billed to auto insurance carrier regardless of transport

B. GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE DEFINITIONS

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) BASE RATE:

1. When an EMT staffed ambulance responds to a call; or
2. When an advanced life support (ALS) or limited advanced life support (LALS) staffed ambulance responds to a scheduled call when not requested and/or ALS or LALS intervention is not provided.

EMERGENCY:

Applies to BLS All Inclusive Base Rate when a BLS scheduled response is upgraded to emergency status either in response or during transport. This charge is included in the ALS All Inclusive Rate and cannot be charged in addition to the ALS All Inclusive Rate.

ECG MONITORING:

Applies when ECG Monitoring is performed as per protocol or base hospital order. This charge is included in the ALS All Inclusive Base Rate and cannot be charged in addition to the ALS All Inclusive Base Rate. In most cases, this charge is broken out as a line item for Medi-Cal which does not recognize the charge in the ALS All Inclusive Base Rate.

MILEAGE:

Applies for each patient mile or fraction thereof from point of pick-up to destination.

NIGHT:

Applies for services provided between the hours 19:00 and 06:59, military time.

OXYGEN:

Applies for services provided whenever oxygen is administered. This charge is inclusive of material such as tubing, masks, etc., which may be used for the administration of the oxygen.

WAIT TIME:

When an ambulance is required to wait, or stand-by for or during transfer of a patient. Wait time rates in above table apply for each 15 minute period or fraction thereof waiting or standing time at the request of the person or entity hiring the ambulance. Each 15-minute period beyond the first 30 minutes will be revalidated.

C. RATES FOR MULTIPLE LOADS:

Each additional patient transported at the same time may be charged the full base rate charge and half the mileage rate.

D. NO CHARGE TRANSPORTS:

No charge shall be made for uninjured or well persons who accompany a patient.

E. COMPUTATION OF RATES:

All rates are to be computed from the time the ambulance arrives for hire until the ambulance delivers the patient to appropriate destination, and is discharged by the patient or his/her representative, appropriate health care professional, attending physician, or emergency receiving facility.

F. RATE ADJUSTMENT:

The current EMS rates shall be adjusted each year based upon the most recent ICEMA rates.

G. COLLECTION OF FEES PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF SERVICES:

Under no circumstances shall ambulance personnel dispatched on a Code 3 call attempt to collect for services provided prior to the delivery of the patient to an appropriate health care professional or medical facility.

3.2 Fees for Duplication of Public Records, Photographs, and Other Documents

Item	Fee
Any fire department record (including fire report/ investigation report - additional pages of report(s), documents, or duplicates.	\$2.00 first page \$ 0.25 each additional page
Copying and Fax Services	\$ 0.25 per page
Audio cassette tapes	\$10.00 each
Photographs not to exceed 4 x 5 inches	\$5.00 per photo
Photographic enlargements	\$10.00 each
Computer printed photographs not to exceed 8 x 10 inches	\$10.00 each
VCR tape	\$15.00 each
CD ROM disk	\$5.00 each
DVD ROM disk	\$10.00 each
DVD disk (fire department movie or video recordings)	\$15.00 each

3.3 Miscellaneous Charges

Charges for services and material costs not listed herein shall be charged at the actual value of such service or material. A copy of all receipts for services rendered and materials purchased or leased shall be made available.

SECTION IV. SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

Due to constant changes in the economy, the District Board shall review this current list of fees and charges annually and amend the fees and charges as needed to reflect the current costs to provide services. The District Board shall, after reviewing the fees and charges, pass a resolution to amend the list of fees and charges listed in this ordinance.

SECTION V. WAIVER OF FEES

As permitted under Health and Safety Code Section 13919, the District Board may waive payment of the fees established by this ordinance, when the Board determines that payment would not be in the public interest. Before waiving payment of any fee, the Board shall first adopt a resolution specifying the policies and procedures which govern such waivers.

SECTION VI. NO WAIVER OF OTHER MEANS OF COST RECOVERY

This ordinance does not preclude the District from pursuing other means of cost recovery, including, but not limited to, that provided by Health and Safety Code Section 13009 for negligent actions which cause the use of services or facilities of the District. The ordinance does not preclude the District from pursuing cost recovery against District residents which cause the use of services or facilities of the District resulting from willful, grossly negligent or criminal actions for which the applicable service rates should apply.

SECTION VII. APPEALS

The District Board shall act as the board of appeals. The responsible person(s) charged for any services pursuant to this ordinance may appeal such charges in writing within 30 days of the invoice date to the board of appeals.

SECTION VIII. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance herein are hereby repealed.

SECTION IX. VALIDITY

The District hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance herein be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the District that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after adoption and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage thereof, shall be published once in the INYO REGISTER, a newspaper of general circulation in the service area of the District with the names of the members of the Board of Directors voting for and against the same.