CENTRAL COOS FIRE & RESCUE

Out-of-Authority Services Cost Recovery Policy

Until such time as Central Coos Fire & Rescue becomes a Fire District as voted on by the registered voters of Millington and Sumner Rural Fire Districts, the policies outlined in the IGA Agreement signed June 16th, 2022, shall supersede any policy set in place by the IGA Board of Directors.

IGA Section 6d. Duties; Fees and Charges states:
"The District may set and collect fees and charge for Services rendered for District Services related to out-of-district or transportation corridor responses, as well as fees for other District Services, subject to applicable Oregon law."

Purpose: To provide for the reimbursement/recovery of response and associated costs for response and services to unprotected areas, airplane crashes, or an occurrence on a transportation route.

Scope: This policy applies to fire or other public safety incident responses outside of the Fire Authority's designated service area, airplane crashes, or an occurrence on a transportation route or areas in which no taxes or assessments are levied by the Fire Authority. 'Transportation Route' includes roadways, waterways, or railroad right-of-ways.

This does NOT include mutual aid, automatic aid responses where a mutual aid or automatic aid agreement is in force, or State Mobilizations.

1. Central Coos Fire & Rescue will not seek cost recovery from another Fire Protection or EMS agency where a mutual aid or automatic aid agreement is in force. We may seek cost recovery from a property owner or individual receiving services that are delivered on a transportation route or involving an airplane crash.

2. Responses under the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan will be in accordance with the Mobilization Plan.

Responsibilities: It is the responsibility of the fire chief to implement this policy and the responding fire officer to obtain the necessary information to facilitate billing of our response.

Introduction: ORS 478.310 authorizes fire districts to be reimbursed for costs reasonably incurred in furnishing firefighting or public safety service costs when an incident occurs. We are

authorized to utilize the State standardized-costs schedule issued by the Oregon State Fire Marshal, and other expenses or costs reasonably incurred in furnishing the assistance.

Policy: It is the policy of Central Coos Fire & Rescue to authorize the fire chief to seek reimbursement from the person(s) receiving services, property owner, or the responsible party for fires, an airplane crash, or other public safety incidents occurring outside of a fire district/authority (unprotected property) or on a transportation route in which no taxes or assessments are levied by the fire authority.

Guidelines and Procedures:

A. General

1. The reimbursement schedule will be the current Oregon State Fire Marshal Standardized Cost Schedule. The minimum charge for a reimbursable response is $250.

2. The Cost Reimbursement Schedule is only the minimum costs to be billed. Central Coos Fire & Rescue reserves the right to alter costs depending on equipment and supplies used.

3. Central Coos Fire & Rescue may bill for additional items including manpower, supplies used, stand-by time, etc.

4. Central Coos Fire & Rescue will not bill automatic or mutual aid partners. CCF&R may bill the recipient of, or the responsible party for services when that individual's property is in an unprotected area or the incident involves an airplane crash or is on a transportation route.
Responses will be billed using dispatch time records. Equipment and personnel costs will be billed in 30-minute increments, with a 1-hour minimum billing.

B. Cost Recovery for Responses on Transportation Routes or Unprotected Areas

1. Cost recovery is intended for non-residents or non-property owners of the Fire Authority when involved in a motor vehicle accident or other public safety incident occurring on a transportation route or unprotected area.

2. Transportation route or unprotected area response billing should be limited to incidents lasting longer than 30-minutes of on-scene time and/or requiring the use of more than one (1) fire apparatus and generally performing services such as (this is not an inclusive listing):

a) Fire Suppression
b) Emergency Medical Services
c) Rescue or Extrication Services
d) Hazardous Materials or Fluid Containment
e) Traffic Control when incident is blocking a lane or creating a hazard on a public roadway
f) Or other condition which creates a danger to public safety

3. The fire officer-in-charge should collect billing information, which may be the property owner or registered owner of the vehicle receiving services.

C. Cost Recovery for Fire Response in Unprotected Areas or Airplane Crash

1. Central Coos Fire & Rescue does not typically respond to reported fires in unprotected areas unless:

a) Lives are in immediate danger
b) Pursuant to the State Mobilization Plan
c) The fire chief or officer-in-charge determines that a response is appropriate and justified

Should Central Coos Fire & Rescue respond to an incident in an unprotected area, cost recovery will be based on the current Oregon State Fire Marshal Standardized Cost Schedule plus any other costs as outlined in Section A of this policy. Where costs are not represented on the State schedule, Fire Authority costs will be applied.

D. Appeals

Appeals of any costs shall be initiated by contacting the administrative office, and if not resolved, appeals shall then be presented to the fire chief within 30-days from the date of the invoice being received. Decisions of the fire chief shall be final.

E. Waiver of Charges

Charges for services provided by the Authority that arise from services described in this policy shall be waived when:

1. The person receiving services is a resident of the Authority.

2. The person receiving services is the owner of taxable real property within the Authority and upon which taxes are levied by the Authority.

3. The person who, at the time of the incident, was acting as an employee, servant, or agent of another person, corporation, partnership or other non-governmental entity was the owner of taxable real property within the Authority and upon which taxes are levied by the Authority.

4. A person who at the time of the incident was acting as an employee, servant or agent of a governmental entity, where that governmental entity had its principal site or office within the Authority.

F. Collection Procedures

Fees will normally be billed within 30 days of the service delivery date. If arrangements for payment are not made within 60 days of billing, the invoice shall be considered delinquent and Central Coos Fire & Rescue may proceed with collections as deemed appropriate by the fire chief. All costs related to the collections procedures shall be added in addition to the fire authority invoiced fees when collection services are required.

Legal Reference(s):

Or. Admin. R. 837-130-0020
ORS 476.290
ORS 478.310

Attachment A

2025 Reimbursement Rates
Oregon State Fire Marshal Standardized Cost Schedule & Fire Authority Cost Schedule

Resource Type	**Apparatus**	**2025 Hourly Rate**
Type 1 Engine [Fire, Pumper]	E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4	$100.00
Type 6 Engine [Rapid Attack Vehicle]	RAV-1, RAV-2, RAV-3, RAV-4	$50.00
Type 1 Tender [Fire, Tender]	T-1. T-2. T-3. T-4. T-5	$80.00
Command Vehicle	C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4	$45.00
*Rescue Equipment	Extrication	$200.00
Volunteer Firefighter		$19.05
Volunteer Apparatus Operator		$21.00
Volunteer Company Officer [Engine Boss]		$22.75
Volunteer Duty Officer [Strike Team/Task Force Leader]		$25.50

*Not on State Schedule

Unprotected Areas Standardized Cost Schedule: This schedule is adopted by reference in OAR 837, Division 130, State Fire Marshal Standardized Cost Schedule.