



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

# POLICY: FEE FOR SERVICE(S)

### POLICY:

Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) provide Fire and Emergency management services for BESC partner Municipalities, Beaver County, Town of Tofield, Town of Viking, Village of Ryley, Village of Holden, Hamlet of Bruce and Hamlet of Kinsella. Services may also be requested and provided to neighboring Municipalities for assistance through deployment of fire apparatus and manpower.

Fee(s) for service(s) provided to all users is established through this policy for various services as specified in attached Schedule "A".

### DEFINITIONS:

**Pumper:** fire apparatus which contains water for the extinguishment of fires

**Rescue:** fire apparatus utilized at motor vehicle collisions and other incidents which carries rescue and various ancillary equipment

**Mini-Pumper:** fire apparatus which contains water used for quick response fire attack

**Water tanker:** used to transport high volumes of additionally required water to emergency scenes

**Personnel Vehicle:** used at motor vehicle collisions and other incidents and carries other ancillary equipment

**Occupant Load:** a requirement of the Alberta Fire and Building Code which determines the maximum number of people that may be present in a specific area of a building at any time

**Fire Investigation:** a process used to determine the cause and origin of a fire

**Fire Inspection:** a process used to examine any publicly occupied building, business or assembly area, and/or other building which may be entered by members of the general public. Requirements set forth by the Alberta Fire and Building Code determine if a building is compliant with found or detected situations as applied to the code requirements.

**Fire Hydrant Flow Test:** a testing process used to determine the amount of flow available from a fire hydrant

**False Alarm:** an emergency call which is accidentally or maliciously activated that does not require any services from BESC fire personnel

**Mutual Aid:** a request from a neighboring Municipality that BESC has a mutual aid agreement with for the deployment of fire resources to assist in an emergency event

Fire charges may be waived where fires are determined to be caused by an unknown source that is determined to be not the responsibility of a land owner, rental tenant or custodian of any building, land, fixed structure or machinery including motorized vehicles of all types.

In other mitigating circumstances at the discretion of the Regional Emergency Manager fire charges may be waived.

Payment for fire and/or other services provided by BESC shall be due upon receipt.

Non-payment or delinquent accounts will be recovered through a collection processing organization.

Delinquent accounts will be considered as such after 60 days of non-payment of any funds onto outstanding balances.

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the BEDC Board of Directors and changed as required.

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Response to structure fires, wildland fires on private property within the boundaries of Beaver County Municipalities, Towns, Villages, Hamlets and Beaver County:

\$600.00 per hour per (5 man) Pumper Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per (3 man) Pumper Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per Rescue Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per Tanker  
\$150.00 per hour per Mini-Pumper

Response to an incident, motor vehicle accident on a highway:

\$615.00 per hour per (5man) Pumper Unit  
\$615.00 per hour per (3man) Pumper Unit  
\$615.00 per hour per Rescue Unit  
\$615.00 per hour per Mini Pumper  
\$180.00 per hour Personnel

Response to a motor vehicle accident on a Municipal road in urban and rural locations, not highways, train or aircraft including fire suppression, rescue and/or extrication services:

\$600.00 per hour per (5 man) Pumper Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per (3 man) Pumper Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per Rescue Unit  
\$600.00 per hour per Tanker  
\$150.00 per hour per Mini Pumper

(Non-Beaver County Jurisdiction Response)

Mutual Aid responses authorized by other Municipalities, associations or cooperatives:

Shall be charged at the applicable rates as established in each respective agreement

In the absence of an agreement, fees will be charged in accordance with the Fee schedule

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#### Occupancy load certificates and building inspections:

\$75.00 per hour, plus mileage, for inspecting structures, calculating occupancy loads and issuance of certification

#### Fire Hydrant Flow Tests:

\$100.00 per hour to perform a certified flow test and provide written documentation of test

#### Inspections required by Provincial Government Legislation:

\$75.00 per hour, plus mileage and incidentals for inspection of the property and issuance of a report

#### False Alarm:

First incident no charge, warning issued.

The second false alarm, nuisance or repeat issues without being addressed, additional responses are \$600.00 per incident. Owner change will reset to first false alarm for new resident at the residence or business address.

#### Investigations conducted on:

\$75.00 per hour for investigations within Beaver County boundaries, urban and rural, unless performed by outside agencies for which actual costs will be charged

Other chargeable costs may include mileage and incidental charge, photo costs, special costs and recover of equipment costs. Any subsequent duties performed in relation to an investigation shall be charged at the same rate

#### Inspections:

\$95.00 per hour for initial inspection conducted and subsequent re-inspections where corrective actions are required

Mileage and photo costs will be billed in addition

Should corrective actions not be undertaken within the time specified initial inspection report, then the owner will be subject to the Safety Codes Act and the costs associated with this process will be payable by the responsible party

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Board Approval

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