



**BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCSO Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter J. Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** February 14, 2023

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6F: Discussion and Consideration Regarding District Billing for Outside Emergency Responses**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the following action:

*Discussion item only, no action required at this time.*

**BACKGROUND:**

This item is before the you today at the request of the Directors due to a conversation that transpired regarding billing services for emergencies that at the Special Meeting on January 31, 2023.

Attached is the current Policy for the GCSO Fire Department Services that was adopted in 2010.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. OPM Section 902 Fire Department Policy

# **GCSD POLICY**

**POLICY TITLE: FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE FOR SERVICE POLICIES**

**POLICY NUMBER: 902**

**ADOPTED: October 11, 2010**

**AMENDED:**

**RESOLUTION:**

## **902 FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE FOR SERVICE POLICIES**

### **902.1 Introduction**

The District is situated along a major corridor entering and leaving Yosemite National Park. Each year over 500,000 park visitors pass through Groveland. This traffic places a financial burden on Groveland Fire Department. The California Vehicle Code (Sections 100-680, 2450-2454, 16450-16457, and 17300) allows the District to recover costs from those served by the Fire Department who are not already paying customers of the District. In the following sections, various categories of fee for service are outlined. The fees adopted by the Board of Directors can be found in Appendix 900-A—Fire Department Fees for Service.

### **902.2 Motor Vehicle Accidents**

#### Level 1—Scene Safety & Investigation

This level includes scene safety and investigation, as well as traffic control, patient contact hazard control. This will be the most common billing level. This occurs almost every time a fire department responds to an accident.

#### Level 2—Cleanup & Material Used

This level includes Level 1 services as well as cleanup and material used (sorbents used, hazardous clean-up and disposal). We will bill at this level if the department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident.

#### Level 3—Car Fire

This level includes scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident.

#### Level 4—Extrication

This level includes Levels 1 & 2 services as well as extrication (heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc.). The department will bill at this level if it has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. The department will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

#### Level 5—Advanced Response

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This level includes Levels 1, 2, and 3 services, as well as air care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, and helicopter). The Department will bill at this level any time a helicopter is utilized to transport the patient(s).

### **902.3 Hazardous Materials Response**

#### Level 1—Basic Response

Billing will include engine response, first response team, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder setup and command.

#### Level 2—Intermediate Response

Billing will include engine response, first response team, haz-mat certified team and appropriate equipment. Other billable tasks include:

- Perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set up and command,
- Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment, and
- Set up and removal of decontamination center and wash down.

#### Level 3—Advanced Response

Billing will include engine response, first response team, haz-mat certified team and appropriate equipment. Other billable tasks include:

- Perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set up and command.,
- Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment,
- Set up and removal of decontamination center and wash down,
- Detection, recovery and identification of material, and
- Disposal and environment clean up.

In addition to the above, billing will also include any disposal fees of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. This billing level includes three (3) hours of on scene time, with an additional hourly rate per team, as needed.

### **902.4 Arson Investigation**

The Fire Department can field an Arson Response Team. The team may also assist the County or State arson investigation teams. The team may be called up to perform the following tasks:

- Scene Safety.
- Investigation.
- Source Identification.
- Identification Equipment.
- Mobile Detection Unit.
- Arson Report.

The billing begins when the arson investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.

### **902.5 Structure Fires**

Structures fires within District boundaries are not billed. However, responses to structure fires outside