



EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEE SCHEDULE

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 \$500.00 plus materials
- Aerial Device \$300.00
- Ambulance (non-transport) \$250.00
- Heavy Rescue \$300.00
- Brush Truck \$200.00
- Command Vehicle \$150.00
- Ambulance (transport) (3rd party billing)
- Engine Company \$250.00
- Chemical Truck* \$300.00
- Light Rescue \$150.00
- Tanker \$200.00
- Haz-mat/Decon Trailers w/ prime mover \$300.00

* Engine Company equipped with a foam turret is to be billed as a chemical truck.

- For the cost calculation, incidents shall be billed from the initial response until such time as the vehicle is placed back in service.
- 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).

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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