

Policy (FP) 3.2 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR FIRE SERVICES, limited application

The purpose of this document is to identify fire fighting services the Hagensborg (Volunteer) Fire Department is authorized to perform, and any charges that may be levied, for service outside of the Hagensborg Waterworks District (HWD) boundary and/or outside any other fire protection district's boundaries identified in a Trustee approved Mutual Aid and/or Auto Response Agreement.

Policy Resolution:

The Hagensborg Fire Department will deliver limited fire fighting services through dedicated volunteer fire fighters who are adequately trained and equipped to respond to emergency incidents to standards of a reasonable volunteer fire department serving rural areas, subject to available resources.

In identifying the emergency services and service levels below, the Trustees of Hagensborg Waterworks and Fire Protection District have attempted to balance the needs of the public, the safety of its volunteer firefighters and the protection of life, property and the environment within the context of competing interests for scarce resources.

1. Hagensborg Fire Department is authorized to provide emergency services as laid out in the Fire Department's *Operational Guidelines* to properties and structures
 - a) within the District's boundaries
 - b) outside the District's boundaries, in accordance with HWD trustee approved mutual aid and/or auto response agreements.
 - c) that fall outside the District's boundaries and outside of any other fire departments service boundaries as defined in any HWD trustee approved mutual aid and/or auto response agreement.
 - d) Crown Land
2. The District may charge fees for providing fire protection services on a parcel of land where the services rendered are outside the district's service boundaries, in accordance with *Fire Department Establishment and Operations Bylaw*, the *Improvement District Governance Manual*, the *Local Government Act* and current contractual agreements in the amount as follows:
 - a) For any call to fight a fire as described in 1.c) a flat rate of \$450.00 per hour for active fire fighting attended by three or more volunteer fire fighters and the primary fire truck.
 - b) For attending to the cool down monitoring of a call that falls under 2.a) a rate of \$50.00 per hour attended by at least two volunteer fire fighter with or without the attendance of a fire truck.
 - c) For any call to fight a fire, or attend a fire on Crown Land, the rates established in the Wildland (Brush) fire Mutual Aid will apply.
3. Charges will be levied against a person(s) owning the identified land affected by the call, whether or not they initiated the call or the call was made by a third party observing the fire.

4. If fire protection charges to be levied against a person for responding to an incident outside the District's boundaries exceed \$5,000.00 the District may exercise the option to waive any charges in excess of \$5,000 provided that the person to whom charges are to be levied:
 - a) has complied with all terms and conditions of any fire permit issued, if applicable;
and
 - b) was not otherwise negligent in causing or contributing to the fire.
5. If a District Officer, Trustee, or member of the Fire Department is required to attend any civil or criminal proceedings, court hearing or Examination for Discovery as a result of his attendance at a fire outside the District's boundaries and outside the boundaries identified in an approved Mutual Aid Agreement, fees shall be charged to the property owner(s) and paid to the attendee as follows:
 - a) ½ day (or part thereof) to attend - \$100.00
 - b) Full day to attend - \$180.00
 - c) plus the mileage rate if attending at proceedings, hearing, or legal council meetings outside said boundaries.

LEGISLATION: This policy will meet the intent of Work Safe BC's Regulations, and the Hagensborg Fire Department's most recent Fire Department *Operational Guidelines*.

This policy is subject to the *Hagensborg Fire Department Operational Guidelines*, the *Fire Department Establishment and Operations Bylaw*, and any specific provisions of the *Local Government Act* or other relevant legislation.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Fire Chief will ensure that the services and service levels identified are adhered to and that volunteers providing services are competent.

The Fire Chief will monitor the effectiveness of emergency services being provided, identify areas where the level of service may require amendment and will bring those recommendations back to the Hagensborg Waterworks Trustees for their review.

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