



Chaffee County Fire Protection District

499 Antero Circle
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211

Resolution No. 2026-03

RESOLUTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAFFEE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL OR COLORADO LAW

WHEREAS, Chaffee County Fire Protection District (“*District*”) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado (“*State*”), organized pursuant to the Special District Act, C.R.S. § 32-1-101, et seq., to provide fire suppression, fire prevention and public education, emergency medical, emergency rescue, and hazardous materials services to the citizens and property within its jurisdiction, and to individuals passing through its jurisdiction (collectively, “*Emergency Services*”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to State statute, the District Board of Directors (“*Board*”) is authorized to:

(a) Fix, and from time to time increase or decrease, fees and charges for emergency medical services, and for extrication, rescue, and safety services provided in furtherance of emergency medical services that occur within its boundaries (collectively, “*Emergency Medical Services*”). “Extrication, rescue, and safety services” may include, but are not limited to: (i) services provided prior to the arrival of an ambulance; (ii) rescue or extrication of trapped or injured parties at the scene of a motor vehicle accident; and (iii) lane safety or blocking provided by the District’s equipment. C.R.S. § 32-1-1002(1)(e)(I);

(b) Claim reimbursement from the person(s) who have care, custody, and control of the hazardous substance involved in a hazardous substance incident for the reasonable, necessary, and documented costs resulting from action taken to remove, contain, and/or otherwise mitigate the effects of such incident, but not including expenses related to extinguishing a fire occurring in connection with such incident, except if such fire involves an electric vehicle battery fire with the release of potential toxic substances; and recover the District’s reasonable costs of collecting any such reimbursement, including attorney fees (collectively “*Hazmat Services*”). C.R.S. § 29-22-104. The terms “hazardous substance” and “hazardous substance incident” shall have the following meanings:

- (i) The term “hazardous substance” means any substance, material, waste, or mixture designated as a hazardous material, waste, or substance according to 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 172, as amended, or by section 18-13-112 (2)(b), C.R.S., or as designated pursuant to the federal “Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980” (Pub.L. 96-510) as in effect July 1, 1983.
- (ii) The term “hazardous substance incident” means any emergency circumstance involving the sudden discharge of a hazardous substance which threatens immediate and irreparable harm to the environment or the health and safety of any individual other than individuals exposed to the risks associated with hazardous substances in the normal course of their employment. “Hazardous substance incident” includes those incidents of spilling, dumping, or abandonment of a hazardous substance, whether or not such spilling, dumping, or abandonment is found to threaten immediate and irreparable harm, but such term does not include any discharge of a hazardous substance authorized pursuant to any federal, state, or local law or regulation. “Hazardous substance incident” includes those incidents which occur during transportation of a hazardous substance, in which a spill does not occur during the incident but is threatened prior to or during the cleanup period.
- (c) Establish such other fees and charges for Emergency Services that the District deems appropriate within and outside its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District, the citizens and property within its jurisdiction, and individuals passing through its jurisdiction, to establish reasonable fees and charges as authorized by law for the Emergency Services described in the second WHEREAS clause above;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a proposed schedule of such fees and charges (“*Fee Schedule*”), a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and finds that the fees and charges are reasonable and necessary to cover the costs that the District incurs in providing the Emergency Services described in the second WHEREAS clause above;

WHEREAS, the Fee Schedule established by this Resolution is not intended to apply to Emergency Services the District may provide as part of any separate contract for Emergency Services with a public or private agency, or under the jurisdiction of a Federal agency, the State, or any of its agencies or other units of local government pursuant to a wildland fire deployment (“*Wildland Services*”) or any other disaster response (“*Disaster Response*”) for which the District

may be entitled to reimbursement from such Federal agency, the State, or the agency or other unit of local government; and,

WHEREAS, it will be cost effective to contract with a third-party Fire/EMS billing service to bill and collect fees and charges for the Emergency Services described in the second WHEREAS clause above.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Chaffee County Fire Protection District:

1. The attached Fee Schedule, which may be revised periodically by the Board from time to time without amending this Resolution, is adopted as the schedule of fees and charges that the District shall impose and collect for the Emergency Services described in the second WHEREAS clause above, and shall supersede and render null and void all prior schedules of fees and charges adopted by the Board for such Emergency Service.

2. A third-party Fire/EMS billing service with which the District contracts is authorized to bill and collect on behalf of the District the Emergency Services described in the second WHEREAS clause.

3. The District shall impose and collect fees and charges for Wildland Services and Disaster Response in accordance with the reimbursement policies, procedures, and conditions, if any, of the Federal agency, the State, or the agency or other unit of local government under whose jurisdiction the Wildland Services or Disaster Response was provided, and at the rates authorized by such Federal agency, the State, or the agency or other unit of local government.

5. Nothing in this Resolution precludes the Board from using any other method to recover fees or charges described in this Resolution by any other means available at law or in equity.

6. This Resolution and the Fee Schedule are effective immediately upon the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2026.

BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHAFFEE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Attested:

Stuart Langrehr, Board President

Erynn Hickins, Secretary to the Board



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CHAFFEE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE Effective March 4, 2015

Motor Vehicle Incidents		Scene Assessment & Stabilization	Hazardous Fluid Clean Up	Car Fire
Level 1	\$637.00	✓		
Level 2	\$728.00	✓	✓	
Level 3	\$886.00	✓		✓
<p>Additional Add-on Services: Extrication - \$1,915.00 Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing, etc. This charge will be added if the Fire District has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. This charge will not be billed if the patient is simply unconscious and the Fire District is able to open the door. It is only billed if equipment is deployed.</p> <p>Creating a Landing Zone - \$584.00 Includes multi-engine company response, mutual aid needed, helicopter. The Fire District will assess this fee at any level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport patient(s).</p>				
Hazmat Incidents				
Level 1	\$1,029.00	Basic Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.		
Level 2	\$3,673.00	Intermediate Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.		
Level 3 (includes 3 hrs)	\$8,673.00	Advanced Response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, 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 decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes the foregoing and any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes 3 hours of on scene time - each additional hour @ \$391.00 per HAZMAT team.		

False Alarms		1	2	3	4+
Within a 12 month period	Free	✓			
Within a 12 month period	\$100.00 (each)		✓		
Within a 12 month period	\$200.00 (each)			✓	
Within a 12 month period	\$300.00 (not to exceed \$500 per calendar day)				✓
Fires (legal & illegal)					
Assignment - \$400 per hr, per engine/ \$500 per hr, per truck					
Includes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene Safety • Investigation • Fire/Hazard Control 					
Chief Response (i.e. Command set up and incident direction)					
All incidents: \$367 per hr					
Additional Time On-Scene/ Miscellaneous					
Engine	\$585 per hr				
Truck	\$794 per hr				
Command	\$367 per hr				
Misc. Equipment	\$440				
Equipment and Supplies			Emergency Medical Services	Hazardous Material (including EV Battery containment)	Services within or outside District's Jurisdiction
Expendable Hazardous Materials Supplies	Replacement Cost			✓	✓
Expendable Medical Supplies/Medication	Replacement Cost		✓		✓
Damaged Personal Protective Equipment	Replacement Cost			✓	✓
Special Circumstances					
In any circumstance not otherwise covered by this Fee Schedule, the Fire Chief may, in their discretion, impose fees or charges authorized or permitted under federal, state or local law.					