



SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE
Special Board of Directors' Meeting
October 21, 2024
9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO

I. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – Board Room

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

E. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Conduct at Meetings. Comments by members of the public shall be made only during the “Public Comment” portion of the meeting or a specified “Public Hearing,” and shall be limited to three minutes per individual and five minutes per group spokesperson unless additional opportunity is given at the Board’s discretion. Each member of the public wishing to speak shall identify themselves by name, address, and agenda item, if any, to be addressed. Disorderly conduct, harassment, or obstruction of or interference with meetings by physical action, verbal utterance, nuisance or any other means are prohibited. Such conduct may result in removal of person(s) responsible for such behavior from the meeting, a request for assistance from law enforcement, and criminal charges filed against such person(s).

G. ACTION ITEMS

H. DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Ambulance and EMS Service Fees – Curtis
2. Budget Work Session 11/18 – Dell’Orfano

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Fire Chief Selection Process – Albee

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION (UPON MOTION)

1. Pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., consult with Legal Counsel to receive legal advice pertaining to the Fire Marshal’s Office Permit Fees.

K. NEXT MEETING(S)

Regular Board of Directors’ Meeting to be held on November 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

Regular Volunteer Firefighter Pension Board of Trustees' Meeting to be held on November 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at 9195 East Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO.

L. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT



Meeting Date: 10/21/2024

Agenda Item Type: Discussion Item

Agenda Item: Ambulance and EMS Services Fees

Submitted By: John Curtis - Deputy Chief of Emergency Services; Stephanie Corbo - Chief Financial Officer

Approved: Bob Baker, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

“Transport” fees have not been significantly updated since 2020 and staff has identified that we have fallen below fees charged by neighboring Fire/EMS agencies. This will be a discussion to provide more information in order to gauge the board’s interest in updating SMFR’s transport fees.

BACKGROUND:

On July 20, 2020, the board adopted Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Repealing and Readopting a Fee Schedule for Ambulance and EMS Services. The intent was to recover the costs related to the transport of patients to the hospital, which were supported by an analysis by the consultant TischlerBise. The 2020 fee schedule increased transport fees from \$800 (established in 2008) to \$1,270 plus a mileage fee of \$15.00 per mile. The Board’s Resolution also authorized the Fire Chief or CFO to periodically adjust fees within CPI-U. The current fees are \$1,374 with a mileage fee of \$17.51 per mile.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SMFR’s transport fees have been compared to current neighboring agency fees:

- West Metro: \$1,650
- Denver Paramedics: \$1,653
- Arvada: \$1,400 to \$1750 this year
- Falck Aurora: \$1,600 to \$2200 (AFD receives 10%)

Staff will provide an overview of current payer mix and billing collection rates, along with estimates of increased revenues based on potential fee increases.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:

In accordance with § 32-1-2001, C.R.S., a fire protection district board of directors has the power to impose fees and charges for ambulance and emergency medical services, which provide a significant source of cost recovery for SMFR.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Discussion only. If directed, a formal adopting resolution will be presented at a future meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

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