

APPENDIX J
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

Description	Fee
Ambulance Base Rate - Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$856.00
Ambulance Base Rate - Advanced Life Support - Level 1 (ALS1)	\$884.00
Ambulance Base Rate - Advanced Life Support - Level 2 (ALS2)	\$961.00
Interfacility Transport Ambulance Base Rate - Basic Life Support (BLS)	\$775.00
Interfacility Transport Ambulance Base Rate - Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1)	\$900.00
Interfacility Transport Ambulance Base Rate - Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS2)	\$950.00
Interfacility Transport Ambulance Base Rate - Critical Care	\$1,000.00
Oxygen Usage Fee	\$25.00
Mileage (per mile)	\$12.00

- An Ambulance base rate fee will be charged to all individuals in accordance with the required response (BLS, ALS1, or ALS2), per person, when services are provided unless otherwise noted.
- Ambulance base rate fee includes Basic Life Support (BLS) treatment and/or transport, Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1) treatment and/or transport, or Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS2) treatment and/or transport, excluding refusals.
- Interfacility transport ambulance base rate fee includes Basic Life Support (BLS) transport, Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS1) transport, Advanced Life Support Level 2 (ALS2) transport or Critical Care Transport from one non-emergency location to another.
- An oxygen usage fee will be charged to those patients who are administered oxygen during treatment and/or transport.
- The mileage fee is the cost per mile for transport to the hospital, or transport to a landing zone for air ambulance transport. The mileage fee for inter-facility transport is the cost per mile from facility to facility.
- The County shall accept Medicare, Florida Medicaid, and other insurance assignments as required by law.
- Ambulance base rate and mileage fees will not be charged to Osceola County Board of County Commissioner and Constitutional Officer Employees who are currently enrolled in the County workers compensation program and who are injured while on duty and require these services.

- The County reserves the right to waive account balances under \$1.00 for administrative efficiency.
- In the event that another agency responds to a 911 call, the patient will be charged the ambulance base rate and mileage fee of the transporting agency.

SPECIAL EVENT STANDBY

Description	Cost Per Hour
Company Officers, Firefighter/Paramedics, Firefighters/EMTs, and Engineers	The initial cost estimate will be based on the minimum pay grade for personnel required for the standby assignment in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement including any applicable benefit costs. The final invoice will reflect the actual cost for the personnel provided to work the event.
Support Services Technician and Administration	The average budgeted hourly rate plus any applicable benefit costs will be used for the initial cost estimate for each position classification needed for the standby event in accordance with the County's Compensation Plan. The final invoice will reflect the actual cost for the personnel required for the event.
Fire Rescue & EMS Equipment	Equipment use will be billed in accordance with the current FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates

- A cost estimate will be provided for the standby event. A deposit in the amount of the estimate provided must be paid prior to the event.
- The cost for any response that results in an EMS transport will be billed to the patient pursuant to the approved Ambulance Rate Schedule.
- A minimum of 4 hours will be charged for special event standbys. This includes a 2-hour minimum for the event, 1 hour for travel time and set up, and 1 hour for breakdown and return travel time. For events longer than 2 hours, the actual event time will be charged in addition to 1 hour for travel and setup, and 1 hour for breakdown and return travel.
- .Repealing Resolution #00/01-140, #06-056R, and #04-026R.
- Osceola County Fire Rescue & EMS shall serve as the primary provider of fire and emergency medical standby services for events conducted at County-owned facilities and venues as well as for venues or events that require Special Event permitting. This is intended to ensure consistent, safe, and coordinated fire and EMS coverage for all public events while protecting the operational readiness of the County's emergency response system.

Osceola County Fire Rescue & EMS shall be responsible for:

- Providing or coordinating all required fire and EMS standby coverage for events held at County-owned or Operated facilities and venues; as well as for events that require Special Event permitting
- Reviewing event requests and determining appropriate levels of coverage based on risk
- Ensuring integration with existing emergency response systems, including dispatch, hospitals, and public safety partners

No alternative provider of fire or EMS services shall be utilized at County-owned facilities without approval of County Manager or Designee.

The Fire Chief, or Designee, is granted full authority to:

- Conduct or require a risk assessment for any event
- Determine the type, level, and duration of fire and EMS coverage required
- Modify coverage requirements based on changing conditions (e.g., weather, attendance, threat level)
- Require additional resources or decrease needed resources when necessary to maintain proper coverage for public safety
- Deny or suspend event operations if adequate life safety provisions are not met

All determinations shall be based on professional standards, historical data, and operational readiness of the County system.

Events shall be categorized into **five (5) threat/risk levels**:

- **Level 0 – Very Low Risk**
Micro Attendance, no hazards, low likelihood of medical incidents
- **Level 1 – Low Risk**
Small attendance, minimal hazards, low likelihood of medical incidents
- **Level 2 – Moderate Risk**
Moderate attendance, limited hazards, predictable medical needs
- **Level 3 – High Risk**
Large attendance, elevated hazards (e.g., alcohol, heat, high activity), increased EMS demand
- **Level 4 – Special Threat / Complex Risk**
Very large events, high-profile or high-risk activities, potential for mass casualty incidents, security concerns, or significant environmental risks

The following five (5) general event types are recognized:

1. **Athletic / Sporting Events**
2. **Concerts / Entertainment Events**
3. **Festivals / Fairs / Community Events**
4. **Indoor Assemblies (meetings, expos, civic events)**
5. **High-Risk / Special Events** (fireworks, motor sports, extreme sports, large-scale or high-profile gatherings)

The following represents **baseline recommended coverage**. Final determination remains at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

A. Athletic / Sporting Events

- **Level 0:** By request
- **Level 1:** EMS standby team
- **Level 2:** 1 ALS transport unit + EMS supervisor (as needed)
- **Level 3:** 2 ALS transport units + EMS supervisor (as needed) + on-site medical area
- **Level 4:** 3+ ALS transport units + EMS supervisor (as needed) + on-site medical area + command staff (as needed)

B. Concerts / Entertainment Events

- **Level 0:** By request
- **Level 1:** 1 EMS standby team
- **Level 2:** 1 ALS transport unit + roving EMS standby team
- **Level 3:** 2 ALS transport units + roving EMS standby team + on-site medical area + EMS supervisor (as needed)
- **Level 4:** 3+ ALS transport units + roving EMS standby team + on-site medical area + EMS supervisor (as needed) + command staff (as needed)

C. Festivals / Fairs / Community Events

- **Level 0:** By request
- **Level 1:** 1 EMS standby team
- **Level 2:** 1 ALS transport unit + roving EMS standby team
- **Level 3:** 2 ALS transport units + roving EMS standby team + on-site medical area + EMS supervisor (as needed)
- **Level 4:** 3+ ALS transport units + roving EMS standby team + 2+ on-site medical areas + EMS supervisor (as needed) + command staff (as needed)

D. Indoor Assemblies

- **Level 0:** By request
- **Level 1:** 1 EMS standby team
- **Level 2:** 1 ALS transport unit staged nearby
- **Level 3:** 1 ALS transport unit + interior roving EMS standby team
- **Level 4:** 2 ALS transport units + interior roving EMS standby team + on-site medical area + command staff (as needed)

E. High-Risk / Special Events

- **Level 0:** By request
- **Level 1:** 1 ALS transport unit
- **Level 2:** 2 ALS transport units + EMS supervisor (as needed)
- **Level 3:** 3 ALS transport units + EMS supervisor (as needed) + on-site medical area + fire suppression resources (as needed)
- **Level 4:** 3+ ALS transport units + EMS supervisor (as needed) + on-site medical area + fire suppression resources (as needed) + command staff (as needed)

*** The Osceola County Fire Marshal will determine the minimum level of Fire protection necessary for commercial firework displays.

All standby operations shall:

- Operate under the Incident Command System (ICS/NIMS)
- Include an Incident Action Plan (IAP) completed by the fire department prior to each standby event
- Maintain communication with County dispatch and hospitals
- Include pre-identified transport routes and staging areas
- Provide on-site triage and treatment when feasible to reduce system impact
- Coordinate with law enforcement, venue management, and event organizers

Additional Provisions:

- The Fire Chief or Designee will ensure that necessary staffing and equipment is identified 7 days prior to the first day of the event.
- If the Fire Department is unable to fulfill the standby the Fire Chief will notify the promoter of the event 7 days prior to the first day of the event.
- Fees will include the cost of equipment, personnel, administrative support functions, and logistics mobilization and demobilization for the event.
- Prior to the start of the event an invoice of estimated cost will be provided to the promoter/vendor.
- Payment for this invoice will be due as a deposit prior to the start of the event. Post event, a reconciled invoice of the actual cost for the event will be issued.
- If the estimated invoice is greater than the actual cost a refund will be issued.
- If the estimated cost is less than the actual cost of the invoice the promoter/vendor will be billed the difference.

Qualifying nonprofit organizations will be charged a discounted rate of 25% for Standby services.

The discount shall be provided by any legally available County funds other than Fire Rescue & EMS revenue sources, to provide for the entire cost of the standby detail.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS

Description	Cost Per Hour
Battalion Chief, Lieutenant, Engineer, Firefighter/Paramedic, Firefighter/EMT	Minimum of pay grade in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement plus applicable benefit costs

Description	Cost Per Hour
Consumable Supplies	Actual Cost
Equipment/Apparatus	In accordance with the current FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates

- For all incidents of less than one (1) hour duration, the responsible party shall reimburse the county for the costs of all expendable supplies used during response, including, but not limited to: firefighting foam, chemical extinguishing agents, recovery drums, absorbent materials, protective clothing, gloves and testing equipment.
- For all incidents of one (1) hour or greater in duration, the responsible party shall reimburse the county

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for the cost of all expendable supplies, labor and the cost of operating apparatus required to mitigate the incident. The cost of apparatus, expendable supplies and personnel shall be calculated in accordance with the current Osceola County Fire Rescue & Emergency Medical Services Department Fee Schedule, as approved by the Board, and as periodically amended.

- For the purpose of this article, "duration" shall be considered as the time period beginning with drive-time to the scene of the first Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Department member and ending with the release of the last Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Department member from the scene and their return to normal duty status.