

LAMONT COUNTY

POLICY

TITLE	:	FIRE BILLING
AUTHORITY	:	ADMINISTRATION
POLICY STATEMENT PURPOSE	:	TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF FIREFIGHTING
POLICY RESOLUTION PROCEDURE	:	TO ENSURE THAT ALL FIRE CALLS ARE CHARGED TO THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES IN A CONSISTENT MANNER.
POLICY RESOLUTION	:	00-53,05-454,6-462, 08-15, 11-271
PROCEDURE:	:	

The Towns of Bruderheim, Mundare and Lamont and the Villages of Andrew and Chipman Fire Departments are, through agreement, responsible for responding to county fires. The County will provide the necessary equipment to assist each department with this responsibility.

1. The above noted Fire Departments are responsible for providing reports on all incidents they respond to in the County. These reports shall include the following information:
 - a) Particulars of the incident: date, time, location, number of units responding, whether or not a permit was issued, who called in the fire and like particulars;
 - b) Conditions: wind speed and direction, temperature and like particulars;
 - c) Ownership: name and address of owner and/or person in possession or responsible for the property;
 - d) Insurance: insurance company name, address and policy number (if available)
 - e) Cause or suspected cause of incident;
 - f) Actual costs incurred;
 - g) Any other information deemed necessary by the fire department and/or the County.

2. Where the County has incurred costs and has used county emergency equipment as a result of and in response to an incident including those incurred through mutual aid, the C.A.O. will determine if these costs are to be recovered. The person/company responsible for these costs shall be:
 - a) the person/company who, directly or indirectly, personally or through any servant, employee or agent, is responsible for the incident; or
 - b) the owner or person/company in possession of or responsible for the land where the incident occurred; or
 - c) the owner of the property where the person/company in possession and control of property which is the situate of the incident if not located on privately owned land (ie: MVA's);

- d) the county, if the cause and origin of the fire is determined to be of natural/environment causes or that the fire originated from a cause unconnected with the owner, person in possession or responsible for the property or if the cause cannot be determined.
- e) The owner or renter is responsible for farm implement associated fires.

3. In the case where no insurance is available to the person/ company responsible for the incident costs, the maximum invoiced will be \$10,000.

4. In no instance where the incident involves a residence or farm, will the person/company be invoiced for more than \$10,000.

5. In the case of a response to a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA), the insurance company will be invoiced directly or where the incident occurred on a provincial highway, the province may be invoiced.

6. The person invoiced for an incident has the right to appeal the invoice to the C.A.O. This must be done within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice. The C.A.O. has the authority to write off any costs over and above those paid for by insurance.

7. In the case where the incident involves a church or a not-for-profit organization, the CAO may write off any amount invoiced over and above that not covered by insurance.

Further, the amount of money received by the county from the church or not-for-profit's insurance company may be donated back to the church or not-for-profit organization to a maximum of \$5,000, provided that evidence is submitted to the county that reconstruction costs or costs associated with relocation has been incurred by the church or the not-for-profit organization.

If the money paid by the insurance company exceeds \$5,000 and a church requests the excess insurance funds also be donated back, the request will be reviewed and decided upon by council.

8. Response fees shall be as follows

Response Unit	Fee per hour	MVA Fee per hour
Pumper Unit	\$200.00	\$400.00
Tanker Unit	\$200.00	\$400.00
Emergency Rescue Unit	\$200.00	\$400.00
Rapid Response Unit	\$150.00	\$400.00
County P.W. Equipment	as per established rates	as per established rates
Response to False Alarm	No charge	No charge
Cancelled Call	No charge	No charge
Additional Manpower	\$ 30.00	
<small>(above those required for normal responses)</small>		

Third Party Equipment and any materials purchased specific to an incident shall be invoiced out at cost.