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## **FIRE/EMS STANDBY**

### **327.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide consistent guidelines, practices, and communication to the public and allied agencies with regard to requesting EMS or FIRE unit apparatus and personnel standbys within the Fire Protection District response areas.

#### **327.1.1 DEFINITIONS**

##### **(a) Dedicated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Standby**

1. Dedicated standby ambulance service, meaning a fully staffed ambulance, will be located at a function or event and will remain dedicated to that event. The standby ambulance will not be available for other, routine EMS calls in the area. Dedicated standbys are subject to the availability of North Tahoe Fire Protection District crews and resources.
2. Certain events/hazards may warrant a Dedicated EMS Standby Ambulance as determined by the Fire Protection District Fire & Life Safety staff and/or Operations Chief.

##### **(b) Non-Dedicated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Standby**

1. Non-dedicated ambulance service, meaning a fully staffed ambulance, will be located at a function or event, but will remain available for EMS calls within the Fire Protection District service area. Consistent event coverage is not guaranteed and is subject to on-duty or staffed units being available. In order to be eligible for this type of service the following conditions **MUST** be met:
  - I. This event is a community event where no tickets are sold; or admission charged;
  - II. This event must be open to the general public;
  - III. This event shall have no more than 500 attendees and staff, be more than 4 hours in duration, and shall not involve any high risk activity as determined by a District Chief Officer.

##### **(c) Dedicated Fire Standby**

1. Dedicated standby fire suppression service, meaning a fully staffed fire apparatus, will be located at a function or event, and will remain dedicated to that event. The dedicated fire apparatus will not be available for other, routine calls in the area. Dedicated fire apparatus standbys are subject to the availability of North Tahoe Fire Protection District crews and resources.
2. Certain events/hazards may warrant a Dedicated Fire Standby as determined by the North Tahoe Fire Protection District Fire & Life Safety staff and/or Operations Battalion Chief.

##### **(d) Non-Dedicated Fire Standby**

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1. Non-dedicated standby fire suppression service, meaning a fully staffed fire apparatus, will be located at a function or event, but will remain available for routine calls within the Fire Protection District area. Consistent event coverage is not guaranteed and is subject to the on-duty or staffed units being available. In order to be eligible for this type of service the following conditions **MUST** be met:
  - I. This event is a community event where no tickets are sold; or admission charged;
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(e) **Government Partners**

1. These include governmental agencies, Public Safety/Emergency Management Partners, or Placer/Nevada/El Dorado/Washoe County fire and ambulance service Departments. These agencies may be eligible for no cost or reduced cost standby services as determined by the Fire Protection District Chief Officer.

(f) **Commercial Events**

1. A Commercial Event is any event organized or sponsored by any organization, where admission is charged; or that is not open to the general public. Such events may include those that sell tickets, charge admission; or collect fees from the event for profit. Fire or EMS apparatus and personnel standby at any Commercial Event shall be on a dedicated standby basis and subject to the Fire Protection District then prevailing fee schedule.

### **327.2 POLICY**

#### **Authority**

- (a) All Fire Protection District Fire/EMS standbys shall adhere to current federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- (b) All Fire Protection District Fire/EMS standbys shall adhere to California Emergency Medical Services Authority policies and procedures.
- (c) All Fire Protection District Fire/EMS standbys shall adhere to Sierra-Sacramento EMS Agency policies and procedures.

### **327.3 PROCEDURE**

(a) Procedure:

1. All groups requesting Fire/EMS standby coverage shall complete the Fire Protection District Special Fire/EMS Service Request Form.
2. All requests shall be reviewed by the Chief or designee.

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3. The Fire Chief or designee shall make a final determination and notification to the requester, based on system resources and staffing.
4. North Tahoe Fire Protection District Administration shall prepare, invoice, and track payments.
5. All fees for EMS/Fire standby shall utilize the North Tahoe Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 8, Cost Recovery and/or the North Tahoe Fire Protection District Ambulance Rates Ordinance as applicable.
6. In the event the services required exceed the resource availability of the Fire Protection District staff and equipment, the permit applicant shall provide equivalent alternative ambulance or fire standby resources which shall be subject to the prior approval of the Fire Protection District as a condition of approval of the event permit.
7. Fire Prevention may have additional fees not discussed in this Policy.

(b) Funds:

1. All funds derived from fees will be used to support the Fire Protection District Fire/EMS service delivery and/or recover costs associated with EMS/Fire Standbys.

Reference Forms:

Special Event Fire/EMS Standby Service Request Application and Letter

Cost Recovery Documents