

MEMO

Date: August 19, 2013

TO: Commissioners Court

From: Mark Flathouse, Fire Marshal

RE: Fire Run Reimbursement Rate

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I have submitted an agenda item for consideration on the August 27, 2013 meeting of Commissioners Court concerning the reimbursement rate paid by Fort Bend County to participating agencies that perform fire runs in the unincorporated areas of the County. This action item will address only the payment calculation for the fire runs. The actual agreements will be submitted for your approval during the annual renewal time.

Currently we provide funding to agencies based on the number of fire runs performed in the prior year which are then calculated into the below formula:

$$a+(b/4.5) \times 100$$

\_\_\_\_\_ = Percentage for payment

$$c+(d/4.5)$$

a = Number of county fire calls made by city b = Number of county EMS calls made by city

c = Total number of fire calls made in unincorporated portion of county d = Total number of EMS calls made in unincorporated portion of county

It is my recommendation to discontinue the above formula and provide funding to each participating agency based on the percentage of the fire runs to the unincorporated areas performed by the agency beginning January 1, through December 31 of the previous calendar year. I also recommend that we make one lump payment during the first quarter of our fiscal year rather than paying out the funds over the course of the year. My recommendations will create a payment calculation that is easier to understand by all parties and will result in getting funds into the hands of the agencies quicker, with greater efficiency for all parties.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Mark Flathouse  
County Fire Marshal