



FORT BEND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

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To: Members of Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court

From: Justin Jurek, Fort Bend County Fire Marshal

CC: Dudley Wait, Chief of Fort Bend County EMS

RE: Requesting Approval to Implement Billing and Cost Recovery Procedures for the Fort Bend County Hazmat Program

Date: August 26, 2024

I am writing to bring to your attention the proposed hourly rates for the deployment of the Fort Bend County Hazardous Materials Response team. As you are aware, the Hazmat Response Team plays a critical role in providing hazardous material emergency response services to the citizens of Fort Bend County.

The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office has proposed the following hourly rates for the deployment of the Hazmat Response team:

1. An hourly rate of \$1,200.00 for deployment within Fort Bend County.
2. An hourly rate of \$1,500.00 for deployment outside of Fort Bend County.

These rates have been carefully considered to account for the costs associated with equipment, personnel salaries, and fuel. Moreover, the rates are aligned with those of other specialized teams in the area. It's important to note that the billable time will encompass the period from the unit's dispatch to the time it returns to service.

These proposed rates will enable us to recover the significant costs incurred in resupplying equipment and materials used during hazardous material emergency responses.

We kindly request the Commissioner's Court to approve the presented fee schedule to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the Hazmat Response Team's operations.