



Department: Fire Department and First Response

Policy No: 42

Policy Title: Fire Department Response Fees

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### **Policy Statement:**

The Village of Alix recognizes the importance of providing effective fire protection and emergency response service to its residents, ratepayers, the municipality and the general public.

Pursuant to the Village of Alix Fire Bylaw #168/90, the Village of Alix provides fire protection and emergency response services to its residents, ratepayers, other municipalities and the general public with firefighting equipment and personnel.

### **Charges for Fire and Emergency Response Equipment and Personnel**

1. The Village of Alix will charge fees to residents and ratepayers of the Village of Alix in accordance with “Schedule A”.
  - a) to the owner or occupant of the parcel of land, to the owner of the property or to the owner of the motor vehicle for fire response services inside the boundaries of the Village of Alix where Village of Alix Fire services have engaged in fire suppression activities;
  - b) to the owner of the motor vehicle where Village of Alix Fire services have engaged in motor vehicle collision response services;
  - c) to the person responsible for the incident, to the owner or occupant of the parcel of land, to other owner of the property or to the owner of the motor vehicle for the costs of any materials used and third party costs where the Village has engaged in any response service for any duration of time; and
  - d) to the Province of Alberta for a response to a motor vehicle collision or fire on a Provincial Highway.
2. A charge will be levied for responses in accordance with “Schedule A”, unless otherwise provided for by an agreement;
  - a) Of persons who are not residents or ratepayers of the Village of Alix.

- b) To a fire intentionally set when a fire ban is in effect.
  - c) Originating on a railway right-of-way.
  - d) To a fire monitoring system nuisance alarm.
3. Charges shall be applied for the period commencing from when the equipment leaves its base facility until it is deemed back in service, rounded to the next one-half hour.
4. At the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer:
- a) a rate of charge levied for responses for other municipalities may be adjusted pursuant to a reciprocal arrangement with that municipality.
  - b) the charge levied for responses may be adjusted based on the level of fire suppression services provided at the incident.
  - c) other costs may be charged for items including, but not limited to:
    - i. Replacement of foam
    - ii. Meals and refreshments
    - iii. Fuel
    - iv. Lost or damaged equipment and clothing
    - v. Fire investigation costs
    - vi. Specialty firefighting services
5. Appeals regarding charges levied in accordance with this policy may be made to Alix Village Council within 14 days of the date of issue.

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## Schedule “A”

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEES**

Service	Fee
Fire Suppression Response	<u>Total response time less than 1 hour:</u> \$0 <u>Total response time greater than 1 hour:</u> Fire Engine – First Hour - \$500 Additional Hours - \$250.00/half hour or part thereof Additional Units – First Hour - \$350 Additional Hours - \$175/unit/half hour or part thereof
Motor Vehicle Collision Response	Alberta Transportation Rates at a minimum of one hour
Any Response Other Than Medical First Response	Cost of material used and third party costs
Response to Motor Vehicle Collision or Fire on Provincial Highway	Alberta Transportation Rates
Response to a Fire Monitoring System Nuisance Alarm may be charged as follows at the discretion of the Village of Alix Fire Chief.  <i>Defined as any alarm system malfunction, including faulty equipment and misuse of alarm monitoring equipment or services.</i>	No charge first response \$100 for second response \$200 for third response \$300 for subsequent responses

**NOTE: Fees will not be charged for call outs that are strictly Medical First Response**