

## Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

<b>Title: Fire &amp; Emergency Services Rates</b>	<b>Internal/External: Internal/External</b>
<b>Department: Finance</b>	<b>Policy Number: F0030</b>
<b>Approval Date: November 28, 2024</b>	<b>Implementation Date: January 1, 2025</b>
<b>Authority: 13<sup>th</sup> Council</b>	<b>Page: 1 of 4</b>

### **Policy Statement:**

**The purpose of this policy is to authorize Council to charge for fire and emergency services provided within and outside of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay's municipal boundary and to establish rates for services provided.**

1. Where an incident occurs outside of the Town's municipal boundary, the Town's fire department will respond subject to our capacity in terms of resources and training, availability of backup coverage for the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and/or extenuating circumstances at the time of the incident.
2. The area of response outside the municipal boundary is:
  - a. Motor Vehicle Accidents – includes the communities of HV-GB, North West River, and Sheshatshiu and the highways connecting them; 150km towards Churchill Falls to Cashe River; and 150km on south coast highway to Crook's Lake. Response limits may be extended depending upon request by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Fire Emergency Services NL (FES) or RCMP.
  - b. Fire Rescue – to municipal boundary
3. Incident's outside of the municipal boundary shall include, but are not limited to, motor vehicle incidents on the Trans-Labrador Highway, structural responses in road accessible cabin areas, or any other emergency assistance requested by FES or RCMP.
4. The determination of level of response and resources allocated will be determined at the discretion of the Town's Fire Chief or the designated officer in charge at the time of the incident.
5. In the case of a motor vehicle incident, the costs will be billed to the registered owner of the vehicle(s) involved and/or the insurance company.
6. In the event the registered owner of the vehicle(s) involved is a property owner or tenant of property within the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay for a period of not less than six months, the proportional share of associated fees for the property owner or tenant shall be waived.

7. Any costs incurred as a result of a response to a structural incident situated outside of the municipal boundary will be billed to the owner(s) of the structure(s) involved and/or the insurer or to any person, firm, or corporation having control over or possession of the property or any portion thereof, including a property manager, mortgagee in possession, receiver, manager, trustee, or trustee in bankruptcy.
8. Excepting charges relating to a false alarm and structural fires inside of the municipal boundary, the fee schedule shall not apply to a residential or commercial property owner within the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay that is subject to municipal taxation or if the service provided is otherwise covered under a mutual aid or partnership agreement.
9. Costs will be subject to HST and billed in accordance with the below schedule which shall be adopted by Council annually and may, from time to time, be amended by Council.

**SCHEDULE**

Guidelines

1. In order to recover full payment of the stipulated fees, for emergency response to motor vehicle incidents involving a non-resident driver who is neither a property owner nor a tenant of property within HVGB, fees shall be applicable to any one or combination of the following: non-resident driver, vehicle owner, and/or insurance company. If two or more vehicles are involved, they will split the cost.
2. All consumables utilized or equipment damaged during the response will be billed at replacement cost. i.e. foam, absorbents, hose lines, bunker gear, meals, etc.

Outside Municipal Boundaries

<u>Response</u>	<u>Description/Notes</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Full structure	Prorate to each ¼ hour after first hour	\$300	n/a
False Alarm	Single Crew	\$75	n/a
Full structure	Residential taxpayer		\$100

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Within Municipal Boundaries

<u>Response</u>	<u>Description/Notes</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
False Alarm – full structure	No charge for first 3 alarms in each calendar year. (Includes activation of alarm due to system maintenance without prior notice, nuisance due to mechanical failure, equipment malfunction, improper installation or malicious acts. Does not include activation as a result of accidental damage to the system.)		\$200
False Alarm – single crew	Same as above		\$75
Fire & Life Safety Inspections	No charge for initial inspection. Each subsequent inspection on any given permit per calendar year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For properties that require additional inspections due to serious discrepancies.</li> <li>• For businesses that require multiple visits in a calendar year, such as fireworks inspections, inspections after renovations, etc.</li> </ul>		\$75
Special Event Floor Plan Review			\$75

Within and Outside Municipal Boundaries

<u>Response</u>	<u>Description/Notes</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• - Open burning/ Back yard fire re: PS0006</li> <li>• Fireworks (no permit)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> call in any calendar year</li> <li>• Each additional call in any calendar year (same address)</li> </ul>		\$500 \$1,000

Non-resident Vehicular Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Perils</li> <li>• Fluid Spills</li> <li>• Extraction</li> </ul>	Refer to Guidelines item 1     Per person	\$300 \$150	\$175
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this policy is sealed under the Common Seal of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.**

  
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**Mayor, George Andrews**

  
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**CAO, Nadine MacAulay**