



LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

First Responder Fee

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LBFD proposes implementation of a first responder fee

- **\$22.1 million** in annual cost of Paramedic Services
- **\$11.3 million** in annual revenue from Ambulance Transports
- **\$10.8 million** in unrecovered costs associated with responses to medical incidents
- **\$1.7 million** in Projected Proportionate Share reduction for Fire in FY 17



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- **\$250** proposed fee assessed for patients who are medically evaluated and treated by Fire staff on a First Responder unit
- Fee is based on cost recovery for service provision
- Costs include
 1. Personnel
 2. Apparatus
 3. Emergency Medical Supplies
 4. Equipment
- Ambulance bills (which would include the new First Responder Fee) are typically sent to insurance companies, Medicare, or MediCal for payment



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CA Fire Agencies with First Responder Fee

Fire Agency	First Responder Fee Amount
Cosumnes Community Services District FD	\$143
Folsom FD	\$225
Sacramento FD	\$225
Long Beach FD (Proposed)	\$250
Alhambra FD	\$250
Sacramento Metro Fire District	\$276
Tracy FD	\$300
El Dorado County FD	\$317
Corte Madera FD	\$325
Anaheim FD	\$350
Contra Costa County FD	\$400
Novato FD	\$425
Alameda County FD	\$433



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- **\$1.8 million** estimated in annual new General Fund revenue
- **\$200,000** in associated annual costs
- **\$1.6 million** in estimated new net annual revenue



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- Lbfd receives \$400,000 annually through the GEMT program for providing medical transportation services to Medi-Cal Patients
- Future State Legislation is expected to provide reimbursement for cost of first responders
- Agencies can only recover costs from the State or Federal government if they are currently charging patients for these services



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