



Columbia River Fire & Rescue

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Master Fee Schedule

Columbia River Fire and Rescue

2025-2026

FireMed Program:

Lower Columbia Fire Med is an annual emergency ambulance membership subscription that covers the deductible or other portion of an ambulance bill not paid by the member's insurance. Fire Med also covers medically necessary emergency transports within the reciprocal service area. Coverage is available to participating fire district residents and their families living at the same location. Those wishing to continue with the program must renew their membership yearly. Fees are not pro-rated for partial years.

Fire Med Membership fee	\$65.00/year per family
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Ambulance Transport Rates:

The following are the Ambulance Rates for Columbia County Ambulance Service Area #3 and #4

Advanced Life Support

ALS Non-Emergency Transport	\$ 1795.30
ALS Emergency Transport	\$ 1795.30

Basic Life Support

BLS Non-Emergency Transport	\$ 1795.30
BLS Emergency Transport	\$ 1795.30

Mileage

ALS Ground Mileage	\$ 23.00
BLS Ground Mileage (Emergency)	\$ 23.00
BLS Ground Mileage (Non-Emergency)	\$ 23.00
BLS Ground Mileage (Inter-Facility)	\$ 23.00

The District offers membership programs within the Columbia County Ambulance Service Area #3 and #4 to assist with out-of-pocket costs for ambulance transport. Financial assistance is also available for hardship situations that are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Non-Emergency Medical Responses:

Private residence life insurance/non-transport responses will be charged per calendar year as follows:

1) First, second, third, and fourth responses:	\$0.00
2) Fifth and subsequent responses	\$150.00 per response

Lift Assist Fee for Assisted Living or Healthcare facilities:

First response	\$150.00
Second response	\$300.00
Third response	\$600.00
Fourth and all subsequent responses	\$900.00

Incident Cost Recovery

A cost-based fee may be imposed for response to an incident identified in this section.

EXTRATERRITORIAL (UNPROTECTED LANDS) RESPONSE:

In accordance with ORS 478.310(1), a cost-based fee may be imposed when help is asked of the fire district to respond outside of the fire district in unprotected or inadequately protected territories where existing mutual aid agreements do not cover the type of response requested. This may apply to any kind of emergency response requested, including fire, EMS, rescue, or other.

Responses outside the fire district boundaries that are not required in existing mutual aid agreements, similar intergovernmental agreements, or contract agreements, are discretionary. Adopting this fee schedule is not a contract to provide any service outside district boundaries.

UNCONTROLLED FIRE OR PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENT ON UNPROTECTED LANDS:

In accordance with ORS 476.280 and ORS 476.290, a cost-based fee may be imposed to respond to an uncontrolled fire burning on unprotected lands outside the district, which may cause undue jeopardy to life or property within the Fire District. Through adoption of this fee schedule, in accordance with ORS 476.280(1), the Board of Directors authorizes the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee to determine if an uncontrolled fire on unprotected land is causing or may cause undue jeopardy to life or property to District residents or property without additional authorization. The fees under this scenario are imposed on the owner(s) of the property or property involved in the fire or public safety incident as directed under ORS 476.290.

AIRPLANE, FREEWAY, WATERWAY OR RAILROAD INCIDENT RESPONSE:

In accordance with ORS 478.310(2), a cost-based fee may be imposed for responses to incidents involving an airplane or incidents on a freeway, roadway, waterway or railroad right of way against which no taxes or assessments for fire protection are levied by the district. Fees under this scenario will not be imposed on district residents involved in airplane, freeway, waterway or railroad incidents.

SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL FIRE:

In accordance with ORS 478.965, a cost-based fee may be imposed when firefighting resources are required to respond and be used actively or on a standby basis in connection with the extinguishment or control of a fire that has been started or allowed to spread in willful violation of CRFR outdoor burning rules, including high-fire danger burn bans. The person(s) determined by the District to be responsible therefore shall be liable for cost of apparatus or personnel necessary for controlling, extinguishing, or patrolling the fire.

WILLFUL, MALICIOUS OR NEGLIGENT FIRES ON ODF PROTECTED LANDS:

In accordance with ORS 477.068 and ORS 477.085, a cost-based fee may be imposed when firefighting resources are required to respond to a fire on Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) protected land where ODF found the owner or operator to be willful, malicious or negligent in the origin or subsequent spread of the fire. Cost recovery in this scenario shall be requested through ODF.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS:

In accordance with ORS 453.382, a cost-recovery fee may be imposed when CRFR is dispatched to an incident involving a hazardous material or hazardous substance. CRFR or the State Fire Marshal may recover costs from the person responsible for causing the incident for the cost of the response. The fee may also include the cost of billing and collecting response costs, including but not limited to costs of administration, investigation, and legal services. The billing shall be on forms established by the State Fire Marshal for such purposes.

INCIDENT COST RECOVERY PROCEDURES:

Fees are calculated based on the actual cost of providing the service or as allowed by statute. The district may use the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan published by the Oregon State Fire Marshal to determine costs. Costs may include but are not limited to incident management teams, administrative and logistical support, and contracted expenses such as aircraft and earth moving equipment. The fees listed below are subject to change with the Oregon State Fire Marshal Mobilization Plan that is updated on an annual basis.

Apparatus Type	Rate/Hour	Apparatus Type	Rate Hour
Engine Type I	\$100.00	Ambulance I/II	\$55.00
Engine Type II	\$80.00	Ambulance III/IV	\$45.00
Engine Type III	\$65.00	Rescue Vehicle	\$150.00
Engine Type VI	\$50.00	Rescue Boat	\$250.00
Water Tender	\$70.00	Low Water Boat	\$300.00
Ladder Truck	\$150.00	High Water Rescue Vehicle	\$150.00
Command Vehicle	\$100.00		
Preparedness Fee	\$250.00		
PERSONNEL	Charged at hourly rate plus payroll expenses		

NOTE: There will be a one (1) hour minimum charge for cost recovery rates for all incidents billed. Time will be charged in hourly increments; hours will not be pro-rated.

Miscellaneous and disposable supplies used will be billed on specific usage and/or cost of replacement. Costs of outside vendors or services used will be billed without any mark up by the fire district. Emergency and non-emergency costs associated with a governmental subdivision may be billed. Other expenses directly related to the service delivery will be billed.

Traffic Control	\$25.00 per intersection
Extrication	\$100.00 for light (less than 30 minutes)
	\$250.00 for heavy (greater than 30 minutes)
Structure Fire	\$500.00

Public Records Requests:

The District recognizes that records created, prepared, owned, used, and maintained by the District are the property of the public and shall fully comply with Oregon Public Records Law. Oregon Revised Statute 192.324 describes public access to copies or inspection of public records and authorizes a public body to establish fees to reimburse for the actual cost in making public records available.

Fee Estimates. Public records requests will be acknowledged by a District representative within 5 days of the request. A written fee estimates in accordance with the District's established fee schedule will be provided. Estimates over \$25 must be authorized by the requester prior to the District proceeding with the records request fulfillment.

Fee Variance and Waiver. The District may authorize a fee reduction or waiver when providing records would be of benefit to the public, or when the requester is seeking records for an emergency incident in which they were affected. The requester must identify how the information will be of public benefit.

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Level 1 Request

Free-of-charge

Request records are immediately accessible and will be provided electronically, the request requires less than 30 minutes of staff time or resources to make the records available.

Level 2 Request

\$25.00 / hour

The request is generally complex and involves managerial support, retrieval of archived hard-copy records, and/or more than 30 minutes to compile, summarize, or tailor the response. Fees are pro-rated to the half hour. 3.

Level 3 Request

\$40.00 / hour

The request requires Fire Chief, deputy/assistant chief, or attorney review. [Note: The District may charge for attorney time spent reviewing records for redaction and exemptions but will not charge for attorney time to determine the applicability of public records law for a requested set of records.

Attorney time to review records will be included in the fee estimate. Attorney time is billed at the current attorney rate and is in addition to the \$30.00/hour for District staff time.] Fees are pro-rated to the half hour.

FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum Research Fee	\$25.00 per hour	Minimum 1 hour
Charges for copies (per page)	8.5x11" Black/White 8.5x11" Color Certified Copy	\$0.25 per page \$1.25 per page \$10.00
Charges for Electronic Format	Audio Tape USB/Flash	\$20.00 \$10.00 (USB not supplied)
Fire or Pre-hospital report	\$10.00 each	
Photos	\$10.00 each	
Map or other non-standard documents	Actual reproduction costs	

District residents, patients, and victims: No charge for basic black/white incident report.

SUBPOENA AND WITNESS FEES

The District may seek compensation for the cost of producing records and/or witnesses for legal proceedings when it is determined that doing so is in the public interest. All fees will be applied in accordance with the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure and Oregon Revised Statute 44.415.

Fire and Life Safety: Fire Prevention/Fire Marshal:

Driveway and Road Inspection Fee: A permit fee of \$140.00 per driveway or new road will be collected for the initial application review, initial inspection, and final inspection. The permit expires six months after issuance.

Re-Inspection for Driveways and Roads: A permit fee of \$80.00 will be assessed for any re-inspection that is required between the initial and final inspection. In addition, if a final is requested and not all items are completed and require another visit, a re-inspection fee will be incurred.

Example: A final is requested, and the inspector finds no address numbers on the building or at the end of the driveway. A re-inspection fee will be incurred.

Plans review outside of existing contracts with other government entities: In some instances, the Fire Marshal's office is requested to perform a Fire and Life Safety Inspection that is not covered by another agency. In this instance, the fees associated for such a plan review will be based upon the fees established by the State Building Codes Division for Fire and Life Safety. These fees are based upon the valuation of the project. A project estimate will be required by a design professional for verification of the project.

Example: A new bridge is being constructed that is part of a fire apparatus access road. Currently, the County building official or road department does not perform these types of reviews for residential properties. A plan review fee based upon the evaluation of the project will be assessed using the State Fee structure for Fire and Life Safety review.

Operational Permits:

An operational permit shall be obtained by the fire code official as set in the Oregon Fire Code Section 105.6A through 106.6.50. The operational permits listed below are necessary for maintaining compliance with various operations that could affect the fire and life safety of the citizens of the fire district. Inquire with the fire code official for specific requirements and parameters for individual permits. Individual permits are \$100.00.

Construction Permits:

A construction permit shall be obtained by the fire code official as identified in the Oregon Fire Code section 105.7.1 through 105.7.25. Any item covered by the Oregon Structural Specialty Code will not be required. Inquire with the fire code official for specific requirements and parameters for individual permits. Individual permits are \$100.00.

FIREWORKS:

State law requires that the fire district approves all permits for the retail sales of fireworks within CRFR boundaries.

Application Fee

Fireworks retailer sales application fee per location:	\$100.00
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MOBILE EMERGENCY RESPONDER RADIO COVERAGE (MERRC):

The MERRC Fund is an alternative to Oregon Fire Code Section 510 requirements for fixed in-building emergency radio coverage systems in newly constructed buildings that lack minimum emergency responder radio signal strength. The following fee schedule provides funding to purchase, install and maintain fleet-wide mobile radio coverage improvements. The total square footage of the building area is used to determine the total fee.

MERRC Fee

a. 0 to 50,000 sq. ft.	\$0.50 per sq. ft.
b. Additional sq. ft. from 50,001 to 100,000	\$0.30 per sq. ft.
c. Additional sq. ft. exceeding 100,000	\$0.10 per sq. ft.

Violations:

DELINQUENT REINSPECTION FEES

Effective July 1, 2025, a cost-based fee shall be imposed when more than two fire code reinspection's are necessary to ensure that fire code violations have been adequately abated.

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| 1. Delinquent Reinspection Fee | \$300 per reinspection |
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Invoices:

The District shall address the invoices for fees to the tenant or registered property owner or agent of a building where the violation exists. The Fire Chief, or designee, shall be responsible for determining the party responsible for each invoice.

Collection Procedures:

Fees will be invoiced within 60 days after the conclusion of the reinspection. Payment is due within 60 days of the date of receipt. If payment is not made within 60 days, the invoice shall be considered delinquent and the District may proceed with collections. The District may also pursue recovery of attorney's fees and costs as permitted by statute.

Appeals:

To file an appeal of a fee assessed under this section of the Fee Schedule, the appellant must provide a written statement to the Fire Chief within 15 days of receipt of the fee invoice. The appeal must clearly state why the fee should not be applied to the appellant. The Fire Chief or designee will issue a written decision within 30 days.

Waiver:

The Fire Chief may, partially or fully, waive fees assessed in compliance with this section of the Fee Schedule, at their sole discretion.

Fines of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00 for each offense. Each day's continued refusal to conform to the fire code or remove a fire hazard after notice by the inspecting officer is a separate offense.

Burning violation resulting in an uncontrolled or escape fire:

\$250.00 or suppression cost (personnel, equipment, apparatus), whichever is greater.

False Alarms:

For violations of Section 401.5 of the Fire Code and/or response to 3 or more false alarms at the same location in a 356-day time period from the first alarm, the court may order responsible person or persons pay for all costs incurred responding fire personnel and apparatus as set by the State Fire Marshal's fee schedule.

Training Center Use:

The District Training Center Use fees apply to private businesses wishing to rent the use of the District's training grounds. Site usage fees are not typically charged to qualifying public or not-for-profit organizations.

1. Training Center Rental

a. Training Grounds (Inc. Classroom)	\$900/day
b. Classroom Only	\$350/day
c. Training Officer/Safety Officer	\$75/hr min (2) hr
d. Confined space/burn/tech tower	\$250/each
e. Live Fire Props	\$1200/day

*Fee includes multimedia system/projector and screen.

** A non refundable deposit for supplies/cleaning \$250.00