

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Billing for Fire Response

DATE: 09/10/2021

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

() OTHER

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 27, 2021

PURPOSE: Recommendation for approval to establish an agreement with Fire Recovery to bill insurance companies for response of fire apparatus on incidents.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

The expenses of fire service response have traditionally fallen completely on the taxpayers of the citizens. Insurance policies have a clause written, and seldom used allowing payments for these calls without out-of-pocket cost to the policy holder (taxpayer).

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Based on 2019 data: HCES responded to on average, 54 Motor Vehicle Accidents with no fluid leakage, 54 Motor Vehicle Accidents with fluid leakage, 15 Vehicle fires, established 11 landing zones, 34 structure fires, 62 hazardous conditions, 8 special rescue situations.
Proposed income from Fire Recovery is estimated to have been \$68,274.00
Invoices not covered by insurance policies will not be billed to the homeowner / policy holder.
Attached is estimate from Fire Recovery USA.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation
 - 2) Deny recommendation
 - 3) Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

Move to approve an agreement between Habersham County and Fire Recovery USA to invoice insurance companies for fire responses on the selected incidents, listed previously.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

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Director: _____

Chad Black _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:** _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager



Emergency Incident Recovery Forecast

While we cannot make guarantees for cost recovery,
the following is an estimated forecast.

Habersham County

<i>Items</i>	<i>Incidents per Year</i>	<i>Percent Collected</i>	<i>Amt. Billed</i>	<i>Totals</i>
MVA (with fluids on ground)	54	90%	@ \$520 =	\$25,272
MVA (no fluids on ground)	54	30%	@ \$520 =	\$8,424
Vehicle Fires	15	20%	@ \$605 =	\$1,815
Landing Zones	11	60%	@ \$2,100 =	\$13,860
Fires	34	60%	@ \$500 =	\$10,200
Hazardous Conditions	62	60%	@ \$700 =	\$26,040
Special Rescue	8	60%	@ \$400 =	\$1,920
SUBTOTAL COLLECTED				\$87,531

TOTAL RETURNED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (per year)	\$68,274
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** Emergency Incident Billing typically takes up to two years for a full "At Plan" ramp up, therefore be advised Year 1 revenue may be as much as 50% lower than the ongoing revenues.*

** This forecast is highly dependent on the client providing adequate billing data to enable us to meet our normal collection rates. This will be reinforced during training.*

** Landing Zones only applies to temporary Landing Zone creation.*

