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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief
DATE: June 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Proposed Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule is reviewed annually and discussed during our budget sessions. Rates are reviewed through an annual rate survey of ambulance providers in Iowa along with reviewing Wellmark annual payment updates. Since Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield have increased what they will pay for reimbursement it is advised we modify our rates to be in line with their reimbursements.

BACKGROUND:

Ambulance charges are reviewed annually and changed in accordance with Wellmark's Maximum Allowable Fee (MAF). The last Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance rate changes occurred in July of 2015. Wellmark advised us that their new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2016, which means that we are allowed to change our rates in accordance with their new fees. If we don't change our rates to be in line with their new fees, in essence we will be missing out on potential revenue that they are willing and obligated to pay us as a network provider.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Muscatine Fire Department recommends updating our Ambulance Fee Schedule in accordance to Wellmark's Maximum Allowable Fee for ambulance services and our annual rate survey effective July 1, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed 2016 Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule



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Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u> (Effective 7/1/16)
All BLS Calls -	\$ 576.00	\$ 582.00
ALS 1 Calls -	\$ 684.00	\$ 691.00
ALS 2 Calls -	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,001.00
SCT Calls -	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 1,182.00
ALS Services Provided, No Transport -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mutual Aid Tier		\$ 225.00
Mileage Rate, Per Loaded Mile -	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00

Standby Time - \$ 100.00 per hour (\$ 25.00 per 15 minute increment)

Extra Attendant - \$ 100.00 per hour (\$ 25.00 per 15 minute increment)

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**