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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief
DATE: May 2, 2011
SUBJECT: Proposed New Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule is reviewed annually and discussed during our budget sessions. We just received a letter from Wellmark advising they will be changing their Maximum Allowable Fee (MAF) on July 1, 2011, which ultimately affects our billing and payments associated with specific types of emergency calls.

BACKGROUND:

Ambulance charges are reviewed and changed in accordance with the latest Medicare Fee Schedule. The last Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance rate changes occurred in July of 2010. Wellmark will be increasing their MAF in July of 2011, 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. The estimated changes will generate approximately \$ 100,000 in additional ambulance revenue for FY11/12.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The Muscatine Fire Department recommends changing our Fee Schedule in accordance to Wellmark's new Maximum Allowable Fee for ambulance charges effective July 1, 2011.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed 2011 Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule



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Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Service Fee Schedule

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Proposed 2011</u>
All BLS Calls -	\$ 525.00	\$ 560.00
ALS 1 Calls -	\$ 616.00	\$ 665.00
ALS 2 Calls -	\$ 891.00	\$ 962.00
SCT Calls -	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 1,137.00
ALS Services Provided, No Transport -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Mileage Rate, Per Loaded Mile -	\$ 11.00	\$ 12.00

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

Extra Attendant - \$ 50.00 per hour (\$ 12.50 per 15 minute increment)