

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2009-27**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR AMBULANCE AND ASSOCIATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY OTHER FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida ("the Board") is authorized pursuant to Section 125.01, Fla.Stat., and other provisions of Florida law, to prescribe a schedule of fees to be charged for services or equipment costs provided by or incurred by the Levy County Emergency Medical Services Department (referred to in this Resolution and in Exhibit "A" as "the Department"); and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to adopt a schedule of fees for services or equipment costs provided by or incurred by the Department in order to provide funding for part of the costs of operating the Department, and to repeal any prior resolutions or actions setting any rates, fees or charges for Department services or equipment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. The schedule of fees and charges for services or equipment provided by the Emergency Medical Services Department is hereby established with the fee schedule set out in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Any requirements or policies contained in Exhibit "A" that are in addition to any particular fee or charge are hereby adopted as administrative policies of the Emergency Medical Services Department.


3. Any other prior resolution or prior action by the Board that is conflict with the schedule of fees or charges imposed by this Resolution is hereby repealed.

4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2009.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Nancy Bell, Chair

ATTEST:

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk of
Circuit Court and Ex-officio
Clerk to the Board of County
Commissioners



Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**



Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

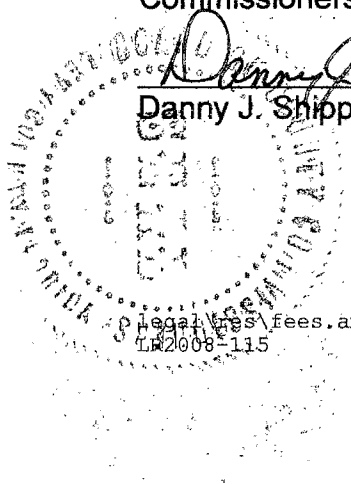


EXHIBIT "A"
FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES
LEVY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DESCRIPTION OF FEE/SERVICE/POLICY	AMOUNT
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Advance Life Support (ALS) Transport Fee

This is the base ALS transport fee that will be charged to each patient that is transported by any ground or air ambulance and that receives any of the procedures or items listed below. There may be fees charged to a patient or a receiving facility in addition to this fee. This fee is inclusive of, but not limited to, the following procedures:

\$550.00

- a. Cardiac monitor
- b. Vascular access (including catheters, saline locks, administration sets, blood draws, or any fluids)
- c. Obstetrical kits
- d. Medications
- e. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- f. Endotracheal/nasotracheal intubation
- g. Surgical airway
- h. Chest decompression
- i. Cardiac pacing

Basic Life Support (BLS) Transport Fee

This is the base BLS transport fee that will be charged to each patient that is transported by ground or air ambulance where no ALS procedures or items are administered

\$350.00

ALS Treatment Fee/Non-Transport

This is the fee that will be charged to each patient that receives any of the following procedures or items and that is not transported via ground or air ambulance

\$165.00

- a. Vascular access (including catheters, saline locks, administration sets, blood draws, or any fluids)
- b. Obstetrical kits
- c. Medications

DESCRIPTION OF FEE/SERVICE/POLICY**AMOUNT****BLS Treatment Fee/Non-Transport**

This is the fee that will be charged to each patient that receives any of the following procedures or items and that is not transported via ground or air ambulance:

\$90.00

- a. Sterile bandaging/dressing
- b. Splinting/immobilization
- c. Oxygen administration
- d. Irrigation with sterile fluids

Trauma Fee

This is a supplemental fee that will be charged to each trauma patient that requires ALS or BLS intervention with full spinal immobilization that includes a cervical immobilization device, collar, backboard, and/or straps.

\$50.00

Transport Mileage Fee

This is a supplemental fee that will be charged to each patient that requires transport by the Department. The fee is a per mile fee, with a minimum fee of one mile. Each patient will be charged the full per mile rate for the full mileage transported, regardless of the number of patients transported from the same incident or in the same EMS unit.

\$8.00 per mile

Special Handling Fee

This is a supplemental fee to be charged for each patient that requires restraints or extra people to handle the patient while in transport.

\$50.00

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AMOUNT

Fee for Waiting Time with Patients

This is a supplemental fee to be charged to the receiving facility when there is a delay in transferring a patient from the care of the Department to the care of the receiving facility. A minimum of five (5) minutes waiting time must accrue before charging for the first 1/4 hour period; thereafter, the charges apply as described for each 1/4 hour or portion thereof.

\$125.00
for 1st 1/4 hour

\$60.00 per second 1/4
hour and each
subsequent 1/4 hour
or portion thereof

**Special Events or Other Occasion Where
EMS Unit and Crew Requested**

This is a per hour fee to be charged to the party who requests or who is required to have an EMS unit and crew to be present at a particular occasion or event (herein "Applicant"), whether the occasion or event is considered is a special event or not. The Applicant must complete and submit an application on a form developed by the Department at least two (2) weeks prior to the occasion or event. One application can apply to multiple occasions or events, provided that the application specifies all the dates for the multiple occasions or events for which the EMS unit and crew are requested or required. Cancellations by an Applicant must be made twenty-four (24) hours in advance, unless the cancellation is due to a weather event (rain or other inclement weather), in which case a minimum of four (4) hours notice is required. In the event a cancellation is not made twenty-four (24) hours in advance (or 4 hours in the case of a weather event), the Applicant shall be responsible for payment of a minimum fee of four (4) hours. Time for charges are calculated from the actual time of arrival of the EMS unit and crew at the occasion or event, or the requested time of arrival, whichever is later, and as documented by the Department report. Increments of greater than seven (7) minutes will be rounded up to the next 1/4 hour. All fees for the estimated and requested time for the EMS unit and crew for any occasion or event shall be paid in advance. In the event the time was estimated too low, the Applicant shall pay for the additional time required promptly after the occasion or event.

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AMOUNT

**Special Events or Other Occasion Where
EMS Unit and Crew Requested - Continued**

The fees for the particular EMS units and crews requested for this service are as follows:

BLS Vehicle and crew.....	\$70.00 per hour
ALS Vehicle and crew.....	\$140.00 per hour

NOTE: The County cannot and does not guarantee availability of an EMS unit and crew for any given occasion, event or request. The County also reserves the right to cancel the attendance of an EMS unit and crew at any occasion or event, regardless of whether the Applicant has paid. In the event of cancellation by the County, the Applicant shall not be required to pay any fees and any prepaid fees shall be refunded to the Applicant promptly.

NOTE: All other applicable fees in this fee schedule shall apply to any patient requiring services, or to any facility for waiting time, if applicable, at or from an event or occasion at which an EMS unit and crew have been requested and are present.

Stand-by Services

This is a service offered **only** to not-for-profit entities qualified under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or governmental entities. It entails the presence of an EMS unit and crew at an occasion or event, which EMS unit and crew will remain at that occasion or event unless and until the EMS unit and crew are called out to provide EMS services elsewhere or become otherwise unavailable, solely at the discretion of the Department. The party desiring the stand-by services must make application for the occasion or event at least two (2) weeks in advance, on application forms prepared by the Department. One application can apply to multiple occasions or events, provided that the application specifies all the dates for the multiple occasions or events for which the EMS unit and crew are requested or required.

NO CHARGE

NOTE: In the event a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit or governmental entity desires to have an EMS unit and crew present for the duration of an occasion or event without the EMS unit and crew being subject to being called out to provide EMS services elsewhere or become otherwise unavailable, then the entity shall be required to make application and be subject to the fees and requirements stated above for Special Events or Other Occasions Where EMS Unit and Crew Requested.