



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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Reference: City of Key West Fire Department Emergency Medical Service Billing Rates

Background:

In June of 2014, the City Commission approved the integration of EMS into the Fire Department effective April 1, 2015. One of the components of integration is establishing billing rates to collect for service pertaining to operations of the Key West Fire Department. Once adopted by the City Commission, these rates will be directed to our billing agency, AMB, so they can accurately invoice for the proper services provided.

AMB provided staff with a list of rates from all of the municipalities for which they provide EMS billing collection service. Staff also surveyed the rates from all of the Monroe County and Broward County EMS agencies as well as CARE Lifestar Response/American Ambulance Rates, which were accepted by the City with their initial 2011 contract.

Based on this information, AMB provided KWFD staff with their recommended rates. AMB recommendations are based on an evaluation of other agencies in our area and the desire to collect fees according to our expected operational costs.

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Below is a summary of comparative rates:

Key West Fire Department		EMS Billing Recommendations			
	<u>Department</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>BLS</u>	<u>ALS 1</u>	<u>ALS 2</u>
Broward County	Broward County FD	\$ 8.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 575.00
	North Lauderdale	\$ 11.12	\$ 723.23	\$ 723.53	\$ 723.53
	Sunrise	\$ 10.00	\$ 606.00	\$ 617.00	\$ 680.00
AMB Clients	Plant City	\$ 9.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 525.00
	Union County	\$ 13.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 800.00
Monroe County	Monroe County FD	\$ 12.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
	Islamorada	\$ 12.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 547.00	\$ 811.00
	Marathon	\$ 10.90	\$ 502.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 852.00
	Key Largo	\$ 11.27	\$ 527.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 821.00
	Ocean Reef	\$ 11.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 775.00
CARE Ambulance	CARE Key West	\$ 12.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 950.00
National Average	All Departments	\$ 13.04	\$ 588.52	\$ 758.59	\$ 863.73
US Government	Approved Medicare	\$ 7.34	\$ 372.92	\$ 442.84	\$ 640.95
	Approved Medicaid	\$ -	\$ 136.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 250.00
AMB Recommendations	Key West Fire Dept.	\$ 14.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 950.00

Recommendation: To provide the current rates as \$14.50 per mile for mileage, \$600.00 for Basic Life Support (BLS), \$750.00 for Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1), and \$950.00 for Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS2). The proposed ordinance includes a fee collection provision for Key West residents.

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