

**INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES  
and  
REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) review of operations and the Firestorm 2003 Provincial Review identified a need for the Province to establish realistic and equitable rental rates for fire apparatus and personnel when responding to a State of Emergency declared by the Province. The “Inter-agency Working Group Report - Reimbursement Rates” document was an outcome of the 2003 review.

On annual basis representatives from the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Fire Chiefs Association of BC (FCABC) review the document with input from the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). Starting in 2017 BCWS will join the OFC and the FCABC as a signatory of the newly named “Inter-agency Operational Procedures and Reimbursement Rates Document”.

Previously, when the BCWS engaged resources directly from local government, the BCWS Standard Operating Guideline #1.06.01 “Wildfire Suppression with Local Governments” was the governing agreement. This will no longer be the case as the Inter-agency Operational Procedures and Reimbursement Rates Document will be the guiding document for use from July 1, 2017 forward. Considerations from the #1.06.01 are incorporated into this document.

The reimbursement rates and fee schedules contained within this report are for **recognized structure fire department** response to an Office of the Fire Commissioner request, a provincial state of emergency or provincial (BCWS) request for resources. Contractors will be reimbursed according to the Government of British Columbia Blue Book rates or by contractual agreement where the equipment is not specified in the Blue Book.

This operational procedure document will ensure that there is an understanding of roles and responsibilities for wildfire & wildland urban interface fire response between the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia representing all local governments and the British Columbia Wildfire Service.

This document will be reviewed annually and revised as required.

## 2 BACKGROUND

During the provincial state of emergency declared between August 2 and September 15, 2003 numerous fire departments assisted the affected communities in British Columbia. The need for clear operating procedures was determined immediately and identified as required information for future provincial fire response by the OFC, FCABC (local governments) and the BCWS.

This document is designed to provide direction and clarity for OFC, FCABC and BCWS to support each another in mutual aid for wildfire response.

All parties have benefited from this procedure in the past through continued collaboration. All parties view the tri-signatory approach as an opportunity to improve and further integrate with key partners. Additionally, there are advantages in the following areas:

1. Ensure clear language on rules of engagement of jurisdictional authority and mutual assistance between all parties.
2. Improved exchange of key information – ensuring fire department, OFC and BCWS contacts are current for fire reporting and mutual assistance,
3. Ensuring clear understanding to a consistent approach to reimbursement / invoicing.
4. Improved access to structure fire department personnel and equipment,
5. Provide clarity to types and kind of resources and costing,
6. Ensure fire protection boundary amendments are reported spatially on an annual cycle. Updated boundaries can be viewed in the BCWS fire dispatch system.

The intent of the tri-partnership with the OFC, FCABC and BCWS in the Inter-agency Reimbursement Rate and Operational Procedures agreement is to further improve the operating procedure, strengthening capacity while providing increased flexibility to share resources in British Columbia with clear rules of engagement and reimbursement requirements.

### **3 REQUESTING RESOURCES**

It is recognized that wildland firefighters are trained and equipped to respond to fires composed of wildland fuels and vegetation and are not trained or equipped to address structure fires, such as residential buildings and structure protection. Structure firefighters are trained to control and extinguish fire in structures, such as residential fires. Some structure firefighters have training and/or equipment to suppress wildland fire but not all. Both wildland and structure firefighting expertise are needed to respond to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fire events. It is recognized that local authorities are responsible for their structure fire departments which are funded through their local tax base. Other resources engaged by the Province become provincial resources.

As such, structure firefighting will be managed, resourced and deployed through the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC). Structure Protection Units will be managed,

resourced and deployed by the OFC, through the British Columbia Wildfire Service (BCWS)

Wildland firefighters and resources will be managed, resourced and deployed through British Columbia Wildfire Service (BCWS).

This is not to limit the present practice whereas BCWS may engage single resources from fire departments directly to assist in wildland fire response or standby when their resources may be limited.

## **4 DEPLOYMENT**

Apparatus and personnel deployed by the Province and reimbursed by the Province are considered a provincial resource and any decisions to re-deploy or release from an incident are determined by the Province after consultation with the involved parties.

While provincial liability and WorkSafeBC worker occupational health and safety coverage is provided on provincial deployments, it is recommended that departments sending resources, personnel and equipment, contact their respective insurer to ensure there are **not any limitations preventing them from assisting** in an out of jurisdiction deployment.

Resources brought into a fire protection area by the Province via the OFC will be covered under an EMBC incident task number and an EMBC seasonal wildfire support task number. Resources brought in to support BCWS for outside of fire protection area will be covered under a wildfire incident number.

### **4.1 Activation Process**

The OFC will maintain a database of fire resources from recognized structure fire departments in British Columbia that have pre-identified themselves as available for deployment. Fire Departments registered to be deployed must meet the minimum qualifications for apparatus, fire fighters and Fire Officers as established by the OFC. *(Refer to Wildland Urban Interface Resource form)*

Depending on the geographical location of an incident, apparatus transport options such as commercial transport will be mutually determined. Apparatus deployed by the Province may be required to report to a provincial camp or staging location where mechanical safety inspections, proof of insurance, equipment inventories, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inventories, crew qualifications and crew briefings will be verified prior to deployment. Each department supplying apparatus for provincial deployment must provide an equipment checklist for each vehicle. Provincial staging locations will be established, with provincial resources managed by OFC representatives.

Physical capability will be at the discretion of the OFC Staging Manager. Fire fighters not physically capable of performing their duties and deemed to be a safety risk will be demobilized.

This document refers to Expense Authority in many of the sections. For the purposes of this document, an Expense Authority is defined as a provincial employee who has been granted the authority to make purchases on the Governments' behalf.

#### **4.2 Personnel Transport**

Personal and department vehicles used to transport personnel will be reimbursed as per the current BC Government mileage rate, with prior Expense Authority approval. The Province reserves the right to recommend and pay for other economical alternatives for apparatus and crew transport. The Province will cover extraordinary costs such as ferry fares and highway tolls (receipts must be provided).

#### **4.3 Personal Protective Equipment**

Personnel responding to a provincial request for resources will report to a pre-designated location with all Personal Protective Equipment. Employers are required to provide all special clothing and maintain it in a good state of repair. The required personal protective equipment shall include, but not be limited to:

- Full Turn-Out Gear including, structure FF boots, structure ff gloves, balaclava, pants, coat and structure ff helmet.(Not required for SPU crews)
- Leather work Gloves
- Approved Eye Protection
- Approved Hearing Protection
- Approved SCBA and N95 masks
- CSA Approved Hard hat (w/chinstrap)
- Coveralls or wildland shirts/pants made of Cotton or Nomex, (preferably Nomex)
- high Lace or Zip-up Leather Work Boots (6" minimum)
- Personal Flashlight

Safety equipment such as leather work gloves and N95 masks will be replaced by the Province if damaged or worn out during provincial response efforts.

**Apparatus/crew may be withheld from deployment and sent home at their own expense if not adequately equipped.**

#### **4.4 Deployment Periods**

The deployment periods discussed in this document are intended for requests from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, a Provincial Declaration of Emergency or a Provincial request for resources.

On deployment and demobilization days, reimbursement will be for actual hours travelled and/or worked. Subsequent days will be reimbursed at a minimum of 12 hours per day or for actual hours worked if greater than twelve hours. Departments returning to their home jurisdiction daily will be reimbursed for actual hours travelled and worked each day.

Deployment periods for emergency events requiring provincial resourcing of apparatus and personnel will be for a maximum of 14 days (including travel days). Province will reimburse fire departments for costs associated with crew rotations falling within the 6 to 14 day deployments (including transportation, wages and authorized expenses). Where a department wishes to rotate personnel prior to completing 6 days of deployment, it must request and receive prior approval from the OFC and all costs related to the early rotation shall be at the department's own expense.

Costs associated with backfilling of **personnel** are not covered. However, under extraordinary circumstances, these costs may be covered only if agreed to by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, in consultation with BCWS as required, **prior** to deployment.

#### **4.5 Food and Lodging**

Crews are expected to stay in a fire camp during their deployment to wildland urban interface events, unless it is a local deployment within one hour of incident. Crews must be self-sustainable for a minimum of 48 hours and are required to provide their own provisions for sleeping (e.g. sleeping bags and tents) for that duration.

The Provincial Logistics Section or local EOC may arrange for provision of meals and lodging for responders during deployment. This will be communicated to responding personnel at local briefings at the EOC, incident command post, fire camp and/or staging area. Alternative accommodation and meals must have **prior** written approval from an OFC or BCWS Expense Authority.

When meals are not explicitly provided, the provincial government Group 1 per diem reimbursement rates apply. Where lodging is not explicitly provided, the provincial government approved accommodation rates apply and use double occupancy where possible. In areas where meals and/or accommodation are in excess of provincially approved rates, prior approval by a Provincial expense authority is required. The accommodation rates are available for **lodging only** and do not cover additional costs such as long-distance telephone calls, room service, hotel food service meals, and liquor or pay-per-view television services.

**The Province is not responsible for any unauthorized expenses incurred by personnel responding on behalf of the Province. Unauthorized expenses include, but not limited to, in-between meal snacks, toiletry, and personal comfort items. Receipts for approved expenses must be provided for reimbursement.**

#### **4.6 Record Keeping**

Apparatus and personnel deployed by the Province may be issued a Staging/Activity Binder that will include forms for record keeping (same rate for travel, staging and active time). Travel time, staging time and active time shall be recorded. Daily records of deployment must be completed by the senior member of each crew and **must** be signed off daily by a provincial government employee, with appropriate signing authority, and be provided to the incident Finance and Administration section for all personnel and apparatus costing. The use of **Daily Time Reports (DTR) and daily activity reports are**

**required** for all apparatus and personnel deployed by the EMBC/OFC to support local government, as well as for BCWS deployments.

#### ***4.7 Post-Deployment Procedures***

Provincially deployed apparatus and personnel shall only be released by the Office of the Fire Commissioner or their representative inside a fire protection area after consultation with the Incident Commander. Provincially deployed apparatus and personnel outside a fire protection area shall only be released by the BC Wildfire Services Incident Commander or designate. Released apparatus and personnel will follow demobilization check-out procedures. Financial instructions may be provided for submission of additional allowable incidental or travel costs. All allowable costs from OFC supported incidents will be processed through the OFC. BCWS incidents will be processed through an identified financial services officers for approval and processing. Contracted SPU are to be processed through the BCWS when engaged under BCWS Incident Command, otherwise through the OFC

In the case of SPU equipment, substitute items may be provided until actual items are located during demobilization. Invoices may be submitted to the Province for reimbursement bi-weekly or following provincial deployment.

## **5 BCWS WILDFIRE RESPONSE AGREEMENT PROCEDURES**

### ***5.1 Wildfire Response Agreements:***

All previous agreements with the BCWS, relative to wildfire response with local governments are now replaced by this operating procedure.

### ***5.2 Responsibility for Fire Response:***

Where local government provides fire protection services through municipal, regional or improvement district governments (e.g. fire department), it is understood that the fire department is responsible for fire suppression action on all fires within its legislated fire protection jurisdiction.

### ***5.3 Responsibility for Wildfire Response:***

The BC Wildfire Service is tasked with managing wildfires through a combination of wildfire prevention, mitigation and suppression strategies, on both Crown and private lands outside fire protection areas. Although infrequent and uncommon, the BCWS also has management responsibilities of crown land within local government area.

### ***5.4 Reporting and Requesting Assistance:***

The BCWS will, upon receipt of a fire report in an area deemed to be the responsibility of a fire department, forward known information to the appropriate fire department without delay. When a fire department is reporting a wildfire and/or requesting assistance, it is expected to provide key information to the BCWS as follows:

- i. Fire department and location of fire,
- ii. What is burning and threatened,

- iii. Access to the fire and resources and agencies enroute or on scene,
- iv. Type of assistance required, fire potential and fire behavior,
- v. Key contact at the scene able to be contacted on OFC1 radio frequency,
- vi. Water sources at or near the fire, if known, and
- vii. Power lines, gas lines, or other known safety concerns.

### **5.5 Mutual Aid:**

This agreement maintains an established commitment to mutual aid on all wildfires which are beyond the capability of a local fire department. Suppression efforts undertaken by the BCWS and costs associated with those efforts will be the responsibility of the BCWS, on behalf of the Province. Fire departments will be responsible for their own costs which they incur in response to fires within their jurisdiction.

### **5.6 Communications and Command Structure:**

Tactical interagency communications shall be on Office of the Fire Commissioner frequency- OFC1 (155.460 MHz). Fire Departments are required to have their mobile and portable radios pre-programmed to the OFC frequency. This will be verified at staging prior to deployment. Jurisdictional authority and Command will be the responsibility of the responsible agency (see Appendix E). Should Unified Command be activated, explicit line authority must be documented in an ICS 207 or similar Incident Organization Chart.

### **5.7 Crown Lands or Unorganized Areas:**

Where Provincial Crown lands exist within a fire department's boundaries and wildfire occurs whereupon the fire department takes action, the fire department is entitled to compensation from the Province, provided that the action was approved by the appropriate Regional Wildfire Coordination Officer (RWCO). Similarly, where a fire department, takes pre-approved wildfire suppression action on a wildfire outside its jurisdiction, in areas where there is no local fire department protection, the fire department is entitled to compensation. This approval process is facilitated through a phone call to the appropriate RWCO; available 24 hours each day during fire season.

### **5.8 Compensation:**

Where approved by a BCWS representative, compensation will be based on the current rates contained within this document. These rates will be all-found rate and are considered inclusive of administrative wages, mileage and fire line consumables. Deployment times shall be rounded to the nearest half hour and shall include a maximum of one half (0.5) hours for fueling, clean up and refurbishment of fire line apparatus. Local government will be compensated through submission of an itemized invoice to the approving Regional Wildfire Coordination Centre based on the resource type used. Supporting documentation (such as daily time report, run-sheets and officer notes) must be submitted with the itemized invoice.

### **5.9 Billing:**

Where wildfire control measures are undertaken by the BCWS, the Province maintains the right to recover costs incurred, through an administrative billing process to landowners. The BCWS reserves the right to apply fines and/or administrative penalties

and/or proceed with charges against those parties who are determined to be committing an offense under the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation.

In the case of a voluntary response during an evolving interface-fire situation where jurisdiction is not clearly defined, Local Government will not claim compensation for their resources for the first operational period (to a maximum of 24hrs) unless through written authorization, RWCO approval or the formal establishment of unified command.

#### ***5.10 Relieving a Fire Department:***

Where a wildfire occurs in unorganized areas, and a fire department has taken voluntary fire response action, the BCWS will take over fire response efforts at the earliest opportunity.

Where a fire department anticipates extended duration wildfire suppression and mop-up, within its jurisdiction, the fire department may request assistance from the BCWS with the objective of being assisted to the containment stage of that wildfire event.

It is recognized by the BCWS that it is in the best interest of the public to maintain emergency response capabilities, provided by local fire departments. This will be considered when determining whether final mop-up will be completed by the BCWS. It is common practice to require a landowner, where deemed capable by the Province, to provide assistance in extinguishment and patrolling duties, on that landowner's fee simple lands.

#### ***5.11 Fire Cause & Origin Investigation:***

It is the responsibility of the agency with jurisdictional authority to identify fire origin and cause on all wildfire events. Agencies may request fire investigators from partnering agencies to support or lead wildfire investigations if required. The agencies will cooperate to the fullest extent possible in providing fire cause investigation expertise recognizing the importance of timely investigation.

#### ***5.12 Training:***

All personnel taking action on wildfires on behalf of the BCWS must be trained to the appropriate standards as per the Office of the Fire Commissioner, and be physically capable of performing their duties safely and effectively.

#### ***5.13 Jurisdictional Boundary and Personnel Updates***

Annually, prior to May, the BCWS Fire Centre/Zone personnel will confirm all fire department contacts for fire reporting, requesting assistance and other information deemed relevant to wildfire management.

To ensure that information is current and consistent, fire departments are requested to annually provide a digital map file outlining the external boundaries of their fire protection area, a list of key 24 hour contacts, fire apparatus and relevant equipment within the fire department.

## **6 FIRE DEPARTMENT INITIAL ATTACK – AT REQUEST OF BCWS**

### **6.1 Objective**

Initial attack success remains highest priority and the use of fire department personnel and equipment is a valuable, accessible resource that will assist BCWS in meeting program targets for initial attack success in times of extreme fire activity and resource shortages.

### **6.2 Deliverable**

Fire department personnel are willing and capable of providing initial attack resources for BCWS. Notwithstanding the staffing listed in table 7.2 resources will be configured as a self-contained 3-person crew - with crew leader, two fire fighters and fire apparatus, suitable for wildfire response.

Upon activation, the FD IA crews will be integrated into the command structure of the Zone and Coordination Centre and be given instruction and direction through the Ministry Zone command structure.

The focus on FD IA crews would be on interface initial attack fires outside fire department jurisdiction during periods where external surge capacity is required. BCWS crews would be principally focused on remote wildland fires.

### **6.3 Requirements**

FD IA Crew personnel will require the following:

- Crew Leader will require NFPA equivalent Fire Officer 1, BCWS IC4 certification or Team Leader (Playbook)
- All will have current S100 Basic Fire Suppression & Safety training or SPP WFF1 and BC Fire Services Playbook Exterior Fire Fighter
- Crew leader will have ICS I-100 training,
- Crew leader will have radio training, S212 or equivalent,
- Crew will have appropriate first aid training and equipment (OFA 3, EMA Level 1, FR3,),
- Crews will be outfitted with appropriate personal protective equipment,
- All members must be physically fit
- Require appropriate engine for off-pavement fire response,
- Require radios preprogrammed with FLNR radio frequency,
- Require cell phone for the crew leader,
- Equipment requirements will be as per the Engine Type.

### **6.4 Compensation & Hours of Work**

Personnel and equipment will be compensated through the Inter-agency Operational Procedures & Reimbursement Rates document for crew leader, fire fighter and wildland engine type. Standby rates will be compensated at ½ of the All Found rate. Crews and equipment will be expected to be ready for response within 30 minutes of activation when on standby.

Hours of availability, including regular and standby, will be set in advance by the Zone Wildfire Coordination Officer (ZWCO) or Regional Wildfire Coordination Officer (RWCO). Regular shifts will be 8 hours, e.g. 10:30 - 18:30, with a one hour lunch break. Standby hours typically occur after the regular work shift ends but can also be in advance of it, and during lunch breaks. Standby rates will only be paid when mutually agreed upon by both parties.

### **6.5 Prioritization**

BCWS agrees to release the fire department personnel and equipment if resources are required to respond to emergencies within their boundaries. Fire department personnel will advise BCWS immediately if they are required to respond and compensation will cease at that time. The fire department will provide an update to the ZWCO or Regional Wildfire Coordination Centre (RWCC) on the status and availability of the crew.

## **7 APPARATUS REMUNERATION GUIDELINES**

Communities and fire departments providing apparatus requested by the Province will be reimbursed by the Province according to the following guidelines. Apparatus has been typed according to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre CIFFC Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement and the US National Interagency Fire Center Mobilization Guide<sup>1</sup>. Minimum requirements for equipment and capabilities have been listed (**all capacities are listed in US and Imp Gallons**). Apparatus to be equipped with appropriate appliances, nozzles, spanners, and hand tools to be operationally ready.

Reimbursement rates listed are for All-Found and Bare apparatus. All-Found apparatus includes vehicle, insurance, all minimum required equipment and appliances, minimum personnel (see Sections 7.1 – 7.11) fuel and routine maintenance costs. Bare apparatus rates cover the same basic requirements as All-Found with the exception of personnel.

**NOTE:** Costs for additional personnel above the minimum number will not be covered unless authorized in advance by OFC or BCWS representative.

In some circumstances, bare rates have not been listed due to specialized knowledge required to safely operate the apparatus (i.e. Truck Company). If fuel is not readily accessible from commercial or retail sources, access shall be provided to provincial fuel supplies.

For both All-Found and Bare rates, routine maintenance costs are the responsibility of the supplying department (this includes maintenance done during deployments). However, damage as a result of a provincial deployment that is reported to OFC representative **prior** to departure and release will be reimbursed for by the Province with Expense Authority approval in accordance with the pro-rated apparatus repair reimbursement rate.

### **Apparatus Minimum Requirements:**

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<sup>1</sup>Engines defined by CIFFC *MARS Agreement 2017* Appendix J – & the US National Interagency Fire Center, *National Mobilization Guide 2017*.

Commercial vehicle inspection must be current and decal displayed. Apparatus older than 25 years will be considered for deployment only if it certified by a qualified Technician as mechanically sound. Documentation of the apparatus mechanical certification must be made available upon request.

### **Reimbursement rates for damaged apparatus**

Apparatus Age	Repair Reimbursement rate
0-25years	100%
25 years +	75%

### **7.1 Structure Engines**

Minimum Requirements	Structure Engines <sup>2</sup>	
Types	1	2
Pump	1000 GPM	500 GPM
	832 IGPM	416 IGPM
@ rated (psi)	150	150
Water Tank	300 Gal.	300 Gal.
	250 IG	250 IG
Hose 2 ½"	1200 Ft.	1000 Ft.
Hose 1 ½"	500 Ft.	500 Ft.
Hose 1"	-	-
Ladder	20 Ft. Ext.	20 Ft. Ext.
Master Stream	500 GPM	-
Personnel	4 with SCBA	3 with SCBA
All-Found Rate	\$ 595/hour	\$ 492/hour
Bare Rate	\$ 306/hour	\$ 273/hour

\*Consumables such as foam will be supplied or reimbursed by the Province

### **7.2 Wildland Engines**

Minimum Requirements	Wildland Engines <sup>3</sup>				
Type	3	4	5	6	7
Pump	150 GPM	50 GPM	50 GPM	30 GPM	10 GPM

<sup>2</sup> As defined by the US National Interagency Fire Center, *National Mobilization Guide 2017, Ch. 40 pg. 60.*

<sup>3</sup> Wildland fire engines as defined by Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre *Mutual Aid Resource Sharing Agreement 2017*

	125 IGPM	42 IGPM	42 IGPM	25 IGPM	8.4 IGPM
PSI	250	100	100	100	100
Water Tank	500+ Gal.	750+ Gal.	400-700 Gal	150-400 Gal	50- 200 Gal
Hose 2 ½”	-	-	-	-	-
Hose 1 ½”	1000 Ft.	300 Ft.	300 Ft.	300 Ft.	
Hose 1”	500 Ft.	300 Ft.	300 Ft.	300 Ft.	200 Ft.
Personnel	3	2	2	2	2
All-Found Rate	\$ 463 /hour	\$ 347/hour	\$ 335/hour	\$239hour	\$209/hour
Bare Rate	\$ 247/hour	\$ 138/hour	\$ 122/hour	\$ 92/hour	\$ 61/hour

### 7.3 Truck Company

Minimum Requirements	Types	
	1	2
Aerial (Specify Aerial, Platform or Elevated Stream)	75 Ft.	50 Ft.
Elevated Stream*	500 GPM	500 GPM
	425 IGPM	425 IGPM
Ground Ladders	115 Ft. (Total)	115 Ft. (Total)
Personnel	4	4
All-Found Rate	\$ 826/hour	\$ 710/hour

\* Elevated Stream capacities are listed in US Gallons

### 7.4 Water Tender

Minimum Requirements	Types		
	1	2	3
Pump	300 GPM	120 GPM	50 GPM
	250 IGPM	100 IGPM	42 IGPM
Water Tank	2000 Gal.	1000 Gal.	1000 Gal.
	1600 IG	800 IG	800 IG
Personnel	2	2	2
All-Found Rate	\$ 369/hour	\$ 310/hour	\$ 281/hour
Bare Rate	\$ 222/hour	\$ 167/hour	\$ 136/hour

### 7.5 Rescue Vehicle

Minimum Requirement	
Extrication Equipment	Yes
Stabilization Equipment	Yes
Medical Equipment	Yes
Embankment Equipment	Optional

Personnel	2-4
All-Found Rate	\$ 340/hour

## 7.6 Mobile Communications

Minimum Requirements	Types		
	1	2	3
Consoles/Workstations	2	2	1
Frequency Capability	Multi-Range*, Programmable	Multi-Range*, Programmable	Single Range**, Programmable
Power Source	Internal	Internal	External
Telephone Systems	6 Trunk/16 Extension Lines		
Personnel	2	2	1
All-Found Rate	\$ 311/hour	\$ 254/hour	\$ 155/hour

\*Multi-Range: 150-174 MHz, 450-470 MHz, 800 MHz (Simplex & Repeated)

\*\*Single Range: 150-174 MHz only

## 7.7 Other Apparatus

Fire department vehicles and/or apparatus not included on the schedules above are not compensated unless agreed to in writing by a Provincial Coordination Officer (OFC or BCWS) and approved by an Expense Authority. Province of British Columbia Blue Book rates may apply.

### Mobile Command Unit

Workstations, minimum 8 with computers, telephone system to workstations (cell or external), satellite phone capacity, internet options, climate control, self-contained.  
Rates – 2 staff \$425/hour 3 staff \$500/hour

### Boats

Pump gpm	Engine size HP	Minimum staff	Rate/hr.
1500	450 HP +	4	\$525
1000	375 to 450	3	\$475
500	250 to 375	3	\$450
250	125 to 250	3	\$375
125	90 to 150	3	\$325
Boat only	25 to 90	1	\$110

### Mechanics Truck

- All found rate \$225.00

## **7.8 Special Resources**

Special Resources include, but are not limited to, Heavy Rescue, HazMat, or Technical Resources. Special Resources will be reimbursed at rates that have been negotiated by a Provincial Coordination Officer (OFC or BCWS) and pre-approved by an Expense Authority.

## **7.9 Damaged Apparatus/Equipment**

**ALL** damaged or lost equipment, over and above normal wear and tear, **must** be reported to the OFC and/or BCWS representative immediately or in their absence to the BCWS Operations Section Chief. A signed list of those items must be obtained prior to departure. The OFC / BCWS intend to reimburse for uninsured losses suffered to Local Government fire department equipment while in the service of the OFC or BCWS. Claims shall be based on the age, kind and quality of equipment.

This is particularly important for damaged or lost SPU equipment claims made for equipment that is under the care and supervision of their own personnel.

## **7.10 Personnel Wage rates**

The Province may require fire fighters and management personnel as additional resources during major emergency events. Those fire fighters and management personnel who are conscripted, seconded or contracted will be reimbursed according to the following schedules.

### **7.10.1 Fire Fighters**

In some circumstances, fire fighters may be required to respond as single resources without apparatus. In addition, it may be necessary to assign personnel to apparatus to increase the minimum staffing identified in the tables above. Additional and single resource personnel will be reimbursed according to the following table.

<b>Fire Fighter Wage Rates</b>	
Volunteer Fire Department Personnel	Salary/wages at their regular place of employment or \$ 44.00/hour whichever is greater
Career Fire Department Personnel	Fire Fighter Collective Agreements (wages and benefits)

Overtime entitlement and rates shall be according to Collective Agreements for personnel covered by Fire Fighter Collective Agreements, all other responders shall be paid straight time for actual hours worked. This rate table shall only be applicable for deployment purposes and where personnel are not considered part of an “all found rate” apparatus crew or Structure Protection Crew.

### **7.10.2 Specialist Positions**

The OFC and Province may require experienced fire service members to fill positions in the emergency management organization of the Province. Personnel who are seconded, conscripted or contracted will be reimbursed according to the following schedule. Specialists will be reimbursed for actual hours travelled or worked on initial day of deployment and minimum 12 hours per day or actual hours worked if greater than 12 hours for subsequent days.

Deputies shall be paid the same rates as the Directors whom they work under since they are expected to fill the more senior position if the need arises. Where Collective Agreements, Management Contract rates, or regular hourly rates vary from the rates listed in this draft, the higher rate shall apply. All rates for specialist positions are hourly, reviewed annually and revised as required.

### **7.10.3 Ministry Operation Centre (or site level where applicable)**

OFC Liaison Officer (PREOC & EOC)	\$63
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### **7.10.4 Site Level**

Incident Commander (Unified Command)	\$63
Structure Branch Director	\$63
Structure Protection Specialist	\$63
Strike Force/Task Force Leader	\$63
Technical Specialist	\$63

### **7.10.5 Site or Provincial Fire Department**

Regional Coordinator	\$63
Deputy Regional Coordinator	\$63
Fire Fighter	See Section 7.10.1

### 7.11 Structure Protection Units (SPU)

Minimum Requirements	Types – (See Appendix “B” for Definitions of typing)		
	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3
Personnel only – standby rate	5 Personnel \$191/hr.	5 Personnel \$191/hr.	4 Personnel \$156/hr.
Personnel only – deployed rate	\$4584/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$382/add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.	\$4584/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$382/add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.	\$3744/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$312/add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.
Standby Rate (Unit – no crew) @ Home Station	\$1775	\$1638	\$1337
Standby Rate (Unit – no crew) @ Staged Location	\$1775	\$1638	\$1337
Deployment Rate – Equipment Only	\$3714	\$3577	\$3277
All Found Rate Unit Opened	\$8298/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$382 /add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.	\$8161/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$382/add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.	\$7021/day with up to 12hr staff work time & \$312/add hr. staff work over 12 hrs.
All Found Rate Unit Closed	\$6886	\$6619	\$4605

- All crews include 1 supervisor
- Standard standby time frames are: 0800 – 2000hrs (or) 0600 – 2300hrs as indicated when notified.
- “On standby” means ready to deploy within 30 minutes of receiving deployment instructions.
- SPU to be deployed with 2 support vehicles (tow and staff) which are included in the All Found Rate above.

**7 SUMMARY**

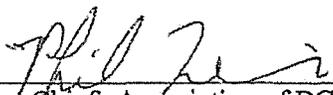
The remuneration rates contained in this document apply to recognized structure fire departments and personnel responding to a provincial deployment of fire apparatus and personnel. The rates will be reviewed annually and adjusted where required

The *Inter-Agency Operational Procedures and Reimbursement Rates Document* have been reviewed by representatives of the undersigned agencies. The agencies agree to the use of the terms and rates as set out in this document until such time that the document is revised and updated or notification is given to all parties that they are no longer a participate in the agreement.

  
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Office of the Fire Commissioner

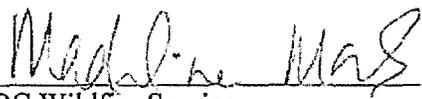
Fire Commissioner  
Position

June 21, 2018  
Date

  
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Fire Chiefs Association of BC

President  
Position

June 18, 2018  
Date

  
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BC Wildfire Service

Executive Director  
Position

June 19, 2018  
Date

**9. APPENDICES**

**9.1 INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Inter-Agency Operational  
Procedures  
and  
Reimbursement Rates

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

# Introduction

This policy statement applies to all persons and organizations operating under the Inter-Agency Operational Procedures and Reimbursement Rates Agreement (*herein known as the IAA*).

All persons operating under this agreement will exhibit the highest standards of conduct. Persons conduct while operating under this agreement must instill confidence and trust and not bring the BC Wildfire Service, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Fire Chiefs Association of BC and their respective Fire Departments into disrepute.

The requirement to comply with these standards of conduct is a condition of deployment. Persons who fail to comply with these standards may be subject to disciplinary action. .

Persons working under the IAA should abide with the following;

- Act honestly and in good faith.
- Confidential information, in any form, is not be disclosed, released, or transmitted to anyone other than persons who are authorized to receive the information.
- Confidential information that is received through their deployment must not be used for the purpose of furthering any private interest, or as a means of making personal gains.
- Must not engage in any activity or speak publicly where this could be perceived as an official act or representation (unless authorized to do so).
- Must not jeopardize the perception of impartiality in the performance of their duties through making public comments or entering into public debate regarding government ministry policies.
- Must provide service to the public in a manner that is courteous, professional, equitable, efficient, and effective. Must be sensitive and responsive to the changing needs, expectations, and rights of a diverse public in the proper performance of their duties.
- Treat each other with respect and dignity and not engage in discriminatory conduct prohibited by the Human Rights Code. The prohibited grounds are race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political belief or conviction of a criminal or summary offence unrelated to the individual's employment.
- Bullying or any other inappropriate conduct compromising the integrity of the BC Wildfire Service, Officer of the Fire Commissioner or the Fire Chiefs Association of BC.
- Responsibility to contribute to a safe workplace. Violence in the workplace is unacceptable. Violence is any use of physical force on an individual that causes or could cause injury and includes an attempt or threatened use of force.
- Must report any incident of violence. Anyone who becomes aware of a threat must report

that threat if there is reasonable cause to believe that the threat poses a risk of injury. Any incident or threat of violence must be addressed immediately.

- Must report a safety hazard or unsafe condition or act in accordance with the provisions of the WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.
- Will not solicit a gift, benefit, or service on behalf of themselves or others.

### **Responsibilities**

- Objectively and loyally fulfill their assigned duties and responsibilities, regardless of the party or persons in power and regardless of their personal opinions.
- Disclose and cooperate to resolve conflicts of interest or potential conflict of interest situations in which they find themselves.
- Maintain appropriate workplace behavior.
- Avoid engaging in discriminatory conduct or comment
- Check with their supervisor or manager when they are uncertain about any aspect of this policy statement.

## 9.1 APPENDIX B - SPU REQUIREMENTS

**Note:** New Type 2 & 3 SPU's to meet the following inventory requirements listed below.  
Ensure all QC (Quick Couple) connectors are ULC rated.

**Exception:** For provincial deployment, existing Type 2 SPU's built before 2013-01-30, may meet equivalent requirements; as per the following 4 points:

- 5/8 " /16mm hose lengths add up to total number of feet until excess short hose wears out.
- Upgrade to lined percolating 1.5" /38mm hose as other hose types wears out.
- 1.5 " /38mm hose lengths add up to total length identified.
- Any medium sprinklers (3/4" /19mm) will be counted as large until replacements required.

Category	Item	Description	Unit	Type 2 (All)	Type 3 (All)
<b>Pumps</b>	Mark 3 or Wick 375	High pressure 2 stroke	#	4	2
	Pump Tool Kit	As per contents list on pages 8 - 10	#	4	2
	Hose Strangler	For 1.5" /38mm hose	#	0	0
	2" /51mm Suction hose x 10ft/3.2m	c/w aluminum foot valve & strainer	#	4	2
	Fuel cans	20 or 25 L Gerry cans	#	8	4
	Fuel lines	Single can	#	2 spare & Pump box	1 spare & Pump box
	Extra Fuel lines	Dual fuel line for pumps	#	5	2
	Mix oil	6 Litres (Case) 2 cycle oil	#	2	1
<b>Hose</b>	2.5" /64mm diameter	50 ft. /15.2m BCT cplgs. 600psi/4200kPa	lengths	20	0
<b>(BCT = BC Thread)</b>	1.5" /38mm diameter lined percolating	100 ft./30.5m QC 300psi/2100kPa	lengths	25	15
<b>(QC = Quick Couple)</b>	1.5" /38mm diameter lined percolating	50 ft./15.2m QC 300psi/2100kPa	lengths	50	25
<b>(GHT = Garden Hose Thread)</b>	Econo 5/8 " /16mm diameter hose	50 ft./15.2m c/w 3/4" /19mm GHT cplgs. 300psi/2100kPa	lengths	150	70
	Econo 5/8 " /16mm diameter hose	30 ft. /9.1m c/w 3/4" /19mm GHT cplgs. 300psi/2100kPa	lengths	50	25

	Econo 5/8"/16mm diameter hose	15 ft. /4.6m c/w 3/4"/19mm GHT cplgs. 300psi/2100kPa	lengths	50	25
<b>Nozzles</b>	1.5"/38mm QC	Multi-orifice aluminum 4 in 1 (i.e. Hansen)	#	Pump box	Pump box
	3/4 "/19mm GHT thread	Brass	#	5	0
<b>Valves</b>	1.5"/38mm	3 way QC c/w shutoff	#	30	10
<b>Sprinklers</b>	Butterfly 1/2"/13mm head	39.5"/1m OAL aluminum pole c/w 3/4"/19mm M x F GHT threads (4.3gpm/19.5lpm @ 50psi/345kPa = 26'/7.9m wetted radius)	heads	30	16
	Large 1"/25mm	1/2"/13mm steel dual step spike, brass head, full circle impact (7/32"/5.6mm nozzle, 7.8gpm/35.5lpm @ 50psi/345kPa = 55'/16.8m wetted radius) Or (3/16"/4.8mm nozzle, 5.8gpm/26.4lpm @ 50psi/345kPa = 51'/15.5m wetted radius)	heads	50	25
	Small 1/2"/13mm	1/2"/13mm steel dual step spike, brass head, full circle impact (5/32"/4mm nozzle, 4.3gpm/19.5lpm @ 50psi/345kPa = 41'/12.5m wetted radius) Or (7/64"/2.8mm nozzle, 2.0gpm/9.1lpm @ 50psi/345kPa = 36'/11m wetted radius)	heads	50	30
<b>Water thieves</b>	2.5"/64mm M x F BAT thread x 1.5"/38mm QC	Pyrolite	#	15	0
	1.5"/38mm QC x 3/4"/19mm male GHT c/w shutoff	Pryolite or plastic	#	100	50
<b>Adapters</b>					

		2.5"/64mm hydrant gate valve F x M BCT	#	2	0
		2.5"/64mm BCT double female coupling	#	1	0
		2.5"/64mm BCT double male coupling	#	1	0
		2.5"/64mm BCT gated wye	#	1	0
		2.5"/64mm BCT to 1.5"/38mm QC	#	5	2
		Hydrant wrench	#	2	1
	Miscellaneous 3/4"/19mm GHT (Econo)	3 way 3/4"/19mm GHT individually gated	#	20	20
		3/4"/19mm GHT double female adaptor	#	25	10
		1.5"/38mm QC x 3/4"/19mm GHT male reducers	#	5	0
		1.5"/38mm QC x 3/4"/19mm GHT female increasers	#	5	0
		Washer pack	#	Pump box	Pump box
		3/4"/19mm GHT Ball valve shutoffs	#	10	5
<b>Bladders</b>	Portable tank	2500 imp. gal. /11,365L.	#	1	1
<b>For Type 2 &amp; 3</b>	Recommend	Lime green for any new tanks	for	ID	
	Drain valve kit	3"/76mm M to 1.5"/38mm M drain valve assembly c/w shutoff	#	1	1
<b>Ladders</b>	Extension	24 ft./7.3m Grade A	#	1	1
<b>Lighting kit</b>	Generator	2,500 watt	#	1	0
	Fuel can	4 gal/20 litres	#	1	0
	Halogen yard light	Double head c/w stand or sim.	#	2	0
	Extension cord	50 ft./15.2m	#	2	0
	Power bars		#	1	0
<b>FF tools</b>	Shovels		#	1	0
	Pulaskis		#	1	0
	McLeod tool		#	1	0
	Axe	2.5 lb./1.1kg 28"/71cm handle	#	1	0
	Backpack pump	5 gal/22L collapsible	#	1	0
<b>Impact tool kit</b>	Impact driver	c/w case, charger, 2 batteries, bit set	#	2	1

<b>Carpenters tool kit</b>	Tool box		#	2	1
	Tool belt	4 pocket	#	2	1
	Claw hammer		#	2	1
	Pry bar	18"/46cm	#	2	1
	Staple gun	(or hammer) c/w staples	#	2	1
	Pliers	Channel lock 10"/25cm	#	2	1
	Screwdriver	Multi	#	2	1
	Wrench	Crescent 6"/15cm	#	2	1
	Wrench	Crescent 10"/25cm	#	2	1
	Wrench	Pipe 14"/36cm	#	2	1
	Conduit clamps	50 – 3/8"/9.5mm in bag	bag	4	2
	Pipe strapping	rolls	#	1	1
	Tin snips	+ - 10 "/25cm	#	1	1
	Screws	100 – 1 3/4"/44mm	bag	4	2
	Nails	50 – 2 1/2"/64mm duplex	bag	4	2
	Saw	Carpenter hand	#	1	1
	Circular saw, wood	Electric - cordless	#	1	0
<b>Poly</b>	Rolls	200 ft./61m X 6mil	#	2	1
<b>Sign boards</b>	Chloroplast c/w 10 felt marking pens	2 ft./61cm x 2 ft./61cm blank	#	20	5
<b>Tape</b>		Flagging – blue & yellow	Rolls	5	2
		Teflon	Rolls	2	1
		Duct	Rolls	2	1
		Electrical	Rolls	2	1
<b>Rags</b>		Box	Kg.	2	1
<b>Misc. tools</b>					
	Rake	Leaf	#	1	0
	Broom	Push	#	1	0
	Cutters	Bolt 24"/61cm or 36"/91cm	#	1	0
<b>Trailer misc.</b>	Tie downs	15"/38cm bungee cords	#	5	0
		20"/51cm bungee cords	#	5	0
		30"/76cm bungee cords	#	5	0
		Cargo shelf strap 6 ft./1.8m	#	5	0
	Tie down straps	Ratchet	pairs	1	0
<b>Rope</b>	Poly rope -3/8 "/9.5mm	Roll	#	1	1
	Fire extinguisher	5 lb./2.2kg	#	1	0
	First aid kit	Level 1	#	1	0
	Cones	Safety marker 18"/46cm	#	2	0
<b>Chainsaw kit</b>	Chainsaw	Min. 57 cc c/w 20"/51cm bar	#	1	0

	Chainsaw gas can	5 L combi-can	#	1	0
	Chain oil	4 L	#	1	0
	PPE	Chaps, regular	#	1	0
	Tool kit	Bar wrench, grease gun, spare spark plug, chain filing gauge	#	1	0
	Files	Chain & Raker	#	2	0
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Manuals	Mark 3, Impact driver, etc.	set	1	1

**Type 2 & 3 SPU Pump Tool Box contents:**

- 1 Tool box, for storage of following
- 1 Aluminum ball back check valve for discharge side of pump QC
- 1 Spark plug, spare for pump
- 1 Rewind rope, spare for pump
- 1 Mesh wire screen to wrap foot valve
- 1 Water thief 1.5 "/38mm QC to 3/4 "/19mm GHT c/w shutoff
- 1 3/4 "/19mm brass nozzle
- 1 1.5 "/38mm QC 10 ft./3.2m high pressure (450psi/3150kPa) "pony" hose for tandem hookup or first length before back check valve
- 1 1.5"/38mm QC nozzle, 4 in 1 multi-orifice (i.e. Hansen)
- 1 Priming bucket, collapsible
- 1 3 way valve with shutoff 1.5 "/38mm QC
- 1 Mini grease gun for pump
- 1 Tool kit appropriate for pump (consult MFG and need to be listed)
- 1 Hose wrench for suction hose
- 1 Tandem adaptor 2"/51mm F NPSH x 1.5" QC to run 2 pumps in series
- 1 1.5 "/38mm male adaptor NPSH x QC
- 1 1.5 "/38mm female adaptor NPSH x QC
- 1 Single fuel line for pump
- 1 Gasket kit (spares for GHT fittings, pump, suction hose, discharge hoses)

## **9.2 APPENDIX C – SPU CREW REQUIREMENTS**

Structure Protection Crew Equipment List (revised 2015-05-26)

### **Each crew of 5 persons requires:**

- 2 pickups c/w:
  - Trailer package
  - Mobile road radio
  - Mobile GPS unit
  - Level 1 First Aid kit
  - Cargo net
  - 2 Pair ratchet tie downs
- 1 Chainsaw – Min. 57 cc c/w 20 inch/51cm bar
  - Chainsaw gas 5 L
  - Chainsaw oil 4 L
  - Chaps
  - Bar wrench, grease gun, and spare spark plug
  - Files for chain and rakers; and a chain filing gauge
- 1 Ladder rack fabricated of metal on 1 of the pickups
- 2 Handheld radios with FLNRO & OFC Frequencies
- 1 Laptop computer
- 2 Digital cameras
- 1 Handheld compass
- 2 Firefighting shovels
- 2 Pulaskis
- 1 MacLeod tool
- 1 Backpack pump
- 1 Handheld GPS unit

### **And for each person:**

- 1 - Day/fire line backpack
- Flame resistant coveralls, or pants and shirt
- Headlamp c/w sp. batteries
- Hardhat, Hi visibility vest, Work gloves, Hearing protection, Eye protection
- CSA approved footwear
- 2 Insect repellent
- 1 Sunscreen
- 1 – 4 inch/10 cm compress dressing
- Food and water for 24 hours
- Appropriate clothing - Sometimes freezing or rain conditions
- Overnight gear c/w sleeping bag and pup tent

**9.3 APPENDIX D – INVOICE FOR WILDFIRE RESPONSE SERVICES**

**British Columbia Wildfire Service**

INVOICE FOR WILDFIRE RESPONSE SERVICES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of fire action: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time of initial call out: \_\_\_\_\_ Time back in station: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Incident number: \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department undertook wildfire suppression action as directed by a BCWS Official (noted below), in accordance with the conditions outlined in the *Reimbursement Rates and Operating Procedures* document and is therefore requesting compensation at the prescribed rates as follows:

**Equipment**

Type:	Apparatus	All Found or Bare	Rate	Hours: x quantity	TOTAL
<i>e.g. 4</i>	<i>Engine - WL</i>	<i>Bare</i>	<i>\$135</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>\$1080</i>

**Personnel**

Type:	Quantity:	Rate	Hours: x quantity	TOTAL
<i>e.g. Fire Fighter</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>\$45</i>	<i>8 x 2</i>	<i>\$720</i>

Upon approval, please make cheques payable to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing BCWS Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign)

Name & Position of Fire Department official: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please include documentation such as run sheets, officer notes and DTR's to support invoice submission

**9.4 APPENDIX E - EMBC/OFC DAILY SUMMARY FOR STRUCTURE PROTECTION**

TASK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATIONAL PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill in table below for each piece of apparatus and crew for each day/operational period of deployment.*

Apparatus type as per table	Call Sign	Start Time	Stop Time	Work Hours	Initial
Assigned Crew	Name	Volunteer or Career			
Assigned Officer					
Firefighter #1					
Firefighter #2					
Firefighter #3					

**Note:** Fire Apparatus & crews to be deployed at the all found rate unless preapproved by the province. Documentation such as run sheets, officer notes and DTR's are required to support submission

Apparatus Type \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /HR X \_\_\_\_\_ HRS = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Upon approval, please make cheque(s) payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Please print name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMBC RECEIVING AUTHORITY**

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**9.5 APPENDIX F - BCWS LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOG REFERENCE CHART**

<b>Responsible Agency</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>		
	Fire Protection Area	Crown Land Within Fire Protection Area	Outside Fire Protection Area
<b>Local Government</b>	Yes- Responsible Party	Voluntary	Voluntary
<b>BCWS</b>	If requested by Local Government	Yes- Responsible Party	Yes- Responsible Party
<b>Compensation from BCWS</b>	No	Yes, ONLY if prior approval from RWCO*	Yes, ONLY if prior approval from RWCO*

\*During an evolving interface-fire situation where Jurisdiction is not clearly defined from the beginning of the incident, Local Government will not claim compensation for their resources for the first operational period (to a maximum of 24hrs) unless through written authorization, RWCO/ZWCO approval or the formal establishment of unified command.

## 9.6 APPENDIX F - ACRONYMS

Acronym	Term
BCWS	British Columbia Wildfire Service
CIFFC	Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre
DTR	Daily Time Report
EMBC	Emergency Management British Columbia
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
FCABC	Fire Chief Association of British Columbia
IC	Incident Commander
NIFC	National Interagency Fire Center
OFC	Office of the Fire Commissioner
PECC	Provincial Emergency Coordination Center
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PREOC	Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Center
PWCC	Provincial Wildfire Coordination Center
PWCO	Provincial Wildfire Coordination Officer
RWCC	Regional Wildfire Coordination Center
RWCO	Regional Wildfire Coordination Officer
SPCO	Structure Protection Coordination Officer
SPPC	Structure Protection Program Coordinator
SPU	Structure Protection unit (Sprinkler trailer)
SPU CREWS	Structure Protection staffing (generally a 5 pack)
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
ZWCO	Zone Wildfire Coordination Officer