



5.17 Out-of-Jurisdiction Rescue Reimbursement

5.17.1 General

This policy establishes the reimbursement provided by the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) to road rescue service providers conducting rescues under EMCR Policy 2.07 Road and Medical Rescue.

Related Policies:

- [1.01 Task Report](#)
- [2.02 Task Authorization](#)
- [2.07 Road and Medical Rescue](#)
- [5.01 Task Registration](#)
- [5.02 Expense Reimbursement](#)
- [5.04 Public Safety Lifeline Equipment Repair/Replacement](#)
- [5.06 Volunteer Expense Reimbursement and Allowance Rates](#)

5.17.2 Definitions

All Found Rate: The reimbursement rate payable for all costs associated with an out-of-jurisdiction rescue response, except for those items addressed separately in the [EMCR Policy 5.17 Annex – Reimbursement Schedule](#). Rates are applicable from the time of response vehicle departure from quarters and continue until its return to quarters. Time spent on activities not covered under this policy will be deducted from the overall time calculation for reimbursement purposes.

Out-of-Jurisdiction Response: A service provided outside established municipal and/or fire protection area and not covered under a contract, mutual aid agreement, automatic aid agreement, or extended service by-law. This definition applies to all road rescue service providers, including road rescue organizations not affiliated with a fire department and search and rescue societies who conduct road rescue.

Road Rescue Service Provider (service provider): An established fire department or volunteer rescue organization registered with EMCR whose members maintain an ongoing competence through participation in a training and exercise program that meets the intent of the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards on operations and training for technical rescue incidents.



5.17.3 Policy Statement

- (1) The police and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) are the EMCR-recognized requesting agencies for out-of-jurisdiction rescue.
- (2) The All Found Rate is based upon a one-hour minimum and billed at 15-minute increments beyond one hour, rounded to the nearest quarter hour up or down.
- (3) Reimbursement under this policy covers one rescue vehicle unless otherwise authorized. This does not prevent the attendance of additional resources at the expense of the service provider.
- (4) Costs associated with provision of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) may be supported by EMCR for tasked incidents, as approved by the EMCR Regional Duty Manager (RDM). Incident response time does not include CISM activities.
- (5) Time spent on out-of-scope activities will be deducted from the task for workers' compensation and liability coverage and from the overall time calculation for reimbursement purposes.

5.17.4 Conditions/Responsibilities

- (1) Fire suppression resources that respond to an incident will only be reimbursed when the response falls under the definition set out in "Fire Suppression Services" in [EMCR Policy 2.07 Road and Medical Rescue](#). (Note: this does not prevent the service provider from deploying additional resources at the expense of the service provider.)
- (2) A local authority fire department formally established through bylaw must have appropriate approval to respond outside their jurisdiction from their local authority. This approval is required to ensure the local authority and fire department have liability coverage through their own provider. EMCR cannot provide permission for a fire department to leave their jurisdiction.
- (3) Road rescue service providers that are not local authority fire departments referenced in EMCR Policy 5.17.4(2) must have comprehensive liability insurance.
- (4) Road rescue service providers are responsible to ensure adequate insurance coverage is in place for all apparatus and equipment.



5.17.5 Authorities

Emergency and Disaster Management Act s.9 [Payments and transfers]

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5.17.6 Related Documents

- [5.17 Out-of-Jurisdiction Rescue Reimbursement Procedures](#)
- [5.17 Out-of-Jurisdiction Rescue Reimbursement Annex – Reimbursement Schedule](#)