



## County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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The purpose of this policy is to establish billing practices used by the County of Lethbridge to recover from landowners a portion of expenses incurred in providing fire suppression services.

To assist in raising revenue for the purchase and replacement of fire suppression equipment and apparatus, the County will invoice all property owners who have had fire suppression services provided to their property regardless of cause and origin of the fire.

The funds collected will be allocated to an equipment replacement reserve, and used from time to time to purchase equipment and apparatus approved in the County's Capital Budget.

The invoiced amount will be based on a flat rate per hour regardless of the number of units that respond, the fire department service area, or the supplies used in controlling the fire. Any contracted external costs incurred (additional rental equipment, tanker trucks, etc) will also be invoiced to the landowner.

The annual operating costs for the departments will continue to be funded from the general tax base.

Fees will be charged in accordance with the County of Lethbridge Schedule of Fees By-Law.