

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Fire Chief,

Recently the City of Waukesha Fire Department provided you with an updated Agreement for Technical Rescue Services. The language was updated at the request of the Waukesha City Attorney to better define the services provided by the City of Waukesha, as outlined in NFPA 1670. Additionally, the update clarifies the City of Waukesha Fire Department's responsibilities and services provided.

The updates do not include changes in the fee structure or how fees are calculated, and the reimbursable expenses for the City of Waukesha remain consistent (other than future wage increases). There are no operational impacts, the notification process remains the same, and the City of Waukesha Fire Department will continue to assist departments in providing technical rescue awareness training to their members (which includes checklists/field guides to be used by Incident Commanders). Current hourly rates (2018), used to calculate bills for actual responses, are as follows (increases are based on negotiated labor agreements):

	Hourly	<u>OT</u>	WRS	OT
Position	Rates	Hourly	Benefits %	+ Benefits
1st year Firefighter	\$17.38	\$26.07	0.32	\$34.41
5th year Firefighter/Paramedic	\$28.38	\$42.57		\$56.19
Equipment Operator/Paramedic	\$28.93	\$43.39	,	\$57.27
Lieutenant/Paramedic	\$31.11	\$46.67		\$61.60

I apologize for the inconvenience this process may have caused you or your community officials; However, the changes were necessary for the City of Waukesha to be current with agreement language and standards. If you have any questions pertaining to the operations portion of this agreement, please feel free to contact Battalion Chief Jim Haakenson at (262) 524-3669 or myself at (262) 524-3649. If you have any further questions regarding the legal terminology in the agreement, please contact Waukesha City Attorney Brian Running at (262) 524-3520. Thank you for your continued participation in an intergovernmental agreement that helps share the cost of providing technical rescue services throughout Waukesha County.

Respectfully,

Steve Howard, Fire Chief

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