

	Blue Ridge Fire District Policy and Procedure	General Order Number A201
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Application: All District Personnel	<i>Signed into effect as authorized by the Board of Directors</i> John Banning, Fire Chief	

BACKGROUND:

The primary responsibility of BRFD is to provide fire, EMS, rescue services to the citizens and residents of the District. At times however, it is realized that fires do occur in the proximity of the Blue Ridge Fire District (hereafter referred to as the District), but not within the District itself, and since it may at times be, or not be, in the best interest of the District to respond to these emergencies, the District establishes the following policy with regards to fire responses outside the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Fire District.:

POLICY:

- A. The District will not respond to **Fire** incidents in subdivisions or private properties located outside the boundaries of the District unless officially requested by a governmental agency (Federal, State or local entity).
- B. Any official request for response to a **Fire** related incident will result in a defensive operation unless life safety issues are present or when deemed to be in the best interest to protect the District.
- C. In the absence of any life safety concerns, Fire suppression efforts will usually be defensive in nature.
- D. Any out of District Fire incident response will result in the property owner being invoiced for services rendered including time and equipment costs based on the Schedule of Fees in effect at the time of the incident. The District will take all necessary and/or legal actions deemed appropriate to collect such debt.
- E. This policy does not apply to properties in the vicinity of the District which have a valid Fire Protection Agreement in place with the District.
- F. This policy does not apply to Mutual Aid agreements with other agencies or intergovernmental agreements in effect at the time of the incident.
- G. This policy applies only to requests for Fire suppression. Responses for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and/or ambulance transportation are governed under Certificate of Necessity #128 issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services. EMS calls and transports are billable in nature and therefore are less of a burden on taxpayers.
- H. Nothing herein is intended to deter District Command Personnel from exercising good judgement regarding deviation of this policy when thought to be in the best interest of the District or life safety.