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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: July 8, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-750-10

Subject: Changes to Implementing Order 7-33: Rates for Off-Duty Fire Rescue Services

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This item was amended at the June 10 Health, Public Safety and Intergovernmental Committee (HPSI) to eliminate the increase to the administrative fee. Please be advised that the original item presented to the HPSI Committee included increasing the administrative fee to 25 percent that would produce an additional $252,000 in annual revenue and would have result in a cost recovery ratio for the MDFR Special Events Bureau of approximately 100 percent. The Committee deferred the item, but after reconsideration amended the item to delete the increase to the administrative fee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution amending Implementing Order 7-33, to approve the bi-annual update of Fire Rescue off-duty pay rates and add the Fire Boat to the hourly equipment rate schedule.

Scope

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue performs off-duty services throughout the Fire & Rescue Service District and Countywide.

Fiscal Impact

The recommended changes to the current off-duty pay rates are consistent with the change in the Consumer Price Index and the cost associated to provide such services.

Track Record/Monitor

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Special Events Bureau closely monitors all off-duty services.

Background

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) provides off-duty services at various special events throughout Miami-Dade County. The MDFR Special Events Bureau provides an important service by dedicating personnel and equipment to an event; thus ensuring regular on-duty personnel are not diverted to provide support. The fees and charges to reimburse personnel and equipment costs are regulated by Implementing Order 7-33. The current rates for special off-duty fire rescue services were approved by the Board in July 2008 and are updated in the amended Implementing Order. For the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics determined that from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009 inflation increased by 5.7 percent.

In FY 2008-09, the MDFR Special Events Bureau provided services and billed customers for approximately $1.68 million to reimburse for County personnel and equipment costs and $168,000 in administrative fees. The current 10 percent fee does not cover the full salary and benefits of Special Event Bureau personnel. As stated above, the original item presented to the HPSI Committee included increasing the administrative fee to 25 percent that would produce an additional $252,000 in annual revenue and would have result in a cost recovery ratio for the MDFR Special Events Bureau of approximately 100 percent. The Committee deferred the item, but after reconsideration amended

the item to delete the increase to the administrative fee. MDFR is also adding the Fire Boat to the hourly rate schedule for equipment reimbursement.

Alina Hudak
Assistant County Manager

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 8, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-750-10

RESOLUTION UPDATING PROVISIONS OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 7-33- RATES FOR FIRE RESCUE OFF-DUTY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) Special Events Bureau provides an important service by dedicating personnel and equipment to an event; thus ensuring regular on-duty personnel are not diverted to provide support; and

WHEREAS, the current rates for special off-duty fire rescue services were approved by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners in July 2008 and are updated in the amended implementing order; and

WHEREAS, MDFR has received several requests for the Fire Boat to be used at special events ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA that this Board approve Implementing Order 7-33, Rates for Fire Rescue Off Duty Services, as attached hereto, authorizing the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department to update current off-duty pay rates and add the Fire Boat to the hourly equipment rate schedule.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. D.F.

Daniel Frastai

I.O. No.: 7-33
Ordered: ~~07/17/2008~~
Effective: ~~07/27/2008~~

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
IMPLEMENTING ORDER

RATES FOR SPECIAL OFF-DUTY FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

AUTHORITY:
Section 4.02 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter and Section 2-56 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

SUPERCEDES:
This Implementing Order supersedes previous Implementing Order 7-33 ordered ~~September 20, 2006~~ July 17, 2008 and effective ~~October 1, 2006~~ July 27, 2008.

POLICY:
Section 2-56 of the Miami-Dade County Code allows for the assignment of off-duty County personnel to provide fire services. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that the rates to be charged for such services shall be adequate to compensate off-duty County employees for their services, and also to enable the County to recover the fringe benefit and administrative costs associated with these assignments.

PROCEDURES:

Fire Protection and Rescue Watch
The following hourly rates will be paid to employees:

Classification	**Employee Rate of Pay**
Fire Fighter	$~~32~~ 34/hour
Fire Lieutenant	$~~34~~ 36/hour
Fire Captain	$~~38~~ 40/hour
Chief Fire Officer	$~~42~~ 44/hour

These rates shall be adjusted once every two fiscal years to keep pace with the ~~national consumer price index~~ Consumer Price Index – All (CPIU) for Miami/Fort Lauderdale rate of inflation. Adjustment shall be the sum of the actual two previous fiscal years' CPIU Miami-Fort Lauderdale rates rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

The permittee contracting for off-duty services pays the employee rate plus the prevailing rates for social security (FICA and MICA), special risk retirement, and an administrative surcharge of ten (10%) in order to defray the costs of processing and recording off-duty services.

Total Charge to Permittee:

The total charge to the permittee consists of the sum of the three charges set forth above (employee rate of pay, social security and retirement benefits, and surcharge). The total charge shall be assessed for each quarter hour of services provided.

Minimum Charge:

The minimum charges for off-duty services shall be the amount applicable for three (3) hours of service.

Time of Service:

Hourly charges for off-duty services will be calculated from the starting time and location agreed upon by the permittee and the department issuing the permit, through the time of completion of the required services, exclusive of travel time required for the employee to report for their assignment, and exclusive of travel time from the location associated with the completion of services to subsequent personal or other official destination of the employee.

Utilization of Vehicles:

The following rates will be paid by the permittee to cover equipment costs:

Equipment Type	**Rate**
Rescue Cart	$35/hour
Rescue Vehicle	$50/hour
Mini-Pumper	$100/hour
Quick Response Vehicle	$65/hour
Bicycle Team	$35/hour
Motorcycle Team	$50/hour
Segway Team	$35/hour
Air Rescue Helicopter	$2,500/day
Fire Boat	$100/hour

For types of equipment or vehicles not listed above, the charge for use of such vehicles in connection with off-duty assignments shall be at the rate of $40.00 (forty dollars) per hour or $0.53 (fifty-three cents) per mile, whichever is greater. In the event that special equipment, such as boats, aircraft of fire apparatus is involved, the department may base the charge for use on known operating costs or upon prevailing private sector rates for usage of such equipment.

These rates shall be charged for each quarter hour the equipment is used. Homestead Miami Speedway, the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition Center, and Dolphin Stadium will be

charged three (3) hours per piece of equipment used at the event in exchange for free equipment storage on the premises.

Collection of Fees and Payment to Employees:

The department shall be responsible for providing permittees with information as to the current applicable fringe benefit rates and other charges, and for collecting all monies due from the permittee in accordance with departmental procedures. Accounts thirty (30) days in arrears may be subject to finance charges up to the maximum legal rate. In no instance shall the employee(s) performing the service be required to receive or required to assist in the collection of any monies due to the department from the permittee. Personnel performing off-duty services shall be fully compensated in the pay period during which the off-duty services were provided, or in the immediately following paycheck, or in the case of large events, as soon as payment can be processed. Permittee may be required to leave a deposit of up to 100% of the projected cost of the
service.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

County Manager

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency _____