

SUPPRESSION BILLING

Relative Information: Fire suppression services are generally funded through tax receipts received from property owners within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. There are three specific situations in which the District may bill for the cost of suppression services:

1. **State Mobilization:** When the governor declares the Emergency Conflagration Act and enacts the State Mobilization Plan, agencies that send resources outside their district may bill the State in accordance with a fee schedule established in the Mobilization Plan.
2. **Fires in Unprotected area:** If the Fire Chief or designee has been authorized by the Board to respond and extinguish fires found in unprotected areas and the fire is deemed to cause an undue jeopardy to life or property, the agency may bill the property owner in accordance with procedures established by the State Fire Marshal's Office.
3. **Incidents involving an airplane crash or on a transportation route where the District receives no other direct tax:** For these situations in which the individuals/property owners pay no taxes, the District may bill the recipient for the services rendered in accordance with procedures adopted by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The District has established procedures to identify such incidents and has billing procedures that are in accordance with State Law.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the Board of Directors to bill for suppression costs when appropriate and authorized by State Law.