

HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

SCHEDULE OF COSTS AND CHARGES

The Fire Services Act 2004 sets out the statutory duties placed on Fire and Rescue Authorities, including core functions relating to fire safety, firefighting, road traffic accidents and emergencies. The Act also enabled Fire and Rescue Authorities to make charges for other services they provide, with the exception of any charge being made for extinguishing fires, protecting life and property in the event of a fire and for providing emergency medical assistance. This power to charge, set out in Section 19 of the Act, gives scope for Fire and Rescue Authorities to charge for or recover the costs of, providing certain non-fire 'Special Services.'

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service's number one priority is always to those people whose life may be at risk and we will attend any calls of this nature in the usual manner. However, we have a duty to recover costs incurred at other incidents where reasonably possible, to ensure the best use of public money.

1. SPECIAL SERVICES CHARGES	Unit	Cost
Attendance by pumping appliance	per hour	£217.00 inclusive of crew
Attendance by special appliance	per hour	£289.00 inclusive of crew
Attendance by ancillary vehicles	per hour	£73.29
High Volume Pump (HVP) deployment and recovery		£1,080, then £340 per hour
Detection Identification and Monitoring (DIM) vehicle		Will be calculated based upon actual use.
Mass Decon vehicle + 1 appliance		Will be calculated based upon actual use.
Attendance by personnel:		
- Firefighter, Crew Commander and Watch Commander	per hour	£33.49
- Station Commander	per hour	£38.51
- Officers above Station Commander	per hour	£44.84
- Others, support staff, mechanics	per hour	£17.06
Interviewing officers x rate of role	minimum charge	£153.00 x 2 officers at £38.10 over 2 hours.
Costs of travel and subsistence incurred		appropriate rate
Administrative charge for processing chargeable Special Service requests	per hour	£10.83

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2. USE OF EQUIPMENT AND HIRE CHARGES	Unit	Cost
All requests to use or hire Service equipment will be considered and costed on an application only basis.		Prices available on application.
3. CHARGES FOR INFORMATION AND OTHER DATA REQUESTS	Unit	Cost
Freedom of Information request - note: if time taken to provide response to request is likely to exceed 18 hours, the request may be refused (Refer to sections 4.2 and 4.3)		no charge
Data Protection Act – Subject Access request; where an individual arranges with the Service, to specifically inspect or request a copy of the data held that they are entitled to view.	per request	£10 for non-staff (no charge for current employees of Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service)
Environmental Information request	per hour	£25 (plus 10p per photocopied page above 50 pages)
Fire Report (electronic FDR1 or IRS report)	each	£52.00
Fire Investigation Report	each	£255.00
All reports containing plans and photographs will incur additional charges to cover the costs of production		Refer to Photographic charges
Reprographics		
- A3 plan	per sheet	£15.00
- A2 plan	per sheet	£20.00
- A1 plan	per sheet	£25.00
- A0 plan	per sheet	£30.00
- plan drawings	per hour	£24.00
Photographic charges		
- 8" x 6" photograph	per photograph	£8.00
- photographic images on CD	per CD	£110.00

All charges are exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT), which will be charged at Standard Rate.

For chargeable Special Services, the minimum charge for time spent will be one hour and thereafter will be charged for a full hour for each part hour spent. Time charged will include preparation, travelling and servicing time.