LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE

Rates Effective September 1, 2009

BLS Non-Emergency	$435.00
BLS Emergency	585.00
ALS 1 Emergency	725.00
ALS 2 Emergency	770.00
ALS Non-Emergency	695.00
Special Medical Service Team	770.00
ALS Paramedic Intercept	350.00
ALS Treat & Release	350.00
Team Transport	103.00
Mileage	13.20
Standby: Fire Apparatus Standby	137.00
Standby: Paramedic Ambulance Team	89.00
Standby: Bike Paramedic Team	68.00
Standby: Paramedic Event Team	68.00
Standby: Individual Standby	58.00

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Joan Ross, City Clerk
City of Lincoln
555 S. 10th St
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ms. Ross:

Pursuant to Lincoln Municipal Code 7.08.101, EMS, Inc. has reviewed the proposed ambulance fee schedule submitted by Lincoln Fire and Rescue. EMS, Inc. conducted a phone survey to obtain rate information from a variety of cities nationwide for your comparison.

I have included with this letter a copy of proposed rate increased submitted by Lincoln Fire & Rescue and a copy of our phone survey results. Due to the variety of methods cities use to create their rate structures, we have given ranges for BLS and ALS services.

I hope you find this information helpful in reviewing LFR's proposal for an ambulance rate increase.

Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tami Meyers

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EMS, Inc.

Cc: Niles Ford, Fire Chief
Sherrie Meints

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June 25, 2009

EMS Inc.
Joan Anderson
5625 O Street, Suite 11
Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is requesting that our rates be adjusted upwards on September 1, 2009, as outlined in the table below. The current rates have been in effect since Sept 1, 2008. The purpose for the rate adjustment results from the increased cost of doing business during this time period. The key inflationary indexes have increased as follows (see attached tables):

- **Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers:** The overall CPI-U has decreased 0.4 percent for 12 month period from April 2008 ending in March 2009.
- **Consumer Price Index – Medical Component:** Medical Care Services of the CPI has increased 2.8 percent during the same time period.

The following is a list of the proposed rates:

	Proposed	Old Rates	% Change
BLS Non-Emergency	435.00	430.00	1.2%
BLS Emergency	585.00	575.00	1.7%
ALS 1 Emergency	725.00	715.00	1.4%
ALS 2 Emergency	770.00	760.00	1.3%
ALS Non-Emergency	695.00	685.00	1.5%
Special Medical Service Team	770.00	760.00	1.3%
ALS Paramedic Intercept	350.00	345.00	1.4%
ALS Treat & Release	350.00	345.00	1.4%
Team Transport	103.00	102.00	1.0%
Mileage	13.20	13.00	1.5%
Standbys:			
Paramedic Ambulance Team	89.00	88.00	1.1%
Bike*Paramedic Team	68.00	67.00	1.5%
Paramedic Event Team	68.00	67.00	1.5%
Individual Standby	58.00	57.00	1.8%

Our intent is to have our benchmark annual adjustment be equal to or less than the overall CPI-U plus 2 percent. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Meints

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cc: Niles Ford, Fire Chief
Don Herz, Finance Director
Rich Furasek, Assistant Chief of Operations
John Huff, Assistant Chief of Support Services

AMBULANCE FEE COMPARABILITY 2009

Agency	Contact Name	Emergency ALS	Emergency BLS	Mileage Charge	Standby	ALS Intercept Charge	ALS Treatment / No Transport	Other Subsidies
Lincoln FD (Proposed)	Sherrie Meints	1 - $725 2 - $770	$585	$13.20	$58-$89	$350	$350	None
Grand Island FD	Troy Shubert	1 - $662 2 - $768	$534	$14.00	$75/hr.	$593	$289	Undisclosec
Omaha FD	Lloyd Rupp	1 - $600 2 - $800	$600	$10.00	N/C	N/C	N/C – if IV/Meds - $150	Fully subsidized by city
Des Moines, IA FD (No change for 2009)		$575	$575	$8.00	Overtime pay – personnel cost	Unknown	$150	Partial
Sioux Falls, SD Rural Metro	Mike Stuhr	1 - $838 2 - $992	$639	$9.50	$75/hr.	N/C	N/A	Fee-based
Kansas City, MO MAST	Carrie Brown	$795	Same as ALS	$10.00	Unknown	Unknown	$175	Fully subsidized by the city
Rochester, NY Rural Metro (No change for 2009)	Carrie	1 - $699 2 - $699	$440	$11.00	$125/hr. Bike (1 per) $40 Bike (2 per) $80	$500	$433	Fee-based
Norfolk, VA FD	Mary Beth	1 - $425 2 - $630	$355	$8.75	N/A	N/A	$75	Undisclosec
Baton Rouge, LA Acadia	Mark Gamble	$525	----------	$12.00	----------	----------	----------	Partial
Bakersfield, CA Kern County (5 services)	Sonya	$1,022.20 (average)	$857.60 (average)	$21.21 (average)	BLS - $121/hr ALS - $157.60/hr.	----------	----------	None
Madison, WI FD	Brook DiGregorio	1 - $600 2 - $600 3 - $600 (residents)	----------	$12.50	N/C	Base rate plus $200 – no mileage	N/C	None