

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**July 7, 2009**

The Ambulance Committee met on July 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for its annual meeting for approval of the Rate Application to be sent to the State of Connecticut. Present were Eloise Hazelwood, Health Director, Police Chief Dortenzio, Ellen Phillips, VNA Director, Dolly Parisi, David Juliano, Deputy Fire Chief Heidgerd, Fire Chief Struble, Dr. Smith, and Mayor Dickinson.

The meeting began with a discussion led by the Fire Chief regarding the application to the State of Connecticut for approval of rates for calendar year 2010. The rates would be effective January 1, 2010. The Town is receiving \$970,000 in revenue and the cost for providing the service is approximately 1.1-1.2 million dollars. The rates would increase as shown on the attached sheet: Basic Life Support currently \$494, January 1<sup>st</sup> \$514; Advanced Life Support currently \$785, January 1<sup>st</sup> \$816; etc.

The Fire Chief indicated that the Town generally runs one ambulance and we are at capacity with about 2,100 calls per year. There was general discussion regarding the write off of bad debt expense shown as \$331,326 for 2009. The Fire Chief explained that we billed for unpaid balances as required. Unpaid balance notices are mailed to customers and Wallingford has a better record than many towns regarding receiving payments.

Additional discussion concerned Hospice costs. Ellen Phillips indicated that Hospice costs are generally bundled so that expenses for ambulance must be separated from the total cost paid to Hospice.

**Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the rate application, it was seconded by Police Chief Dortenzio. It was unanimously approved.**

**Dr. Smith moved that the July 10, 2008 minutes be approved. The Police Chief seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor

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Enclosure

**Service Information -**

Service Name  
 Date of Fiscal Year End  
 Mailing Address  
 City & Zip  
 Contact Name  
 Contact Title  
 Phone Number  
 E-mail address

<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	Wallingford Fire Dept.			
	6/30/2004			
	PO Box 290184			
	Wethersfield 06129			
	Chris Gentile			
	Authorized Agent			
	860-257-7080, x 102			
	203-294-2730			
	peter.struble@snet.net			

**Revenue Information -**

Billing Revenue (net of contractual allowances)	\$852,727.00	\$ 1,102,998.00	\$ 1,008,520.00	\$ 1,190,624.00	\$ 1,194,624.00
Town Grants/Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subscriptions/Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Raising Income, Net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-town grants/Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$852,727.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,102,998.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,624.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,624.00</u>

**Expense Information -**

Total Payroll and Payroll Related Costs	\$323,757.00	\$ 416,406.00	\$ 418,696.00	\$ 486,757.00	\$ 456,917.00
Volunteer Stipends/Expenses					
Depreciation Expense (Buildings, vehicles, equipment, etc)	\$ 30,815.00	\$ 31,462.00	\$ 31,462.00	\$ 85,659.00	\$ 85,659.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses (excluding depreciation expense)	\$ 16,615.00	\$ 23,493.00	\$ 36,880.00	\$ 26,433.00	\$ 31,253.00
Communications	\$ 57,383.00	\$ 57,735.00	\$ 61,166.00	\$ 46,509.00	\$ 53,447.00
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$ 42,347.00	\$ 41,233.00	\$ 49,826.00	\$ 42,039.00	\$ 46,362.00
Uniforms & Laundry	\$ 4,816.00	\$ 4,828.00	\$ 5,306.00	\$ 4,876.00	\$ 5,143.00
Insurance	\$ 34,916.00	\$ 34,807.00	\$ 33,006.00	\$ 53,801.00	\$ 51,746.00
Total Building Costs	\$ 20,907.00	\$ 24,250.00	\$ 28,064.00	\$ 33,576.00	\$ 31,835.00
Education and Training	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 1,386.00	\$ 2,761.00	\$ 2,513.00
Utilities	\$ 21,456.00	\$ 29,142.00	\$ 34,562.00	\$ 44,555.00	\$ 40,800.00
Billing Services	\$ 36,788.00	\$ 46,146.00	\$ 51,058.00	\$ 44,431.00	\$ 52,610.00
ALS Agreements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel & Entertainment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,278.00	\$ 2,521.00	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 2,893.00
Legal & Accounting Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Advertising & Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bad Debt Expense	\$211,523.00	\$ 139,954.00	\$ 174,138.00	\$ 364,064.00	\$ 331,626.00
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses (Refunds)	\$ -	\$ 3,077.00	\$ 3,077.04	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 2,440.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$804,673.00</u>	<u>\$ 856,718.00</u>	<u>\$ 931,148.04</u>	<u>\$ 1,241,516.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,195,244.00</u>
	<u>\$ 48,054.00</u>	<u>\$ 246,280.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,371.96</u>	<u>\$ (50,892.00)</u>	<u>\$ (620.00)</u>

SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATES  
EFFECTIVE

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

Wallingford Fire Department RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2009

AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate	\$494.00
Advanced Life Support Level 1 Non-ER	N/A
Advanced Life Support Level 1ER	\$785.00
Advanced Life Support Level 2	\$810.00
Paramedic Intercept	\$558.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Helicopter Assist	\$326.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Helicopter Assist	\$506.00
Specialty Care Transport	\$1,078.00

ANCILLARY CHARGES

Waiting Time Charge	\$133.00
Per Mile Charge	\$ 12.06
Special Attendant Charge	\$ 98.00

INVALID COACH RATE SCHEDULE

Base Rate	N/A
Two Patients	N/A

ANCILLARY CHARGES

Per Mile Charge	N/A
Second Attendant Charge	N/A
Waiting Time Charge	N/A

All charges must be in conformance with the definitions on the subsequent pages entitled "Explanatory Notes On The Implementation of the 2009 Schedule of Maximum Allowable Rates," which are attached to, and become part of, this Rate Schedule.

Certified to be the maximum allowable rates by: Sean Anderson

Date Certified: 12/15/08

**SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATES**

**EFFECTIVE**

**January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010**

**PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE**

Basic Life Support (BLS) Rate	\$514.00
Advanced Life Support Level 1 Non-ER	\$518.00
Advanced Life Support Level 1ER	\$816.00
Advanced Life Support Level 2	\$842.00
Paramedic Intercept	\$580.00
Basic Life Support (BLS) Helicopter Assist	\$339.00
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Helicopter Assist	\$526.00
Specialty Care Transport	\$1,121.00

**ANCILLARY CHARGES**

Waiting Time Charge	\$138.00
Per Mile Charge	\$ 12.54
Special Attendant Charge	\$102.00

**INVALID COACH RATE SCHEDULE**

Base Rate	\$ 89.00
Two Patients	\$ 114.00

**ANCILLARY CHARGES**

Per Mile Charge	\$ 7.79
Second Attendant Charge	\$ 51.00
Waiting Time Charge	\$ 77.00

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Date Certified: \_\_\_\_\_