

SOUTH LANE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE BOARD POLICY

SECTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICY D-1

RESPONSE OF DISTRICT APPARATUS IN UNPROTECTED AREAS

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

This policy is to set guidelines, procedures, and charges for the response of South Lane County Fire and Rescue apparatus and staffing to unprotected areas in accordance with ORS 476.280, 476.290 and 478.310.

- 1.1** The Fire Chief or his designee is authorized to extinguish uncontrolled fires that are found to be burning in unprotected areas outside of the boundaries of the District that are causing or may cause an undue jeopardy to life or property. The Fire Chief or his designee will employ the same means and resources used to extinguish similar fires within the Fire District.
- 1.2** When services have been requested by other than Mutual Aid agencies or contract holders, the Fire District must bill the property owner or occupant as per ORS 478.310. However, if there has not been a request for services and the District responds, the Board of Directors of the Fire District will have the right to waive any charges, if they feel that by doing so will be in the best interest of the community and the Fire District.
- 1.3** Nothing in this policy is intended to require the Fire Chief or his designee to respond to fires located outside the boundaries of the District. The Fire Chief's obligations are to the patrons of the District, and if responses are made, they are only to be made with such equipment and personnel as the Fire Chief or his designee in their discretion may deem available for the emergency response after insuring adequate coverage to the patrons of the District is maintained.

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