



## **RE: Fire Department Cooperative Agreement 2 hour response rate change**

Effective April 1, 2021, the current rate of \$350.00 for the first 2 hours of response to a wildfire incident will increase to \$500.00.

The main purpose of the Cooperative Agreement is to provide a cost-share for fires within a fire department's protection area. The "per run" rate does not apply to other fire department's resources that were requested through mutual aid or automatic mutual aid calls. These services should be covered under the fire department's local mutual aid agreements.

However, mutual aid resources may be compensated at the "per hour" rate for each piece of equipment that the DNR Forester agrees was needed and approves payment, not necessarily for every resource sent.

If you have questions regarding your agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

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