

NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

SCALE OF CHARGES - OPERATIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2023

APPLIANCE AND CREW CHARGE

£523.75 per hour calculated in 30 minute periods subject to a minimum charge for one hour.

NOTE: The above charges apply to all works of a special nature whether or not pumping units are used. Where pumping units are conveyed by van or staff car the charge shall be as for appliance (above).

(a) The charges will be calculated from the time that the appliance leaves the Station until its return thereto; and

(b) The above charges are inclusive of Officer Supervision.

Retaining Fee - Fire Cover East Donegal (annual) - £8,178.65

HOSE

Washing and Testing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£20.25 per length
Patching	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£13.40 per length
Couplings (Binding)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£13.80 per coupling

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT (per day or part thereof)

Delivery Hose..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£16.75 per day
Suction Hose ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£104.95 per day
Standpipe with bar and key	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£15.85 per day
Branch with nozzle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£12.00 per day
Salvage Sheet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£15.90 per day

NOTE: Hirers will be responsible for the collection and return of equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Sale of Condemned Delivery Hose	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£31.20 per length
Copy of Incident Report	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£80.15 each

ALL CHARGES SUBJECT TO VALUE ADDED TAX (with exception of Incident Reports)

The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service reserve the right to refuse to undertake any work for a special nature; and repairs, or to loan equipment of whatever kind.

The service may be terminated at any time by the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service without any liability attaching to the NIFRS, its Officers or Servants.

NOTE: Any person or organisation requesting a service for the hire of equipment MUST be handed this form before being required to sign the agreement. This form should be retained by the person concerned.

CHARGING POLICY

The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service provides the majority of its services under statute and these services are funded directly through the public purse. This document sets out the Organisation's policy on services for which there is discretion to charge which came into effect in May 2006.

Services for which no charge should be made

The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, by tradition, has provided a rescue service. Whilst this is not a statutory requirement, it has become such an integral part of the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service's work that it would not be appropriate to raise a charge for this service. No charge will, therefore, be made for the rescue of persons, pets or livestock.

There are certain other works for which no charge will be made because an operational benefit is gained from the work.

Services for which a charge should be made

The following are services for which a charge will normally be levied:

- 1 Fire drills for companies;
- 2 Fire Safety seminars;
- 3 Other training;
- 4 Examination of plans;
- 5 Other consultations;
- 6 Attendance at Court as witnesses;
- 7 Dry riser testing;
- 8 Pumping out buildings, boats, etc;
- 9 Washing out of cement mixers, etc;
- 10 Incident Reports;
- 11 Requests for statistical information for commercial reasons;
- 12 Appliances - hire for commercial gain;
- 13 Hire of equipment;
- 14 Supply of photographic/video material;
- 15 Provision of video/photographic facilities, together with manpower;
- 16 Provision of Fire & Rescue Service personnel at theatrical or special events;
- 17 Use of Fire & Rescue Service paging system; and
- 18 Use of Fire & Rescue Service Geographical Information System.

Area Commanders shall have discretion to waive charges for the above services in exceptional circumstances. Examples of such circumstances would be where companies provide training facilities to the Fire & Rescue Service, free of charge, or provide reciprocal services of equal or greater value.

ESTIMATE OF COST

It is important that customers are provided with an estimated cost for any chargeable service. Officers entering into special service agreements shall, therefore, using their judgement of the time and resources necessary, provide the customer with an estimated cost, including VAT. If, during the course of a job, it becomes clear that the estimated price will be significantly exceeded, a revised estimate should be provided and the customer given the opportunity to terminate the service.