

As I suggested earlier I suggest we add this to the invoices with the addition of parts 72, 73 and 74 of the Bylaws:

Article by Kenneth Smith

August 22nd, 2015 – The members of the Watch Lake – North Green Lake Fire Department held a special meeting of the members to discuss and adopt revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. The Directors of the Society requested the Society's solicitors review the Constitution and Bylaws, who in turn made a number of recommendations for their revision. The majority of the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws dealt with clarification and removal of ambiguities in the Bylaws. However, the most important revision to these Bylaws relates to the payment of membership dues. Previously, membership dues were collected on a yearly basis, payable at the beginning of the year. If the membership dues were not paid in a timely fashion, there was no clear consequence to the member. If a non-member were to request emergency assistance for a fire, the assistance could have been provided by the Society for a call out fee as set out in the Bylaws. This state of affairs resulted in uncertainty as to the status of accounts, resulted in difficulty in budgeting, and created additional work in collections. Due to the new revisions adopted by the members of the Society, membership dues will be payable on January 1st of every year. Members will have 30 days to pay their dues. If members pay their fees within the 30 day period, in the result of an emergency call out, those members will not be charged a call out fee. In the event the member fails to pay its dues within the 30 day period, they will be charged for service at the same rates as a non-member.

Addition:

1. If a member is a member in good standing, they will not be charged for a Call-Out.
2. The Directors and Officers of the Department will have the right to utilize all legal options available to them to recover debts owing to the department by any person as a result of a Call-Out.
3. Nothing in these By-Laws will require or be construed to require the Department to respond to the Call-Out of a non-member.