



SGI Policy

Fire Suppression & Vehicle Extrication Services

Commencing – January 1, 2023

- SGI will be the first payer in all situations where fire suppression and rescue/extrication service providers attend to an accident scene within the province.
- Fire departments can submit their invoice for services provided as a result of an accident involving a motor vehicle or for a loss to a motor vehicle (i.e. fire) within the province along with the **SGI VEHICLE FIRE AND ACCIDENT CLAIM FORM** to NorthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca or SouthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca.
- A motor vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is required to be licensed to be operated on a public highway within the province.
- Effective January 1, 2023, SGI will pay for services at the rate of \$1,036.34 per hour pro rated, by the minute, after the first hour when fire suppression or vehicle extrication services were provided as a result of a motor vehicle accident or loss to the motor vehicle within the province. (This rate includes all services performed, all personnel dispatched and all vehicles/equipment required at the scene.)

The rate will also be paid in the following situations even though no fire suppression or vehicle extrication services were performed:

- (1) fire department responds to a motor vehicle accident where hazardous materials were being transported and the fire department has been requested to remain at the scene until the hazardous materials have been recovered
 - (2) fire department responds to a serious motor vehicle accident which resulted in a fatality or fatalities
- The rate for service will be adjusted effective January 1st of each year by the Consumer Price Index for the province for the previous year.
 - Service to Out of Province Vehicles:

When fire suppression/extrication service was provided to an out of province plated vehicle in Saskatchewan, a claim for service can be presented to SGI by submitting an invoice along with the completed **SGI VEHICLE FIRE AND ACCIDENT CLAIM FORM** to NorthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca identifying 'Out of Province' in the subject line. On receipt of the invoice, SGI will then provide the fire department with an **ASSIGNMENT** form, which must be signed and returned to NorthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca. The form transfers right of recovery for the debt to SGI. On receipt of the completed form, SGI will process payment based on rates set out in this document and will then seek recovery from the vehicle owner or insurance company;

or

The fire department may seek to recover the cost of services directly from the owner/insurer of the out of province vehicle. When pursuing recovery directly from the out of province owner/insurer, the vehicle owner's name, address and insurer information should be available through the police department. If for some reason the police are unable to release this information, the fire department can request a copy of

the Motor Vehicle Accident report from NorthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca or SouthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca which should have the information required.

- Service to Uninsured/Stolen Vehicles in Province:

SGI will pay for services provided to an unregistered Saskatchewan vehicle including stolen vehicles within the province. The fire department can present their invoice to SGI along with the completed **SGI VEHICLE FIRE AND ACCIDENT CLAIM FORM** to NorthFireInvoices@sgi.sk.ca identifying “uninsured” in the subject line. On receipt of the invoice, SGI will then provide the fire department with an **ASSIGNMENT** form which must be signed and returned. The form transfers right of recovery for the debt to SGI. On receipt of the completed form, SGI will process payment based on rates set out in this document and will then seek recovery from the vehicle owner or the person responsible for the vehicle theft.

- Fire Departments will be expected to submit the SGI Vehicle Fire and Accident Claim form along with their invoice for service within 90 days from the date of the incident.
- An advisory committee will remain in place for 2 years consisting of a representative from SGI, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan Fire Chiefs Association (SAFC), and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (SVFFA). The advisory committee will meet semi-annually in the spring and fall over this 2-year period to monitor the effectiveness of this new policy and will attempt to resolve issues that may come up from time to time.

Limitations:

- Indemnity for fire suppression/vehicle extrication service will not be provided by SGI to cities under the authority of the Cities Act, where the vehicle owner is a resident within the city and the incident occurs in that jurisdiction.
- Towns, villages and rural municipalities operating under the authority of the Municipalities Act, can only charge for fire suppression services if a bylaw has been passed authorizing them to do so.