

Insurance Recovery Fee Statement

Starting in 2019 with the unit charter renewals (completed in December 2018), our Council will be making a necessary change to the insurance recovery fees. This will not come into effect until charter renewal time, but to help our units "Be Prepared!" here is what will be different:

- ⌚ The insurance fee at charter renewal will increase to \$7 per member – Scouts and leaders. This recovery fee supports the Council's membership insurance coverage expenses that includes primary general liability and secondary accident and sickness coverage necessary at all unit, district, and council events.
- ⌚ The insurance fees have been at \$1 for many years but the Council has been supplementing the full cost of insurance fees for our membership during that period. With insurance costs rising through the past years and most assuredly in the future, the Council has approved an increase in the member recovery fee for the first time in several years to \$7 per year per member. The increase of \$6 was determined to be a more prudent step than increasing the recovery fee each year until the full recovery fee was reached. Even with this increase, the insurance recovery fee still only represents 58 cents per month for each member, less than the cost of a can of soda each month. The insurance fees will be monitored annually for any needed updates.
- ⌚ The fee will **only** be collected at charter renewal time.

The needed change in the recovery fee will help ensure that every member helps pay the full cost of membership-related insurance expenses instead of the burden resting entirely on the fundraising of additional dollars to supplement the fees. As with the current system, insurance is a benefit extended to all members, regardless of event participation.

If you have any questions about the changes to the insurance recovery fees or charter renewal, please contact your Unit Commissioner.