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**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT, STATE OF ARKANSAS:**

GERAL HARRISON  
COUNTY CLERK  
GRANT COUNTY, AR  
BY Hc DC

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PAY-PER-CALL PROGRAM FOR THE GRANT COUNTY RESCUE FIRST RESPONDERS.**

**WHEREAS**, this Court finds that the Grant County Rescue first responders dedicate their time and resources to train and respond to various types of public safety emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this Court recognizes the valuable service these responders provided to the citizens of Grant County and desires that the emergency response expenses incurred by them should not be a financial burden; and

**WHEREAS**, this Court desires that the Grant County Rescue first responders receive a payment for responding to emergencies to help offset these expenses; and

**THEREFORE**, this Court hereby establishes a Grant County Rescue first responder pay-per-call as outlined in the Grant County Rescue/SAR Pay-Per-Call Policy.

**Section 1. Policy Adopted by Reference.** The policy as identified as "Grant County Rescue/SAR Pay-Per-Call Policy" is hereby adopted by reference. A copy shall be on file in the Grant County Judge's Office and shall be available for inspection by any person during normal business hours.

**Section 2. Purpose.** This Ordinance shall set the pay-per-call payment amount at twenty dollars (\$20.00) for responding to a public safety emergency when such response qualifies for payment under the Grant County Rescue/SAR Pay-Per-Call Policy.

**Section 3. Modifications.** With the approval of the County Judge, the Grant County Rescue Coordinator can modify the procedural portions of the policy without the approval of the Quorum Court.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of the Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** It is imperative that Grant County Rescue have a dedicated staff of first responders therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Date of Passage: 4/15/24

Approved: Randy Pruitt  
Randy Pruitt, County Judge

Date: 4/15/24

Attest: Geral Harrison  
Geral Harrison, County Clerk

Sponsor(s): [Signature]

# **GRANT COUNTY RESCUE/SAR PAY-PER-CALL POLICY**

## **Purpose:**

This policy is established to set the criteria for payment to the Grant County Rescue/SAR members that respond to an emergency call.

## **Eligible Calls:**

### Rescue

- A) Eligible calls include but are not limited to medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, any call for assistance by another fire department located in the County and any Grant County department (i.e. sheriff, road, oem).
- B) Only calls paged by 911 dispatch are eligible for payment.
- C) Any call outside of the County is ineligible for payment.

### Search and Rescue (SAR)

- A) Eligible calls include but are not limited to missing persons, water rescue, rescues requiring high or low angle rope operations, structural collapse rescue and rescues or recoveries requiring dive operations.
- B) Only calls for deployment by the SAR Coordinator after request from 911 dispatch, Grant County Sheriff's office or OEM Coordinator are eligible for payment.
- C) Any call outside of the County is ineligible for payment.

## **Response Acknowledgement:**

Only calls that the member properly acknowledges his/her response will be eligible for payment. The member must acknowledge by two methods.

### Rescue

- A) Notify dispatch via radio to declare response.
- B) Declare response via I Am Responding app.

### Search and Rescue (SAR)

- A) Declare response via I Am Responding app.
- B) Members must be listed on the After Action Report following a deployment.

## **Payment:**

Payment request will be turned into the Grant County Clerk's office by the Grant County Rescue Coordinator or his/her designee. The payment request will be on a form and in a format approved by the Grant County Clerk. Payments will be made on a quarterly basis.

Adopted 4/15/24