

STATIONS: PLEASE PRINT AND POST!

Fire season is here; please review these items for the completion of any finance documents. **Please take note of some changes this year, which have been highlighted:**

00900 Criteria

- ★ ***Please note*** → The Emergency Fund can only be used for fire incidents and those incidents must meet the criteria below ***and must be substantiated with eFC33s:***
- ★ **When assigned to an extended attack or major incident. Extended attack is a fire that is *NOT* contained within two hours of the report and/or the fire requires substantial reinforcements. Substantial augmentation means the *ADDITION* of multiple types of suppression resources (e.g. two or more air resources **AND** two or more fire crews, dozers, or engines, etc.)**
- ★ When responding under Mutual Aid or Assistance-By-Hire to another governmental agency request. Jurisdictions may include Federal and local government (FRA and LRA). SRA and MTZ are not included and must meet the criteria outlined above.
- ★ Unit or Region staffing patterns with order and request numbers.

00900 Coding

- ★ 00907 is to be used for "Move Up and Cover". Generally speaking, most of your incident-related meals at the station will be charged to 00907.
- ★ 00908 is to be used for special staffing patterns. Most staffing patterns will be generated out of Northern or Southern Region and should be coded to **the Region's** index, *not* 1700. Special CZU staffing patterns will be charged to 1700.
- ★ Northern Region's alpha identifier is **CNR** and you should use the index **1001**. Southern Region's alpha identifier is **CSR** and the index is **4001**.

Meals

- ★ **The meal rate is \$3.88 per meal (\$3.57 plus tax).** Stations should make every effort to keep monthly meal costs at the **\$3.57 level or below**, to avoid future rate increases.
- ★ If you are held on duty, you will be on **non-pay** meal status. However, if you volunteer for overtime, you will be on **pay** meal status.
- ★ If you are on regular duty days during a staffing pattern or move-up-and-cover, you will be on **pay** meal status.
- ★ For every non-paid meal that's charged to an E-Fund incident, the refurbishment rate is **\$12.00** per meal. **Use these funds to refurbish your station subsistence.** If you charge off these meals (or plan to charge them), **do not** include them in your meal counts as non-paid or fire line meals.
- ★ ***Meals that can be charged to the E-Fund must be a confirmed response to vegetation/wildland fires, fires that are a threat to the SRA or State Mutual Aid response. The incident must be confirmed in ROSS and there substantiated with FC-33s. You cannot charge meals against an incident number for structure fires, vehicle accidents, medical aids, and the like unless the above criterion is met. Do not charge meals against incident numbers assigned to vegetation management burns.***

- ★ **Please note →** Sacramento HQ requests that subsistence charged to any incident should be purchased and coded within **75 days** of the close of the incident.
- ★ Here is the textbook definition of a **FIRE LINE MEAL**: *A meal eaten at a station is considered a fire line meal when a **fourth meal** is prepared at the station and is served to an employee returning from a night fire occurring after a regular meal or when meals are prepared and served to personnel engaged in a major incident using a regular station instead of a field kitchen.*
- ★ **RESTAURANT MEALS** should be kept as close to the per diem rate as possible - \$18.00 per person, including tax and tip. **You can spend up to \$25.00 per person without some justification, but this rate should not be, by any means, a target.** The purchase should be identified as a “meal” rather than differentiating by breakfast, lunch or dinner. Tips/gratuities can be paid, but it must be noted on the receipt that the tip/gratuity was “*assessed by the vendor and not offered by the purchaser*”. Do not forget to have all employees sign a meal roster.
- ★ **MEAL ROSTERS are not required for take-out meals.** You must attach a copy of the authorization memo from HQ Fire Protection with the purchase of any take-out meals. The file is attached.
- ★ **MEAL (and MOTEL) ROSTERS** must have **original signatures**, preferably in **blue ink**. If you’re assigned to a strike team, you can make copies of a meal or motel roster with the printed names of strike team members to use for successive procurement, but each copy will require corresponding **original signatures**.

Fuel

- ★ **Please note →** Fuel used during any incident does **not** need to be coded to the specific incident number. **The generic incident number for all 00900 fuel usage has changed. It is now "CACDF 000017".**
- ★ A line of coding should look something like this:
FY – 1700 - 525.02 – 00900 - XXX.XX - CACDF 000017
- ★ Use 00900 for fuel as often **as appropriate** and split code fuel invoices accordingly.
- ★ When using the Voyager Card for fuel on incident assignments, you must forward the receipt to Finance immediately upon return to the Unit with the following information:
Name of Operator
Vehicle Identification
Incident Number

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- ★ Incidentals cannot be claimed if you are held on duty during a staffing pattern, only if you are assigned to a **“GOING FIRE”**.
- ★ **Please note →** You must use the **“Detailed Account Coding”**. It is **required** to enter the appropriate coding for your expenses. Refer to the attached Guide Card #G08.

Incident Numbers

- ★ Incident numbers are always 12 (twelve) digits and should be written as in the manner of the following example:

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State Identifier (two letter designation for state abbreviation)

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Incident Identifier (three letter designation for unit, etc.)

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*Leave blank space unless 4 character agency identifier supplied
(Do not use a dash or underscore)*

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Incident Number (this must be 6 digits)

- ★ **When charging to an incident out of the unit - please use the index of that unit, *not* 1700.** The file for a condensed listing of the index conversion table is attached. It can also be found in the issuance section of the CAL FIRE intranet – 3600 manual, section 3762.3.4.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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