

INCIDENT COST ESTIMATES

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Advance estimates of the costs of fire suppression are required for reporting to the Department of Finance and the Legislature, and for planning purposes within CAL FIRE. The process used to provide these estimates is described in [Section 3861](#). Using a database program, the costs of personnel, equipment, supplies and support are estimated daily for medium and larger size incidents. These costs are summarized by major resource types, General Fund costs, additional costs which may be charged to the Emergency Fund, and costs which may be charged to other agencies. The costs are reported daily via Incident Cost Estimate Reports and consolidated in a Final Incident Cost Estimate Report.

This process also estimates the costs of response to non-fire incidents, such as floods, earthquakes and civil disturbances, which are not chargeable to the Emergency Fund. These estimates support requests for additional funding for the Department and provide estimates of potential billings to other agencies. The reports also provide an estimate of the total cost of an incident, including the costs to cooperators.

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