

## Andrew Peat

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**From:** Craig, Joshua CSCD:EX <Joshua.Craig@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** July-14-17 12:26  
**To:** 'Andrew Peat'  
**Subject:** RE: Salt Spring Fire Protection District - Question CRD Levy for CREST

Hi Andrew,

I did a bit of research and contacted the CRD. The regional district contracts with CREST to provide an emergency communications system for the region. Four requisitions by the CRD fund the contracted costs. There is one regional requisition and three more for each of the electoral areas. The three electoral area requisitions are based primarily on the number of radios dedicated for use in the area.

For the Salt Spring Fire Protection District, because its area of responsibility is also an electoral area, it looks like the charge related to the radios used by the SSFPD are contained in the requisition by the CRD to the Salt Spring electoral area. So I don't think the SSFPD will see direct billing for current or future costs related to CREST. But this is something that should be confirmed directly with contacts at CREST and the CRD.

Please contact me if you have questions or require more information.

Please note that my telephone number is now 778-698-3231

Regards,

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**From:** Andrew Peat [mailto:corpadmin@saltspringfire.com]  
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**To:** Craig, Joshua CSCD:EX  
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Joshua,

Think you might know the answer or at least point me in the right direction. We're doing the budget for next year and trying to grapple with what the CREST upgrade is going to cost us.

Attached is an email from CREST to Chief George which advises us that we're currently paying a levy of some \$80,428 a year! Nothing in our budget for this amount so I guess the recovery must be charged rate payers on some other line on the tax notice – possibly buried in the CRD or 9-1-1?

Could you clarify for me?

Thanks.

Andrew