

## **30-10-513. Sheriff in charge of forest or prairie fire - expenses.**

### **Statute text**

It is the duty of the sheriff, undersheriffs, and deputies, in case of any forest or prairie fire, to assume charge thereof or to assist other governmental authorities in such emergencies for controlling or extinguishing such fires, and, for assisting in so doing, they may call to their aid such person as they may deem necessary. The state forester may assume the duty with concurrence of the sheriff. The board of county commissioners of any county may allow the sheriff, undersheriffs, deputies, municipal or county fire departments, fire protection districts, fire authorities, and such other persons as may be called to assist in controlling or extinguishing such fires such compensation and other expenses necessarily incurred as it may deem just. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state may make such appropriation as it may deem proper for the purpose of controlling fires in its county. The board of county commissioners is authorized to levy a special tax subject to approval of the voters upon every dollar of valuation of assessment of the taxable property within the county for the purpose of creating a fund that shall be appropriated, after consultation with representatives of fire departments, fire protection districts, and fire authorities in the county, to prevent, control, or extinguish such fires anywhere in the county and to fix the rate of levy; except that the amount raised from the levy in any one year is limited to the amount raised by one mill or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less.

### **History**

**Source:** **L. 03:** p. 176, § 2. **R.S. 08:** § 1281. **C.L.** § 8756. **CSA:** C. 45, § 103. **L. 45:** p. 299, § 1. **CRS 53:** § 35-5-13. **C.R.S. 1963:** § 35-5-13. **L. 65:** p. 925, § 4. **L. 96:** Entire section amended, p. 673, § 1, effective May 2. **L. 2000:** Entire section amended, p. 1303, § 6, effective May 26.

### **Annotations**

**Cross references:** For the legislative declaration contained in the 2000 act amending this section, see section 6 of chapter 272, Session Laws of Colorado 2000.