

- [Station History](#)
- [Advertising](#)
- [Licensing & Other Services](#)
- [NY1 Jobs](#)
- [NY1 Mobile](#)
- [NYC Info](#)
- [NEW YORK YELLOW PAGES](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [SITEMAP](#)

## Search

- [NY1.com](#)
- [The Web](#)

Search terms:

### TOP STORIES

---

01/20/2011 09:53 AM

# Debt Collection Agency To Pursue Unpaid Ambulance Fees For FDNY

By: NY1 News



To view our videos, you need to enable JavaScript. [Learn how.](#)  
install Adobe Flash 9 or above. [Install now.](#)

Then come back here and refresh the page.

New Yorkers with unpaid ambulance fees could reportedly soon have debt collectors on their case.

The New York City Fire Department is hoping to recoup a portion of the tens of millions of dollars lost in unpaid fees by selling the debt to a collection agency.

FDNY officials make about \$170 million each year charging patients for ambulance service.

About 25 percent of patients, most of them without health insurance, fail to pay, costing the department about \$50 million a year.


The department sold off about \$150 million in unpaid debt to a collection agency in 2007, but that contract expired last year.

- 
-

- [Mixx it!](#)
- [share](#)
- [StumbleUpon](#)

- [Email this Story to a Friend](#)
- [Print this story](#)

## Weather

-   
[evening](#)


[20](#)

-   
[overnight](#)

[5](#)

-   
[morning](#)

[7](#)

-   
[daytime](#)

[18](#)

- [7-day forecast](#)
- [today](#)
- [travel](#)
- [radar](#)
  
- [tropics](#)