June 14, 2016

Swan Valley Fire District
15 Highway 31
Swan Valley, Idaho 83449

RE: Cease and desist demand from Bonneville County Board of County Commissioners

It has been brought to the attention of Bonneville County by the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, that the Swan Valley Fire District has "self-dispatching" ambulance services through the unauthorized monitoring of emergency service radio frequencies directed to the Idaho Falls Fire Department.

It is our collective understanding that Idaho Code and the Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) requires that each Idaho licensed EMS agency shall have a twenty-four (24) hour dispatch arrangement and shall respond to calls on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. See Idaho Code §56-1016(2). Violating that provision, according to Idaho Code, may result in license denial or refusal to renew. See I.C. §56-1022(1)(e), for example. See also IDAPA 16.01.03 licensing and dispatch rules.

As you know, the Idaho Falls Fire Department is Bonneville County’s sole current authorized ambulance provider. The Idaho Falls Fire Department, through its EMS Division, provides services to Bonneville County in the county area that includes Swan Valley pursuant to a contract between Bonneville County and Idaho Falls.

In the County’s opinion, interference with the ability of Idaho Falls Fire Department to provide services pursuant to the contract may constitute tortious interference of contract and may subject the County to breach of contract risks.

Bonneville County demands that the Swan Valley Fire District immediately cease and desist any unauthorized ambulance response that it may be participating in.

If you wish to discuss this matter or feel that there are any misunderstandings that can be corrected, please contact me immediately. In the meantime, please understand that, in order to protect life and property, Bonneville County intends to assert all its rights and those of its citizens.

Respectfully,

Roger S. Christensen
Bonneville County Board of County Commissioners, Chair

Rebecca L. Noah Casper
Mayor of Idaho Falls, Idaho

CC: Bruce Cheeseman, Idaho State EMS Bureau; Idaho Falls City Council
Email sent on behalf of Bonneville County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Frazell,

I have been asked to forward the attached Cease and Desist letter. We will be following up notification by hard copy.

Thank You,

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