

Mayor and Council

I write you as President of the Hunt County Fire Association. I have been told the administration of Hawk Cove continues to look to contract with a singular Fire Department for Fire Protection and First Response EMS.

I have served the fire service of Hunt County for 23 years. For the last 20 years I have also served as a professional firefighter and EMT. Additionally I serve as a Fire and EMT instructor. This experience gives me an informed prospective and insight on the Fire Protection in Hunt County.

It does not serve the Town of Hawk Cove to contract with 1 department. Currently under the Hunt County Fire Protection Agreement Hawk Cove is covered by 2 fire departments, Tawakoni and Tawakoni South. Hawk Cove sits geographically between these 2 stations and the City is split to assure the closest department responds to any particular address in the City. Whether it is quickly accessible off FM 751 or Northshore Rd. Hawk Cove is provided this protection without any cost to the City itself.

Contracting a singular department will leave a large portion of your population being served by a fire department that has a further response time and distance to them rather than the closest department. Additionally it will burden the Town with an unnecessary cost by paying for a service that at this time cost it nothing.

The 2 fire departments closest to Hawk Cove are Tawakoni and Tawakoni South Fire Departments. Splitting the Town East and West for best response time. It is my professional recommendation the Town continue with the current County Fire Protection plan in place as it best serves the citizens of Hawk Cove and provides no financial burden to Hawk Cove. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Ryan A. Biggers

President, Hunt County Fire Association