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To: Delores Spence, Mayor, Hawk Cove
Hawk Cove City Council
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Attention: City Secretary

Subject: *Hunt County contract with Quinlan Volunteer Fire Department*

As you are aware the Hunt County Commissioner's Court recently voted to terminate our contract with the Quinlan Volunteer Fire Department (QVFD) to eliminate redundant county fire expenses in the same geographical footprint. This termination only applies to the fire services and does not apply to medical services. The termination notice would provide 90 days notice to allow a smooth transition and allow all that were effected to have proper planning time.

Unfortunately the QVFD ceased services almost immediately. Notwithstanding the County fire district map provides coverage for Hawk Cove that would be covered by the Tawakoni and the South Tawakoni Volunteer Fire Departments. This information was immediately provided to AMR for proper dispatch to ensure coverage to your area. While Hawk Cove had a contract for payment with QVFD, the Hunt County VFD services do not have cost that would require reimbursement nor a required contractual relationship to provide services. The fire map dictates the areas they serve. Additionally they support each other with mutual aid as required by the State of Texas. Your citizens are covered by a volunteer fire department just like before the termination. There should be no insurance rates impact from this change.

It is the intent of the South Hunt County Volunteer Fire Department along with both Tawakoni and South Tawakoni Volunteer Fire Departments to apply for an Emergency Services District (ESD) to advance emergency services to a professional level beyond current capabilities. To achieve this the voters will have to decide if this is their desire. The leaders of this activity will be provide the public the benefits of the ESD ranging from service to costs to insurance. All voters should analyze the ESD to determine its benefit to themselves and the community. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE IF THE ESD DOES NOT PASS, HAWK COVE WILL BE COVERED BY THE FIRE MAP AS IT EXIST TODAY WITH THE CURRENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

Although medical services is not part of the County contract, it should be acknowledged that the Ambulance service will continue to originate service from the old hospital building in Quinlan, its current location. As a result, there will be no impact to medical response times. The ambulance service has a paramedic on board and is Advanced Life Service (ALS) certified.



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While this topic is emotionally and, in some cases, politically charged, it should be recognized that this decision (in my opinion) was in the best interest of South Hunt County residents both today and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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