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Sheriff Steve Holten

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Dear Sheriff Holten,

This letter is in response to the memos sent out in December 2018 regarding Traffic Accident Procedures (12/07/18) and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Procedures (12/13/18). Darby Volunteer Fire Department understand the reasoning for these procedures to be standard practices throughout Ravalli County, but regarding our district we have a great concern for the residents and travelers going through the southern part of the county.

As before we are requesting to be dispatched out for all motor vehicle accidents and carbon monoxide alarm calls for multiple reasons. The departments in the southern part of the county, south of Darby, suffer from lack of training; equipment and personnel, therefore relying on Darby Fire to respond to any calls in those fire department districts. When DVF is paged out for mutual aid to Sula it is a minimum of 30 minutes response time to the arrival upon scene, especially if it is up at Lost Trail and route 43. The same goes for West Fork and Painted Rocks fire districts. If there is a need for extrication after those departments arrive on scene valuable time and possibly lives are lost. During the dry season when a vehicle goes off the road there is an extreme risk of a fire being started by fuel leaks and/or heat from the exhaust system in dry grass, leaves and brush. Other concerns are due to the time of response for law enforcement on accidents that could cause additional accidents from those those drivers that are more focused on the accident than how they are driving, it gives us the ability to control the scene and slow traffic down to a safer speed.

With regards to the carbon monoxide alarm calls we would rather respond to a defective alarm than wait for an explosion or fatality due to time delays in our department being dispatched out. DVFD has portable hand held carbon monoxide detection equipment that is carried on the truck. The procedure that has been put in place for the dispatchers is excellent, but again for our department having a time delay could be detrimental in an outcome of a carbon monoxide leak. If EMS or law enforcement has to wait for the fire department to be dispatched valuable time has been lost. Our question is, why would you put EMS and law enforcement in a situation that they are not trained for or equipped to handle such an emergency when the fire department is

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equipped and trained to handle such calls. Gas companies could take up to several hours to respond and may not respond at all if the tank is not rented from that company but owned by the home owner. Again leaving inexperienced people to handle such a situation could determine a life or death outcome.

The resources in the south end of the county are not as readily available as from Hamilton to the north end. Much of the time Darby 1 Ambulance is out on a transport and a Hamilton unit has to respond as well as law enforcement response can be 20 minutes or longer depending on their location and availability from the time the fire department arrives on scene. Darby Volunteer Fire Department would rather be dispatched out to respond and be disregarded by the other departments than to lose valuable and possibly life saving time. As we all know in a critical incident time is of the essence for a positive outcome and how quickly things can change on a scene. After all, we are all here for the public and have vowed to do no harm. Thank you for your time and look forward to your response in this matter.

Sincerely,



David Nelson

President of the DVFD Board of Trustees

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The first part of the document is a letter to the Editor of the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine, dated 10th February 1956. The letter is signed by Sir James Spence, Director of the Royal Society of Medicine, and is addressed to the Editor, Sir John Peel. The letter discusses the proposed changes to the Royal Society of Medicine and the need for a new organization to replace it. The letter is enclosed in a letterhead from the Royal Society of Medicine, which includes the name of the Society, its address, and its telephone number.

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Yours faithfully,
Sir James Spence

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