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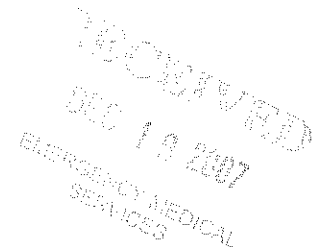
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Captain Dave Macedo  
Stockton Professional Firefighters Local 456  
PO Box 69-2201  
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Dear Captain Macedo:

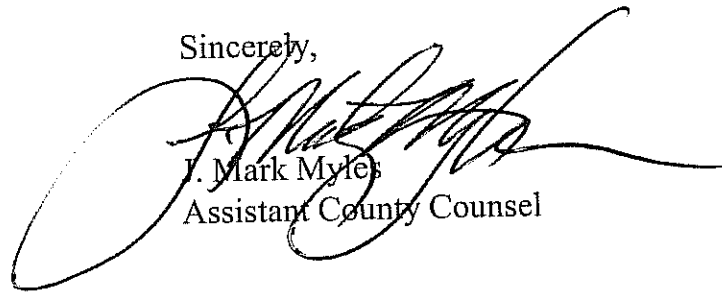
On December 14, 2007, we requested that you remove the SFD Log for ECD and EMS Unusual Occurrence (UO) Forms Processed 5/1/06 – Present from the Stockton Professional Firefighters Local 456 website www.amatterofpublicsafety.com. We appreciate your responsiveness to our concerns. Although a portion of the confidential and privileged patient data in the spreadsheet has been blacked out, the method of redaction is easily removed by any member of the public with Adobe Acrobat, thereby allowing for the privileged information to be unmasked. As long as this method of redaction is utilized and the document remains on the union website, the “patient identifiable information” is still available to the public. This is a continuing violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191.)

As stated in the December 14, 2007 letter, publication of the CQI information is a breach of confidentiality that impairs the EMS Quality Improvement process and therefore, patient care. Knowing that the union holds the quality of patient care in high regard, we find it incongruous that the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) information has not also been redacted.

Since our first request that you remove the spreadsheet, it has come to our attention that patient identifiable information and CQI data is also available in the Audio portion of the “Audio and Video” page of the website and on the “wrong district log” titled SFD log of UO’s outside of Stockton, Lodi, Tracy and Manteca.

If the union chooses to continue to display any of the items identified above, we request that you utilize a method of redaction that is both effective and permanent on the patient and CQI information. If satisfactory redaction cannot be accomplished, then we once again request that the union remove the SFD Log for ECD and EMS Unusual Occurrence (UO) Forms Processed 5/1/06 – Present, as well as the patient information available in the Audio and Visual page and the SFD log of UO's outside of Stockton, Lodi, Tracy and Manteca, from your website entirely.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mark Myles', is written over the typed name and title.

J. Mark Myles  
Assistant County Counsel

c: CAO  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
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