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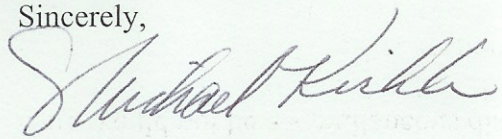
Dear Mr. Burch:

The San Joaquin County Ambulance RFD Bidder Conference meeting of August 4<sup>th</sup> was most informative, but brought concerns regarding the notification and dispatching of fire service resources. The fire service in the unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County has been the first responder to any given emergency medical incident for many years.

Notification of fire service resources and ambulance providers must be a simultaneous dispatch. It is obvious that this concept is threatened. As brought to our attention during the meeting, the RFP addresses ambulance providers only. If, in the event the fire service is not affiliated with the awarded ambulance provider's communication/dispatch center, there would not be a simultaneous dispatch but rather a delay in notification of the fire service. Taking into consideration the possibility of a delayed notification of first responders and the established response time criteria by ambulance providers, this county will step back 30 years in its medical emergency response to our citizens.

On behalf of the Woodbridge Fire District and as San Joaquin Operational Area Fire Service Coordinator, I sincerely appreciate our conversation and your understanding of my concerns. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Michael Kirkle, Fire Chief

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Cc: Michael Manassero, President, Board of Directors  
Jack Sieglock, San Joaquin County Supervisor