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Dear Mr. Humphrey,

I am writing on behalf of the Pinellas County Fire Chief's Association with regard to the MGT Fire/Fire Rescue services study that has been contracted by the Pinellas County Charter Review Commission. As you are well aware, the fire chiefs, in conjunction with the Pinellas County Council of Firefighters, introduced a joint position paper early in the process which first stated our opposition to the previous reports and asked for input into any new study. We provided that input by way of suggested study parameters, which set forth the areas of Fire/EMS delivery that, should be a part of a comprehensive study. Unfortunately, based on the CRC decision, your company will not be doing a comprehensive analysis of our system, instead, you will be doing a portion of the study and then you are asked to integrate some study areas that will be provided by the county.

With regard to the two draft survey instruments that were provided to the PCFCA, it would seem that neither of them included enough study information to draw a conclusion based on your updated, limited scope of work that was emailed to us after the last CRC meeting. The joint position paper also recommended the establishment of service delivery benchmarks at the beginning of the study. To date, we are unaware of any benchmarks that have been developed, therefore making our review of the survey instrument even more difficult as without predefined benchmarks we were not clear as to what data you intend to collect.

I am aware, after several conversations with you, that you still would like, and need, the input of the Fire Chiefs on the survey instrument. However, the PCFCA, as an organization, has no desire, or the time, to write a survey.

It seems that survey development and completion, and data collection is the point that we are at right now. With that in mind, please consider that we, as an organization, submitted our input and although disappointed in the outcome, we were happy to have had the opportunity to do so. At anytime you can refer to our position paper and suggested study parameters, which is still our position. I think that now is the time for the Pinellas County Chief's Association, as an organization, to back out, and let each individual fire chief speak for there own department when you arrange your interviews.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Thanks

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