

Fire Commission Members, Wake County Chiefs, and County Commissioners:

We want to thank each of you for your time, discussion and consideration concerning the issue surrounding the closure of Fairview Station 2. As you may have gathered from the record turnout of citizens in attendance at the meeting, this is a very sensitive and personal issue for many of the citizens in the Fairview Station 2 response area. We welcome the revised recommendation to slow down the process, allow for feedback from those affected by a change and careful consideration of the impact this will have. We respectfully request proper notice and the opportunity to attend any and all meetings and discussions concerning this matter going forward.

In regards to the departmental attack from Chief Poole regarding Fairview spreading “Propaganda” concerning EMS at Fairview Station 2 and his claims that this is “false” and “no program space for EMS”, we are providing evidence of the truth below and attached. The picture displayed at the Fire Commission meeting by Chief Poole and included in our rebuttal of the Q&A that was released on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, was taken on Saturday 8/11/2018. It was an actual and factual occurrence and is that way on a regular basis per Wake Co. EMS’ request. Below is the email from John Olson, EMS Chief of Operations dated 10/3/2013 requesting Fairview consider allowing EMS to stage an EMS unit at Station 2. Attached are the minutes from the 11/4/2013 Business Meeting at Fairview providing unanimous approval of that request and an amendment to the Station 2 land lease dated 10/9/2013 agreeing to the request from us to the land owner to allow this as well.

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From: <jolson@wakegov.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:13 AM

Subject: Request for Assistance

To: David Price <david.price@fairviewfd.com>

On November 1, 2013, Wake County EMS will be deploying a peak activity unit to enhance EMS response in the Southern Wake County/Fayetteville Road corridor. This unit will park overnight at an EMS facility and will be deployed daily from 0600 to 1800 hours.

Wake County EMS is seeking cooperation from Fairview Fire Department to allow this unit to stage at Fire Station #2 between responses and move-ups. Staging a unit consists of allowing them station access to give them a place to get out of the truck during downtime. If needed, we may wish to utilize an extension cord (provided by Wake County EMS) to provide AC service to the truck for charging. This does not require any additional service to accommodate other than access to an outlet. Based on the projected utilization of this unit, I don't foresee much downtime and charging may not be required.

I ask that you consider this request to assist us with enhancing EMS service to both the Fairview community and all of Southern Wake County. Please forward me any questions that you have in regards to this request.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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Clearly EMS has a ALS transport unit already staged in our area during peak times and is currently utilizing Fairview Station 2 for that purpose. This has been occurring for almost 5 years. Our statements below are our the exact quotes from the document with the picture that we provided to the Fire Commission on 8/15/2018 and is clear that we would welcome EMS to expand that service should they desire and we can make accommodations for that within 1 hour. Exact quotes in our rebuttal were:

This statement is not accurate; Fairview Station 2 has provided accommodations for EMS for the last several years and continues to do so. An EMS District Chief currently resides at Fairview Station 1, as has been the case for many years. *(Provided by Ed Brinson, Fairview Fire Department)*

Fairview Station 2 currently, and for the past several years, has provided accommodations for EMS during peak load hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Simply relocating the County's reserve engine (formally Fairview Engine 2) to Fairview Station 1, would provide "in-parking" for EMS at no additional cost to the county and can be completed within an hour.

In regards to Chief Poole's comments concerning eating, shopping, and fueling our vehicles within the Town of Garner and the Town of Fuquay-Varina, these areas are very small "doughnut holes" of Garner and Fuquay-Varina town limits, and these satellite annexed areas are completely surrounded by the boundaries of the Ten-Ten Fire District. While these stores are frequented by our staff from Station 2, these areas are located well inside our district borders and these actual restaurants and stores are included within Station 2's current first-due response area due to the fact they are located within 7/10 of a mile from Station 2.

We respectfully request the opportunity to address these attacks on our credibility and any other areas of concern in open session at the next Fire Commission meeting.

Ed Brinson, Director
Fairview Fire Department