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To Erie City Council;

This letter is to inform you that Chief Pol and Mayor Sinnott have, in fact, cut services to the citizens of Erie. This involves the Erie Fire Department's medical emergency response known as First Responder.

On November 10, 2010 the attached order was sent to all fire houses confirming that EFD would not respond into the following areas; the center city as bounded by W.29<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, the waterfront to the north, Raspberry St. to the west and the East Bayfront Parkway to the east. The EFD had never responded into this zone for years through an agreement with EmeryCare, Inc.

The Chief has also notified us that we will not respond into a pie shaped zone on Erie's east side. This area is bordered by Buffalo Road to the north, the East City line to the east, (approximately Bird Dr.) and the Bayfront Connector as the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the triangle. This zone is new.

The exception would be for cardiac arrests and traffic accidents with possible injuries or entrapment. The decision concerning possible injuries in an accident will come from the caller who most likely lacks any formal emergency medical training.

The firefighters that I represent are not asking for a pay increase nor are we asking for more personnel to be hired, we are only asking to be permitted to serve the public throughout the City as we have. With the locations of the stations we can generally arrive on scene prior to ECI and EPD and begin to mitigate the incident.

I believe that the public will have a masked tax increase if this plan is allowed to remain in effect as the public pays the same in taxes, but receives less in service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Chiamonte". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dave Chiamonte

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**TO: All Fire Employees**

**FROM: Tony Pol, Chief**

**DATE: November 8, 2010**

**RE: ERIE FIRE DEPARTMENT RE-ALIGNMENT**

**OVERVIEW:**

The agreement between IAFF LOCAL 293 and the CITY OF ERIE concerning EFD staffing has caused a number of changes in dispatch protocols and responses. This memo will explain a number of them.

The following areas will be addressed: Fire responses, First Responder responses, and Emergency Service Zone changes and Dispatch Process changes.

**EMERGENCY SERVICE ZONES:**

The 911 Center dispatches using a Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD). This CAD operates by address specific information- if the call comes from 232 WEST 25th STREET, St.Vincent Health Center, information concerning that specific address will come up on the screen. The mapping system will interact with the cad and provide the hydrant location and cross streets. The mapping system is divided into Emergency Service Zones (ESZ). Prior to this change we used 19 Zones. After the change we will have 45 Zones. This will allow us to make EFD responses more specific and allow greater flexibility. **NEW WALL MAPS AND MAP SHEET FOR THE RIGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.**

**FIRE RESPONSES :**

The CAD coordinates with the mapping and the Response Data for a particular ESZ. So a call for a car fire at 38th and Ellsworth would show the call in ESZ 3201 and recommend Engine 6 as the responder. If Engine 6 were out of service the CAD will then recommend the next closest company- Engine 12.

New responses have been built that are much more descriptive. Fire calls will be more accurate as to the type of structure, such as:

***RESIDENTIAL FIRE, MULTI-RESIDENTIAL FIRE, CHIMNEY FIRE, HIGH RISE ( over six stories), HIGH LIFE HAZARD (nursing homes, hospitals, churches, schools etc), Mobile homes ( we have a few in the city), COMMERCIAL ( this will now***

