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Mr. Marlon Brown
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Re: City of Midway Fire Service

Good Morning Marlon,

I agree with your letter. We will have the pay-per-call on the next Council agenda. We will have to come up with a manner of payment, etc., to make sure we are only paying for those volunteers who respond.

We will do our utmost to provide quality fire service in the Midway response area.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF MIDWAY

Paul A. Piller
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council
Frank Robinson, Fire Chief



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Paul Piller, City Manager
City of Midway
Post Office Box 438
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Dear Mr. Piller:

Thank you for meeting with County staff on September 13, 2006 to discuss improving the fire and rescue response of the Midway Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) that stem from a lack of response to calls in the Midway area. As also discussed, putting in place the agreed upon critical needs will positively enhance the quality of service of the Midway VFD.

Through an interlocal agreement, the County funds \$23,044 to the City of Midway to provide fire and rescue coverage to unincorporated Gadsden County within a five mile radius of the City, and as acknowledged, you felt that Midway was not holding up to the agreement. To remedy this situation, you agreed to the following:

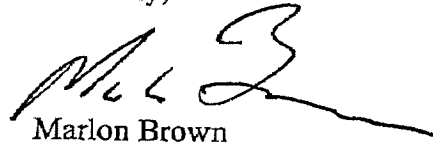
- The name on the Fire Department building would be changed to the Midway Volunteer Fire Department. This would allow residents to recognize that it is a volunteer department and not a paid department which may encourage more residents to then volunteer.
- Midway VFD would aggressively recruit volunteers to serve the area covered by the Agreement through visibility methods (fire truck drive throughs, cookouts, etc.) in the neighborhoods.
- The City of Midway would begin a process to pay each volunteer per fire response as an incentive to respond. This is dependent on City Council's approval.

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- The Chief will be required to keep his cell phone and pager with him at all times.
- The City of Midway will aggressively seek candidates for future city positions who also may have an interest in volunteering for the fire department.
- The City of Midway will use its newsletter to residents as a tool for Midway VFD recruitment.
- The City of Midway has committed to ensuring that all its volunteers attend fire/rescue training as provided by the County or other entity.

The County is hopeful that the City of Midway will do everything in its power to help turn the department around with the knowledge that the County stands ready to assist in whatever way it can. Please let me know if you have any questions as we move forward in a positive direction in providing this much needed service to our citizens.

Sincerely,



Marlon Brown
County Manager

Cc: Board of County Commissioners
Midway City Council
Bill Bogan, City of Quincy
Chief Robinson, Midway VFD
Brian Beasley, EMS Director
Phillip Hill, Interim Fire Coordinator