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Baldwin County Administration Department

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By: B. Pate

Dear Baldwin County Commission,

Commissioners, the Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department has been serving the community for over 50 years with the continued support of the commission, the volunteers, and the community we protect.

The Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department operates at two stations, one in Crossroads and one in Bromley. Our jurisdiction is the largest in Baldwin County, we cover from the 4-mile marker on State Hwy 225 to the on and off ramps on I-65 northbound, and from determined areas along Kilcrease Rd, D'Olive Rd Extension, CR138, CR39, and Whitehouse Fork Road Extension to the Mobile/Baldwin County line in the Mobile River Delta. Housed in these 2 stations are 3 fire engines, 2 brush trucks, 2 rescues, 2 boats, 1 tower ladder, and 1 utility pick-up. We maintain all these items, provide our volunteers with the latest Personal Protective Equipment, and continue to purchase items that are required to save or protect the lives of members and community with your much appreciated support. We continue to do this with the same funds that other smaller departments receive to maintain a smaller fleet in one station.

As you know, we have committed to purchasing 2 new fire engines that totaled 1.3 million dollars. The first fire engine is set to be delivered in the next couple weeks. In preparation for this new arrival, we needed to add on to Bromley Station our station #2 located at 36625 Hwy 225.

The Bromley Station had served for many years as the voting location for the community before being moved due to its small size. It has hosted many meetings for the community, it serves as a landing zone for the helicopter in the event of a medical emergency and it serves as a school bus turnaround, as well as a stop for some of the neighborhood children. We have invested a little over \$300,000 dollars in an addition project that started in February and as we come down the stretch ask for help.

Our request is for the same assistance you provided in the past. With cooperation from Commissioner Burt and his contingency fund and the highway department, we were able to get Station 1 prepped and paved with our department paying for fuel and some of the balance of materials that were not donated or covered by Commissioner Burt's fund. We are asking for the same assistance with this need at Station 2.

We certainly appreciate your time and effort as a commission and thank you in advance for considering the much-needed request.

Chief: John (Chip) Mays II

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chip Mays II". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

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