



62 West Plaza Drive  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129

303-791-0430 – Telephone  
303-791-0437 – Management/Engineering – Fax  
303-791-3290 – Financial/Customer Service – Fax  
[www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org)

July 11, 2017

Littleton City Council  
2255 W. Berry Ave.  
Littleton, CO 80120

Members of Littleton City Council:

The Metro District Board of Directors is disappointed in the Littleton City Council's June 27, 2017 "No" vote on the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would transfer dispatch services to South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR). As indicated in our letter of April 27, 2017 the Metro District Board voted unanimously in favor of this change. The Littleton Fire Protection District (LFPD) Board is also unanimously in favor of this change. That is a total of 15 elected officials of the Littleton Fire Rescue (LFR) "Partnership" entities that support the change. Unfortunately, four Littleton City Council members, a bare council majority, did not agree.

This vote will cause the three "partners" to pay significantly more for dispatch services in 2018. Cunningham Fire Protection District is leaving LFR dispatch for SMFR dispatch in 2018 resulting in a \$334,000 loss in revenue. When coupled with the more than \$200,000 in savings that has been projected if the "partners" were to contract for dispatch services with SMFR the "partners" will pay over \$500,000 annually more than is necessary.

The Metro District Board of Directors is also concerned about the future viability of LFR dispatch as a result of the insufficient number of personnel, the resulting overtime and the potential safety implications should one or more of the current personnel become unavailable.

This issue has been the subject of an impasse for some time. As a result of your action, the Metro District Board of Directors now requests that this matter be submitted to non-binding mediation in accordance with paragraph 11 of our IGA dated January 17, 2012. We further request that the City and LFPD submit to the other two "partners" in writing the name and contact information of their recommended mediator not later than two weeks from the date of this letter.

If the City has not reversed its position or reached an agreement with its "partners" on this matter by the end of November, then the Metro District will consider terminating our agreement with the City and LFPD for fire and emergency services effective January 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

Jim A. Worley  
Chairman,  
Highlands Ranch Metro District Board of Directors

CC: Metro District Board of Directors  
Littleton Fire Protection District Board of Directors  
Terry Nolan  
Mark Relph  
Cindy Hathaway  
Chris Armstrong