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MEMO

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From: Brooklet Fire Department (A Unit of Bulloch County public safety)  
To: City of Statesboro Fire Department; Chief officers & shift commanders  
CC: Ted Wynn, Director of Public Safety Bulloch County

Re: Weekday vol. personnel emergency response and SFD automatic mutual-aid activation/dispatch

I am inquiring as to the possibility, that due to the high probability that the majority of our (volunteer) personnel are unavailable to respond in the event of an emergency page from 911 (Central) during the operational hours of 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Monday through Friday**, that the Statesboro fire department would be amicable to extending it's automatic mutual-aid response to "all" calls during the weekly time frame mentioned above.

The nature and culture of a volunteer fire department such as Brooklet, lends itself to the fact that the majority of personnel are unavailable for emergency response situations due to work schedules, employer non-compliance with responder leave, and/or other responsibilities which carry most individuals outside the city limits of Brooklet and/or the designated fire district under our protection as outlined by Bulloch County public safety.

One of 3 response scenarios will likely occur due to these circumstances during the times outlined above 1.) Non-response 2.) Slow and/or delayed response 3.) Response by reserve personnel, who may not be able to perform all the necessary functions to complete the task(s) without mutual-aid assistance.

This unfortunate void of responding daytime personnel during weekday work hours creates a gap in the effective life safety and property protection not only by the Brooklet fire department, but for the vast majority of small and/or rural volunteer fire departments throughout the U.S. which rely greatly on mutual aid response from neighboring communities/departments for fire suppression aid.

So out of concern for the safety of the community/fire district which we protect and serve and in the interest of creating a more cohesive inter-departmental working mutual-aid culture, we are requesting that an adequately equipped and manned apparatus be dispatched to **any and all** emergency calls (on first E-911 dispatch) that may occur during the 5 day work week between the hours of 6 a.m. until 5 p.m.

It may occur that on limited occasions Brooklet fire department volunteer personnel may be available for response during the time period(s) and day(s) of concern, if a Brooklet response is confirmed this would negate an automatic response from Statesboro Fire Department to such calls other than a structure fire as outlined by City of Statesboro and Bulloch County intergovernmental agreements or as requested from responding Brooklet units to non-structure related calls on these limited occasions.

Thank you for any aid/consideration that you may be able to provide concerning this matter.

Please contact me with questions or concerns that may arise from this request. Again, Thank you

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