

Prince George Fire and EMS

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Director

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Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Fire Programs Attn: Theresa Hunter, Budget & Grants Manager 1005 Technology Park Drive Glen Allen, Virginia 23059-4500

Dear Theresa:

On behalf of Prince George County Fire & EMS, I am requesting an extension of the grant issued to our jurisdiction for our burn building. I cannot argue that this grant could/should have been managed more efficiently. We have experienced a change of leadership within the department. We unsuccessfully worked for the longest time with our neighboring departments in an effort toward making this a regional initiative. The impact of the COVID pandemic also has negatively impacted forward progress on this project and it simply has not been given the attention it requires.

The Director of County General Services along with myself, have been tasked to prioritize this project toward successful completion. We are currently in the process of working with architects to design the structure. This burn building will tentatively be built in conjunction with a new fire station construction project

I am also requesting approval to yet again, change the style of the building. Currently, it is my understanding the Fire Board has approved the County to move forward on a Prototype II- Class 'A' building of a conex nature. We evaluated a Prototype I option but we simply do not have the money to proceed with this. Therefore, we are asking approval to switch to a Prototype II Class 'A' building of a metal clad nature. We are currently in discussion with an architect familiar with the structures recently erected in Harrisonburg and Winchester.

Your consideration in these requests would be greatly appreciated. If there are any questions I can answer or if the Board wishes to discuss this matter further, I can be reached at (804) 691-3705 or via e-mail at pmauger@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

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C: Mr. Percy Ashcraft, County Administrator