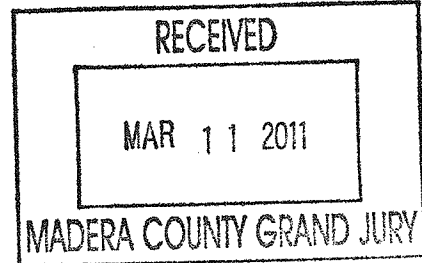


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March 3, 2011

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Re: Chowchilla City Fire Department

Dear Foreman Haugen,

This letter affirms the City of Chowchilla's receipt of your letter dated February 3, 2011 regarding the Chowchilla City Fire Department and attached report.

The Council would like to point out that the current method of dispatching fire is the current standard for dispatching a volunteer fire department nationwide. Calls come in to a 911 center and then are redirected via radio broadcast or pager broadcast to the firefighters for response. In regards to fire response to our local prison facilities, the primary responsibility falls with the fire station located at CCWF.

While Council acknowledges that the fire station is approaching 20 years old it does not appear to be outdated nor has the City received any feedback from the department or the community about this issue, prior to your letter.

The Council appreciates your recommendations for upgrades in staffing, facilities and construction of an overpass over the UPRR railroad tracks. Unfortunately no funding source exists to accomplish any of these recommendations at this time. The City will continue to engage in mutual aid responses through CalFire and other agencies as well as pursuing grant opportunities to improve fire service in our community.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (559) 313-0363.

Sincerely,

David Alexander  
Mayor

Cc:  
Jay Varney, City Administrator