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Subject: FW: OEM Letter Action Needed-Boniface

Good morning Joe,

It's been about a month since we spoke about the unfortunate incidents with Committeewoman Boniface and her conduct toward the Rochelle Park Fire Department and emergency services in general.

The Office of Emergency Management is committed to protecting the integrity of our operations and providing a safe and hostile free environment for all who participate in our emergency operations center before, during and after a activation, state of emergency or any time we meet.

Please advise at your earliest convenience the steps the Township is taking to control and correct this behavior before it endangers our operations and puts first responders and the public at risk.

I will be calling a OEM meeting in the near future and we are very much interested in preventing a conflict. However, we are prepared to take whatever steps necessary to ensure a safe and hostile free environment for all who participate.

Thank you /Pete

Pete Donatello, NJCEM
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Township Administrator, Robert Davidson:

It is incumbent upon me as Emergency Management Coordinator to keep the Office of Emergency Management removed from politics and the differences that arise from the current political climate within the Township. It is also incumbent upon me to acknowledge and support the decision by Mayor Houser to honor the Fire Departments request pertaining to Committeewoman Boniface.

We are in receipt of a memo from the Fire Chief outlining a continuing problem with Committeewoman Boniface and her state of mind toward the members of the Fire Department. Unfortunately, it is common knowledge of other similar incidents with Township Department Heads including the incident in January that resulted in her removal as Fire Department Liaison.

Working in an Emergency Operations Center is a highly interactive, stressful and at times complex process. This process is critical to the planning, response, recovery and mitigation of the pending incident or event and as such involves participation from the Township Committee, all department heads, support personnel and essential employees within the Township and at times personnel from outside agencies. This conduct, should it occur, will result in a disruption that will not and cannot be tolerated in an Emergency Operations Center.

Therefore, on behalf of the Office of Emergency Management, we are prepared to take whatever action necessary to ensure a safe and efficient environment for our staff, first responders and ultimately our township residents.

Accordingly, I am notifying you effective immediately that this office will support and defend the decisions prohibiting Committeewoman Boniface from involvement or interaction with any Emergency Management Operations during activations, briefings or at any time OEM is functioning in an official capacity.

We are thankful that you and the members of the Township Committee are taking the steps necessary to control and correct this behavior before it endangers our operations and puts first responders and the public at risk.

We are willing to discuss the effects this has on Emergency Management with you or any member of the township committee who wishes to pursue this further.

On behalf of the Office of Emergency Management Team,

Peter Donatello, NJCEM
Emergency Management Coordinator

Cc: William Houser
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Joe Rotolo