

# City of Hailey

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Chief Dennis Patterson  
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### **Dear South-Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Service Response Agency:**


The Hailey City Council discussed, during its Strategic Planning meeting of March 30, 2009, the recommendation from Hailey Fire Chief Mike Chapman that an independent analyses of the costs and benefits of our agencies' current emergency response structures be conducted. We have also heard the same recommendation from our constituents in a Hailey Citizen's Satisfaction Survey conducted in January, 2009. We know that many of you have expressed interest in exploring the most efficient approach to emergency service. We value emergency service with the highest degree of 1) life-safety protection, 2) property protection, and 3) environmental protection at the best possible cost to our constituents.

From our discussion emerged the idea of holding a summit meeting of our organizations, during which we mutually consider whether there is common interest among our jurisdictions for such an independent study. If we establish that there is, we would then discuss the elements of the study important to each of us, thereby fashioning a mutually acceptable Request for Proposals. Finally, we would need to discuss each agency's willingness to contribute toward the costs of the study. Together, we may launch a study that begins to answer many of the questions about emergency services costs and the benefits or detriments of all models of organizational structure.

Please discuss this at your earliest convenience, and let us know whether you would be interested in attending the summit meeting, and how the agencies should be represented. We expect that attendance and discussion from a representative of Friedman Memorial Airport Aircraft Rescue

and Firefighting representatives would be important. We would like to organize the meeting at a time convenient to all of us sometime in May, 2009.

Sincerely,



Mayor Rick Davis  
City of Hailey

cc: Friedman Memorial Airport Manager Rick Baird  
Operations Chief Pete Kramer  
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