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Mr. Doug Smith, Foreperson
Monterey County Civil Grand Jury
PO Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Via Email: dsmith@montereycograndjury.com

**RE: Response 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report –
“Monterey Fire Department: Overdue for Overhaul”**

Dear Foreperson Smith:

This correspondence serves as a response to your request for updates to the County’s response to the 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report titled “*Monterey Fire Department: Overdue for Overhaul.*”

As requested via letter dated February 21, 2025, enclosed please find the update to Recommendation R15 referenced in the FY 2023-2024 Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Sonia M. De La Rosa
County Administrative Officer

Enclosure



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Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association

Fire Chief Samuel Klemek, President, SLS
Fire Chief George Nunez Jr., Vice-President, BEU
Fire Chief Joel Mendoza, Secretary/Treasurer, NCD

January 29, 2025

Lee Ann Magoski, Director of Emergency Communications
County of Monterey
1322 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906

Dear Director Magoski,

The Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association has been actively pursuing deployment of a common county-wide platform for fire station alerting. Our collective desire being to streamline the dispatching process, reduce dispatcher workload, and decrease response times overall.

A sub-committee of agency designates has completed an extensive process of vetting various vendors in the area of fire station alerting technology and has made a recommendation to the MCFCA. At a regular meeting of the MCFCA, we have unanimously selected U.S. Digital Designs (Honeywell) as our desired technology platform. Agencies desiring to procure end-user station-based equipment will be responsible to engage directly with the vendor for their individual needs.

As you know, USDD requires common support infrastructure that must be procured and installed in the communications center and connected to the computer aided dispatch system.

At a recent meeting of the MCFCA on this specific matter, it was unanimously agreed that all initial deployment costs as quoted be equally apportioned among the fire agencies dispatched by the ECD except for the volunteer agencies of Mid-Coast Fire Brigade, Big Sur Fire, and King City Fire Department.

It was further agreed that all annual recurring costs for operations, maintenance, and support be apportioned to said agencies utilizing the system based upon the annual "call volume" formula as presented by ECD staff.

We look forward to completion of this long-anticipated project and thank those involved in guiding us to that end.

Cordially,

Fire Chief Samuel Klemek
President