

**Subject:** Decency

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**CC:** "M.McAvoy\_Isabella\_County\_Administrator" <mmcavoy@isabellacounty.org>

Dear Isabella County Commissioners:

In 2014, the County fire services had a relatively inexpensive "analog" communications system that worked well in the northwest townships.

In March of 2015, you forced a transition to a confusing, unreliable and very expensive mixture of "digital" and "analog" components that have failed to work as well as the system we had in 2014. Your decisions have increased the risk of injury or death to the firefighters and other citizens of northwest Isabella County and thousands of dollars have been wasted. (Read a more detailed account at <http://www.bennsci.com/digital.html> )

It seems impossible that you could have been persuaded that the digital system would work for the fire services when you knew it had not worked for the Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel cover exactly the same territory, enter the same buildings and drive the same roads. What were you thinking? Why have you allowed this situation to continue?

How did this happen? How could you disregard the strong evidence that the conversion of fire service communications to a digital system would be a failure? Even worse, how could you allow this failed system to remain in place knowing that the failures were endangering firefighters and other residents?

***Now, due to your refusal to fix the problems you created, the taxpayers of our townships are faced with hundreds of thousands of dollars of costs to regain the operational security you took from us.*** You, our elected representatives, approved the expenditure of thousands of taxpayer dollars to create these problems.

Why should the taxpayers of the northwest Isabella County townships be expected to pay for damages caused by the County? If my vehicle is legally parked and someone backs into it, should I be expected to pay for the damages? ***Expecting the townships to pay for fixing the problems you created is nothing short of dishonorable.***

Please, you have ignored our pleas for nearly a year. I know most of you must have been raised with strong moral guidance. Take this opportunity to regain a sense of decency. Now is the time to show us that politicians are capable of doing the "right thing". It could even be a huge boost to your self concept.

Finally, I encourage you to take a lesson from Governor Snyder and the Flint water catastrophe. ***Please take immediate steps to correct the communications problems you have created before someone is injured or killed.***

Respectfully,

Frank Benn  
Firefighter/EMT/Safety Officer  
for an Anonymous F.D. in NW Isabella County

**READ HOW ISABELLA COUNTY OFFICIALS  
HAVE ENDANGERED N.W. ISABELLA COUNTY  
FIREFIGHTERS AND THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE**

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The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance.  
- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is  
for good men to do nothing.  
- Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

A MAJOR INCENTIVE FOR CRIMINALS:  
Law abiding citizens are almost always unarmed.

THE SAFEST PLACE TO COMMIT A CRIME:  
A "no gun zone".

"The right of self-defence never ceases. It is among  
the most sacred, and alike necessary to nations and  
to individuals..."  
-James Monroe,  
President of the United States, 1818.

Smith & Wesson: One of the best life assurance  
companies in the world.

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