

Subject: How will you feel?

From: Frank Benn <11-17@nsfd.net>

Date: 8/11/2016 12:36 PM

To: "ggreen@isabellacounty.org" <ggreen@isabellacounty.org>, "taxladyesther@yahoo.com" <taxladyesther@yahoo.com>, "jjasloszynski@isabellacounty.org" <jjasloszynski@isabellacounty.org>, "jimhortonrph@charter.net" <jimhortonrph@charter.net>, "j.moreno@frontier.com" <j.moreno@frontier.com>, "ling1da@cmich.edu" <ling1da@cmich.edu>, "mfisher@isabellacounty.org" <mfisher@isabellacounty.org>

CC: 11-0 Dave Livermore <nsfd110@yahoo.com>, 11-1 George Flaughner <nsfd111@yahoo.com>, 11-10 Dan Mills <danm@michco.com>, 11-11 Randy Hall <gearhall@netscape.net>, 11-12 Jamie Smith <jamiesmithbuilders@yahoo.com>, 11-14 Keith Mills <kjmills2011@gmail.com>, "M.McAvoy_Isabella_County_Administrator" <mmcavoy@isabellacounty.org>, Morning Sun newspaper <news@michigannewspapers.com>

Dear Commissioners:

Yesterday, on our run #261 and for at least the third time this month, we had another incident during which we could not communicate with dispatch using our hand-held radios. Fortunately, we had cell phone coverage. *(FYI: Cell phones are 2-way radios, also. They have **much** less transmit power than our fire service radios, but they work better. Do you see anything wrong with this picture?)*

How will you feel about the role you played in this million dollar digital communications debacle when the flags are at half staff for one of our own?

How will you feel, knowing that you could have insisted on an expedient solution to the fire service communications problems in our area instead of doing nothing?

You approved the move to the MotoTurbo digital system at a **total estimated cost of \$1,029,950** (from County documents that you may not have seen). The **dismally inadequate system was quickly rejected by law enforcement.** **Knowing it was failure, you allowed the failed system to be forced on the fire/rescue departments in our county.** By doing so and by failing to fix the system you have deliberately left us at greater risk for over a year.

Regardless of what you have been told by your hirelings, fire service radio communications in northwest Isabella County are still worse than they were two years ago. Anyone who tells you that the problems have been resolved is either misinformed, delusional or lying. We are still at greater risk than we were in 2014.

Your arrogant, callous attitude and disrespect for those of us dedicated to helping

people in distress during all hours of the day and night will not protect you from financial ruin if one of us is hurt or killed.

Even if you don't care if firefighters or citizens are injured, can you afford to defend yourself in a civil suit? Do yourselves a favor and take a lesson from those indicted for wrong doing in the Flint water crisis before it's too late.

By the way, Mr. Chairperson, you need to remember that even volunteer firefighters have 1st Amendment rights. If you don't like my emails, **do the right thing and fix the communications problems that your hirelings created.** Complaining to township board members who appreciate their volunteer firefighters, was a poor decision on your part unless it was your intent to provide entertainment for the evening.

Sincerely,

Frank Benn

--

Frank Benn
Firefighter/EMT/Safety Officer
For a fire department in NW Isabella County

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

<http://www.bennsci.com/digital.html>

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)

<http://www.bennsci.com>

- The Isabella County Digital Radio Fiasco
- Yellowstone National Park pictures
& more.