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Joseph Kempen, President
Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
11301 West Lincoln Avenue
West Allis, Wisconsin 53227

Dear Mr. Kempen,

We have received your correspondence dated January 25, 2010 concerning statements made by David Seager, President of the Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighter's Association during a radio interview broadcasted on January 20, 2010.

Mr. Seager is currently detached from the Milwaukee Fire Department and serves as the full-time union liaison. While he is certainly free to express his opinions concerning our neighboring fire departments, you may be assured that his statements do not reflect the official position of the City of Milwaukee, Mayor Tom Barrett, or the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. We appreciate the competent and professional assistance the West Allis Fire Department has provided during the Pizza Man fire and we look forward to continued mutual cooperation during major alarms and training exercises with all of our neighboring communities that are members of MABAS.

We have attached for your reference a communication recently forwarded to your Fire Chief. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

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Attachment
CC: West Allis Common Council (w/ att.)



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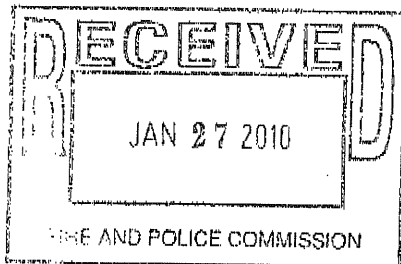
To All County Chiefs:

On behalf of the Milwaukee Fire Department, I am immensely appreciative of the prompt assistance firefighting personnel from around the county provided us during this past week's intense fire on Milwaukee's east side.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to validate my support for MABAS. I am a strong proponent of mutual aid and see it as a valuable tool that proved to be beneficial to the MFD during our time of need. The crews that were sent to our fire houses from county departments ensured that the City of Milwaukee was not without sufficient coverage. All helped protect our city and I am profoundly grateful.

I look forward to the Milwaukee Fire Department cultivating a stronger relationship with each county fire department and working more closely together in the future. I was very pleased with the response I received from the personnel who responded to our needs and it immeasurably assisted in helping us fight a massive fire that exhausted a majority of our resources.

The willingness to step in and take action epitomizes the MFD motto "Courage, Integrity, and Honor." On behalf of the entire City of Milwaukee, thank you!



Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. JONES
Acting Chief

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cc: Mayor Tom Barrett
Patrick Curley, Mayor's Office
Michael Tobin, Fire & Police Commission
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Alderspersons, City of Milwaukee