

Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department

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Mr. Lee Worsley
Deputy County Manager
200 East Main Street
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Dear Mr. Worsley,

Over the past few months, information has been brought to the attention of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors that was previously unknown to the majority of the Board members. This information revealed that the fire department is in a critical operational status. With this information, we know that this department can only continue to operate for a short period of time; therefore, the Board of Directors has made a very difficult decision. At a recent Executive Session meeting, the majority of the Board members in attendance, voted to begin the process of dissolving the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated and turn the daily operations over to Durham County. Our goal since 1964 has been to provide the Bethesda community with the best emergency services available and by turning operations over to Durham County we feel that this will continue.

Through this very difficult process, we appreciated the information and assistance that has been provided by Durham County. We are in the process of obtaining an attorney, per your recommendation, to assist us with properly dissolving our non-profit organization.

Respectively,

Marshall Ross
President
Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department

cc: Mr. Jeff Batten, Fire Marshal
Mr. Ray Watson, Secretary-Bethesda Fire Department