

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Ravalli County Commissioners
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Dear County Commissioners –

We were visited at our regular business meeting on 16 April 2014 by Commissioner Foss who came to address the department concerning the organizational alignment of the County's Department of Emergency Services (DES).

The consensus of the members of the Darby Volunteer Fire Department is to keep the DES as an independent department under direct supervision of the commissioners, and not organized under the Sheriff's department. We believe this organization will keep the resources of DES focused on essential emergency services beyond law enforcement and will insure that the DES has a direct line of communication with the Commissioners.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input in this matter.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Firefighters of the Darby Volunteer Fire Department