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TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel
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RE: Harvest Ridge Subdivision
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As most are aware the Harvest Ridge subdivision located off Cedar Creek Grade is a community of single family dwellings with some situated within Winchester City limits and others situated just outside the city in Frederick County. Presently, emergency response for this area is split with each jurisdiction providing coverage to the citizens located within their respective jurisdiction. In an effort to reduce response time to the Frederick County portion of this subdivision; the response for this area is being modified to an automatic dual response with units from Frederick County and Winchester both being dispatched for EMS and fire incidents.

At this time obtaining incident numbers and Firehouse reporting will follow established procedures. Law enforcement and fire marshal response for the Frederick County portion of this subdivision will remain the responsibility of Frederick County.

Frederick County Fire and Rescue will be submitting a formal request for us to become the primary response agency for all homes located in this subdivision. Once the request is received we will move forward with gaining support of the City Manager and City Council. If/when approval is received we will notify personnel of the response changes and Firehouse incident reporting changes.

We realize there are other areas of Frederick County where a city fire and rescue station may be much closer than the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Department first due station. Modifying responses to those areas will be considered if/when additional requests are made.