

Message from John, Bill and Lisa to be sent with attachments in a community wide e-mail and posted on the HVFD/EMS Working Group section on the Hollis Community Website:

Hollis Volunteer Fire Department and
Emergency Medical Services
Triad Work Group

Good day Hollis Community members,

We ask that you please see the attached ***Proposal for the Hollis Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services*** that we presented at the April 11, 2017 Hollis Community Council meeting. We were pleased that the motion passed and we appreciate the support and opportunity to work together, with all who will help us achieve our stated goal:

For the Hollis Volunteer Fire Department & Emergency Medical Services to be a trusted, inclusive and well organized volunteer community organization that serves all of our community.

We will work hard to be transparent, accessible and informed – seeking and considering input at every step to ensure actions and decisions are:

- well thought out
- possible (given our limited resources)
- within legal and financial restrictions
- always moving us toward our stated goal.

We will be seeking input at every stage, to ensure our decisions are informed and enable our Hollis first responder services to move forward. Our plan is simple – we have all agreed to let go and move forward with honesty and integrity and a desire to find out what the greater community wants in the way of emergency response services. With this information we will create a plan for a sustainable program, driven by community needs and wishes within the available human and financial resources.

Since the April 11, 2017 Community Council meeting we have collaborated to create our ***Working Group Guidance and Initial Action Items (Drafted 4.14.17)***. This document is attached to this e-mail for your review and is also located on the Hollis Community website at www.hollisalaska.org

We have also created our first survey. We have tried to keep it short and simple and are hopeful that you will take the time to share your input on what you want us to consider during this undertaking. We ask for helpful, specific and respectful feedback. Please let us know what you think needs to happen, in order for us to achieve our goal. Instead of focusing on what has not worked in the past, we want to hear what you think will work in the future.

Here is a link to the survey: [Hollis VFD and EMS Survey](#)
You may share your name or take the survey anonymously.

Thank you in advance for the time you spent reading this letter and reviewing the attached documents. We know this first correspondence is lengthy, but we wanted to insure that everyone with an interest in this topic is informed as we take our first steps. These documents are also available on the Hollis website (<http://www.hollisalaska.org>) for your review.

Please contact Lisa Cates at lcates@sisd.org if you need a physical copy of any of these documents.

Please contact all three of us if you have questions or suggestions that you feel cannot be shared in the survey. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our community.

Respectfully,

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