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Michael M. Cline
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Re: NIMS Compliance

Dear Mike:

Campbell County is in the process of certifying compliance with Homeland Security mandates and is currently under a 120 day Corrective Action Plan extension. Our current inability to certify compliance is based solely on lack of certification by two volunteer agencies that provide first due services within the County. One fire company is in the process of certification; however, a second EMS agency has not indicated any attempt or desire to meet these requirements.

Based on information provided by Ken Clark of your Department on June 28th the County is responsible for certifying compliance for "all response and support assets including those agencies." As the County deliberates on how or if to achieve compliance I would appreciate it if you would please provide me with the following information.

- 1) Please confirm Mr. Clark's previous directions that the County is required under this process to include volunteer agencies and responders for certification purposes.
- 2) Under the NIMS compliance guidelines mandated by the Federal Department of Homeland Security what are the minimum requirements of members of volunteer agencies that must be met to comply? Our current understanding is that volunteer agencies and responders must meet the same requirements as other responders.
- 3) What specific grants could be affected by our inability to certify?

I greatly appreciate any input you may be able to provide along these lines. Our volunteer providers in Campbell County are the backbone of our fire and EMS system and very beneficial

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assets. We need to weigh what options we have in the event of non-compliance by an individual agency before we make the decision to be compliant by restricting access to service provision by non-compliant volunteer agencies or to remain non-compliant as a County and forfeit DHS grants.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

With kind regards, I am

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

R. David Laurrell
County Administrator

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