



New Jersey Deputy Fire Chiefs Association

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May 5, 2011

John Brennan
Assistant to the President for the Homeland Security
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. Brennan:

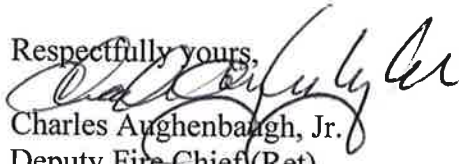
I am forwarding to you a copy of the letter I sent to President Barack Obama along with the enclosures.

The New Jersey Deputy Fire Chiefs Association, consisting of Career Chief Fire Officers throughout the State of New Jersey, strongly urges you to accomplish the following points in your proposed planning:

1. That this planning must include the **“minimum standardization”** of training and equipment, and the ability to assign **“Fire Task Forces”** to any location in the country, which requires a rapid response of personnel and resources. This ability to share resources and personnel at the local level, to the national level, is currently only on paper plans and not functional.
2. That the issue of inoperability be addressed at the county or regional level for Fire and EMS at the same time that it is addressed at the national and state level.
3. That the responsibility for our nation’s metro, urban and rural fire service be placed in the US Fire Administration under FEMA.
4. That all federal funds for our nation’s metro, urban and rural fire service, be allocated through the US Fire Administration.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Respectfully yours,


Charles Aughenbaugh, Jr.
Deputy Fire Chief (Ret)
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