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Hello Commissioner Kaufman, when reviewing the City Commissions Agenda for September 6, 2017. I want to the record to be clear in the purpose and or intent of your discussion Item 26: "Emergency Medical Services"

Because as you know our stated public record is clear in the overall documented safety concerns of The Key West Firefighters Local 1424 (Rescue Division). Specifically in not having two dedicated personnel on each of the three rescue ambulance units.

Several month have gone by with several repeated phone calls that something needs to be done.

We have been clear that with the increase in special events, the increase in both commercial and residential construction of units. And our communities overall ability to utilize and access some form of community health care. All equate to a huge volume of service and resources.

The Safety of our citizens,visitors and our members should be a priority for everyone.

While we have heard on and off the record comments as to the cost and or viability of bringing EMS in house. This should not trump safety in the Interim.

Our local 1424 has had huge support from our community specifically in the exceptional level of service we have provided during this transition into EMS.

But the level of service should not be confused with a "clear and present risk " being added to an already dangerous job.

We hope that you our elected legislative body can act and give immediate attention and resources needed to address this serious issue.

Warmest Regards,
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