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Public Hearing Comment Form

Questions or More Information (301) 645-0570 A public hearing on the FY2021 Operating and Capital Budget Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The meeting will be held remotely via video teleconference. This virtual hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Comments are accepted using this form May 5, 2020 8 a.m. through May 11, 2020 5 p.m.

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Comment

Commissioners, my name is Lynn Gilroy and I am submitting my comments on the proposed 2021 budget specifically for the Department of Emergency Services. As I have prepared these comments I am appalled at the 7.8 percent increase valued at \$1,381,300, for this one part of the county operations. In looking at the numbers of calls they state they respond to I believe they are extremely overinflated by as much as 5,000 calls. I am privy to this information as a volunteer firefighter and past president of the Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association and a participant in the budgetary process of the fire and EMS Associations. I am confused by the supporting documentation for this increase inasmuch as one document shows 10 new positions for EMS crews in Waldorf but then another document states in the "Operating Budget Requests Greater than Proposed" for ALS crews for Bel Alton VFD in the amount of \$416,500 and a BLS crew at Potomac Heights of \$349,100. Is this added in the \$1,381,300? That would

increase their budget to over \$2 million. In this same document they are asking for Training Coordinator, Fleet Maintenance Technician, Special Operations Captain and 10 Special Operations Technicians that adds another \$363,200 at a minimum which pushes their total requests to almost \$2,500,000. And this is not all, there is also requests for vehicles, radios, support services and the like. There is nothing in any documentation to support this request that has expanded by over 30% in the last 8 years. The request have stated they operate a Training Academy and then they ask for additional funding for independent Training Academy status. Which way is it? Either you operate or you do not. Who approves this independent authority? The costs of these positions are not supported by what value they will bring to the citizens of Charles County. The Captains and Paramedic Supervisors do not transport any patients and are frequently not available for calls.

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