Vaughn, Barbara

From: Piringer, Peter [Peter.Piringer@montgomerycountymd.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 12:41 PM
To: Vaughn, Barbara
Subject: RE: fire chief magazine blog

Barbara - Hope all is going ok - from a distance looks pretty crazy to me.....we're quite busy here, as well, but I know I won't get much sympathy from y'all. I see that the mayor wants to challenge the OSHA rulings and I can understand where you are coming from, but - looking in from the outside and being a little familiar with firefighter line-of-duty deaths - its a predicament - However, I would have suggested if you want to fight something - challenge the fines - I believe we will probably find out that the other investigative reports will probably be much of the same.....as far as the findings.....

consider....."we take these alleged charges seriously, after evaluation, if it is determined that corrective action has not already been taken by the CFD, we will seek appropriate counsel from various sources and look for recommendations that will provide the necessary direction to develop a plan of action for implementation."

Ask for abatement of the financial penalty, request delay of effective dates or ask for extension (in order to develop a strategic plan - work with OSHA - request assistance and consultation from OSHA - this is your right)

A thought - It may seem to some that if you fight the charges - the 9 died in vain. The CFD organization may not view the 'fight' as healthy either - it seems like most are eager for change....and obviously something went wrong on June 18.

Just a few thoughts

I am off to California for weekend - hope it all works out.

PIO Pete

From: Vaughn, Barbara [mailto:VAUGHNB@ci.charleston.sc.us]
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Things are moving so fast. We wanted to call you yesterday and ran out of time. Will you later.

-----Original Message-----
From: Piringer, Peter [mailto:Peter.Piringer@montgomerycountymd.gov]
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http://blog.firechief.com/mutual_aid/2007/09/21/hungry-for-change/

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