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West Vancouver City Council & Fire Chief  
District of North Vancouver City Council & Fire Chief  
North Vancouver City Council & Fire Chief  
Citizens of the North Shore

Dear Councils, Fire Chiefs & Citizens of the North Shore:

I am writing to express my concern about the recent decision to remove both the Ladder Truck and Rescue Truck from service in West Vancouver. I understand that the decision is based purely on a financial basis with little or no forethought to the ramifications to both the citizens and firefighters not only in West Vancouver but across the entire North Shore.

The needs for these vehicles in service are self explanatory. Rescue and Ladder trucks are both crucial pieces of apparatus needed during an emergency response.

Fire Halls and Firefighters and apparatus are situated in locations designed for the quickest safest response within each municipality. Taxpayers expect immediate help should they need emergency assistance of any type when they call 911. Any delays in apparatus arriving could prove life threatening or allow further destruction to occur.

North Vancouver District is fortunate to have a minimum staffing agreement in place but it is still well below industry standards. The entire North Shore is already critically understaffed and resources within each municipality are stretched to the limits without venturing to cover deficiencies in other cities.

Yes there are mutual aid agreements in place in the event that a neighboring municipality requires emergency assistance and or resources. Currently there is nothing "Mutual" between the Fire Departments on the North Shore. District council is enabling these cut backs in West Van

to take place as Chief Cook has stated "I have access to ten fire halls on the North Shore". The tax payers from North Vancouver are in fact subsidizing West Vancouver's shortfall while diminishing their own level of service every time a unit leaves North Vancouver .

I hope you never need to call the Fire Department in an emergency but only hope we are available to respond from where we are assigned to respond from.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brian Leavold Vice President IAFF Local 1183 North Vancouver District Firefighters

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