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Letter of Support – Telluride Fire Protection District Regional Training Facility

On behalf of the Mountain Village Police Department, I am pleased to write in strong support of the Telluride Fire Protection District's proposed regional training facility. This initiative represents a significant investment in the safety, preparedness, and professional development of all emergency response personnel serving our community.

Effective training is essential for any public safety agency's mission. Currently, our district lacks a dedicated, purpose-built facility where law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel can train under realistic conditions. The proposed facility would address this need by offering a shared space designed to meet the diverse requirements of all emergency responders in the region.

For our law enforcement agency, I am particularly encouraged by several features of the proposed design that would greatly benefit our officers:

- The location and design of the facility enable the safe use of simulation munitions during force-on-force and active threat response exercises. This training is essential for officer preparedness and is rarely available locally, forcing our officers to travel long distances at significant cost.
- Moveable interior walls allow the structure to be reconfigured for a wide variety of law enforcement scenarios, including building searches, room clearing, domestic disturbance response, and crisis negotiation exercises. This flexibility dramatically increases the facility's training value for our officers.
- A larger classroom will support multi-agency instruction, joint briefings, and continuing education opportunities that are currently limited by the lack of adequate meeting space in our area. This will support not only tactical training but also legal updates, de-escalation training, mental health response, and other critical curriculum.

Aside from the operational benefits for our agency, I believe this facility will encourage stronger interagency relationships and enhance coordinated responses across all public safety disciplines. Joint training fosters mutual understanding, shared protocols, and trust, which are crucial when our agencies respond together to complex incidents.

I appreciate the Telluride Fire Protection District for its collaborative and inclusive approach to developing this facility. Battalion Chief Gardner and the District have actively sought input from partner agencies to ensure the facility meets the broadest possible range of needs. This kind of regional thinking is exactly what our community requires to build resilient, well-trained public safety services.

The grant funding already secured by Telluride Fire Protection District presents a major opportunity to create a lasting public safety resource for the entire region. The return on investment — measured in officer readiness, community safety, and lower training costs over time — is significant.

I fully support this initiative and look forward to actively participating in its success. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Respectfully,



Chris Broady