

# Please Elect Carey & Carey Your Write – In Candidates

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October 21st 2005

Dear Voter:

We (Brad Carey and Harold Carey) are each running for fire commissioner of Tahuya District 8. Brad Carey is running for position # 2 and Harold Carey position # 3. **We are write-in candidates.** This is the second of several letters you will be receiving from us. We believe that upon receipt and review of these letters you will want to write our names on your ballot thereby ensuring **positive change** for **your** Tahuya Fire Department.

Why are we running?

We are concerned about the **loyalty** to the public the “team” of firefighters and emergency medical personal Chief Olsen and his wife have put together to protect our lives and our property. We are concerned that our firefighters, led by Chief Olsen and his wife, have been allowed to operate without adequate supervisory control, by our Commission, to the point where they call the “shots”; not the Commission. To the point where they now use the threat of terminating critical public services as a means of coercing the public into voting for the Commissioners they want. Let us explain.

During the current fire Commission’s most recent meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup> 2005, Chairman Wampold, with Commissioner Dodd’s and Gall’s approval, spoke with great passion explaining how **all the Tahuya firefighters were ready to quit** at the time he became commissioner in January 2004. The implication being that his (Wampold’s) election, in which he replaced Commissioner Clark, the subsequent appointment of Dodd as a commissioner and most recently the appointment of Gall as a commissioner, has secured the Tahuya firefighters loyalty.

During the latter part of 2004, Brad Carey tried to become a volunteer firefighter. His application was rejected, according to the Commission, because of “turmoil in the community”. The reason for rejecting Brad Carey’s application was later changed by the Commission. The reason for rejecting Brad Carey’s volunteer firefighter application was changed to - **all the firefighters will quit if Brad Carey becomes a firefighter.**

Sound familiar?

Does this also sound a bit like discrimination?

During the 2005 filing period for candidates, the word was out in the community that **all the firefighters would quit** if either one of us (Brad Carey or Harold Carey) ran for and was elected a fire commissioner.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005, some time after the filing period for candidates had passed, we each registered as write-in candidates for fire commissioner – Brad Carey to oppose Commissioner Dodd and Harold Carey to oppose Commissioner Gall. Shortly there

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after, the “word” was being spread by the incumbents and their supporters (which includes the Tahuya Firefighters Association), [if we were elected all the firefighters would quit.](#)

Sound familiar?

Before we registered as write-in candidates we wanted to make sure that all the citizens of Tahuya Fire District Number 8 (TFDN8) would have fire protection service and emergency medical service if we ran and were elected. If our candidacy and election would mean that the citizens of Tahuya Fire District 8 would be left without fire protection services and emergency medical services, we would not run. We would implement **Plan B**.

Emergency medical service and fire protection matters were extensively discussed with Chief Greene of Mason County Fire Protection District Number 2 (MCFPD#2). We were assured by Chief Green that in the event [all or a significant number of the Tahuya volunteer firefighters quit,](#) regardless of who was elected, if TFDN8 asked for support, MCFPD#2 would provide support. This commitment provided us with the assurances we needed to make sure we would not be placing TFDN8 in a position where TFDN8’s citizens would be with out fire protection service and with out emergency medical service. Please refer to an enclosed copy of the letter from District 2 dated October 12<sup>th</sup> 2005. ***If for any reason you question the authenticity of this letter because it does not appear on District 2 letterhead and is not signed by the author, contact Fire District 2 at 360-275-6711 and request to speak to Chief Michael Greene.***

What does it say to the public about the loyalty and commitment of the volunteer Tahuya Firefighters and volunteer Tahuya Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s) if they would quit because their candidates (Dodd and Gall) did not win the election?

What it says, is they would rather let your home burn to the ground and let you die than have to work with two commissioners (Brad Carey and Harold Carey) that would begin to bring to an end the “games’ that have been, and are being played, in the Tahuya Fire Department. They would rather quit than be required to participate in cleaning up the mess.

It doesn’t sound like much of a professional organization, does it?

It kind of sounds like a fire department that has gone haywire, doesn’t it?

The following are facts that most TFDN8 voters and citizens are not aware of:

District 2 encompasses the entire Tahuya Peninsula, west to Hood Canal, south to Hood Canal, north to the Mason/Kitsap County line and east of Belfair to the Mason/Kitsap County line and out the South Shore Road several miles. This is an area of 96 square miles. The only part of this entire area that is not a part of District 2 is the 18 square miles of TFDN8.

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District 2 has 13 full time firefighters, 7 of which are paramedics. **District 8 has no full time firefighters and has no paramedics.** Paramedics are the men and women that are trained to keep the patient living long enough, and with as little additional damage to the patient as possible, necessary to stabilize and/or resolve the problem and/or get the patient to the hospital most capable of treating the patient's condition(s). Please refer to page 5 of this document giving an overview of District 2's full time firefighter and paramedic manpower.

**District 2 has only 4 volunteer firefighters** – reason - because it is difficult to impossible to keep their training and firefighting skills sufficiently current to be an effective firefighter based to today's standards and requirements. **We have an estimated 14 volunteer firefighters.**

If its difficult to impossible for a district the size of District 2 to keep its volunteer firefighters' training and firefighting skills sufficiently current to be an effective firefighter based to today's standards and requirements, how much more difficult is it for a small fire district such as Tahuya Fire District 8?

District 2 has 42 volunteer EMT's - some of which are on this end of the Tahuya Peninsula. TFDN8 has 5 EMT's.

Regarding TFDN8's 5 EMT's – we have been informed that one EMT no longer lives in the district, two EMT's have physical impairments that substantially limits what they can do, and the remaining two EMT's have full time jobs outside of District 8.

What does this mean – Commissioners Dodd and Gall?

It means the citizens of Fire District 8 are almost totally lacking in EMT support. This in turn means that the citizens of Fire District 8 are at substantial risk regarding medical emergencies.

For years District 2 has been providing the bulk of emergency medical service for the Tahuya Fire District. Yet our Commissioners, Chief Olsen and the Tahuya Firefighters Association – all have misled the general public, and continue to mislead the general public, by pretending or representing they are providing the emergency medical service. Not true. They typically assist. You can be sure that if Tahuya Fire District 8 has an emergency medical situation that is the least bit critical or complex, it will be District 2 that will be saving our “bacon”! And it will be a District 2 (sometimes District 5) paramedic and not a Tahuya EMT that is saving our “bacon”.

For years District 2 has been providing fire protection services on fires, within the Tahuya Fire District, of any significant size or complexity. Yet again, our Commissioners, Chief Olsen and the Tahuya Firefighters Association have misled

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the general public, and continue to mislead the general public, by pretending or representing Tahuya Fire District 8 is providing the fire protection services. Often not true. Again, you can be sure that if we have a fire of any size and/or complexity, District 2 will either be assisting or taking the lead in fighting the fire! And present will be at least one District 2 full time firefighter that will be, if not leading the action, monitoring the action. See attached October 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 letter from District 2.

Where does all this lead us?

Chief Olsen and his wife Cindy, through absolute control of the Fire Department and the Tahuya Firefighters Association, are holding the public of Tahuya Fire District 8 hostage. They either get commissioners they can control or they quit.

If this is the way you want your fire department run, if this lack of professionalism is what you want out of your fire department, if this is the risk your willing to take with your life and your property, and if your willing to be held hostage – vote for Dodd and Gall.

If this is **not** the way you want your fire department managed, if you want **real** professionalism, if you want to **minimize the risks to your life and your property**, if you **don't want to be held hostage – vote for write in candidates Brad Carey and Harold Carey.**

Enclosed a Xerox copy of the write-in portion of the Mason County punched card ballot. Please review and write our names in on your official ballot, when you vote, as illustrated. You need to write nothing more than our names. Do not punch out the chad for Dodd or Gall when you vote for us.

Thank you for your support in beginning the process of cleaning up the mess!

With kind regards,

Brad Carey (son)

Harold Carey (father)

PS

Please refer to <http://www.tahuya.org> for additional information and examples of problems with your fire department. If you don't have access to the internet, please contact us at 360-372-2600 for copies of what is on the internet.

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**FIRE DISTRICT 2 Belfair**

Square miles: 96. Approximate population: 9,500 permanent with seasonal fluctuations in Fire District 2, plus 1,500 in Fire District 8 served by paramedic contract. Number of paid personnel: 17. Chief: Michael Greene. Other officers: Ken Boad, assistant chief; Beau Bakken, Scott Cooper and Howard Harrison, captains; and David Hunt, Bill Hunt, Keith Langhorn and Carl Ehresman, lieutenants. Paid personnel: Greene, Boad, Bakken, Cooper, Harrison, Dave Hunt, Travis Beach, Ryan Cleveland, Armadeus Davidson, Bryson Eader, Jake Gillanders, Jeromy Hicks, Cindy Klugiewicz, Nikki Madsen (administrative assistant) Pat O'Brien, Rob Smith, and Ryan Sommers. **Budget for 2005: \$1,786,124** (\$1,746,194 in 2004 and \$1.6 million in 2003). **Fire calls in 2004: 279** (324 in 2003). **Emergency medical service calls in 2004: 1,181** (1,040 in 2003). Stations: Station 21, 460 NE Old Belfair Highway; also Station 22, North Shore Road; Station 23, Trails End Lake; Station 24, Tiger Lake; Station 25, Twanoh Falls; Station 27, Collins Lake; Station 28, Dewatto. **Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau rating: 6.** Fire hall for rent: Station 21 on Old Belfair Highway, maximum of 30 persons, \$25. Fire commission meetings: Second and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., main station.