

# **Please Elect Carey & Carey Your Write – In Candidates**

Thank you!!!

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005

Dear Voter:

We (Brad Carey and Harold Carey) are each running for fire commissioner of Tahuya District 8 – also known as Mason County Fire Protection District Number 8 (MCFPD#8). Brad Carey is running for position # 2 and Harold Carey for position # 3. **We are write-in candidates.** This means our names will not appear on your ballot and will have to be written in **by you.** This is the **fifth** 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 running to bring good government to MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department.** To accomplish this objective, we need to be elected so that we can correct and/or prevent the improper and/or illegal issues and situations we have identified for you in our first four letters. We need to be elected so we can correct and/or prevent the improper and/or illegal issues and situations we have identified for you on our web site <http://www.tahuya.org>. See “Election Campaign Issues Regarding TFD#8” and the section therein titled “The Issues”. And finally, we need to be elected so that we can correct and/or prevent the improper and/or illegal issues and situations we have identified for you in this letter and in future letters and documents we will be providing.

**Additional Improper and/or Illegal Issues and Situations:**

MCFPD#8’s activities, goals, objectives, and problems are shrouded in secrecy. It does not operate with the openness and transparency required by law. Its operational affairs are largely concealed from the public.

MCFPD#8 makes minimal to no effort to educate and inform the public with respect to its activities, its duties, responsibilities and obligations under the law, etc. The affairs of MCFPD#8 are by and large concealed from the public.

MCFPD#8 makes no effort to educate and inform the public with respect to the public’s rights. In fact, through either ignorance or intentionally, MCFPD#8 conceals and/or misstates the public’s rights.

MCFPD#8 makes minimal to no effort to solicit input from the public.

MCFPD#8 not only makes minimal to no effort to solicit input from the public, it actively discourages input from the public. This is especially true if the public

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input is critical of and/or criticizes one or more commissioners, or any aspect of the Tahuya Fire Department proper.

The Tahuya Fire Department is run and operated like it is the private club of the Tahuya Firefighters Association. The current commissioners are performing like they are the Fire Chief's and Tahuya Firefighters Association's "sugar daddies". And like all sugar daddies, our commissioners set rather low standards for the beneficiaries of their indulgences.

Referring to the previously mentioned culture of secrecy, when coupled with the fear of criticism that has penetrated every level of the MCFPD#8 organization, this creates an unacceptable operating environment.

It is an environment where proposed change is fought rather than welcomed and objectively evaluated.

It is an environment where criticism is attacked rather than respected and welcomed.

It is an environment where the pursuit of excellence is ridiculed rather than demanded.

It is an environment where integrity and honesty is mocked rather than honored.

What are some of the common traits and/or characteristics of the management leadership structures of public organizations that operate in secrecy?

Quite simply the individuals making up the leadership structure of such organizations typically have many, if not most, of the following traits and/or characteristics:

They want to control everything.

They are poor at delegating.

They don't want, nor do they welcome, oversight and Performance Evaluations.

They often use fear, intimidation and threats to control and/or eliminate their perceived or actual adversaries.

They often use fear, intimidation and threats by way of their supporters to get their way, maintain control, enforce their policies. Their supporters in return are given special "privileges" as a reward for their "loyalty".

They usually have something to hide.

They are arbitrary.

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They are usually corrupt.

They usually are doing things that are either illegal, immoral and/or unethical.

They treat the public like the public owes them a debt of gratitude rather than the other way around.

What is the relationship, and the interrelationship, between the Tahuya Fire Department and the Tahuya Firefighters Association?

First, like the Tahuya Fire Department, and like the Port of Tahuya was, the Tahuya Firefighters Association is a secret organization.

For example, on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 we made a request, via certified mail return receipt requested, to review the records of the Tahuya Firefighters Association. A Terri Sherfick signed for the certified letter on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2005. As of November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005, we have not received a response to our request. On October 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 we made a second request via certified mail, return receipt requested. This request was very specific. Like the first letter, this second certified letter was also signed for by a Terri Sherfick. As of November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005, we have not received a response to this second request.

We have been told that by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 copies of our first certified letter were posted, together with the Tahuya Firefighters Association's response affixed thereto, on the front and back doors of the Tahuya Fire Department facility as well as on the Tahuya Post Office's bulletin board. We have been told that the copies posted on the front and back doors of the Tahuya Fire Department remained there for several weeks with the full knowledge and approval of Commissioners Dodd, Gall and Wampold.

We have been told that the responses to our certified letters by the Tahuya Firefighters Association indicated that their organization is a private organization and therefore has no obligation to let us review their records and has no obligation to provide for any copies of any of their records, including those we requested.

Much of the Tahuya Community believes that the Tahuya Firefighters Association is a charitable organization. If it is, evidently it is a secret charitable organization! It seems to us, that if it is a secret charitable organization, that just might be a problem. And it is also important for the public to remember what we stated about secret organizations earlier in this letter.

The next observation is that here we have a private organization (the Tahuya Firefighters Association), a corporation of some type we presume, posting our correspondence of on the front and back doors of the People's Tahuya Fire Department facility. The Tahuya Fire Department is a department within

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MCFPD#8. MCFPD#8, is a municipal corporation. And as we mentioned earlier, this was done, apparently, with the full knowledge and approval of Commissioners Dodd, Gall and Wampold. This is a problem.

Why was our September 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 letter placed on the front and back doors of the Tahuya Fire Department facility by the Tahuya Firefighters Association? What was the motive of the Tahuya Firefighters Association in doing this?

What legal authority does the Tahuya Firefighters Association, a private corporation as they so have represented, have to post copies of said letter to the front and back doors of the Tahuya Fire Department facility?

Why did Commissioners Dodd, Gall and Wampold, with their full knowledge and approval, permit copies of our September 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 letter, together with the Tahuya Firefighters Association's response, to remain posted thereon for several weeks? What was their motive(s)?

We want you, the public, as well as ourselves to know the answers to the above three sets of questions.

The next observation also involves another unusual relationship the Tahuya Firefighters Association has with MCFPD#8 and the Tahuya Fire Department. This relationship deals with the Tahuya Firefighters Association being the beneficiary of free unlimited rental of the Tahuya Fire Department facility – while others organizations must pay, free use of other MCFPD#8's resources, etc. Correspondingly, Commissioners Dodd and Gall are the beneficiaries of paid for advertising (all their "Vote For" roadway signs) and the unanimous endorsement for re-election by the Tahuya Firefighters Association. Is there at least the appearance of a conflict of interest? We think so. This matter will be discussed further in a later letter.

We believe the above and subsequent observations and examples, regarding the co-mingling of responsibilities and authorities of two separate and distinct corporations, will show that the Tahuya Firefighters Association, a private organization, has taken over and is in effect running the Tahuya Fire Department and indirectly MCFPD#8 - a public entity – a municipal corporation. If our observations are correct, it ought to be evident even to the most stalwart supporter of Commissioners Dodd and Gall, its time for a change.

### **Conclusion.**

If you want the required changes made from within to the Commission, to the Tahuya Fire Department and to the Tahuya fire Fighters Association, – **[vote for write in candidates Brad Carey and Harold Carey.](#)**

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Enclosed is 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 in nothing more than our names.** Do not punch out the chad for Dodd or Gall when you vote for us as this will invalidate your vote.

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 additional problems with your fire department. If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact us at 360-372-2600 for printed copies of material on the Internet.

If you did not receive via US Mail Letters 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 and/or 4 preceding this letter, you will also find on the Internet web site listed above a copy of Letter 1 dated October 19<sup>th</sup> 2005, Letter 2 dated October 21<sup>st</sup> 2005, Letter 3 dated October 25<sup>th</sup> 2005 and Letter 4 dated October 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.