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## FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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May 27, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department is a career fire and rescue department with thirty-four (34) full-time employees. Our department provides the City of Marshfield fire suppression, prevention, special response, and fire investigation services. In addition, we provide advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical services to portions of three (3) counties and twelve (12) townships/villages. Our mission statement extends to all who live, work, visit, or invest in the City of Marshfield and surrounding communities.

Though we do not have a regional television station in Marshfield, we rely heavily on our media partners in Wausau, Wisconsin to provide the public information relative to our department and service area.

Some examples of how television stations in Wausau have assisted in the dissemination of information includes:

- 1) Significant news coverage for emergencies that have occurred in our city such as a large downtown fire that occurred on April 1, 2005
- 2) Significant news coverage for training exercises which included an overturned school bus on a main travel artery in the city and a recent natural gas exercise
- 3) Significant news coverage for a referendum issue regarding the need for an additional fire station

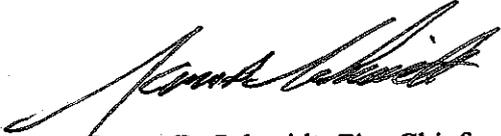
These are only a few examples of the many instances television stations in Wausau have assisted with our mission.

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We have had a very high level of support and dedication from our media partners over the past several years. Without this support, we would not have enjoyed the high level of information dissemination with all who live, work, visit, or invest in our area.

We consider our media partners an essential component in realizing our mission and believe the current relationship we have with these partners is working very well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Schmidt".

James B. Schmidt, Fire Chief  
Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department

