

TERLINGUA FIRE & EMS

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To Whom It May Concern:

Some years ago, satellite communication became available in our service area. Like the sea change brought about by the Wright Brothers, this medium allowed us as medics and firefighters to better serve our community.

Terlingua Fire & EMS has a service area of 3000 square miles covering a broad expanse of country along the border between Texas and Mexico. This area has sub-par or non-existent cell phone coverage leaving handheld radios as our only form of communication in responding to emergencies.

The use of the satellite phone – both handheld and fixed units – has made an innumerable contribution to the success of many of our backcountry emergencies. Reducing or eliminating satellite coverage would be working against the success we have enjoyed in saving lives and protecting property.

I would be delighted to discuss this issue with any concerned parties at 432-371-2633.

Sincerely,



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