

October 19, 2023

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Erica Andreatta
Karl Sporleder
Board of Commissioners
Huerfano County, Colorado

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in behalf of the LaVeta Fire Protection District to request that a portion of the R.E.T.A.C. funds, granted to our county by the regional R.E.T.A.C. board, be passed on to the LaVeta Fire Protection District to support EMS services provided by our district.


As you may know, RETAC is the state's Trauma Advisory Council whose charge is to support local EMS providers and enable the implementation and standardization of medical protocols by EMS providers in the state. In our area, these funds are administered through the Southeast Regional RETAC Board. In the past each agency would make application individually to the RETAC for funding of needed projects. It is my understanding that, more recently, this regional board receives requests from the various counties, monies are disbursed to the counties and distributed by each county to their providers, as they see fit.

Being a new board member, it has come to my attention that for the past two years, the needs of the LVFPD have not been included in the county's request for RETAC funds. I am not sure why our district was omitted from, or did not participate in, the process but obviously the need for funds by our agency, for the activities and programs supported by RETAC, is no less acute than that of the county's other ambulance service.

Therefore, we are requesting that a proportionate share of the monies granted, by the regional RETAC to our county, be, in turn, given to the LVFPD in support of our EMS service.

We enjoy a very good working relationship with Spanish Peaks Ambulance Service, through mutual aid and networking, and look forward to fully participating in the RETAC application process in the future. I and our new EMS Director/Chief will be attending your meeting on October 31 to hear your concerns and answer any questions you may have of us pertaining to this matter.

Respectfully,



Mickey Schmidt
Chairman of the Board
LaVeta Fire Protection District