



**Hidalgo County Judge's Office
Emergency Services – OEM & FMO**

MEMORANDUM

December 14, 2009

To: Marty Salazar – County Purchasing Agent
C/O Leticia Saenz via email
From: A.A. "Tony" Peña, Jr. – Fire Marshal & EMC

RE: Contract# C-07-340-07-03-"Lease of Tower Space for Antenna & Cable for use of Repeater". Tri County Communications LTD

Mrs. Salazar,

We are currently leasing tower space and frequencies from Tri-County Communications for use by the Fire Marshal's Office. We have a repeater and antenna's installed at this site that is County (Fire Marshals) property. The current contract is coming up for review and renewal.

I would like to request that we seek an early termination to this contract, for the below listed reasons.

- 1) The site and frequencies do not give us adequate county-wide coverage.
- 2) We quite often experience "dead zones" where we are unable to use the radios.
- 3) The new region-wide 800 MHz. system is already undergoing installation, and we are planning on migrating to it this coming year.
- 4) The region-wide system will enhance our coverage area to all three counties in our region.

Based on these reasons I would like to see if the vendor (Tri-County) will allow us out of the contract at the end of 2010, instead of continuing until 2011, when the automatic renewal clause is invoked. We will continue using the present system, in those area where it work, until such time as we fully migrate to the regional system.

Sincerely, *A.A. Tony Peña, Jr.*
A.A. "Tony" Peña, Jr. - County Fire Marshal & EMC