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RE: Emergency Management

On December 18, 2007, the Commissioners Court approved a resolution creating the "Hidalgo County Division of Homeland Security" composed of the Division of Emergency Management and the Fire Marshal's Office. On December 26, 2007, the Commissioners Court appointed Tony Pena as Fire Marshal. Mr. Pena served as both Fire Marshal and Emergency Services Director. On January 2, 2008, the Commissioners Court approved a resolution renaming the "Hidalgo County Division of Homeland Security" to the "Hidalgo County Division of Emergency Services."

Prior to the action taken in December 2007, expenditures of the Division of Emergency Management were included in the County Judge's Office budget (Dept. No. 110). Subsequently, a new program was created under the Fire Marshall (Dept. No. 300) to account for expenditures of the Division of Emergency Management. Department No. 300 was renamed "Hidalgo County Division of Emergency Services."

On December 29, 2009, the Commissioners Court appointed Mr. Juan Martinez as Fire Marshal and Mr. Tony Pena as Emergency Services Director. The Court also approved the revision of the salary schedule for title changes only. There were no changes made regarding the reporting of expenditures.

Most recently, on February 1, 2011, the Commissioners Court approved the deletion of the Emergency Services Director position and the creation of the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Mr. Oscar Montoya was appointed to the new position. There were no changes made regarding the reporting of expenditures.

The expenditures of Emergency Management continue to be reported under Department No. 300 "Hidalgo County Division of Emergency Services." I respectfully request confirmation from your office that the expenditures of Emergency Management should continue to be reported under the "Hidalgo County Division of Emergency Services" and not under a separate program of the County Judge's Office.