## COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT



Brett T. Lacey Fire Marshal

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Katie Carleo, AICP Land Use Planning Manager Land Use Review Division City of Colorado Springs

**RE: Amara Annexation** 

Katie,

As you are aware, we have been in regular and fairly frequent communication with La Plata Communities regarding the Amara annexation.

Our current response times to that proposed development are well outside of our current Standards of Coverage response times because of the remote nature relative to existing fire infrastructure. However, we are in the process of developing a methodology for utilizing temporary fire stations to be stood up in parts of our growing community, where we can staff particular types of apparatus and personnel resources which can address emergency response needs. This methodology also incorporates planning and goals/objectives for when permanent station locations can be identified and when those station should be built.

We have discussed both of these fire protection elements with La Plata Communities and they are in concurrence and have, in concept and general location, agreed to where we will need both the temporary and permanent stations, depending on the pace and type of development as it proceeds. It is apparent that if annexed into the City, we will need emergency response capability in fairly short order, to provide reasonable protection for the citizens of Colorado Springs who will choose to reside and do business in Amara. Our plans and communication with development services as well as La Plata Communities have followed this course and we anticipate collaborative processing of the needs to be handled when necessary.

Respectfully,

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