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TO: Commissioners' Court
FROM: Jason Browning, Fire Marshal
RE: Community Healthcare Program

Honorable Court,

Community based healthcare initiatives are a growing trend within fire based EMS services. Fire departments are beginning to identify frequent users of the 9-1-1 emergency call system for non-emergency calls. Paramedics are now being utilized to go in the field and provided services outside of the standard 9-1-1 response. The outcome has been tremendous. By taking a proactive approach actual transports are being reduced which allows the bulk of emergency services to stay in service for response to life threatening emergencies. Additionally there has been a savings in end user cost by dramatically reducing hospital readmissions and emergency room visits.

Within Collin County McKinney Fire Department has been on the cutting edge of this fairly new program within the Fire Service. The majority of Collin County's fire departments are ALS capable and are in the process of developing the same type of system within their jurisdictions. I fully support this initiative and I respectfully ask the Commissioner's Court to lend support to this program.