



# FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

July 22, 2009

Mr. Eloy Ricardo, 11<sup>th</sup> DVP  
Florida Professional Firefighters  
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Naples, Florida 34110

Dear DVP Ricardo:

The Florida Professional Firefighters, comprised of 24,000 members serving in 175 Fire-Rescue Departments, wish to confirm in writing the following action taken by our Association during its annual conference held recently in Orlando, Florida.

Over 500 Firefighter Delegates in attendance, with representation from Collier County, voted unanimously to **censure** Dr. Robert Boyd Tober, Medical Director for Collier County, Florida for his anti-firefighter actions, positions, and attitude.

Dr. Tober, unfortunately, does not realize nor appreciate the fact that the majority of Emergency Medical Services in Florida is delivered by Fire-Rescue Personnel.

The current "dismantling" of Collier County Firefighters/Paramedics' ability to continue proper EMS practices and procedures should stop immediately.

Hopefully, Dr. Tober will reconsider his "misguided direction", and stop reducing the prevailing Emergency Medical Protections established for the citizens and visitors of Collier County.

Obviously, the stakeholders from both sides of this matter should convene a meeting as soon as possible to resolve what certainly appears to be an unwise course of action.

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Feel free to contact my office if I can be of further assistance to you and the members of the FPF in Collier County.

Respectfully,



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President/CEO

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cc: Robert B. Tober, Medical Director, CCEMS/Fire  
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