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July 28, 2014

Texas Department of State Health Services Charles A. Smith – EMS Specialist 2301 North Big Spring Street Midland, Texas 79705

Re: Complaint Control Number 1080141649

Respondent: Mayor

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is in response to the complaint filed against the City of Brady Fire/EMS on July 16, 2014. The complaint alleges that the City of Brady Fire/EMS has failed to follow the Medical Director's protocol; performing advanced level or invasive treatment without medical direction or supervision; or practicing beyond the scope of certification or licensure; and routinely bypassing the local hospital emergency department.

Over the year I have been Mayor, I have received many written and verbal complaints about many things. I never received any "customer" complaints about our Fire/EMS service. To the contrary, I have heard many glowing praises of their professionalism and expertise.

I have had conversations and meetings with members of the hospital board and one doctor at the clinic. They have expressed their concern that our Fire/EMS crews do not communicate with their hospital ER before transporting patients on 911 calls. My follow up to those concerns have always indicated our Fire/EMS crews provided the required excellent service while appropriately communicating with their medical director.

If you have further questions or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mayor