St. Mary’s County Commissioners

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Commissioners:

As a resident of St. Mary’s county I am urging you as my elected officials to support our Fire and EMS volunteers. My family and I depend on emergency services volunteers to help us in times of crisis. I recognize that these volunteer professionals give their time freely to our communities, sometimes at great personal cost, because they care about me and those around me. They also represent a significant savings for me as a resident of St. Mary’s County.

I believe that the combination of the county IT department with Emergency Services was a mistake and made me less safe. I support my local Fire and EMS volunteers in urging you to take immediate action to address the ongoing issues with the management at ES&T. In addition to that I am personally calling for an outside investigation of the Department of Emergency Services and Technology and full audit of the following:

1. The selection process for the current radio system
2. The protocols and procedures for managing the radio system
3. The specific actions of ES&T staff before, during and after the events on 10/24/2017
4. The organizational structure and effectiveness of ES&T
5. The fitness of Bob Kelly to lead ES&T

I ask that you support your emergency services volunteers. They are a vital component of the safety net for my family, friends, neighbors and visitors. These volunteer professionals deserve your support and attention.

Sincerely,

Please include your city of residence.