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RE: Fire Service Academy
Emergency Medical Services Academy

Dear Chiefs and Commissioners;

For the past several years, the Fire Service Academy and the Emergency Medical Services Academy have seen a dramatic increase in the number of course requests and students. Over the past four years, the average student enrollment for our Fire Service Academy and Emergency Medical Services Academy has increased 11.7% annually from 190,650 student contact hours to 265,983 student contact hours.

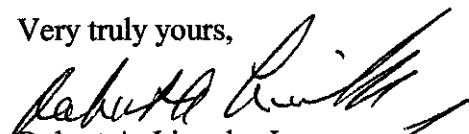
VEEB has always provided the necessary additional courses even though this commitment has steadily depleted VEEB's cash reserves to a critical level. This has resulted in what is known as a financial structural gap and a cash shortfall.

We have fully scheduled classes to the extent our 2011 budget allows, and the schedule is extensive. However we cannot schedule additional courses and services without additional funding.

We fully understand the impact that this decision has upon the county's fire departments. Training is essential to the safety of firefighters as well as the people we protect. However, we must maintain our fiscal stability in these difficult times.

VEEB is actively seeking adequate funding from Nassau County. Should you have any questions please contact your County Legislator.

Very truly yours,


Robert A. Lincoln, Jr.,
Superintendent