

TO: Pete Jankowski, Bob Russi, La Verne City Council
FROM: La Verne Firefighters Association
DATE: May 08, 2017
SUBJECT: PERSONNEL COMPLAINT

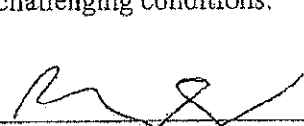
To preserve the quality of public safety provided to the La Verne Community as well as maintaining integrity and morale within the La Verne Fire Department, the La Verne Firefighters Association announces that it has taken a vote of no confidence in its Fire Chief, Pete Jankowski. The vote was virtually unanimous (26-1) in finding a lack of confidence or support to continue following the leadership of Chief Jankowski.

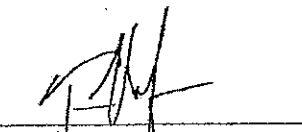
A number of incidents during Chief Jankowski's tenure with the Department have resulted in this vote of no confidence. Primarily, it is Chief Jankowski's indecisiveness, failure to prioritize public safety and dishonesty that has led to this vote. Jankowski has illustrated his indecisiveness and lack of concern on safety issues on numerous occasions, and then even lied about it to cover up his inaction. This is what has caused the members of the La Verne Fire Department to seriously question his ability to perform as its Fire Chief or perform in any legitimate public safety position, which clearly requires decisive action with credibility.

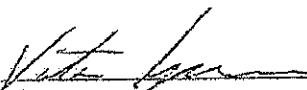
A few samples of Chief Jankowski's questionable conduct include;

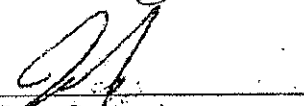
1. Chief Jankowski was informed over the years of a need to replace some of the aging and failing fire hoses. The Chief ignored the requests and ultimately lied when later confronted on the issue, claiming he was not aware of it.
2. Chief Jankowski ignored requests to test self-contained breathing apparatus, which are required to be tested at least every five years.
3. Chief Jankowski ignored requests to replace a failing electronic patient care reporting system that results in the delayed ability to treat patients as needed and was constantly failing.
4. Chief Jankowski failed to listen to his Captains for several months in regard to terminating a probationary firefighter who was clearly not suited for the position.
5. Chief Jankowski spent several months making a decision to purchase the new fire truck, causing unnecessary delay in receiving the equipment.

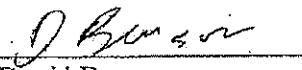
The members of the Association did not take this vote lightly and have only done so after numerous efforts to address concerns. Unfortunately, it has come to such a point where the Chief's inability to perform his job is now jeopardizing the community and we have no choice but to raise our voices. Please rest assured that we will continue to do our best to keep La Verne as safe as possible, even under these challenging conditions.


Andrew Glaze


Tim Marino


Victor Amezcua



John Grapentin


David Benson


Michael Bentz

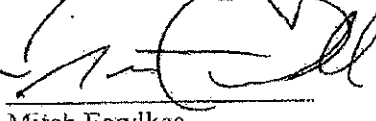

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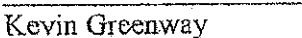

John Connolly


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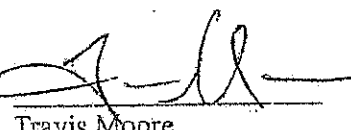

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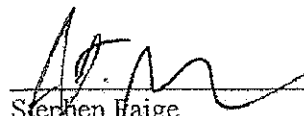

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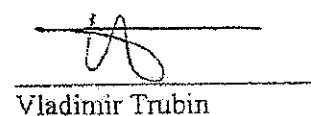

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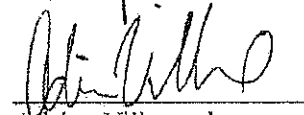

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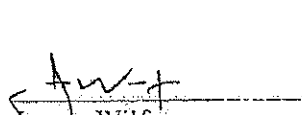

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