April 12, 2018

Mayor Brinkman and members of the Littleton City Council,

The Littleton Fire Protection District has a 69-year history of protecting the citizens, homes and businesses that now comprise the cities of Centennial and Littleton, and the towns of Bow Mar and Columbine Valley and unincorporated Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties, and since 1948 has created and supported a well-developed fire and emergency medical services (EMS) capability, to the benefit of its citizens and visitors.

Recently the elected Board of Directors of the Littleton Fire Protection District has made the decision to affiliate with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District. They have found, and our Board of Trustees agrees, that there are clear and intrinsic benefits to unification, including improved service opportunities, improved response times, training and prevention/education services.

It is our belief that unification is anticipated to be the most financially prudent method of providing fire and EMS services within the Littleton Fire Protection District; and without unification it is anticipated that in the long run emergency services will decrease unless much higher taxes are paid to fund fire and EMS services.

It is for these reasons the Board of Trustees of the Town of Columbine Valley, Colorado, fully supports the merger of these entities, including the City of Littleton fire services. We recognize the need for essential services, financial certainty and stability in the management of a governmental entity; and believe unification to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this region.

 Regards,

Richard Champion, Mayor