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The Board of the
Fire and Police Commission
200 E. Wells Street, Room 706
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RE: Data Communications Specialist Position



Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting that the position of Data Communications Specialist be classified as an exempt position under Fire and Police Commission Rule V, Section 4. This is a civilian position assigned to Information Systems. The current incumbent has notified the Department of their pending retirement.

The Data Communications Specialist position is unique and requires advance technical skills. The incumbent in this position is responsible for managing and maintaining the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This position is required to monitor and resolve all CAD hardware/software problems promptly and efficiently. In addition, this position is responsible for the indirect supervision and guidance of the Information Systems' Help Desk personnel assigned to the early shift. Attached is a job description for reference.

Because of the importance of this position and the need to fill it as soon as practical, the Department respectfully requests the position be exempt from the competitive examination process. The competitive examination process would not allow the Department to fill the position in a reasonable amount of time. The last selection process for this position, through the competitive examination process, took up to a year to complete.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Human Resources Specialist Pamela K. Roberts at 935-7191.

Sincerely,

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