



## CITY OF STOUGHTON

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### Stoughton Fire Department

Chairman Dale Beske, Rutland Town Board,

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed WBKY radio tower from a standpoint of Public Safety.

Mr. Dave Magnum asked me to respond to the question of area emergency services having the ability to rescue or render aid to an individual that may be at the tower site.

The area emergency services do have the resources to respond to any emergency at the tower site, be it a fire, or rescue incident, the area emergency services even have the resources available to respond to a rescue on the tower structure itself. The same emergency services that any area residential, farm or commercial site receive. With the Dane County Mutual Aid and the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) we have ability to obtain any resource needed.

Over the past years there have been many instances where the support from a "Local Radio Station" would have been an asset to emergency responders while responding to emergencies as well as dealing with the post emergency.

In the event of an area emergency Magnum Broadcasting has offered the services of this radio station to broadcast emergency information to the public, even to the level of a remote broadcast at the incident command site.

At a recent Dane County PP & J committee public hearing concerning this tower, a comment was made that there are over 40 radio stations listed in the Yellow Pages, why do we need another radio station.

In my years of emergency service and being in the role of Incident Command for major area wide emergencies, I am not aware of a similar offer of support from those other radio stations or any TV station for that matter.

The experience with the Stoughton Area Tornado and other recent winter emergencies are indicators as to how the cell and land line communications can be totally rendered inoperable during a major emergency. Having one more tool for communication to the affected public would be a valuable asset, the ability for Emergency Management agencies to be able to communicate with those affected by the emergency is vital to public safety and recovery from emergencies.

Our area will be affected by additional major emergencies, I encourage your support of the WBKY tower in the interest of public safety for the 200,000 people that will be served by the broadcasts in the event of emergency.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin W. Lamers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin W. Lamers

Chief, Stoughton Fire Department