



FIRE/RESCUE

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Mr. Braun

I hope this correspondence finds you well. As you know we are in the midst of major health concerns the likes of which we have not experienced on a global scale in modern times. Raymond Fire Rescue is burdened with many choices and concerns, we must first and foremost encourage all citizens to abide by the Governor's proclamation to shelter in place and for nonresidents to avoid travel to our state. We feel strongly as a community that we must comply and would therefore encourage the Island not to open until the Governor's policy is lifted.

The Raymond Fire and Rescue Department is doing everything we can to provide coverage for our citizens. We have taken measures to keep our staff and their families safe during this crisis. We have limited personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect our members, at our current rate of consumption and with the availability of replacements this is a large concern considering the unknown duration of the emergency. We have already been negatively impacted with four public safety and one DPW employee in quarantine at this time. One of those employees and a family member now are confirmed covid 19 infections. We feel strongly the burden of opening the island, bringing more potential incidents to our service and community will affect our ability to provide proper services in Raymond. In our opinion opening the Island at this time is a violation of the Governor's order, and would place undue burden on the Raymond Fire Rescue Department.

These are extraordinary circumstances; we have enjoyed a strong working relationship over the years and we are happy to provide Fire EMS coverage to you and our island friends when we are not in a national and state emergency.

Sincerely,

Bruce D Tupper

Public Safety Chief, EMA Director