

Canada Volunteer Fire Department

Station 11

Jackson County, North Carolina

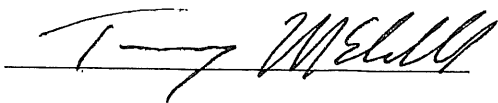
County Manager King,

This letter is an official request from the Canada Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department to fully lease both sides of the building we presently lease, located at 149 Charleys Creek Rd, along with the assurance that the required repairs and upgrades will be carried out. Even while this building serves as the Canada community building, we still want to be able to host events and engage the community. This would enable us to grow by adding offices, conference rooms, sleeping quarters, equipment, and supply storage. This structure's repair is required to improve these facilities for fire department and community use significantly. To meet the growing department's and community's demands, a full remodel of the existing structure would be required in addition to other improvements and repairs that would need to be done. The interagency corporation, office space, first responders, and fire apparatus would all function effectively during larger-scale events if this structure was renovated.

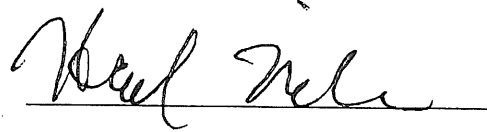
As previously established, the facility does not comply with the ADA's expanded guidelines for public properties. With the right repairs, this property could become a significant asset to the community, providing emergency shelter for residents and supporting other organizations during significant weather events, fires, and rescue operations. The Canada Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, besides providing search and rescue services and fire control, also meets the community's medical requirements at the EMT level and serves as a meeting place for community events. These community benefits underscore the importance of our request for the necessary repairs and improvements.

We formally ask to fully lease the building, with all necessary repairs and improvements handled by the county. This would allow us to continue to use this facility in ways that benefit our operations and our community. The potential benefits of this full lease, such as improved emergency services, enhanced community engagement, and increased capacity for events, are significant in the importance of our request.

Respectfully,



Terry McCall
Fire Chief
Canada Volunteer Fire and Rescue



Harold Nicholson
Chairman of the Board
Canada Volunteer Fire and Rescue