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To Wolfskin District Citizens:

There has been a water rights issue developing in the Wolfskin District over the past few weeks and the Wolfskin Volunteer Fire Department has inadvertently been drawn into that issue. The current issue surrounds the water levels and water release policy at Lake Oglethorpe. A board member of the Wolfskin VFD went on record in support of one side of the issue without properly vetting his response with the department. He spoke out of turn and without authority. His answer was factually inaccurate and very misleading to the citizens we work very hard to protect and serve.

The Wolfskin VFD has taken no official stance on the current issue. We have not been approached by any of the parties involved in the dispute to provide official department comment. I have communicated with parties on both sides of the issue and let them know that if they desire comment from the VFD we will convene a board meeting and provide an official response. That has not happened!

I would like all citizens of the Wolfskin District to know that we serve the entire community and we only have the safety of our neighbors in mind. The facts are that the Wolfskin VFD is ready to respond to the needs of our community and the tanker that was purchased through the generosity of our neighbors, coupled with a FEMA grant, is capable of drafting water from very shallow sources. That is extremely beneficial in these periods of drought.

We continue to need the support of all members of the community so that we can stay ready to respond and provide the protection our neighbors expect and deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

Respectfully,

Michael Geraci
Chief, Wolfskin VFD

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