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Good afternoon. I hope all is well with you.

I have to tell you that I watched in horror Tuesday as the Board of Supervisors considered mandating vaccinations for all healthcare employees. The District hosted a POD along the Green Valley for our personnel. We supported employees getting vaccinated at other sites such as our regional health care facilities. We entered into an IGA with the County to assist with vaccinations. Most of our employees have received both shots, but we have made the decision not to track or record our employees. Our employees when in contact with the public during incidents have to wear full protective clothing as required by AZDHS, CDC, OSHA, and every other regulatory agency.

If the supervisors approve the proposed action requiring shots, two very serious things happen – Fire Districts (not just Drexel, but County wide), will lose valuable Paramedics and EMT's, and with that loss we will take ambulances out of service and the people of Pima County that need medical attention will wait at home for an ambulance that will be very delayed.

We need help, we do not need this type of interference. Call demand is increasing. Recruiting to fill vacancies is very difficult, even before this idea was discussed. We are not anti-vaccine, we are just working within the guidance and making sure the people we respond to do the same. As a District, we provide an outstanding level of health care and related assistance to our employees.

Please, let the agencies that already regulate Fire and Emergency Medical services do their jobs. We are working hard to keep our people safe, and doing a pretty darn good job of it too. If you have questions about this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe, and stay well.

Doug

"Wear face masks when in public and when social distancing is not possible"

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Don't ever get the idea that patting yourself on the back will push you forward.
-Anonymous

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