

August 17, 2018

Office of the City Manager  
990 Palm Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3249

To: Derek Johnson, City Manager

From: Richard W. Ferris

Dear Mr. Johnson,

# OUTRAGEOUS

We accuse firefighters of felonies and you violate our rights, safety, and privacy by sharing our accusations with the accused and yet you do not even seem to have considered that we are a victim of a crime and you are telling the criminals we are accusing all about our details, facts, and insights we have uncovered. It is easy and safe to protect firemen – everyone has your back.

It takes courage, patience, endurance, and dedication to try and point out a moral wrong in the face of overwhelming institutional resistance on all levels.

You are treating serious crimes as if it all is just a joke. Just because they put on the fireman's suit does not make them gods who can do no wrong.

Are you aware that insurance companies claim that 50% of all arson convictions involve firefighters?

Eventually, our website will be up and the firemen can read everything we are saying. Meanwhile, stop sharing our information and insights before you actually investigate our claims. You are merely giving them advance notice to get their stories straight! How about protecting the citizens of San Luis Obispo and not just "special" people.

Imagine if the police took information given to them about an alleged crime and shared it with the accused before they investigate; this is what you are doing!

Please back up and reconsider your actions.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ferris