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Judy Banks, Chairperson/Board Member
Lakeside Rural Fire Department
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REGARDING: FUEL COST COMPARISONS

Dear Judy and the Fire Board,

Whereas your handouts at the fire board meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009, regarding fuel cost comparisons appear to be incomplete, I am providing the complete comparison data.

The facts are Card Locks are always less expensive than retail locations for the simple fact there is no employee wages to pay, which is the largest disbursement other than fuel for a station, and even Card Lock prices vary from location to location.

On the following page you will see the figures which support the fact that you were always given the \$.24 discount on your diesel fuel, which means you didn't pay the tax to start with therefore you are not entitled a refund from the State, as the Tax Auditor stated in the letter sent to you on March 26, 2009.

The following information was presented at your fire board meeting, Monday, November 16, 2009 in the form of a letter stating the 2008 dates of card lock prices and the Fire Department's July and October 2008 statements. The Local Retail Locations price information was supplied by North Bend & Coos Bay locations.

We also added a few more dates in October for comparison whereas it was one of the most volatile months the stations have experienced with rapid price changes. Sometimes within 48 hours it would change \$.10 - \$.20. The street prices cannot keep up when the prices tumble down so quickly because the inventory in ground has to be purged through (likewise it doesn't go up rapidly either). Prices are based on the rack price when you received your delivery and they change sometimes three or four times per day.

You will note in October the extreme difference between all retail stations and the card lock, this is due to the fact they received delivery when prices dropped at the rack and the retail stations did not. You can plainly see T'ree Acres and other retail stations in North Bend & Coos Bay are very comparable, plus the comparison of North Bend & Coos Bay retail stations to a Card Lock is almost always the same ratio as T'ree Acres comparison, therefore proving the fact that we are NOT "gouging" the Fire Department or anyone else.

FUEL COST COMPARISONS

The charges you paid on your invoices passed out for July and October 2008 reflect the \$.24 discount per gallon you received.

Also, please refer to the previous paragraphs which give the explanation of the extreme differences in October's pricing.

Date	Card Lock	NB/CB Local Retail	CdLk Dif	T'ree Acres Retail	You Paid \$.24 off	CdLk Dif
07/02/08	\$4.399	\$4.879	\$.24	\$4.879	\$4.639	\$.24
07/11/08	\$4.499	\$4.839	\$.10	\$4.839	\$4.599	\$.10
07/25/08	\$4.459	\$4.839		You didn't purchase diesel on 7/25; the purchase Circled on your statement was for unleaded fuel		
10/04/08	\$3.419	\$4.379	\$.72	\$4.399	\$4.159	\$.74
10/07/08	\$3.399	\$4.299	\$.66	\$4.359	\$4.119	\$.72
10/10/08	\$3.329	\$4.079	\$.51	\$4.259	\$4.019	\$.69
10/21/08	\$2.939	\$3.759	\$.58	\$3.699	\$3.459	\$.52
10/29/08	\$2.799	\$3.499	\$.46	\$3.399	\$3.159	\$.36

As we have stated many times, anyone is entitled to go wherever they wish to purchase their fuel, it's their prerogative. This was not the issue; the issue was the repeated statements, as recently as your last fire board meeting (by Rod), that you did not get your \$.24 discount, implying we were "cheating" you, then the additional defamatory statement that we were "gouging" the Fire Department was totally uncalled for. Because of these circulated untruths, we have been boycotted by several people, which is so unfair to us as a business struggling to "survive" in this area and this economy. Hopefully these comparisons prove to you we operate a fair and equitable business.

Therefore, we certainly hope this clears up all the defamatory accusations and puts the whole issue to rest, if not and you still cannot grasp the facts and need more comparisons, I can certainly supply them. Please let me know if this letter will suffice in ending the issues referred to in the previous paragraph. I'll expect this data comparison to be passed out at your next fire board meeting for all to peruse.

The only question that has been asked of us since you passed out your statements is why the name Ted is printed after several of the unleaded invoices. The answer is: The unleaded fuel was pumped directly into Ted's personal vehicle not a Fire Department vehicle. As to why, we do not have the answer if it was part of his pay, in addition to his pay or whatever, therefore have advised the inquirers they must ask the Fire Department for clarification of that concern.

Sincerely,

Dodie & Bert

P.S. As of this date, we have not received a response to our last letter to you or seen a retraction by the editors of Lakesideinfo.com