



RAPID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prepare, Prevent, Protect



To: Mayor Sam Kooiker
Members of City Council

From: Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne

Subject: Stumer Road access

Date: April 25, 2014

I was asked by Mayor Kooiker to provide input or perspective on the Stumer Road closure that is currently in place. In terms of pure public safety and emergency response, it is my professional opinion that the road should be open to provide for a timely response to incidents in this neighborhood. I trust in the engineering and planning that goes into newly developed areas of our City due to the fact that public safety, access/egress and response times for emergency vehicles is considered during the design process. Stumer Road is no exception. In its current arrangement, the Fire Department has had to modify our response to the area. While many factors outside of our control such as weather, construction, traffic density etc. may come into play, we rely on traffic engineering that is taken into account to provide responders the best routes possible.