



# RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police  
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May 14, 2015

Mayor Sam Kooiker  
Council Members  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Denial of Event Permit, Slide the City

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have denied an event permit for this event in order to ensure it was reviewed by the Council for possible approval. I have made the event organizer aware of this denial and have encouraged him to provide a written response and/or be present at the Legal and Finance meeting so he or a representative could be available for questions. In addition to the obvious disruption to traffic, I believe it is necessary to ensure support from neighbors who would be directly affected, including the Holiday Inn, the Minneluzahan Senior Citizens Center, Pennington County Housing, the Boys Club, and the Journey Museum. Additionally, there will be a significant city staff commitment required, including Police, Fire, and Public Works.

Our department has facilitated a meeting with several stakeholders, including Destination Rapid City, Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau, Public Works, Rapid City Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Parks Department, and a volunteer representative from the Hope Center Board. Overall, everyone seems supportive of bringing this event to Rapid City, however, there appears to be a lack of coordination. By default, our department has fulfilled the role of attempting to manage this event without appropriate commitment from the applicant. I will be available at the Legal and Finance Committee meeting to answer any questions.

My recommendation is to deny this event, unless the applicant is able to provide clear assurances all of the logistics will be thoroughly planned and executed, neighbors will be properly notified, and City Staff commitment of resources will be relied on in a conservative fashion.

Sincerely,

Karl Jegeris  
Chief of Police

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