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To Whom It May Concern:

NorthWestern Energy has been a proud sponsor of shooting events and demonstrations that the Dakota Territory Rangers (DTR) Cowboy Fast Draw Club has produced. As a community-minded utility in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana we look for opportunities to co-op financially with positive organizations that are making a difference in their communities.

The DTR's presence at a local Outdoor Expo was our first sponsorship event with their group. We monitored our signage, location, public involvement with their booth, and of course the safety of the interactive shooting range. The overwhelming response to their booth was worth our financial investment.

With the professionalism of the DTR, the success of the shooting range and the public interest windfall that occurred during and after the Outdoor Expo we actually looked for another opportunity to be involved with the group's outreach events.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsorship we worked out with DTR was during the South Dakota State Fair, where a similar interactive shooting range enabled fairgoers with the opportunity to try their hand at Cowboy Fast Draw shooting in a safe, controlled environment.

With a service territory that is rich in Old West Tradition the Dakota Territory Ranger Cowboy Fast Draw Club is an asset to our communities and state's heritage. Gun sports, like Cowboy Fast Draw, are a showcase of our outdoor enthusiasm in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana, and we are proud to be a small part of what the Dakota Territory Rangers are doing for shooting sports in the Upper Midwest.

Regards,



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October 8, 2008

To whom it may concern:

The Dakota Territory Rangers Cowboy Fast Draw Club from Mitchell and Huron has been a key component to major events held on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds. Most recently, they had a shooting area, referred to as Town Folk Alley, set up at the South Dakota State Fair where they pushed over 130 people through who were eager to learn about fast draw.

In addition to having a presence at the South Dakota State Fair, the club also had Town Folk Alley at the South Dakota Outdoor Expo. In two days, nearly 100 people tried their hand at the sport of fast draw.

The feedback we received from participants and spectators was extremely positive. Everyone had the chance to become thoroughly educated on the sport. Because of the hundreds of positive comments I received, the Dakota Territory Rangers Cowboy Fast Draw Club will definitely be at the top of my list to ask back to both events.

When dealing with the public, safety is always number one on the priority list. Fortunately, the club held safety as high as I did because not once was there an issue. Whether it came to the person who was shooting at the time or the people who were sitting in the audience, not once did I have to be concerned about their welfare. The club took all of the precautions necessary, including going through gun safety and handling prior to allowing the participant to shoot the gun.

The Dakota Territory Rangers Cowboy Fast Draw Club has a mission that is very important to a state with a heritage that is rich in the outdoors – to move people into gun sports. I sincerely look forward to having them as part of South Dakota State Fairgrounds' events, especially the South Dakota Outdoor Expo.

Sincerely,

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Candi Hettinger  
South Dakota State Fairgrounds  
Marketing/Events Coordinator

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# City of Mitchell

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8-26-08

To whom it may concern:

There appear to be some concern as to the safety and health regarding the sport of Fast Draw. I have been around a number of people who participate in fast draw competition, and they are very good people; who care about our community.

I personally think it a good safe sport where people can go out and have fun and enjoy themselves, and work to improve their skills while preparing for and participating in competition at all levels both male and female. I think its one of the safest sports, even if guns are involved. We must remember the sport is in a controlled environment.

I recommend the sport of fast draw to anyone, if you are interested in meeting good quality people. Should you have any concerns feel free to give me a call?

Oh; by the way I have participated myself.

Sincerely



Mayor Lou Sebert

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# City of Mitchell

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY • 201 WEST FIRST • MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA 57301

August 27, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mitchell Department of Public Safety has given Cabela's permission for a Cowboy Fast Draw demonstration at their store location in Mitchell, SD. This event has been approved over the last several years without incident. The fast draw shooters that participate in these events are very responsible and follow a strict set of rules during their events.

The following guidelines outline what the Mitchell Department of Public Safety requires of Cabela's in order to receive approval for such an event:

- 8' plywood barriers on the north and south sides of the range with shooting directed to the west, the building is used as a backdrop.
- Only wax bullets will be used and the Powderhorn Regulators must do the reloading.
- A security fence must be placed around the entire area & ensure that no spectators are inside this fenced in area
- Have at least 2 Powderhorn Regulators at the site during all shooting demonstrations
- Use only ammunition provided by Powderhorn Regulators

If you have any questions please contact me at 605-995-8400.

Sincerely;



Lyndon Overweg  
Chief of Public Safety

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Cabela's Cowboy Fast Draw '08

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08/26/2008

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*My name is David E. Miles and I am sheriff of Davison County, South Dakota.*

*I am writing this letter in regards to "Cowboy Fast Draw" shooting sports.*

*I have been involved in this sport for the past five (5) years in Mitchell, South Dakota and several other cities and states.*

*As sheriff, it is my job to see that any shoot is set up to be as safe as possible. I work with the local police chief in Mitchell. The city police chief grants the permit to shoot inside the city limits of Mitchell. The police inspect the range both before and during a shoot.*


*If the shoot is outside the city limits and not a private residence, then I have made sure it is safe.*

*To my knowledge, there have been no accidents or injuries anywhere.*

*If you are a city or county official, police chief or sheriff, you may have concerns about the safety of these shooting sports. Please remember that only wax bullets are used and in most cases, very little or no gunpowder in the shell case.*

*In Mitchell, our police chief, mayor, sheriff and deputies have shot and all have had a safe and fun time doing it.*

*If you have other concerns or you would like me to explain further our procedures to ensure safety, please contact me.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Miles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "M".

*Sheriff Dave Miles  
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