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## Letters

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Watchdog group is wasting taxpayer money

To The Editor:

I have held my comments for long enough! It is time to fire back at that small group of supposed “Concerned Conservative Republicans” that continue to attack the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department and other local organizations under the disguise of watching out for our tax dollars.

Their continued poking and prodding is only wasting more tax dollars. MVFD has answered their many continuous public information requests at an expense I can only assume that has reached tens of thousands of dollars and to what point?

Commissioner Craig Doyal has met with the group to no avail. Now, the organization has started a website that berates our local fire department using innuendo and data from the time of the previous fire chief. That leadership is gone and new leadership has MVFD moving in the right direction. MVFD has better things to do than continue to respond to the barrage of nonstop open records requests such as saving lives, putting out fires and educating the public about fire prevention.

I wonder who this group will call if they needed emergency help or their house is on fire? You got it, MVFD! The group has now started making phone calls to the general public. I say they have gone too far! Leave our fire department alone so that they are available if and when we need them. Quit wasting our tax dollars just for the sake of your misdirected goals, they are not our goals.

MVFD is a great department and we appreciate what they do for us, the public. If you agree, let the person on the other end of the phone know when you get a call.

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Submitted Via E-mail