

## Rob Green

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**From:** Dave Beenblossom <dbeenblossom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Rob Green  
**Subject:** RE: 28 e

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*Rob, I agree on the hearsay information. As I said I will investigate and at a minimum will get a written report for those involved. Dave*

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**From:** Rob Green <[Rob.Green@cedarfalls.com](mailto:Rob.Green@cedarfalls.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** DAVE BEENBLOSSOM <[dbeenblossom@gmail.com](mailto:dbeenblossom@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: 28 e

Dave, thanks for dropping me a line, and congratulations!

It's very helpful to know what other communities are thinking particularly when we are relying on mutual aid from time to time.

I would like to have more details on what happened regarding the public safety officer who was unable to complete their duties. Would the firefighter who observed this be willing to provide a personal statement?.

I am hearing from our own department that this is not happening and I need to have something more than hearsay... Perhaps your personnel could provide it.

Thanks,  
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On Feb 22, 2020 15:05, DAVE BEENBLOSSOM <[dbeenblossom@gmail.com](mailto:dbeenblossom@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Good afternoon Rod. My name is Dave Beenblossom. I am the newly elected Mayor of Janesville. Like everyone else , I have been following your mess with the PSO's. I applaud you for your veto action.

I retired in 2009 after 35 years on our Fire Department . During those 35 years I had the privilege of working with the Full time Firefighters. Luckily the crazy concept of the PSO's was not on anyone's mind at that time.

Not sure what I can do to help , but I wanted to reach out and offer my support. The Janesville Fire Chief and my self would be available to meet with you to discuss if necessary.

Also to let you know I am looking at taking action to protect our firefighters from the Cedar Falls fiasco. It is my understanding ( and I will investigate further) that we have been called to assist the Cedar Falls Fire Department 4 times last year alone. That is more than we had been called in the last four years combined. I was also advised that one of our firefighters was put into a burning home with a PSO. And the PSO was scared to the point of being useless and my firefighter was concerned for his safety. That tells me that even with some of the Full time Firefighters on staff there was issues with training and personnel.

Now with the possibility of having only PSO's I feel the need to protect my Department. If the City of Cedar Falls does override your veto and moved forward with the pso program , I will take steps to void out our 28e mutual aid agreement and not allow out Firefighters to assist on any Cedar Falls Fire Department Calls. It is my belief that the City of Cedar Falls is on a path that will get someone killed and at the very least become

involved in a lawsuit . For those Safety and Liability reasons I feel compelled to not be involved in such activities.

I have already reached out to our Fire Chief and we are seriously discussing contacting the other surrounding Departments and sharing our concerns.

Thanks for your time. David Beenblossom, Mayor City of Janesville. Email address [dbeenblossom@gmail.com](mailto:dbeenblossom@gmail.com)

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