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Theodore V. Farace, President and Coordinator  
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*Re: VHRU Identification Cards*

Dear Mr. Theodore Farace:

Please be advised that I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Public Safety and Interim Chief of the Division of Emergency Management.

It has been brought to my attention that Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit ("VHRU") members are carrying identification cards that not only represent a contractual relationship with the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, but also use the Nevada State seal and reference authority from the Governor's Office to access emergency and disaster sites. I cannot find any documentation that supports the authority or relationship that is listed on the identification card. Further, the identification cards appear to have been created by your organization and not through the State of Nevada.

Nevada Revised Statute 235.010 states, in part, that in order to reproduce the Nevada State seal, written permission must be provided by the Governor and use of the seal must be in performance of official acts by an agency of one of the branches of State Government. I have spoken with Governor Sandoval's Office and have been informed that no such permission was given to VHRU to use the Nevada State seal on identification cards for its members.

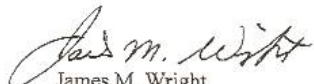
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It also concerns me that the identification card states that VHRU members are "an authorized contractual agent" of the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management. I have been unable to locate an agreement between the VHRU and the State of Nevada for services of any kind. If I have been misinformed about the authority provided to VHRU by Governor Sandoval, or if VHRU has an agreement with the State of Nevada for services, please provide me with the supporting documentation as soon as possible.

Until further notice, I am requesting that you immediately cease and desist use of the identification cards that associate VHRU with the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management. Also, please contact my office at your earliest convenience so we can discuss the relationship between VHRU and the State of Nevada. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
James M. Wright  
Interim Chief