



# NORTH SHELBY FIRE DISTRICT

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**"Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention"**

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November 14, 2018

Amy Wells  
Eagle Point Home Owners Association  
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Re: Speed Bumps and Humps in the Eagle Point Subdivision.

Dear Amy,

As a follow-up to our earlier conversation today, I felt compelled to write you a letter concerning the installation of speed bumps/humps within the Eagle Point Subdivision. The fire district is opposed to the installation of these speed reducing devices due to the increase in emergency response times. The Eagle Point Subdivision already produces challenges for our department's response times due to the hilly terrain of the land and multiple intersections. While we have not done studies on the increase of response times ourselves, a Google search on the subject will produce many studies that show an increase of up to 10 seconds delay per speed bump/hump while responding to a scene. Time is of the essence in emergencies and as I already mentioned, we are already at a disadvantage due to the hilly terrain.

Eagle Point is not the only subdivision that has brought up this subject due to vehicles speeding through their neighborhoods and our stance on the issue has been the same in each case. While I cannot speak for the Shelby County Engineer, I believe that he is also against the installation of these devices. I understand the seriousness and danger of speeding vehicles throughout the Eagle Point Subdivision but I do not think that speed bumps/humps are the solution.

While I do not have a background in law enforcement, I believe that our Shelby County Sheriff's Department can and will produce a significant change with speeding throughout the subdivision in a relatively short time if they are made aware of the situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Tyler".

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cc: Sheriff John Samaniego