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Honorable Paul Hogan
Council – District 4

Dear Councilman Hogan,

In response to your inquiry regarding a possible name change of Bayou Estates South Drive, I submit the following response I received from Captain Edward Beckendorf.

Captain Beckendorf is Commander of our 911 Center. As you can see, a name change would certainly lessen the chance for error in an emergency response. I am not aware of a specific incident where this has occurred; however, it is possible.

Also, the question here would be whether the inconvenience of address changes to the residents would outweigh this change and the possibility of an error by emergency responders.

Sincerely,

Greg Champagne
Sheriff

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Sheriff:

I received a copy of Councilman Hogan's correspondence addressed to you dated April 9, 2008, attached to your note to me with instructions to provide you with my comments. Please see below the information I provided to Councilman Hogan on April 6, 2008 as a result of a telephone call I received from Councilman Hogan on April 4, 2008.

Although I support changing the name of Bayou Estates Drive South because of the very close similarity to Bayou Estates Drive, I am not aware of an incident where the Sheriff's Office "surrounded" a house in error. The personnel in our 9-1-1 Center often struggle to obtain specific street name information as indicated in my response to Councilman Hogan below, however the mere fact that the Street is named Bayou Estates Drive South as opposed to South Bayou Estates Drive provides additional opportunities for human error, on the part of the caller and the call-taker.

As an example of how confusing this matter can be, in Councilman Hogan's correspondence the streets are identified as Bayou Estates Drive and Bayou Estates South Drive. The streets are named Bayou Estates Drive and Bayou Estates Drive South on our CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System and on Google.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Bayou+Estates+Drive+St.+Charles+Parish+LA&jsv=107&sll=1.757537,-52.558594&sspn=105.257453,163.828125&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=addr>

If you desire additional information, please let me know.

Thanks,

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