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### **Barrett Less Dangerous to Fire Fighters as Governor**

“If you want Tom Barrett’s attention, give him a political endorsement. Don’t ask him to do his job,” said Chris Kliesmet of Citizens for Responsible Government. “Of course, if Barrett was out as Mayor, Milwaukee firefighters would have a chance to get a Mayor who would help fix OpenSky before someone is killed.”

CRG has detailed 11 alarms that should have alerted the Mayor to the deadly situations the OpenSky radio system has created for Milwaukee fire fighters. The government documents were obtained by CRG under Wisconsin’s open records law.

In 600 pages of fire department documents, there is not one mention of the Mayor involving himself in correcting the \$20 million boondoggle. Incidents included entire sections of the city losing police and fire radio communications and fire fighters having to battle a 3-Alarm blaze without radio communication.

“If straightening out the police and fire radio system is not part of the Mayor’s job, what is?” asked Kliesmet. “If the Mayor had even sent an email to the Fire Chief asking if there was anything he could do to help straighten out OpenSky, we would have the record. We found nothing, as in not one iota of evidence Barrett has ever taken a passing interest”

“Try and find a quote or a news account to prove Tom Barrett even knows what OpenSky is,” said Kliesmet. “With 500 pages of reports of police officers being endangered and a fire department investigation into radios that they declare are not safe, wouldn’t it be nice to know what the Mayor Barrett is doing about it?”

The following are documented cases of incidents that should have drawn the attention on any competent Mayor to the dangers OpenSky brought to Milwaukee fire fighters.”

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All Alarm Bell Posts

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/search/label/Alarm%20Bells>

11 Alarms Mayor Tom Barrett Ignored Signaling OpenSky was a Dangerous Boondoggle

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/11-alarms-mayor-tom-barrett-ignored.html>

ALARM BELL No. 2: Fire Chief Launches Investigation of Timeline of Failed Radios

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-no-2-fire-chief-launches.html>

ALARM BELL No. 3: September 11, A Day That Lives in Infamy for Mayor Tom Barrett

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-3-september-11-day-that.html>

ALARM BELL No. 4: Not Intrinsically Safe!

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-no-4-not-intrinsically-safe.html>

ALARM BELL No. 5: Citywide Radio Blackout Threatens Firefighters Lives

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-no-5-citywide-radio.html>

ALARM BELL No. 6: Back Up Fails Too!

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-no-6-back-up-fails-too.html>

ALARM BELL No. 7: Three-Alarm Blaze Fought Without Radios

<http://wiwastewatchers.blogspot.com/2010/08/alarm-bell-no-7-three-alarm-blaze.html>

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