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**City of North Las Vegas Response To Factually Inaccurate NPRI  
“Report”**

**NORTH LAS VEGAS**—Today the Nevada Policy Research Institute, a conservative blog, released an article raising questions about the terms of Assistant Fire Chief John Ocegüera’s employment with the City of North Las Vegas.

North Las Vegas Fire Chief Al Gillespie said, “I am surprised by remarks that sound slanderous that I read in this conservative blog, the subject of which is my Assistant Fire Chief, John Ocegüera. This blog post has no basis in fact by any reasonable standard.”

Gillespie continued, “John Ocegüera is a valued assistant fire chief who works hard and plays by the rules. He does it by the book. We should be encouraging more firefighters and public safety officers to serve our community in public office. Not less.”

John Ocegüera is a salaried employee. Contrary to the NPRI blog, there are no timesheets or clocking in and clocking out. Because John’s work for the City of North Las Vegas is vital, the City, John and Chief Gillespie sat down and outlined, in writing, how John would perform his job while in session and how he would be paid. These agreements are attached.

Gillespie said, “It should be noted, the City of North Las Vegas actually got a great deal. What many have done, but Ocegüera chose not to, was take a standard leave, which would have left us with a considerable void to fill. Instead, Ocegüera found the time to fulfill his most critical responsibilities by working early in the morning and on weekends—providing far more time to us than he was compensated for.”

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