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Mr. Kevin Willett
PSTC Cares
230 Twin Dolphin Drive #C
Redwood City, CA 94065

Dear Mr. Willett:

On Monday, August 24th, 2009, two Buffalo firefighters, Lt. Charles 'Chip' McCarthy and FF Jonathan "Simeon" Croom, lost their lives in the line of duty at a fatal fire on the city's east side. In the days to follow, laying all grief aside, members of the Buffalo Fire Department began preparations to lay their fallen brothers to rest.

The immediate outpouring of love and support from the citizens and businesses of the city of Buffalo and surrounding areas was nothing less than staggering. Numerous phone calls for donations of every kind were received. We, as well as the families of the fallen firefighters, were both touched and astounded by a response of such magnitude.

That being said, we would like to extend our most *sincerest* of thanks to you and the staff at *PSTC Cares* for your contribution to our Fire Dispatch Office. Your thoughtfulness really meant a lot to us, and we are so appreciative of your support during this difficult time.

Once again, on behalf of the Buffalo Fire Department, please accept our most sincerest of thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lombardo".

Michael Lombardo, Commissioner
Buffalo Fire Department

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