Dear Fire Department Members, Staff and Families,

I am writing to convey my sincere sympathy to you all at this sad time. News of the Yarnell fires and the tragic loss of 19 members from the Granite Mountain Hot Shots crew was in our News over here and I would like to let you all know you are in our thoughts.

I am from a small community called Taihape where our local Fire Brigade are volunteers. My Dad was a member for 25 years (he passed away in his 25th year of service).

It is a great little Brigade with a great sense of camaraderie and care and I know fellow Fire Departments in your area will be rallying to show their support to you all, along with the Families of those brave men.

This is just a small note to let you know we're thinking of you.

Kia Kaha, Kia Toa - Be strong and brave.

Yours sincerely Sarah & Phillip King
Taihape
New Zealand