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Dear Chief Fraijo,

It is with a tremendous sense of sadness that I write to you to express the deep condolences of the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) Wildfire Group for the tragic loss of the 19 members of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew.

When the details of the tragedy began to unfold, as the Chair of the CFOA Wildfire Group, I began receiving calls and messages from across the UK wildfire community expressing support, sympathy and solidarity with the families of the fallen firefighters and colleagues in the City of Prescott Fire Department.

The tributes which have already been paid to the Granite Mountain IHC demonstrate the respect and esteem in which they were held by their fellow firefighting professionals. The worldwide firefighting fraternity is a close knit family, who understand implicitly the heroic and selfless efforts your colleagues made when tirelessly working to protect the lives, and properties, of their local communities. Sadly, theirs was to be the ultimate sacrifice.

I hope that the knowledge that you are in the thoughts of the members of the CFOA Wildfire Group may prove to be of some small comfort in the days and months ahead; as family, friends and colleagues begin the painful journey of recovery following the devastating consequences of the Yarnell Hill wildland fire.

Yours in sympathy

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Paul Hedley
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