

July 23, 1913

Prescott Fire Department Administration
ATTN: PFFC Granite Mountain Donations
1700 Iron Spring Road
Prescott, AZ 86305

Friends:

First, my apologies for not getting this donation to you sooner. You all have been on my mind, and I hope this donation will provide a tiny bit of help to the families of your lost comrades.

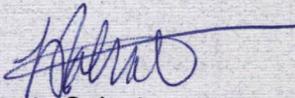
My brother is a recently retired Captain of the Cuyahoga Falls, OH Fire Department, and was a member of FEMA's Ohio Task Force One Search & Rescue Team. (they were at Ground Zero for ten days ... searching). Now he is a seasonal Protection Ranger at Yellowstone National Park (a dream he has had since he was a kid). Not that that matters much - except I know how much these guys put their lives at stake for us everyday - and I wonder if enough people realize the sacrifices made. AND I also know how wonderful they are as people (and they are pretty fantastic chefs, too :)

When I talked to my brother the other day, he told me there were Hotshot T-shirts that were being sold to support fund raising. Then he got reflective, the way he does when he doesn't want to seem too emotional. He was wondering if the guys suffered too much; how long they survived the rush of fire and lack of oxygen. I just listened.

I bet those Hotshots were a really cool group of guys. From what I have seen in the media, they certainly were. As deeply as I feel for your loss, I doubt that we will ever know how the wives, children and families of those guys feel right now. Thinking of all those little children without a father just breaks my heart. But they will survive, and, I am sure, they will carry on the legacy of their dads' sacrifice with pride once the pain subsides.

Let the families know that there are a lot of people across the country who really do feel for them and really do understand their loss. And for you guys who called those Hotshots friends and colleagues, take care of yourselves. Be safe.

Best,



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