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Dear Chief Fraijo,

Date: 3rd July 2013

Condolences

I write to you as the former Chief Fire Officer of London and now the Chairman of the Firefighters Memorial Charitable Trust, to offer you and your colleagues the profound sympathies of the Trust on the tragic loss of so many of our Firefighter Colleagues in the Prescott Fire Department.

We share your grief for the loss of so many brave Firefighters who have been called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice, whilst serving and protecting all sections of the community. Clearly this is a tragic loss of so many young lives, when engaged on operational duties endeavouring to tackle what must have been a the most challenging and massive fire, which was being fanned by the changing winds.

We have witnessed through the world wide media the continued efforts of your firefighters working in the most hazardous of conditions and at great danger to themselves in tackling one of the most severe wildfires.

We rarely have to face the loss of life of this magnitude in peacetime and you will need wisdom, skill and support to heal the deep wounds of sorrow which result from such a tragedy.

As well as all the Firefighters in the United Kingdom, our whole Nation grieves at your sad loss and admires your spirit to overcome and your ability to recover from such a terrible tragedy. I have today written to our Patron Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to brief her on this tragic event and I know that Her Royal Highness shares in the admiration of your gallant Firefighters and in the sadness we all feel for this tragic loss.

Please give our sincere condolences to the families and friends of those 19 brave Firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kind regards
Yours sincerely
G. D. Clarkson*

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