



FIRE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Athens, July 2, 2013

Dear colleagues of Prescott Fire Department,

It is with much regret and great sorrow that we have been informed of the tragic death of nineteen of your colleagues, in June 30th, during the efforts to suppress the destructive Yarnell Hill blaze that ignited last week south of Prescott.

On my own behalf and on behalf of all Greek fire fighters, I wish to extend our deeply felt sympathy to the families who lost their loved ones and our sincere condolences to the fellow fire fighters of these nineteen brave men.

Our hope is that this loss will be the last one and no other fire fighter in the world will fall again in the line of duty.

Finally, I would like to express our feelings of solidarity and support to you and to all our U.S. colleagues, for your continuing battle against the wildfires still burning across Arizona and several other states of your country, as well as our wish that you will manage to contain them as soon as possible and without any losses in property and life.

Yours sincerely

Sotirios Georgakopoulos
Lt. Fire General
Chief of the Hellenic Fire Service