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Chief Dan Fraijo
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Dear Chief Fraijo

Victoria's entire firefighting community was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic deaths of 19 young members of the Granite Mountains Hotshots during firefighting operations in Arizona on Sunday June 30.

I know that their memories have been solemnly honored on many, many occasions at fire service gatherings across our State in the days since. Many ordinary Victorians with no connection to the fire services have also directly expressed their shock and sorrow to me.

These tragic deaths are a reminder to us all of the dangers faced by our firefighters on a daily basis, whether responding to wildfires, structure fires or the many other incidents we attend.

Would you please pass on my sincere condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the Granite Mountain Hotshots and in particular to the members of the Prescott Fire Department. Our thoughts are with all those affected by this terrible event.

The work of crews such as the Granite Mountain Hotshots is well understood here in Victoria and more widely across Australia. The strong relationships that have been developed between United States and Australian fire agencies in recent years by virtue of agreements to share our resources has paid many dividends.

If there is anything we can do to assist your department at this sad time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

Craig Lapsley PSM
Fire Services Commissioner, Victoria



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