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To: [Judy Spiller-Personal](#); [Jillian Richards](#)
Subject: FW: Days Inn
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For Public Comment on Monday night.

Thanks

Kendra

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From: [David O'Brien](#)
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 2:47 PM
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Kendra;

Please read the following statement from the FD at the Monday night meeting

Town Manager Amaral, Town Councilors, Fellow Town of Kittery Employees and citizens of Kittery

The Wednesday fire at the Days Inn on the Route One Bypass was an extremely difficult day for all concerned.

Public Safety personnel of the Town of Kittery were faced with an incident that quickly grew in size due to strong wind conditions and a heavy fire load. Throughout this incident, fire, police, dispatchers and EMS personnel worked diligently to bring this fire under control.

The fire caused many exposure fires on the By-Pass, Old Post Road and State Road. Over 2,000,000 gallons of water were used to bring this fire under control. The results of this fire, while tragic in nature, proved that regionalization in the form of strong mutual aid agreements works. Fire Departments from 20 miles in all directions were on scene under the direction of an incident commander. This process kept the exposures from becoming major fires of their own.

The incident lasted over 25 hours and during this time our departments were faced with several other calls including a MVA fatality. I am proud of our public safety personnel in our town and while not always fully appreciated for their efforts put forward, everyone should be as proud of them at

this moment as I am.

To the citizens of Kittery, thank you for the food donations, well wishes and offers to help us during this incident. It is very nice to know that you were willing to help in any way possible. This is what makes this town what it is. A great place to live and work. And finally, Councilor Clark, the Moe's were very well received and gone within minutes.

Proudly;
Chief David O'Brien
Kittery Fire Chief