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Message:

Dear Chairperson Spiller, Members of the Kittery Town Council, and Town Manager Kendra Amaral.

I will first be candid in my E-mail and let you know that I am an employee of the Town of Kittery, directly involved in the public safety aspect of the Town. I say that in hopes that it

doesn't detract from the words of gratitude for the Kittery Fire Department, but enhances my statements from someone with experience in this field.

I am a member of the Kittery Police Department and have over 28 years experience in Law Enforcement. In short, I have seen a thing or two in those 28 years. I have worked with City Fire Departments with much larger operational budgets as well as smaller Town Fire Departments from here to Houlton and even beyond our State's borders. Our Fire Department here in Kittery is, and always has been nothing short of impressive and I would put them up against the best of them.

They undertook a battle on May 17th, with conditions that I and likely most of them, have never seen. Aside from the wind conditions alone, watching and listening to them coordinating tanker trucks of water, to the actual suppression of the fire, as well as numerous logistics of fire fighting tactics that I have zero clue about, it was impressive to watch, to say the least. They handled it in true professional fashion and to say that I was "in awe and impressed" just doesn't seem to carry enough luster as to express what that team did. As you know, they then dealt with a very unfortunate motor vehicle accident on Route 1, as well as an elderly onlooker at the fire scene who suffered a medical emergency at the scene of the fire, and yet they handled it all without compromise to any of the numerous emergencies unfolding. That is the true testament to how conditioned and trained those professional are.

It is unquestionable in my mind that the direct leadership and knowledge displayed by both Chief O'Brien and Chief Craig Alfis is the reason that the Kittery Fire Department is viewed in the light that it is. There is no doubt that the disasters occurring on May 17th were handled in the manner that they were entirely on the shoulders of those two men, along with their entire team of men and women firefighters who follow their lead.

Aside from the incidents occurring on May 17th, my sentiments ring true throughout my career here in Kittery. It has always been this way with the Kittery Fire Department and the excellent working relationship that we share with Police Department and the true professionalism that they display. Long after the heightened media attention has faded, the Kittery Fire Department maintains this level of service the other 364 days of the year.

I wish for my E-mail to be read in the Town "Issues or Comments" portions of your next meeting and I am sure that I am not alone when I tell them that they performed admirably and are a true asset to this ever growing community and the growing public safety challenges that it faces.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Christopher Daggett
Kittery Police Department.