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Fire Chief Joseph Daigle
Bonita Springs Fire Control & Rescue District
27701 Bonita Grande Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Re: Firefighter Paramedics
Date of Service 5/25/14

Dear Chief Daigle,

How can I possibly say thank you for saving my life? There are absolutely no words to express my gratitude to you all.

As we've done in the past, my husband and I came to the Bonita Springs/Naples area for a relaxing Memorial Day weekend, staying at the nearby Hilton Homewood Suites in Bonita Springs. Very early Sunday morning, May 25, I stopped breathing, and hotel personnel assisted my extremely distraught husband in contacting emergency assistance.

While I never saw them, it is my understanding that four amazing, expert firefighter paramedics were dispatched to my aid. From the very first moment of their quick response and arrival at the hotel, they went into high gear and did their jobs so perfectly and, ultimately saved my life. Their education in emergency medical care, as well as their professionalism, has brought me to where I am today, just a week later, alive and doing well. I've been told what happened that morning and I'm aware of all these men did for me, all while offering comfort and reassurance to my husband. My heart stops just thinking about it, and I'm just so overwhelmed with gratitude and love. And how proud you must be of these wonderful individuals!

These most amazing men were angels on my shoulders that day and thoughts of them will remain in my heart forever. They are:

Winthrop Telford
Shane Frost

Rob Schmidt
Mike Burkard Jr.

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My family and I can't thank you all enough, except to say thank you, thank you all for giving me back my life. My gift to you all –my everlasting love, and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. You all were there when I needed you most. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, today and every day.

Very truly yours,

Joan Guensch