



Thank you  
for taking  
us on  
a tour  
of the  
fire station  
to you  
from Hannah

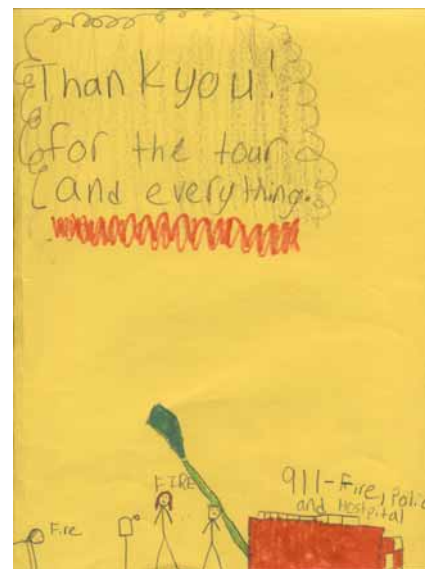


Dear fire station #4  
Thank you for letting us  
come to the fire station.  
We really liked the fire  
tour! We also want to  
thank you for teaching us  
about fire safety.

Dear Firefighter I loved the  
tour.  
I loved sitting in the fire truck.  
Thank you. It was great  
Love  
Rachel



Dear firefighters, thank you for  
serving us breakfast. It was really  
good food. From Emily



# Letters of Appreciation

To the Bloomington Fire Department

Thank you for being who you are! Volunteers who are there to answer when someone calls "help". I am especially grateful to the firemen who answered my call on Wednesday, May 21 when I had a kitchen fire. I have a whole new perspective on many things now, still to be sorted out.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Sincerely, Helen Jorgenson

Firefighters,

Thank you very much for participating in our new employee training scenarios. Last week your involvement created a much more realistic environment for our training. I hope the experience was beneficial for you as well.

Debbie Ktytok

Dear Firefighters,

Our thanks for the fire safety talk and fire station tour you gave our group on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station #1. The moms left with some great information on what to teach our kids about fire safety and the kids with the experience of having seen firefighters and fire trucks!

Thanks so much for sharing your time with us.

Bloomington Mom's Club

Fire Chief Ulie Seal,

Just a note to compliment BFD on another job well done. We responded to a medical involving an 875-pound man that was down and could not get up. The same thing happened with this individual a few weeks ago. On that first call your guys showed up and hand that man moved into bed pretty quickly, which was no small task.

On today's call, we signed a 72-hour commitment on the man, as he was suffering from leg pain, depression and could not care for himself even with the help from regular healthcare assistant visits. BFD again responded, and quickly had a plan devised to get this man moved from his apartment into a special ambulance that was needed to transport him.

I should have gotten the names of all of your people that were there, but didn't. I just marveled at their quick thinking and "get done" attitude. In no time they had a tarp under the victim, doors removed, and limbs cut off a couple of trees so the ambulance could pull right up to the door. The victim was moved outside on a tarp, lifted onto a gurney and then lifted in to the ambulance. Throughout the entire incident, your people treated this victim with courtesy and respect. They are true professionals and a credit to BFD and the city.

You have some great people working for you, Ulie.

My hat is off to the Bloomington Fire Department.

Once again, thank you

Thomas Plant, Bloomington Police Department

Dear Chief,

Thank you for your assistance at the house fire at 5751 Long Brake Circle on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our fire suppression was challenging due to the remote, rugged location of the home, the major fire involvement prior to our arrival, and the close proximity of natural gas, electric and propane tanks on site. We could not have successfully attacked this fire without your help.

The professionalism and willingness of your department to support our efforts is greatly appreciated. Please pass along our thanks to everyone who came to our aid.

Sincerely,

Marty Scheerer, Fire Chief

Edina Fire Department

Bloomington Firefighters,

I am writing this letter to thank you for what you do for the City of Bloomington. I am writing this letter because of the heroes that helped out on September 11, 2001. So I am thanking you for what you do for us. I know you weren't there in New York helping, but your helping our community means a lot to me, so I would like to say thank you.

From John

Chief Seal,

Just a note of thanks to all of the firefighters who participated in our 2004 Health Fair. Please let them know how much we appreciated their time and effort on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and how much they are appreciated the other 364 days of the year!

Again, Our deepest thanks to all of you!

Bloomington Covenant Church

Ministry Committee

Dear Chief Seal,

Thank you for your assistance at the house fire on Mooer Lane Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a challenging set of circumstances, to say the least, when our first arriving units found not one but two houses involved with fire.

It was great to see our departments work so well together. The professionalism and willingness of your department to support our efforts is greatly appreciated. Please pass along our thanks to everyone who assisted.

The cause of the fire on the first involved house was a carelessly discarded cigarette. High winds and dry conditions coupled with a delay in notifying 911 of the fire were all contributing factors to the exposure fire.

Sincerely,

George F. Esbensen, Fire Chief

Eden Prairie Fire Department

Dear Firefighters,

Thank you for coming to our school. We loved the hose that made the water fly through the air and made a rainbow. Thanks for letting us see the fire truck. Some of us wish we could be firefighters when we grow up. Thank you for letting us see your stuff on the truck. We promise to check to see if our smoke detectors work at our home. If we don't have a smoke detector, we will tell Mom and Dad they can call the fire station for a free one. Thank you for telling us about the rule: Stop, Drop and Roll. We hope you had fun at Hillcrest and hope you come again next year!

Kindergarten, Room 102

Firefighters Tom Cherep, Steve Peterson & Station 1 Staff,

Thank you very much for the great tour and the time you spent with the kids that participated in the annual "Take Your Child to Work Day" event on June 18<sup>th</sup>. They all had a blast! It was the highlight of the day!

Sincerely,

Sean O'Neil, Human Services

Dear Chief,

On behalf of Indian Mounds, we would like you to know that the visit from the Bloomington Firefighters on 10/8/04 was outstanding! Darick Rhodes and Matt Solberg worked as a team and knew what young learners needed to know and see in 20 minutes:

1. 911—Emergency #
2. Smoke Detectors—why and what they should sound like
3. What a firefighter wears and why they are your friends
4. Having a safe place to meet in case of a fire at home
5. Closing your bedroom door at night
6. Reminding all of the Open House on 10/9/04
7. A short period of time for Questions & Answers (and the difference between asking & telling)
8. Squirting the fire hose in the parking lot and leaving with sirens and lights!
9. Most of all—a passion for what they are doing. It was evident by how and what information they covered. (As one teacher noted, "We did not have to do crowd control, as our learners were so engaged thanks to Darick and Matt!")

Thanks for listening and if there is any way to share our thanks, please let us know. We are proud to work in a city with such outstanding firefighters. We are grateful our students had an opportunity to learn from those with great passion for their work, and also those who enjoy the students.

Sincerely, Lynne

P.S.—It was evident that families attended the Open House on Saturday by the new shirts seen on Monday at Indian Mounds. My class was a sea of yellow, orange & red!

Fire Chief Ulie Seal,

On behalf of the Chanhassen Fire Department would like to say thank you for your assistance at our ammonia leak on Monday, August 11, 2003. This incident provided one of the most difficult challenges the Chanhassen Fire Department has ever faced. Your assistance was a big part of why there was a successful outcome.

The Chanhassen Fire Department greatly appreciates your support and if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Greg Hayes, Assistant Fire Chief

Dear Bloomington Firefighters,

Thanks for volunteering for such a dangerous job in our community. It makes a lot of people feel safer with you on the job. You are very important to the community. Thanks for saving lives.

Sincerely, Andy

Dear Wonderful, Entertaining Station 1 Firefighter-Jim Green,

Thanks so much for reading to Mrs. Hanson's kindergarten class on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The students really enjoyed your visit. Thank you for making Poplar Bridge's celebration of National Young Reader's Day so special. We hope to make this "reading day" an annual event.

Sincerely,

Gloria Jones, Media Director

Dear Ulie,

On behalf of the City of Bloomington, I want to thank you for your help with the City Council procession to Bloomington Civic Plaza on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was a huge success, in no small part due to the Fire Department's assistance. The fire vehicles made an impressive sight as we paraded down Old Shakopee Road. When we turned to go up Logan Avenue, I had a chance to look back at the parade. There were fire vehicles with lights flashing as far as the eye could see. It was definitely an impressive sight!

Please extend our thanks to the firefighters involved in the procession. We really appreciated having them in this historic event for Bloomington!

Sincerely,

Diann Kirby, Communications Administrator

Dear Bloomington Firefighters,

Thank you for doing what you do. I thank you for saving people from everything like car crashes and house fires and every other things that a lot of other people don't have the guts to do.

Sincerely, Andrew

