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Chief Ray,

I wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank you and your personnel for their brotherly assistance during the funeral planning and actual funeral for Chief Charles "Buck" Clough of the Sudlersville Fire Department. It is in these difficult times that the brotherhood of our profession shines through the grief of Line of Duty losses. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) relies on the cooperation of local departments to assist the department that has lost a member in all aspects of post event planning.

The assistance provided by Battalion Chief Matt Tobia, Lt. Michael Pfaltzgraff, and Capt. Chris Schaetzly was invaluable to providing the best possible good-bye to a well respected Chief. In addition, the personnel from your Honor Guard, Emergency Management Agency and Central Alarms completed the operational needs of Sunday's funeral. The unfortunate need to provide assistance to the families and departments that have lost a member in the line of duty is made much easier by working with excellent professional as was demonstrated by your personnel.

Please forward my gratitude to the divisions and personnel that responded to this event. If you ever need my assistance do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Michael R. Rehfeld
Maryland State Coordinator