

# KARA FRANKLIN

June 15, 2009

The Honorable John R. Leopold  
Anne Arundel County Executive  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Lieutenant Michael Dooley  
Lieutenant Jack Beall  
EMT-P Michael Johnson  
EMT-I Thomas Stachowski  
FF III Jason McGillin  
FF II Todd Muir

Dear County Executive Leopold:

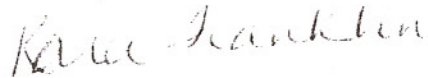
I am pleased to share an event in which the Anne Arundel County firefighters, Company 5 in Gambrills, surpassed all expectations and made my 4 year-old son's birthday extraordinarily special.

On March 1, Lt. Dooley and his staff gave my son and 4 of his friends a tour of the fire house. The boys were excited about their tour, yet were noticeably nervous and apprehensive. Lt. Dooley and his staff immediately reached out and connected with the boys which made a tremendous difference in how they perceived their experience.

During our time with Company 5, the firefighters and paramedics explained their duties; gave a tour of the firehouse; demonstrated their equipment and uniforms; and answered questions from both the children, as well as their parents. We all walked away with a much better understanding of the firefighters' responsibilities. More importantly, we recognized the exceptional work the county's firefighters do to help make this such a wonderful community.

My son and his friends had an amazing experience with Company 5 and every time I drive by the firehouse (which is quite often), my son asks when we can go back to visit his friends. Lt Dooley and his staff did an outstanding job of representing Anne Arundel County's Fire Department and I am proud to have the opportunity to recount our story.

Sincerely,



Kara K Franklin

Cc: Chief John Robert Ray  
Cc: Lt. Dooley

