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Ref: 2009 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference

Dear Chief Ray:

On behalf of the members of the Conference Steering Committee, please accept this correspondence as a sincere word of thanks for the participation of your department with the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, and for your attendance at this year's Conference. The 2009 Conference marked a special milestone as the 50th Anniversary of one of the oldest and largest one-day life safety seminars held annually in the United States. Over 250 participants and well-known presenters from the Mid-Atlantic Region participated in this year's opening ceremonies and speaker workshop sessions.

A review of the participants' evaluations has indicated an overwhelming positive response to the workshop sessions and Conference arrangements. It should be noted that Lieutenant George Wiseman of your department who served as a member of the Conference Steering Committee and Coordinator for the video interviews with former Chief Harry Klasmeier and Robert Smith, provided significant assistance in the planning and delivery of this year's conference, and played a major role in the success of the event. We also appreciate the interest of you and your staff in accommodating the needs of Chief Klasmeier to complete his video appearance at the 2009 Conference opening program.

Once again, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your attendance, assistance, and contributions to the success of the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference. We are looking forward to the continued support of your department as the planning commences for the 2010 Conference, and for the next 50 years of safety education awareness initiatives. Hopefully, we will be able to maintain this successful partnership in order to provide for future conferences which are designed to inform the public and emergency services personnel of the latest techniques and ideas on the development of life safety goals and implementation of a variety of successful life safety programs and techniques. If I can be of service or assistance to you in any future endeavor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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