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Subject: FW: LOA to Fire Dept.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 7:46 PM
To: David J Roberts <robertsdj@troymi.gov>
Subject: visit from Lieutenant Dave Basile

Chief Roberts,

Each year in October, our child care center has a community helpers week. We invite different members of the community to come in and speak to the children about the work they do to help make our community a better place to live. On October 8, 2015 we had the pleasure of a visit from Lieutenant Dave Basile, Firefighter Dave Hughson, and Probationary Firefighter Jared Battles. Their visit was a highlight for the children, and Lieutenant Basile went above and beyond with his demonstration and interaction with both the children and staff.

Lieutenant Basile, Firefighter Hughson, and Probationary Firefighter Battles spent over two hours at our center meeting with three groups of children ages 2 through 5 (approximately 80 total children). They discussed the importance of smoke detectors and having a family escape plan and meeting point in the event of a fire emergency. They enthusiastically showed the children what a firefighter looks like before he puts on his protective clothing, and what he looks like with his pants, boots, coat, gloves, mask and helmet on. Firefighter Dave (as we refer to him) modified his presentation to meet the needs of the children in each group since they ranged in age from toddlers to preschoolers. He made sure that the children understood what he was saying, and that they realized a nice man who was there to help was underneath all of the protective gear. He also took the time to patiently answer many questions from the children, and each group had an opportunity to go outdoors and see the fire truck. The men even stayed a little longer to pose for pictures with the children.

We are very appreciative that Lieutenant Basil, Firefighter Hughson, and Probationary Firefighter Battles took the time to visit our child care center and share their important job with our children. We look forward to seeing Firefighter Dave next year!

Sincerely,

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