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Paul Varsames
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RE: Donation of homes for training

Dear Paul:

On behalf of the City of Rye Fire Department, other local Fire Departments, and the Westchester County Probationary Firefighters School, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you for making several vacant homes available to us so that we could drill and conduct training in them prior to demolition.

The training that we conduct enables us to simulate fires in the types of structures we will have to deal with in the event of an actual emergency, and prepares us much more effectively for these situations than does a training facility. This type of training helps to save lives, and by this I mean not only the lives of fire victims, but also the lives of firefighters.

Based on past conversations with you, I know that you once lost an uncle in a fire. As someone with a thirty nine year career in the fire service, I can relate to why your gracious generosity has become such a special cause, and I would once again like to take this opportunity to express everyone's thanks.

Please continue to let me know when these houses become available. I promise that we will utilize them to further enhance the skills and knowledge of the fire department.

Sincerely,



Lt. James W. Dianni

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