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Dear Battalion Chief Telford,

This grateful Granddad would like to thank you in writing for giving my German-American daughter (Rebekka Haake-Kraft) and her two young sons (Lukas and Finn), her Husband (Timo) and me a wonderful and unscheduled tour of your Bonita Springs Fire Station. Rebekka's family lives in a small idyllic village called Rebgeshain (population 270) which is in hills about 70 miles northeast of Frankfurt/Main Germany. If you happen to be or know a Cold War soldier, Rebgeshain is right in the middle of the famous Fulda Gap.

Timo has been a volunteer fireman there for his entire life. Now Lukas and Finn are proud junior volunteer firemen called the Bambinos. Below is a picture of the Bambinos.

Before Lukas and Finn came to visit us in Florida, they had one big request – “Grandpa we want to see a real American fireman.” Well Chief Telford you certainly delivered on that request for me and now Lukas and Finn are the envy of all the other Bambinos with their red American helmets.

Again the Haake and Kraft families thank you for your kindness.

**As a 20 year resident of Bonita Springs, I also thank you and your team of firefighters for keeping my family safe.**

Yours sincerely,

*Arnie*

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