

Dear Chief Pernet,

Recently on June 21, 2017 at about 6:32 PM I was involved in a collision on Birch Bay Lynden Road near Portal Way when a pickup truck coming out of the Birch Bay Square Shopping Centre struck me while I was riding my motorcycle. I was very fortunate not to have received very serious injuries and although I am still very bruised and sore I will recover. My motorcycle was extensively damaged and could not be ridden after the collision. I am a resident of BC and was enjoying a ride for the day in Washington at the time.

Several member of your fire service responded to the call within minutes and assisted me at the scene looking after my medical needs and ensuring everyone's safety at the scene. I spoke with three firefighters at the scene and the Lieutenant in charge was Ray Davidson.

I am writing to tell you about the outstanding job they did helping me at a time of need and under difficult and stressful circumstances. They did a fantastic job ensuring the security of my motorcycle until I could arrange to have it taken to the BMW motorcycle dealer in Ferndale the following day. At the time of this incident I was far from home and it was wonderful that they arranged to have me safely brought to the Peace Arch border crossing where I could be picked up and taken home.

I wish to thank you and your team for providing an important public service and going above and beyond the normal call of duty. Please let your team of firefighters from the Birch Bay and Blaine Fire Halls know that I will be forever grateful for their kindness and compassion while assisting me in my time of need. So often in public service we hear criticism about services and I feel it is important that you are made when such excellent service is provided by your team.

Your truly,
John (Cal) Shamber