



June 16, 2015

Fire Chief Bill Pernet  
North Whatcom Fire and Rescue  
4142 Briton Loop Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Chief Pernet,

I want to express my gratitude for your department's assistance in combatting the three alarm fire South Whatcom Fire Authority experienced on Thursday, June 11, located on Shallow Shore Road. The participation of all your staff of from Station 12 of one engine and a tender were instrumental in achieving the ability to limit the losses sustained at the fire. Their professionalism and desire to work cohesively together highlights all the positives that are achieved when we work together as a fire service community.

In addition, the assistance that your organization provided "back at home" with the amount of hire back that your organization employed during this mutual aid response is not unnoticed, thank you.

While I hope that we here at South Whatcom do not have to reciprocate the service for your citizens' sake, we will always be ready to return the assistance if requested. Thank you again for all your organization's efforts.

Rod Topel

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod Topel".

Assistant Chief