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Dennis Rubin
Fire Chief
1923 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20001

Dear Chief Rubin,

I live in Cleveland Park and have 3 young children. Over the course of the last few years I have gotten to know many of the fire fighters as my children and I often stop in to see the trucks, play, and say hello. There is one person who is always welcoming with a smile on his face and whose commitment to community service has stood out. That person is Captain Alan Dutton, Truck No. 14, Platoon #2. He is always extremely friendly to me and my family and always willing to volunteer. For example my children's' preschool, which is affiliated with the Adas Israel Synagogue, located across the street from the fire house, often has the children stop by for "field trips" to learn what to do in a fire situation. He is the one they usually contact. He also is willing to send a truck over to the school so the children can see the truck and learn more. I know he is well respected among the more junior fire fighters.

I commend Captain Dutton's achievements and hope he is recognized by the department.